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Team APG Olympic Sports Day July 26

Staff report

Participants are encouraged to sign up for one or more of several events slated for Aberdeen Proving Ground's July 26 Olympic Sports Day.

The daylong installation-wide organization day will include the following competitive scored events: softball, kickball, volleyball, flag football, 3-on-3 basketball, a two-mile relay race and golf skills. Recreational events will include Texas Hold-Em, spades, Wii bowling, dominoes, ping pong, billiards and horseshoes.

Events will take place at APG North's Shore Park, Ruggles Golf Course, Fanshaw Field, Shine Field and the recreation center and gym. Food will be available for purchase. First, second and third-place awards will be presented for each event, and the overall winner will receive the Commander's Cup.

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Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Ramp closure set to begin today

The ramp to Aberdeen Proving Ground's 715 gate closes at 10 a.m. today. Commuters who use the gate should expect delays and plan other routes to avoid backups. The Aberdeen gate (MD 132) will be open for inbound traffic weekdays from 5:30 to 9 a.m.

Army accepts last PTDS Aerostat

By BRANDON POLLACHEK
PEO IEWS&S

On May 29, the Persistent Threat Detection System (PTDS) system entered its next chapter as Lt. Col. Michael Parodi, product manager Meteorological and Target Identification, was on hand at the Lockheed Martin facility in Dayton, Ohio; to accept the delivery of the last PTDS ordered. Since its original introduction as a quick reaction

capability the Army has procured 66 systems that have been used in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

PTDS is a large aerostat tethered to a mooring platform, which is accompanied by a Ground Control Station (GCS). The system is equipped with both visual and audio surveillance technology.

Since the Civil War, when Union Soldiers used hot air balloons to serve as a surveillance platform, lighter than air technology has been

a part of the Army's inventory. As U.S. forces began a troop surge in Afghanistan while maintaining security in Iraq, the need to provide Soldiers with a persistent view of the battlefield was paramount.

In 2008, former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates directed an Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) surge dedicated to providing Soldiers with

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PEO IEWS photo

The Army accepted the last ordered Persistent Threat Detection System on May 29. Many of the systems are currently providing a situational awareness for Soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

Instincts, fast actions result in saving a life

Story and photo by
JESSICA MAXWELL

20th Support Command (CBRNE)

"I knew something wasn't right when I saw his hat on the ground."

That was the moment when Sgt. 1st Class Michael Kinzie's instincts kicked into action and resulted in saving the life of Virginia Senior Trooper Mike Hamer.

Kinzie, a 20th Support Command (CBRNE) Soldier, was driving on Interstate 95 with his mother and brother, heading to his wife's graduation in Savannah, Ga., when he noticed flashing lights on a police car off to the side of the road.

At the same time, his mother and brother heard a "pop, pop, pop," and were unsure of the cause the sound. At first glance, Kinzie believed the trooper was tugging on his seatbelt and then he noticed the trooper's hat was on the ground.

"It seemed odd because it reminded me of a drill sergeant's hat - drill sergeants never put their hats on the ground," he said.

As Kinzie looked again, it became clear that Hamer was struggling to get out of his car.

Trooper Hamer gave his version of the incident, which started out, in his words, seemingly fine. Hamer, who was working in the Fredericksburg, Va., area, said



Sgt. 1st Class Michael Kinzie (right) accepts a certificate of merit from the Virginia State Troopers, presented by Senior Trooper Mike Hamer. Kinzie provided aid when Hamer was injured Dec. 8, 2011.

he was responding to a call regarding a pedestrian on Interstate 95. Hamer found the suspect on the interstate and as they talked in Hamer's patrol car, the man appeared to be coherent. Then, as Hamer described it, a switch was flicked and the suspect lunged over the front seat and

attempted to grab Hamer's gun.

"While I was fighting back, he succeeded in getting the safety measure off the gun," Hamer said. "That's when the gun discharged into my leg."

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GNC reopens to new look, same quality services

By YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The GNC store at the Main Exchange reopened to a new look for APG customers June 15.

The store relocated next door to its original site and now sits in the space occupied by the former flower shop.

Former Garrison Commander, Col. Orlando Ortiz, and the interim garrison command sergeant major, Master Sgt. John Cavaliere assisted in the store's ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Joining them were AAFES services business manager John Shiroky, AAFES general manager Jonathan Bright and GNC manager Shelly Smith.

The store is doubled in size and features wider aisles and new product lines and fixtures. Customers enjoyed cake, product samplings, raffles, door

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STREET TALK

What adjustments are you planning for your morning commute due to the Route 715 ramp closure?

I opt to stay on Route 7 to the four-way intersection [with Route 715]. That's the best way in from Abingdon.



Buck W. Pugh
Recreation Aide

I come in the Route 22 Gate around 7 a.m. and traffic is already horrendous. I plan to wait and see if I need to make any adjustments.



Mary Campbell
NAF Aide

By the time I come in [around 10 a.m.], traffic is already cleared up so it doesn't affect my commute at all. To ease traffic pressures for those who are affected, I would suggest setting up car or van pools in their subdivisions or apartment complexes. One nine-passenger van could really make a difference.



Rosie Stewart
Recreation Aide

I come in around 7 a.m. and take Route 22 or Route 40 to Old Philadelphia Road [behind Walmart] to try to avoid that Route 40 backup.



John Bellino
PEO IEW&S

OPINION

I heard retreat today (That good old feeling)

I don't get out to the base much these days. I don't even remember what I needed to pick up, but after a long day of yard work I stopped by the base shoppette. I found a good parking spot and headed into the store, and just before entering, I heard the scratchy recording of 'To the Colors' start to bleat out of the public address system. It was an old familiar sound and an automatic response. Out of habit and without thinking I turned toward the music. I noted a couple of cars stop, and young, clean shaven, short haired guys step out and assumed the position. A couple rows of cars over a woman with a fidgeting and squirming toddler also stepped out and held her child into the wind, towards the music.

The anthem sounded, and the three of them beat my own hand to my breast. That good feeling spilled over me. The tradition respected, honors paid - all the discipline and regime flooded over me.

Fifteen years ago, shortly after returning from yet another overseas posting, my eleven year old daughter noted that taps did not play at our new base on the west coast. Taps had long served as the final warning that bedtime had come and gone and it was time to settle down and get to sleep.

She asked me "Daddy, why don't they play taps here?"

Distracted I replied, "I don't know



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honey, ask the General".

About a week later the Command Chief asked me "Hey, the boss got your wife's letter, what's the deal with Taps?"

Confused, I said, "My Wife's letter? What letter?"

When he showed it to me I laughed and told him it was not from my wife, it was from my eleven year old daughter. He too laughed and asked me what I wanted the boss to do with it. I told him "He should answer her."

The general did just that and wrote her a nice letter explaining his policy.

From that day on I have paid more attention to these honors which we have come to take for granted. I appreciate and yes, even relish them. It's too bad we only hear Reveille, Retreat, Taps inside the gates, but then again it's nice. It is sort of a symbol of our brotherhood...our bond; something special we share.

I heard retreat today, and I greatly enjoyed it.

Scott Hubbartt,
Retired Chief Master Sgt., USAF

DOD schools mark successes

Department of Defense Education Activity's schools have been on a roll lately with high achievement of both teachers and students. Now that the 2011-12 school year is behind them, students, teachers and parents have much to be proud of.

The latest recognition goes to math teacher Spencer Bean at Baumholder Middle-High School, Germany, who has been chosen to receive the 2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Bean is the kind of teacher parents hope their children will have in school: high-energy, innovative and focused on individual student success. The motivating force for Bean is that he loves his work.

In his 13 years of teaching, he said, "I've rarely ever missed a day of work; I just love it that much."

Like many high-achieving students, Bean said, he had to be talked into teaching. He was a math major and, already married in college, wanted to earn a good living. He considered going into accounting or some other business area.

Bean had the good fortune of having a mentor who advised him to go into something he was passionate about, and a brother - an Air Force

DODEA celebrated its first graduation of its Virtual School, a high school that serves students through technology to get required courses they otherwise wouldn't be able to take.

officer based in Germany - who told him that, for teachers, DODEA's pay, benefits and opportunities for travel are hard to beat.

"With public schools, ... it's a tough thing to do to say you're going to be a teacher," Bean said. "You have to be really motivated. DODEA can definitely have the best and brightest because of what they offer financially."

Defense Department schools have demonstrated success in many ways lately.

In April, Angela Wilson, a 7th grade language arts teacher at Vicenza Middle School, Italy, represented DOD schools as one of four finalists in the annual National Teacher of the Year competition here.

In May, Anuk Dayaprema, a seventh-grade student at Vincenza Middle School, represented DOD and State Department schools at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, and Dominik Muellerleile, an eighth-grade student

at Wiesbaden Middle School, Germany, represented DOD and State Department schools in the 24th annual National Geographic Bee.

In June, DODEA celebrated its first graduation - of three students - of its Virtual School, a high school that serves students through technology to get required courses they otherwise wouldn't be able to take. And, DODEA offered live streaming of its graduations where many parents are deployed.

There are many reasons to celebrate Defense Department schools. Bean is just the latest example of a school system that does so many things right.

"I've never regretted it," Bean said of his decision to become a Defense Department teacher. "I've loved it ever since."

Lisa Daniel
From Family Matters Blog

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C4ISR COE honors its own at awards ceremony

By **NANCY JONES-BONBREST**
PEO C3T

Outstanding leadership, accomplishments and achievements in providing critical capability in support of the Soldier were recognized during the recent C4ISR Center of Excellence Awards Ceremony.

Hosted by the Army's Program Executive Office Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T), the event honored 57 workforce members and their endeavors in aiding U.S. forces, which were uncompromised despite the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) in 2011.

"The C4ISR community is known for pulling together and working together," said Maj. Gen. N. Lee S. Price, program executive officer for C3T and ceremony host. "Today I want all of us to reflect on the accomplishments of each of the awardees. It's a huge 'hooah' that as we transitioned here as part of BRAC from Fort Monmouth; it was entirely seamless to those we support. I want to personally thank each individual and say that I appreciate all you do."

During the ceremony, which was held on June 21 at the Myer Auditorium in APG, awards were presented for the 3rd and 4th quarters of fiscal year 2011, employee of the year, team of the year, C4ISR top ten outstanding personnel of the year, and awards for the 1st Quarter for fiscal year 2012.

Awardees were pinned by Price and greeted and congratulated on stage by Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, commanding general of the Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) and instal-

lation commander of APG; Ms. Jill Smith, director for the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC); Stephen Kreider, acting Program Executive Officer for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S); Greg Davies, chief of staff for Army Contracting Command at APG; and Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent, CECOM.

The ceremony included awards for the top ten outstanding personnel of the year, 2011. Those recognized were:

- Dr. Terrill Atwater, CERDEC
- Jeffrey Forgach, PEO C3T
- Gregory Hartman, PEO IEW&S
- Joseph Ingrao, CECOM
- John Kays, PEO C3T
- Christian Keller, PEO IEW&S
- Theresa Pagliaro, CECOM
- Jennifer Pilant, Tobyhanna Army Depot (TYAD)
- David Ward, CECOM
- Leonard Zito, TYAD

The awardees for the top ten outstanding personnel said they were pleased and honored to have their achievements recognized.

"We have a world class team in this project office, in all the different disciplines, from technical to information assurance to business and readiness, all focused on support to our product managers in the delivery of superior supplies and services to our ultimate customers, Soldiers, Marines and Airmen that rely upon the capabilities," said Jeff Forgach,

SEC supports the Communications systems, the ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance) systems, as well as the Command & Control – which encompass the majority of the C4ISR systems throughout, supporting PEO IEW&S and PEO C3T. Leading that team has been a great honor for me.

Joseph Ingrao
CECOM Software Engineering Center
Warfighter Mission Area Director

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Odd jobs provide alternative employment for teens

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

This time of year, many teens are looking for summer jobs.

Although the job market for teens is limited, especially during times of economic uncertainty, they can gain work experience and make money with tried and true summer occupations like baby sitting and dog walking.

“Because most places on post require employees to be at least 18 years old, job opportunities are limited,” said APG’s Youth Workforce Preparation Specialist Jay McKinney. “For those who are entrepreneurially inclined, doing odd jobs can be a source of extra money.”

Baby sitting on post

APG’s residential policy states that children ages 7 and younger require someone who is 13 years or older to be responsible for them; 12-year-old children may baby sit children 8 and older. For more information on APG’s residential policy, refer to the APG Resident Responsibility Guide distributed through Picerne Military Housing.

SKIES Unlimited Program Associate Lauren Kateley said teens who successfully complete the American Red Cross Babysitter’s Course or the Child, Youth and School Services/4-H Babysitter’s Course can be added to the CYSS baby sitter referral list with their parents’ permission. The list is maintained by CYSS Central Registration.

“These courses are designed to provide the necessary information for teens to become capable, caring, trustworthy and responsible sitters,” Kateley said. “They will also help teens develop the confidence needed to handle possible emergency situations when baby sitting.”

The next baby sitting courses offered through SKIES, for ages 13 to 18, will take place at APG North Aug. 13 to 15 at the CYSS Admin Bldg. 2503 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and at the APG South youth center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 20-22.

This class is free to DoD cardholders and their Family members. For more information, contact Kateley at 410-278-4589.

Teens can also find American Red Cross Babysitters classes offered in their area at <http://www.redcross.org/services/hss/courses/babyindex.html>.

Chris Sollers of the APG Safety Office said good baby sitters are always safety conscious. He urges teens to consult their parents before accepting any job.

“You should know the Family your teen will be working for,” Sollers said. “Be sure to ask, ‘can my teen handle the number and ages of the children, the length of the job, and the responsibilities? Will my teen be safe in the house or the neighborhood?’ The baby sitter’s parents should know the name and address where the teen will be baby sitting and the expected return time.”



Dog walking is one way teens can earn extra money on APG. DeAundre Drisdorn, 15, follows APG regulations by wearing a reflective belt while walking on post.

Sollers said before the baby sitter is alone with the children, he or she should acquire the phone number and address of prospective employers, contact information for an immediately available adult and emergency services contact info, including the Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222).

“It is also the baby sitter’s responsibility to know the location of children’s rooms, off-limit areas, phones, first aid supplies,” he said. “It is extremely important to be aware of any allergies or dietary restrictions the children may have. The children’s health is in the baby sitter’s

hands during their time on the job.”

Sollers said baby sitters should also clarify the Family’s house rules, including those for television, computer, visitors, phone calls and the children’s routines.

Dog walking and pet sitting

Dog walking is another way teens can make money on post. A brightly colored, reflective vest or belt is required when walking on APG. Using headphones or earplugs is prohibited.

“These rules are in place for the safety of the pedestrian; drivers sometimes

just don’t see them,” Sollers said.

He added that dog walkers should always be aware of their surroundings, and constantly scan the ground for trash, chicken bones and glass, which any dog would love to pick up. They must also be aware of traffic, other animals or people, and how the dog they are walking will react. Dog walkers and pet sitters should be comfortable with the size and species of the pet. The dog should know and obey the basic commands of “sit,” “walk,” and “stay.”

“Walking a hyper 80-pound retriever is a whole different matter than walking a dachshund,” Sollers said. “A big dog may be able to drag a person off their feet, or pull away from the leash. Some smaller breeds can only walk for limited distances, especially in extreme temperatures. Some people may be uncomfortable taking care of unusual pets. Feeding and cleaning up after a kitten is a far different matter than feeding a python.”

Sollers added that in hot weather dog walkers should allow the pet to rest in the shade periodically.

“Canines do not perspire as humans do. They can only cool themselves off by panting, drinking water and being in the shade,” he said.

Sollers cautions dog walkers against letting dogs drink from puddles and ponds, because of possible harmful pollutants.

“Dogs and dog walkers should stay away from un-mown areas; these are hot-spots for ticks which can carry many different diseases. Lyme disease is prevalent in our locale,” he said.

Plan ahead for summer work

McKinney said teens should start planning for summer work early. Because most places on post require employees to be at least 18 years old, CYSS’ Hired! Apprenticeship Program is popular with teens.

This program provides 15 to 18-year-old youth with meaningful, professionally managed career-exploration opportunities in Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities and other organizations located on APG.

“It is difficult for teens in this age group to find a job. Usually this is their first time working,” he said. “The summer term filled quickly, with 47 teens enrolled in the program.”

McKinney suggests that next year, teens should start the orientation and application process in March if they want to participate in the 2013 summer term. Teens who want to participate in the Hired! program this year can sign up for the fall term in July. Teens not currently enrolled in the program can still participate in career training sessions and college tours.

For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com or call McKinney at 410-278-3250.

Meet your Veterans Employment Rep

Deborah Edmonds is the Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) and Transition Assistance Program (TAP) coordinator. Employed by the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) in the division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning, Edmond, a U.S. Air Force retiree, is tasked to ensure separating Soldiers receive TAP training and employment assistance as they transition to the civilian workforce.



Deborah A. Edmonds
Veterans Employment/Transition Assistance Program coordinator

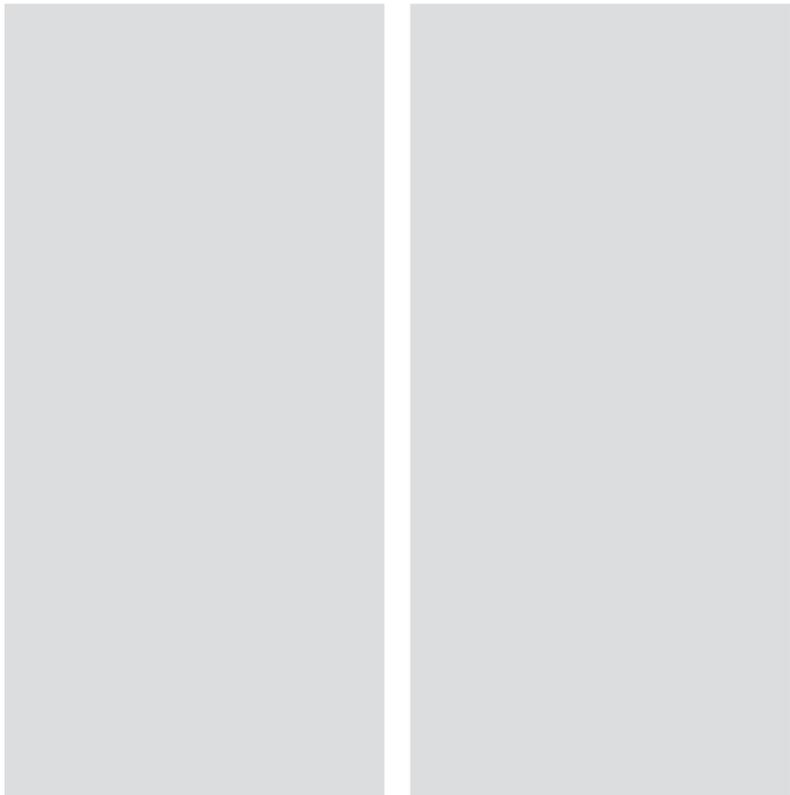
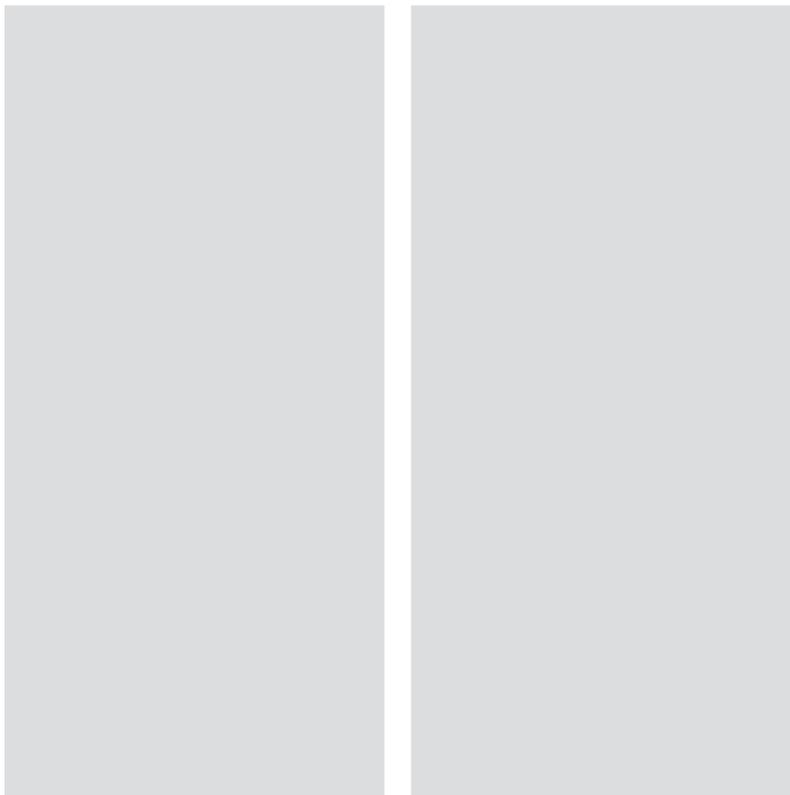
Edmonds said that while TAP training consumes a lot of her time, keeping veterans up to date on the latest information regarding employment opportunities is her primary mission.

"This includes assisting veterans with things like resume writing workshops or working with local employers who are looking to hire veterans," she said.

While some services extend to military spouses, the program is mainly for Soldiers, whether retiring, ETS-ing

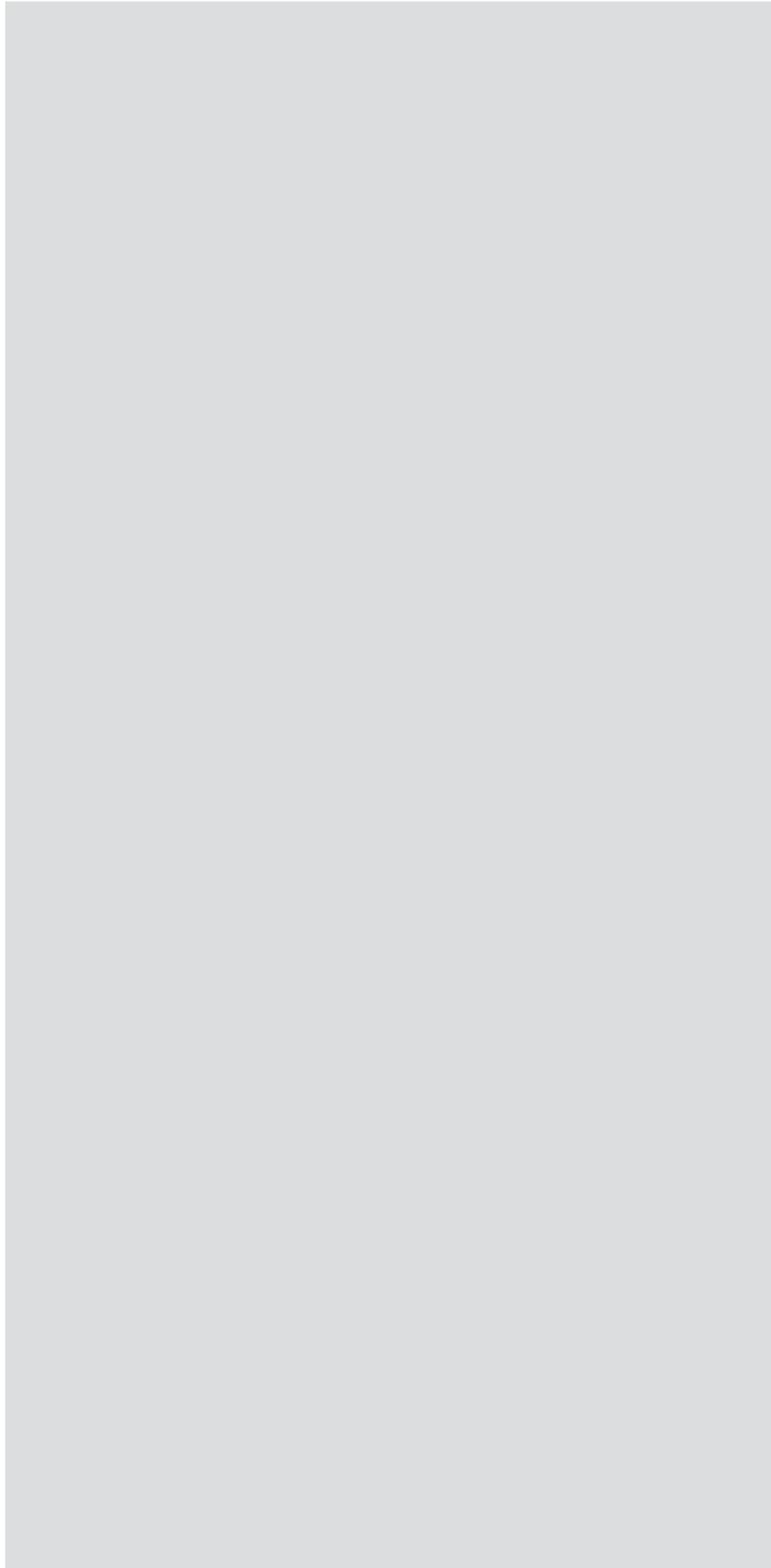
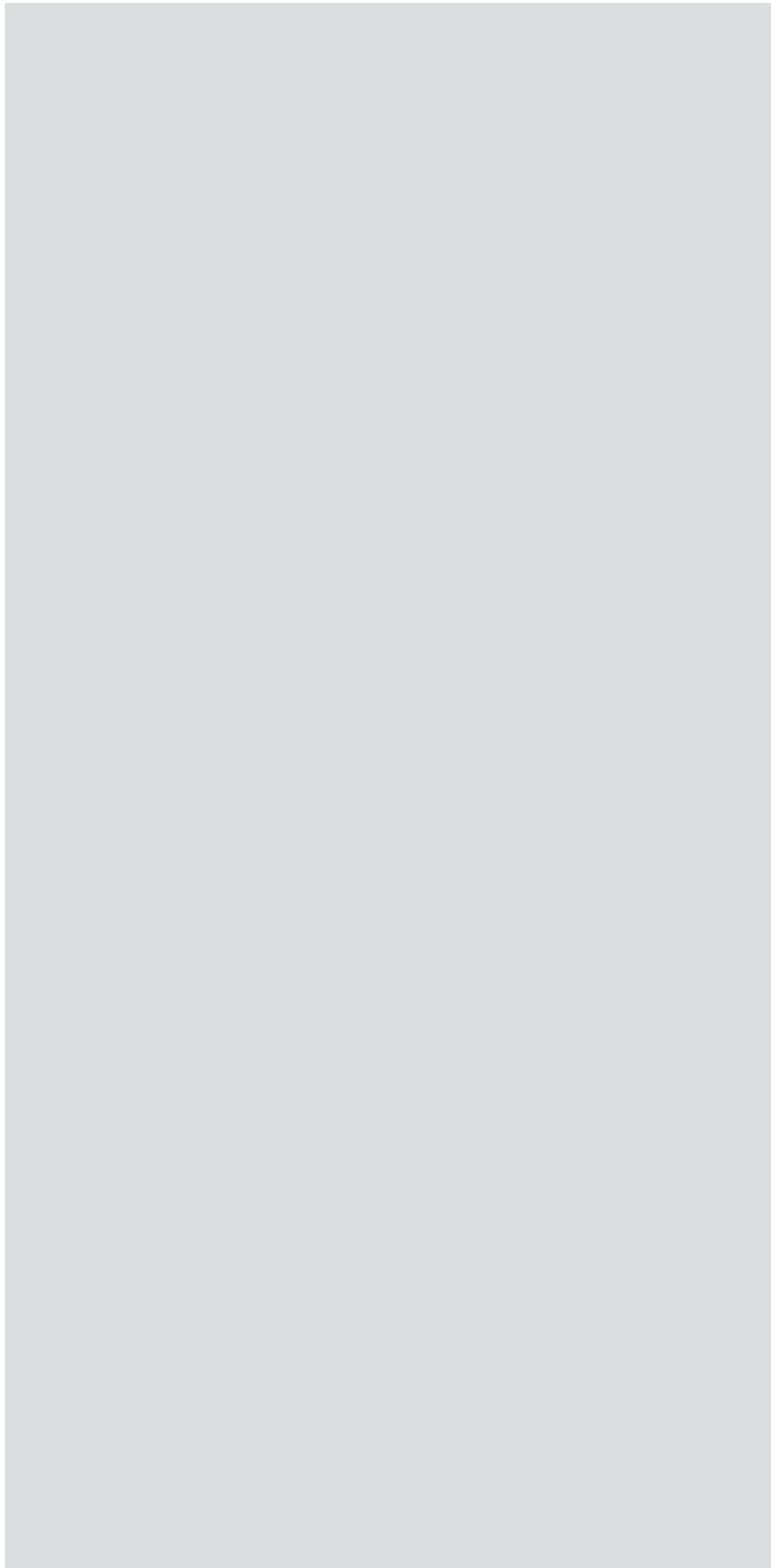
or separating under less-than-honorable conditions.

The office includes a Resource Room containing information about state, national and international employment opportunities. Edmonds is located in Bldg. 4305, Suite 134, Room 136, on the first floor. Her office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Customers can walk-in or contact Edmonds for an appointment at 410-306-2354 or e-mail dedmonds@dllr.state.md.us.



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THURSDAY

JUNE 28

The next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting will be held on June 28, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center in Edgewood. The topic will be Other Edgewood Areas.

SATURDAY

JUNE 30

ART CONTEST DEADLINE

The submission period for the 2012 Army Arts and Crafts Contest runs through June 30. Contestants can enter their original works of art in categories such as ceramics, drawings, fibers and textiles, glass, metals and jewelry, paintings, mixed media, wood and digital art. Submissions must have been completed within the current contest year, July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012. All authorized Family and MWR patrons are eligible to submit as many as three works per category at the garrison level. Entries submitted as official duty illustrations, training aids, or similar assignments are not eligible. To submit a work of art, complete the entry forms and submit digital images of work online at the contest website: <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/APPTRAC> (must have an AKO email account to access web-based program). For complete contest rules, visit www.armymwr.com.

WEDNESDAY

JULY 4

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

Community members are invited to the Fourth of July Military Appreciation Day hosted by the Baltimore Bohemians Soccer Club at Cedar Lane Park, located at routes 543 and 136 in Bel Air.

The local semi-pro outdoor soccer team will face rivals Jersey Express in a 1 p.m. match. Service members and children under 10 are admitted free; Family members pay half price and children 10 - 18 pay \$5, all others are \$10.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets may be purchased at the gate, by phone at 443-980-BOHS or online info@baltimorebohemians.com.

SATURDAY

JULY 7

NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE HIKE

Join the national movement to spend more time outdoors. Hike the Discovery Trail looking for signs of summer and enjoy refreshing drinks after the hike. This program is 10:30 a.m. to noon for Families and costs \$5 per Family. 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.

LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER KAYAK TRIP

Embrace the summer heat with a leisurely paddle to the marsh and back, with a stop at Snake Island. This program is 1 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult and costs \$10. Online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

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SATURDAY NATURE SERIES - MEET THE SNAKES AT EDEN MILL

Eden Mill Nature Center will be offering this course on July 7, from 1 to 2 p.m. for everyone. The fee for the course is \$8 for non-members and \$5 for members. Join our naturalist and meet our snakes in the Nature Center. Learn all about these fascinating creatures! Pre-Registration is required by calling 410-836-3050 or emailing edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com. Visit www.edenmill.org for more information!

SUNDAY

JULY 8

CHILDREN'S GARDENING - GARDEN GUARDIANS

Have fun growing food and flowers here and at home. Enjoy crafts, games, and science disguised as fun, while learning about plants, life cycles, and food preparation. This program is 2 to 3 p.m. for ages 5 to 10. The cost is \$5 and online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

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BIRDS, BOATS AND BRUNCH

Enjoy the expertise of birder Phil Powers, and local foods carefully prepared, all while floating around Otter Point Creek on the Water Strider. The program will be held at 12 to 1:30 p.m. for ages 10 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person and online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

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NATURE TALES - ANIMAL HABITS

Listen to stories, learn new songs and move like the animals. This program begins at 3:30 p.m. and is free for all ages. No registration required.

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MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

JULY 9 TO 13

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES WITH DR. SEUSS - SUMMER CAMP

Spend the week learning through the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss. Go to Yertles' Pond, visit Whoville, check in with the Lorax, and more. Visit the Discovery Room critters and also use the trails as a classroom. Participant can choose Session 1, 9 a.m. to noon for ages 5 to 6 or Session 2, 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 6 to 7. The cost is \$90 and online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

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THURSDAY

JULY 12

APG COMMUNITY SUMMER FEST

Bring the whole Family out for some summer entertainment and fun Thursday, July 12 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center from 4-10 p.m. featuring one of Nashville's rising country music stars Natalie Stovall and comedian Paul Varghese. Admission is free to the public. There will also be food vendors, carnival games, fun for the kids and an Elvis impersonator. For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com/events.html.

MONDAY

JULY 16

BLOOD DRIVE

Aberdeen Proving Ground Armed Services Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, July 16th from 1000-1400 @ APG's the Recreation Center. Time off is awarded to those who donate; eight hours for active military and four hours for civilians (with supervisor approval).

For appointments go online to www.militarydonor.com use sponsor code APGMD For more information please contact the blood drive Coordinator, CPT Maritzabel Mustafaa @ maritzabel.mustafaa.mil@mail.mil or 410-278-3000.

THURSDAY

JULY 19

TOWN HALL SET

Aberdeen Proving Ground will host an installation-wide town hall meeting 1:30 p.m. at the post theater, with APG Deputy Installation Commander Col. Gregory McClinton addressing the APG community.

The installation town hall takes the place of the former Community Action Council and the entire APG community is invited to attend. The meeting will focus on topics of interest to all APG personnel - military, civilian and contract - and Family members.

Participants can ask questions in person during the meeting. For more information about the event, call the APG Garrison Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1150.

THURSDAY

JULY 26

OLYMPIC SPORT DAY SET

Team APG is hosting a community-wide Organization Day, dubbed Olympic Sports Day, at various locations on post July 26.

The day is set aside for garrison and tenant organizations to strengthen partnerships and build camaraderie while participating in competitive sports.

Scored events include softball, kick-

ball, volleyball, flag football, 3 on 3 basketball, two-mile race and golf skills. Events will take place at APG North's Shore Park, multiple softball fields, the recreation center and gym.

Food will be available, and awards will be presented for each event and the overall winner will receive the Commander's Cup.

The event is open to all APG employees. Although mission will dictate participation, the Olympic Sport Day will be considered the place of duty for Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians. The uniform will be civilian casual for observers and civilian sports for participants.

FRIDAY

JULY 27

WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter Federally Employed Women (FEW) presents the 2011 Dottie Dorman Working Women's Scholarship. The women selected for this honor will receive a \$300 scholarship to pay for or offset college expenses incurred in pursuit of her continuing education. Applications must be received by July 27. For information, contact Melissa Smith at 410-642-2411, ext 5129, or Karen Jobs at 410-436-4429.

SATURDAY

AUG. 11

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

APG MWR and Army Entertainment present Boston with special guests Kansas and Grand Funk Railroad at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Shine Sports Field. Advance tickets are \$30. Tickets can be purchased at www.apgmwr.com/events.html, the Leisure Travel Office in the APG North recreation center and the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center. For information, call 410-278-4011 or 410-436-2713.

SATURDAY

AUG. 18

YOLANDA ADAMS CONCERT

APG, in partnership with Ames United Methodist Church will host a gospel concert featuring Grammy and Dove Award-winning artist Yolanda Adams at 3 p.m. at the Post Theater. The concert pays tribute to Wounded Warriors in Maryland. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the APG North and South recreation centers. Tickets for active duty Soldiers are \$25 and must be purchased over the counter. To purchase tickets online, visit <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/apgrectrac.html>. For more information, call the APG Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011.

TUESDAY

SEPT. 25

HCC OFFERS ROME TRIP

Experience an arts-centered trip to Rome with Harford Community College January 3-12, 2013. The registration deadline is Sept. 25; instructor permission is necessary prior to registration.

This winter, Creative Photography, History of Furniture and Decorative Arts, Drawing I, II, III, & IV, Sculpture I, II, III, & IV, and Creative Writing are being offered as part of the travel/study experience. The price (including gratuities & tour guides) is \$3,750 per person plus tuition. The first 20 students to register will receive a \$250 discount. Contact Dr. Ellen Avitts at drellenav@yahoo.com or any of the instructors for enrollment application.

ONGOING

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SURVEY

APG's Family and MWR needs your help. Please complete the survey to help us understand your food and beverage preferences on the installation. Your feedback is important and will assist us in planning future initiatives.

Visit <https://www.research.net/s/APG-Food-Services> to take the survey.

BABES IN WOODS SUMMER CAMP

Eden Mill Nature Center is taking registration for "Babes in the Woods" summer camp for ages 4 and 5. Dates and topics are as follows: July 2- Be A Tree, July 3- Busy Beavers, July 5- Animals Everywhere, July 16- Insect Investigators, July 18- Wonderful Wetlands, Aug. 6- Turtle Time, Aug. 8- Tracks and Trails, Aug. 10- Habitat Hunters from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Preschoolers will enjoy a day exploring nature through hands-on activities such as hikes, games, stories and crafts. The fee is \$25/member/date or \$30/non-member/date. Pre-registration is required by calling 410-836-3050 or email [\[center@gmail.com\]\(mailto:center@gmail.com\). Visit \[www.eden-mill.org\]\(http://www.eden-mill.org\) for information.](mailto:edenmillnature-</p>
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BLUE STAR MUSEUMS PROGRAM RETURNS

Active duty military personnel and their Families can get free admission to several Virginia museums this summer. The Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond and several others are among 1,600 museums nationwide that are offering free admission to military Families through Labor Day. The Blue Star Museums program is a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families.

SEEKING 2ID VETS

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the national association and our annual reunion in Reno, Nev., Aug. 23-26, visit www.2ida.org or contact the association's secretary-treasurer, Bob Haynes, at 2idahq@comcast.net or (224) 225-1202.

AUDITION FOR DRACULA

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

CHAPEL POSITION

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

MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE TRAINING

Motorcycle safety courses for active duty, Guard and Reserve Soldiers begin this month at APG. To find out the schedule for the basic rider course, experienced rider course and motorcycle refresher training, call Mike Allen at 410-306-1081. Attendees must register online at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/airs/>.

NOW

CYSS TEEN SURVEY

APG's Child Youth and School Services wants to know what activities and programs interest your teens. CYSS offers many classes and sports activities but few teen recreation and leisure programs. We need your help to understand what we can do to meet their needs while providing fun activities. Our ultimate goal is to have enough teen participation to warrant opening a teen center. Visit <https://www.research.net/s/CYSSTeenSurvey> to take the survey. Your responses are very important.

MSU OFFERS MASTERS IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

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

DIY WHEEL BALANCE

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



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

ACS offers federal employment workshop

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

The “Applying for Federal Employment Workshop,” offered at Army Community Service, walks participants through the process of searching, applying and securing government jobs. ACS has partnered with the Susquehanna Workforce Network to offer these workshops at APG on a bimonthly basis.

“A number of folks requested this workshop,” said Employment Readiness Program Manager Marilyn Howard. “A federal resume is so different than a traditional resume. The application process is lengthier, more complicated. Also, the process has changed so much over the years.”

During the June 21 workshop, Federal Employment Specialist Kim Justus and Business Services Representative Terri Kearney from the Susquehanna Workforce Network emphasized the importance of carefully following all directions, because applications with missing information are not considered. Justus and Kearney also emphasized that job seekers should give themselves plenty of time to complete the application process, especially when applying for a federal job for the first time. Justus said that the first application could take up to fifteen hours to complete.

“Applying for a federal job is a marathon, not a sprint,” she said.

Justus told participants that when they see a job announcement they are interested in, they should print out and review the assessment questionnaire that accompanies each job announcement. The questionnaire helps applicants determine if they are qualified for the job.

“Do the questionnaire first, just to make sure there are no surprises,” she said.

Justus added that the key to a successful job search is organization. She recommended that job applicants save a copy of each job announcement and resume submitted because the time between applying for a job and being contacted for an interview can be months. She also recommended that job seekers keep a master list of clos-

ing dates and contact information for each job.

Justus and Kearney walked attendees through researching vacancy announcements on www.usajobs.gov and other federal agency websites and creating a federal resume. Kearney said that a resume submitted to USAJOBS must include special key words and phrases found throughout the vacancy announcement to pass the initial screening process. After the initial screening process, human resources specialists review the resumes and determine who goes on the best qualified list and prepare the list of certified eligible candidates for the supervisor in charge of hiring.

“At some point your resume will be read by actual humans,” Kearney said. “Don’t copy and paste every piece of information. Make sure you can support everything you say on your resume.”

Capt. Beau Taylor from the 20th Support Command said that he thought the workshop was highly informative. Taylor said he would like to pursue a federal job when he leaves the Army.

“Hopefully this workshop will make this transition easier,” he said. “I highly recommend it to others.”

Johnnie Crowder, a Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical employee, said that she attended the workshop so that she could offer assistance to her family and friends.

“People are always asking me how they can get a government job,” she said. “The application process has changed over the years, so I needed to take this workshop in order to help them.”

The next workshop will take place on August 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2503 on Highpoint Road. For more information and to register, contact Howard, ACS Employment manager, at 410-278-9669/7572. This workshop is open to everyone. The Susquehanna Workforce Network offers free workshops, job fairs and other career information at their Aberdeen, Bel Air and Elkton offices. For more information, visit <http://www.swnetwork.org/>.

Armed Forces Voters Week June 28 to July 7

Special to the APG News

Soon it will be July 4th, and our nation will celebrate its independence once again. The holiday brings to mind a long weekend filled with barbecues, time spent with family and friends and for many, the most important thing of all, fireworks. Each of us will celebrate the holiday differently, but instead of a barbecue or fireworks, celebrate the holiday by registering to vote.

Our right to vote has been earned for us by generations past, and is being defended by the present generation. Voting is the single most important means we have as Americans to make our voices heard and encourage change within our nation. Beginning June 28, National Armed Forces Voters Week will begin and will run through July 7. Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland will host the voters week effort here in Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

The Army Voting Assistance Program is designed to assist Army personnel (both military and civilians) and their family members to register and vote, either at the polls or by absentee ballot. The mission of the VAP is to provide assistance for all elections, regardless of when they are held. Each unit here has a voting assistance officer. The VAO’s mission is to inform, provide assistance and help military personnel and their families to exercise their right to vote.

VAOs will have the SF 76 Federal

Post Card Application, as well as the 2012-2013 Voting Assistance Guide. The FPCA only takes a few minutes to fill out, and the VAO can assist you if necessary. Any questions you may have about the FPCA, registering to vote or casting an absentee ballot, can be answered by your VAO, the 2012-2013 Voting Assistance Guide or can be answered through the FVAP Web site, <http://www.fvap.gov>.

The FVAP Web site has multiple links, so anyone who wants to learn about the voting process can access the site and navigate the links to find the answers to their questions. For those members of the APG community who would like assistance registering or simply have a question, the APG VAOs will be manning tables throughout designated common areas at both APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) on June 28 and July 2. VAOs are also available anytime to assist you with questions. This holiday, celebrate July 4th by doing something a little different, register to vote.

Questions may be directed to the Installation Voting Assistance Office at usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.vote-apg@mail.mil or 410-306-2302.

Voting table locations and times

- Gyms: 11a.m. - 1 p.m.; 4 -6 p.m.
- Recreation Centers: 11a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Shoppettes: - 7 - 9 a.m.; 11a.m. - 1 p.m.
- PX: 11a.m. - 1 p.m.



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Last PTDS delivered

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the ability to understand their environment. PTDS is one of those systems.

“PTDS has proven to be a great asset for Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines as well as our Coalition partners serving in harm’s way,” said Parodi. “They have been instrumental in providing mission overwatch, detecting IEDs and assisting in the capture of numerous high value targets and weapons caches.”

PTDS acts as a force multiplier for commanders on the ground as it can be utilized to scan large areas of terrain for potential insurgent activity while interacting with various other sensors to give a complete picture of potential threats.

Information collected by the system is distributed to soldiers via various routes including the Distributed Common Ground System-Army (DCGS-A), an intelligence tool.

Convoy protection, counter-IED and a real-time perspective of engagements with the enemy are among the roles

PTDS play for troops on the ground.

“Our commanders in the field have incorporated PTDS into many of their missions including force protection; while local citizens recognize the platform provides an unblinking eye keeping watch for insurgent activity,” noted Parodi.

The system operates 24 hours a day utilizing a crew of five operators working 12 hour shifts. With an ability to reach heights that are out of the range of most enemy threats, PTDS offers the user a vast perspective of the battlefield.

Since its original fielding, the system has seen numerous improvements including the addition of a second sensor to provide greater ISR coverage as well as improvements to the aerostat itself, better weather effects survivability and weather forecasting, increased lift and payload capability, and improved network and equipment connectivity.

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Lt. Col. Michael Parodi
Meteorological and Target Identification
product manager

PTDS play for troops on the ground.

Olympic Sports Day

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The bracket concept is a single elimination setup, with as many as 15 teams competing per event.

The event is open to all government and active duty military personnel. The duty uniform for civilian participants is civilian sports attire and PT attire for military personnel.

The day is set aside for garrison and tenant organizations to strengthen partnerships, build camaraderie and boost morale while participating in competitive sporting events and other fun activities.

Community members can sign up by contacting their organizational lead as follows:

■ ATEC: Master Sgt. Sheila Sango, sheila.n.sango.mil@mail.mil

■ KUSAHC: Sgt. David Holohan, david.holohan@amedd.army.mil

■ PHC: Master Sgt. Jeffery Arbenz-Smith, ‘jeffery.arbenzsmith@us.army.mil’

■ 20th Spt. Cmd. Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie Brown, stephanie.n.brown.mil@mail.mil

■ RDECOM Clif Prat, clifton.prat.civ@mail.mil

■ CMA Timothy Snidow, timothy.a.snidow.civ@mail.mil

■ CECOM Sgt. Maj. Jurgen Williams, jurgen.h.williams.mil@mail.mil; Sgt. 1st Class Carroll Chambers, carroll.t.chambers.mil@mail.mil; MSG James Young, james.z.young.mil@mail.mil



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■ PEO C3T Julie Koehler, julie.a.koehler3.civ@mail.mil; Kathryn Kelly, kathryn.c.kelly.ctr@mail.mil

■ Garrison Rodney Shelby, rodney.d.shelby.civ@mail.mil

■ MRICD Staff Sgt. Gary Hall, gary.a.hall4.mil@mail.mil

■ AMSAA Mandi Elliott-Bird, prudence.l.elliottbird.civ@mail.mil

■ PEO IEW&S Christopher Voinier, christopher.l.voinier.civ@mail.mil

■ 22nd Chem Bn Sgt. 1st Class Dione Alston, dione.t.alston.mil@mail.mil

■ 203rd MI Bn Maj. Eric Morrison, eric.j.morrison3.mil@mail.mil

■ 1st AML 1st Lt. Robert Brooks, robert.e.brooks124.mil@mail.mil

Check the installation website for more information.

Kinzie receives award for life saving action

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Hamer was able to reach his backup weapon and shot the suspect. He then got out of his car and managed to call for help before feeling lightheaded from the blood loss. It was then that Kinzie passed by the scene; unable to stop due to traffic, Kinzie placed a 911 call, continued driving to the next exit, got off and turned around. During that time, two other people stopped to administer first aid to Hamer.

Because of the incident, traffic was already stopped on Interstate 95 but Kinzie said he was able to get through in order to give his statement to the officers on scene. Hamer credits Kinzie, as well as the other two Good Samaritans with saving his life.

“Because of his actions, Emergency Medical Services was able to get to the scene quickly,” said Hamer, who has fully recovered from his injuries.

For his actions, Kinzie was awarded the Certificate of Merit from the Virginia State Troopers. In a letter written to Kinzie, the president of the Virginia State Police Association, E.J. Kelly, commended Kinzie’s unselfish actions and expressed gratitude for his service. During the award ceremony, James De Ford, the northern Virginia field lieutenant told Kinzie the troopers were glad he happened to be driv-

ing by at that time.

“Because of you and the two other people, Trooper Hamer is alive,” De Ford said.

After accepting the certificate, Kinzie attributed his actions to his upbringing and thanked his parents for teaching him the value of helping others.

“I’m thankful I was able to do something,” Kinzie said. “I always try to put myself in the position to help others.”

C4ISR COE Awards

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readiness management division chief for Project Manager Force XXI Battle Command Brigade-and-Below, a system that tracks troops and hazards on a geospatial imagery map. “I am thankful for the recognition on behalf of the entire FBCB2 family.”

The award ceremony offered a chance to highlight accomplishments made at TYAD as well, despite the restrictions of the current budget environment. Realizing the present budget environment, the Army needs to “really sustain and push beyond-the-life-expectancy out of every piece of equipment,” said, Leonard Zito, lead quality engineer at TYAD.

“So we need to bring more to the table,” he said. “And that’s what my goals were with my work, to bring in new technology and push it to the end of testing and research, and keep it moving forward to be more efficient.”

Atwater, a chemical engineer with CERDEC, said the award was recognition of hard work.

“The project I worked on was an expansion of a product that was initially deployed when the conflict started,” he said. “Then as the missions changed we listened to the Soldiers and adapted that to the SWIPS [Soldier Wearable Integrated Power System]. The Soldiers have adapted it. It’s really appreciated that we listened well and that we got that product out.”

John Crone, deputy product man-

ager for Distributed Common Ground System-Army (DCGS-A), Software Baseline (DSB) 1.0 nominated Gregory Hartman, the systems engineering lead for DCGS DSB 1.0, for the award. He said Hartman’s efforts will have a direct impact on Soldiers as they move forward and obtain a Full Deployment Decision (FDD).

“This FDD will allow us to field advanced intelligence capabilities to the Intelligence Community allowing the combatant commanders to make informed decisions on the battlefield giving our forces a tactical advantage as well as protecting Soldiers and saving lives,” said Crone.

Ingrao, director of the CECOM Software Engineering Center Warfighter Mission Area, also welcomed the award.

“SEC supports the Communications systems, the ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance) systems, as well as the Command & Control – which encompass the majority of the C4ISR systems throughout, supporting PEO IEW&S and PEO C3T,” said Ingrao. “Leading that team has been a great honor for me.”

The C4ISR awards are given quarterly in an effort to promote and recognize the dedicated work in support of our Soldiers. Each separate C4ISR Center of Excellence organization will rotate as the host.

GNC reopens in PX

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prizes and other contests throughout the day to celebrate the store’s reopening.

Smith said the store hours remain the same: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday.

The biggest difference between the APG store and GNC stores off post is that customers can use the Gold Card discount every day at 25 to 40 percent

savings, Smith said. In addition, there is free shipping and handling to customers overseas.

Customers can expect quality service and products as usual, Bright added.

“We always try to enhance the customer experience. With quality products and services, I expect to see happy customers.”

Local Independence Day celebrations

Looking for something festive to do with your family and friends this holiday? Check out some of these suggestions.

Dundalk Heritage Fair

The Dundalk Heritage Fair is a three day celebration commemorating America's birth. The fair's mission is to support and reinforce the patriotism of the Greater Dundalk Community. This year's entertainment will feature Joan Jett and the BlackHearts as well as Dennis Deyoung, former STYX singer.

Days: June 29 – July 1

Time: Noon until 10 p.m.

Where: 2717 Playfield Street, Dundalk, Md. 21222

Price: Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children 12 and under with an accompanying adult. Tickets are sold at the gate.

For more information: <http://www.dundalkheritagefair.com/>

Red White & Zoo

Celebrate Independence Day at the Plumpton Park Zoo; free activities with paid admission. Come early to sign up for games to be played throughout the day. Games include water balloon toss, watermelon eating contest, three-legged race, hula hoop contest, and several others. Activities also include a moon bounce, food, face painting and more! Adults can enjoy horse shoes and donkey bingo. To purchase blocks for donkey bingo, contact 410-658-6850.

Day: July 1

Where: Plumpton Park Zoo, 1416 Telegraph Road, Rising Sun, Md. 21911

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information: www.plumptonparkzoo.org

Annual Havre de Grace Parade and Fireworks

Day: July 1

Where: Parade begins at 2 p.m. on Union Avenue. Concert featuring local band LIX will be at 7 p.m. and fireworks at Tydings Park to follow at approximately 9:15 p.m.

For more information: <http://havredegracejuly4.org/>

Edgewood / Joppatowne Independence Parade

Day: July 1

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: Parade route starts at Shore Drive in Joppatowne, then proceeds east on Joppa Farm Road to Hinton Road to the entrance to Joppatowne High School. This year's parade commemorates the 300th anniversary of the seaport of Joppa, founded in 1712.

For more information: <http://edgewoodjoppatowneparade.org/index.html>

BSO's Star-Spangled Spectacular at Oregon Ridge Park

Join the BSO for an all-American holiday celebration featuring Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever and more, choreographed to a fireworks display. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Picnics are permitted; food will also be available for sale.

Days: July 3 and 4

Time: 8 p.m.

Where: Oregon Ridge Park, 13555 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville, Md. 21030

Price: \$18 for adults, \$9 for children

For more information: <http://www.bsomusic.org>

Kingsville 4th of July Parade

Day: July 4

Time: 9:30 a.m. pre-parade entertainment; parade starts at 11:00 a.m.

Where: Parade forms at the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Department, then proceeds on Bellvue Avenue, follows Bradshaw Road to Jerusalem Road and the Reviewing Stand and ends at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

For more information: <http://kingsvilleparade.org/>

Bel Air 4th of July Parade

Day: July 4

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: Parade will start at the intersection of East Gordon Street and North Main Street, at the "Welcome to Bel Air" sign, and proceed down North Main Street, to South Main Street and to Idlewild Street.

For more information: <http://www.belairjuly4.org/>

Elkton Fireworks

Day: July 4

Time: Food vendors and live music beginning at 7 p.m. Fireworks will begin at dark (between 9 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.).

Where: Meadow Park, Delaware Avenue, Elkton. Free parking available in the park.

For more information: <http://www.elkton.org/>

Dundalk Parade and Fireworks

Day: July 4

Time: Parade starts at 8:15 a.m. Fireworks start at 9:15 p.m.

Location: Parade forms at the Logan Village Shopping Center, 3409 Dundalk Ave. While the fireworks can be viewed in numerous sites throughout Dundalk, they are primarily centered on the North Point Government Center 1747 Merritt Boulevard in Dundalk.

For more information: <http://www.dundalkheritagefair.com>

Baltimore's Ports America Chesapeake Fourth of July Celebration

Day: July 4

Time: 4 to 10 p.m.

Location: Baltimore City's Inner Harbor

Visit Baltimore's Inner Harbor on Independence Day for live music and a spectacular fireworks show! Visitors can listen to live entertainment at the Inner Harbor Amphitheater, located at Pratt and Light streets, starting at 4 p.m. The fireworks show, starting at 9:30 p.m., will be choreographed to Top 40, classic and patriotic music that can be heard at the Inner Harbor Amphitheater, West Shore Park and the surrounding promenade. Prime locations for spectators to view the fireworks, in addition to the Inner Harbor, include Federal Hill, Fell's Point and Harbor East.

For more information: <http://promotionandarts.com/>

Visit <http://visitmaryland.org/Events/Pages/4thofJuly.aspx>, for more Maryland events.

JCIMS workload management transfer saves \$2.3M

By **SHERRY VENABLE**

PdM MaTIC Lead Logistics Support

In February 2011, the Product Management Team of the Meteorological and Target Identification Capabilities office embarked on an ambitious plan to reduce the organization's life-cycle logistics footprint for the Joint Combat Identification Marking System.

At the time, the Tank-Automotive and Armaments Life Cycle Management Command provided

"long distance" support to PM MaTIC through its assigned cadre of Integrated Logistics Support personnel. In supporting the program, TACOM LCMC personnel ensured backorder requisitions were filled in support of field units and provided follow-on long term sustainment support. However, when the most recent Base Realignment and Closure initiative took effect, TACOM LCMC experienced significant personnel reductions which necessitated a realignment of JCIMS support.

In finding a solution, PdM MaTIC turned to the Communications Electronics Command Life Cycle Management Command Logistics Readiness Center, who played a critical role in bridging the successful transition of the JCIMS program from TACOM in Warren, Mich-

igan to their organization at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The entire effort took approximately one year from start-to-finish and involved detailed coordination between the two commands in order to accomplish the final objective.

"For the PdM MaTIC Management Team, the logical and most fiscally responsible choice was CECOM LCMC at APG," said Maj. Thomas Stocks, Assistant Product Manager JCIMS Programs. "The realignment provided the

perfect opportunity to consolidate all logistics support functions through a co-located support structure between the PM MaTIC Program Office and CECOM LCMC. "With the realignment, both organizations could join forces to collectively support Soldiers and expedite requisitions from a single cost center.

In August 2011, PM MaTIC approached CECOM LCMC leadership for approval to begin the JCIMS transfer process. An Integrated Product Team (IPT) was formed dedicated to accomplishing the final objective; the successful transfer of sustainment responsibilities. After several Senior Executive Service level meetings, TACOM LCMC leadership agreed to relinquish sustainment control of the

JCIMS program to CECOM LCMC. The successful transfer of the JCIMS program to CECOM required the support of multiple CECOM LCMC directors and divisions to include: Dave Sharman, Director of the Logistics and Readiness Center; Ron Durkel, Director IEWS LRC; Lee Straube, ILS Division Chief IEWS LRC and Kurt Schultz, Branch Chief ILS Division IEWS LRC.

When the transfer was approved, CECOM LCMC personnel immediately executed a seamless transition of 210 National Stock Numbers in the Logistics Modernization Program and addressed all "unfilled" backorder unit requisitions. "Due to the diligence and efforts of the CECOM LCMC, unit requisitions are now filled in a more timely and efficient manner thus providing the war fighter the absolute finest level of support," said Stocks.

JCIMS consists of three components: Combat ID Panels, Thermal ID Panels and Phoenix Infrared lights. This combination, which is fielded on U.S. ground force vehicles for both the Army and Marines Corps, provides friendly forces through the use

of infrared and thermal optical technologies, a capability that helps to positively identify vehicles on the battlefield and reduce the risk of friendly fire upon their comrades.

The CECOM LCMC and PM MaTIC team members whose diligence and tireless efforts were instrumental in the successful transition of the JCIMS Program include: Christopher Lukeman, ILS Lead; Stephanie Jones, Logistics Management Specialist; Jamaal Little, PBUSE POC; Rodney Poole, Supply Systems Analyst; Terry Layden, Logistics Reassignment Specialist; Aaron Culver, ILS Manager; Mike Toscan, PM MaTIC JCIMS Project Lead and Eleonora Amanbaeva, PM MaTIC JCIMS Budget Analyst.

The successful transition of the JCIMS product line to the CECOM LCMC provides the APG community a five-year, \$40 million Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract aimed at producing long-term reductions to Total Ownership

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MRICD hosts 18th Bioscience Review

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The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense hosted its 18th Biennial Medical Defense Bioscience Review May 20–24 in Hunt Valley, Md.

Sponsored by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, MRICD's parent organization located at Fort Detrick, Md., the conference highlighted the latest research in developing medical countermeasures to protect against the effects of chemical warfare agents, toxic industrial chemicals, and biological neurotoxins.

The conference also featured discussions on current strategies to manage and provide medical care to chemical casualties.

"Bioscience Review is significant in that it represents the only opportunity for the entire medical chemical defense (MCD) community to gather for focused scientific exchanges," said Dr. John Graham, who chaired this year's conference and serves as MRICD's deputy to the commander for research.

"A broad range of pertinent topics was discussed, in both platform and poster presentations," said Graham. "There were plenty of opportunities for further discussion of experimental results and planning for future collaborative research efforts among the attendees."

Graham opened the meeting and then introduced a special lecture by Dr. John Petrali, a research anatomist who has worked at MRICD for more than 50 years. Petrali presented a historical perspective of the institute entitled "Within These Hallowed Halls: A Personal History of USAMRICD."

The opening morning session concluded with a keynote address, "Animal Welfare," by MRICD Commander Col. Peter Schultheiss. Schultheiss, a Veterinary Corps officer, provided a historical overview of animal welfare regulations.

A highlight of each bioscience conference is the presentation of the Clarence A. Broomfield Award and the award lecture. Dr. David Lenz, renowned in the medical chemical defense community for his research in the development of bioscavengers as a pretreatment to protect military personnel exposed to nerve agents, was this year's recipient of the award. His lecture, "Protein Drugs



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As part of the daily demonstrations conducted by MRICD's Chemical Casualty Care Division, Daniel Boehm begins to transform MRICD's Jennifer Devorak into a nerve-agent casualty.

against Nerve Agent Poisoning: From A to B," was a historical overview of the bioscavenger program.

Lenz discussed early attempts to generate antibodies to nerve agents. He then went on to describe the development of butyrylcholinesterase as the leading stoichiometric bioscavenger and the ongoing research on catalytic bioscavengers, which will one day replace the stoichiometric product because they are less expensive, more readily available, more efficient at scavenging nerve agents in the blood, and require much less volume to be injected. Lenz retired from MRICD last fall after more than 40 years of service.

A new session this year was a working lunch with representatives from the Food and Drug Administration, who provided an overview of the agency's Medical Countermeasures Initiative (MCMi). The session also included discussions on the use of in vitro, ex vivo, in vivo, and in silico models during the development of medical countermeasures against drugs and biologics. Another topic was the development of in vitro diagnostics, and contact information for pre-investigational new drug (IND) discussions with FDA officials was provided.

Daily during the afternoon breaks, members of MRICD's Chemical Casualty Care Division, Field Training Team, gave a demonstration, "Between Hollywood and the Field Hospital," to showcase the latest method for creating and staging ultra-realistic simulated CBRNE casualties. The demonstrations gave attendees, who were also invited to participate, the opportunity to see someone transformed into a severely injured simulated casualty.

Injuries from exposure to nerve, pulmonary and vesicant agents, as well as from lacerations and thermal burns, were simulated. The division has incorporated these moulage techniques, as well as the use of state-of-the-art computerized manikins, into its applied learning programs.

For the first time in the history of the Bioscience Review, awards were presented to attendees for top scientific posters. Five posters were recognized for scientific merit. Maj. Shai Shrot, Israel Defense Forces, received the award for International Principal Investigator, for his poster "Early In Vivo MR Spectroscopy Findings in Organophosphate-Induced Brain Damage--Potential Biomarkers for Short-Term Survival." The Department of Defense Principal Investigator poster award went to MRICD's Donald Maxwell for "A Common Mechanism for Resistance of Agent-Inhibited Acetylcholinesterase to Oxime Reactivation Based on QSAR of Nerve Agent Analogues of Sarin, Cyclosarin and Tabun." The Post-Doctoral Fellow award went to an MRICD investigator as well, as did the Young Investiga-

tor award: Dr. John Azeke, for "Comparative Assessment of Cutaneous Sulfur Mustard Injuries in Sinclair Miniature Versus Weanling Yorkshire Swine," and Cristin Rothwell, "Analysis of Micro RNA Expression in Human Keratinocytes Following Exposure to Sulfur Mustard" respectively.

The US Non-DoD Principal Investigator award recipient was Dr. Stanton McHardy, Southwest Research Institute, for "Development of Novel, 'Non-Pyridinium' AChE Reactivators or Peripheral and Central Protection against CWA Poisoning." Graham presented each winner with a certificate and one of Schultheiss's commander's coins.

Recognition was also given to five seniors from the Aberdeen High School Science and Mathematics Academy who completed their Capstone projects under the mentorship of MRICD scientists. Each of their outstanding projects in medical chemical defense was presented in a poster at the

meeting, and each student received a certificate acknowledging her efforts. Allison Opitz, mentored by Dr. Erik Johnson, presented "Urinary Biomarkers Detect Nephrotoxicity Following Soman (GD) Exposure." Alexandria Will-Cole's project was "Analysis of In Vitro Interactions Between Conventional Therapeutic Drugs and Bioscavenger Enzymes," mentored by Dr. Tamara Otto. Nia Alleyne worked with Dr. Benedict Capacio on her project, "Rapid Simultaneous Analysis of Alkyl Methylphosphonic Acids Using a Solid-Phase Extraction Technique." Kamini Mallick's mentor was Dr. Heidi Hoard-Fruchey; her project, "Getting to the Heart of the Matter: Molecular Alterations Following Nerve Agent-Induced Cardiotoxicity." Nickole's Kanyuch, mentored by Dr. John McDonough, presented her project, "Comparing the Neuroprotective Effects of Benzamide and Dantrolene Following Soman Exposure."

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"The meeting was quite successful," said Graham at the end of the week. "Feedback from the attendees on the entire meeting was very positive, with hopes of continuing this conference in the future."

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USAPHC samples groundwater at McAlester

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U.S. Army Public Health Command

A team from the U.S. Army Public Health Command traveled to McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, Okla., to sample groundwater at existing monitoring wells, install new monitoring wells and locate additional well sites. The field investigations were in support of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act dealing with hazardous waste, and state requirements at MCAAP's Open Burn and Open Detonation operations and its fuel farm area.

"The goal of groundwater monitoring at the OB/OD and fuel farm areas is to detect potential contaminants migrating from the sites and mitigate any potential impact to human health and the environment," explained Beth Martin, USAPHC Ground Water Storm Water Program manager. "Groundwater migrating from both the OB/OD and fuel farm areas eventually discharges to nearby Brown Lake."

The fuel farm area stores gasoline and diesel fuels used for vehicles at MCAAP. Some petroleum spills have led to petroleum-impacted groundwater. Soil removal and ongoing groundwater monitoring indicate petroleum contaminants are being degraded by naturally occurring microorganisms.

"This was an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in field application of hydrogeologic principles," according to 1st Lt. Robert White, a USAPHC environmental science and engineering officer, who assisted with the investigations. "Our team used these principles for monitoring well-site selection, monitoring well drilling operations using auger and air rotary technology, and monitoring well construction."

"Evaluating the permeability of the surrounding aquifer, performing geophysical studies which measure elec-



Mark Farro, U.S. Army Public Health Command supervisory engineering technician, uses ground-penetrating radar equipment to map locations for monitoring wells.

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tromagnetic fields and low-flow groundwater sampling methods at McAlester are performed using specialized

equipment, operated by trained personnel," explained Mark Farro, USAPHC supervisory engineering technician.

"MCAAP operates one of the Army's largest OB/OD operations," according to Darrell Elliott, MCAAP's Environmental Management Office director. "These operations are used to destroy excess, off-specification and unserviceable munitions and energetic materials."

Regulatory requirements include monitoring of groundwater migrating from the sites. However, there are no guidance documents regarding monitoring well locations at OB/OD sites. Some of the challenges of locating and installing monitoring wells at OB/OD sites include potential unexploded ordnance, maintaining well integrity, site geology and depth to groundwater.

Many factors are involved in selecting monitoring well locations including calculating the minimum safe distances from the OB/OD units to avoid effects of airblast overpressure or ground vibrations. USAPHC experts also determine safe distances with respect to net explosive weight, wind velocity, air temperature and cloud cover. In addition, the location of utilities, the site geology, topography, and other hydrogeologic factors must be considered when determining well placement.

"The collaborative effort effectively supported MCAAP by fulfilling permit requirements," said Capt. Jorge Lopez, USAPHC Environmental Health Engineering Division manager. "This was a great learning opportunity and demonstrated the value of collaboration among the personnel at MCAAP and the USAPHC technical specialists."

"The monitoring of groundwater contaminant pathways is important to ensure contaminants are not discharged to surface water," said Elliott. "USAPHC has continued to provide valuable support to MCAAP in protecting human health and the environment through the use of innovative ideas and technology."