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Local Guardsman killed in action

Maryland National Guard

The Department of Defense has announced the death of a Maryland National Guard Soldier who was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Maj. Robert Marchanti, 48, of Baltimore, Md., died Feb. 25 in Kabul, Afghanistan, of wounds received during an attack on the Afghan Interior Ministry. He was



Marchanti

assigned to the 29th Infantry Division Security Partnering Team of the Maryland Army National Guard.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Marchanti family during this most difficult time," said Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general. "It is impossible for most of us to understand the emotional turmoil they must be going through. The loss of one of our own is always very difficult, and very little can be said to ease the pain, but we will always remember Major Marchanti's dedication to our nation as we honor his service and sacrifice."

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President Obama called the ISAF commander to offer condolences for the tragic killing of Maj. Robert Marchanti and other U.S. troops in Kabul, and to discuss the ongoing violence in Afghanistan. **PAGE 10**

Marchanti joined the active duty Army in 1984 before joining the Maryland National Guard in 1986. He worked full-

time for the Maryland National Guard in the Construction and Facilities Management Office at the 5th Regiment Armory in Baltimore. He was married and had four children and one grandson.

Marchanti is the twelfth Maryland Army National Guardsman to lose his life in the Global War on Terror. Since 9/11, nearly 10,400 Maryland National Guard Soldiers and Airmen have been called to support various mobilizations including Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and the relief efforts for multiple hurricanes and snow storms.



Photo by Sean Kief

Garrison Town Hall

(From right) Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell, the installation's new senior commander and commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, talks to the garrison staff during a Feb. 28 town hall at the post theater. Ferrell said having joined the Army as a private and worked his way up the ladder, he feels strongly about membership of the rank and file. He said their insights and perspectives are especially important since they carry the heavy load of making things happen. Ferrell said garrison employees have a reputation for supporting the missions of more than 80 organizations extremely well, and he looks forward to sharing his tenure at APG with such a first-rate workforce.

Daylong women's conference scheduled March 8

By **ADRIANE FOSS**

APG News

The APG community is invited to attend a March 8 training conference at the APG South Conference Center Auditorium, Bldg. E4810, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The annual event is in honor of Women's History Month and hosted by the installation's Federal Women's Program Committee.

The event will kick off with an opening ceremony, followed by workshops, a lunch time video presentation, local vendors and door prizes.

Teresa Rudd, the program's acting chair and executive assistant for the acting deputy director of Research, Development

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Registration begins for math and science summer camps

By **EDRICK THOMPSON**

CERDEC Public Affairs

The Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center – or CERDEC – will host its annual series of Math and Science Summer Camps at the Harford Glen Environmental Center in Bel Air, July 9 – Aug. 3.

Students, in grades 5 through 10, will get the best of current technology in an exciting, hands-on camp setting

designed to enhance student interest in science, technology, engineering and math – or STEM – said CERDEC Director Jill Smith.

"STEM is more important than ever because so many things are driven by science and math," Smith said. "We feel that if you engage students at a young age, it will motivate them to continue on in these fields."

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New Bayside CDC opening

Child spaces being filled, jobs still available

By **ADRIANE FOSS**

APG News

A March 1 ribbon cutting ceremony will celebrate the long-awaited opening of the new Bayside Child Development Center at APG North.

The new facility, located next to the youth center, will open its doors March 5 and is expected to significantly whittle down what was a 200-child wait list.

CYSS Coordinator Ruth Strauss said the facility will open up 120 spaces to local children and has created 27 new jobs. She said CYSS is still in the process of hiring and anyone interested should contact the NAF Civilian Personnel Office or visit <http://www.apg.army.mil/cpac1/NAF-jobs.html>. Available jobs include clerks, part-time cook, an assistant director and classroom staff.

Student enrollment is ongoing, and parents should contact the Central Registration Office to be placed on the wait list.

Strauss said she, along with parents and staff, have waited one year for construction to be completed, but said the state-of-



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Child and youth assistant Yunika Davis lines up stuffed toys in a play corner of one of the toddler rooms of the new APG North CDC Feb. 27. The facility opens for business March 5. The community will be invited to a grand opening celebration in the spring.

the-art facility is worth the wait.

"This building reflects our wish list of things a Child Development Center should have; an indoor play space, open classrooms, and security at the front door. It is a beautiful, welcoming center," she said.

Strauss called the new facil-

ity proof that the Army is making good on its promise to deliver programs and services via the Army Family Covenant. The \$5 million project was funded by the Army Family Covenant program and is one

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CERDEC photo

Two students build a circuit board to power a speaker. The CERDEC Math and Science Camp curriculum is designed to enhance students' interest in science, technology, engineering and math.

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MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Find out what APG women have to say about which female inspired them the most.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY

Army to open 6 jobs, combat battalion staff positions to women

By **GARY SHEFTICK**
Army News Service

The Army recently announced its intent to open six occupational specialties and more than 13,000 positions to women.

These six military occupational specialties, or MOSs, were previously closed to women because they were normally co-located with direct combat units:

- 13M Multiple Launch Rocket System crewmember
- 13P MLRS Operations/Fire Direction Specialist
- 13R Field Artillery Firefinder Radar Operator Specialist
- 91A M1 Abrams Tank System Maintainer
- 91M Bradley Fighting Vehicle System Maintainer
- 91P Artillery Mechanic

Department of Defense officials said at a Pentagon press conference that they have notified Congress of their intent to open these MOSs to women, and the change will become effective after 30 days of continuous Congressional session, as required by law. This is expected to occur later in the spring, said Maj. Gen. Gary Patton, principal director for DoD Military Personnel Policy.

In addition, officials announced that another 1,186 positions at battalion level would be opened to women in the Army,



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Renee Baldwin fires a .50-caliber machine gun during training last summer at Joint Multinational Training Command's Grafenwoehr range in Germany. Women will soon be allowed in six additional military occupational specialties normally located with combat units.

Marine Corps and Navy. These are in specialties already filled by women, but only at the brigade or higher level.

The 1994 DoD policy known as the Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule had prohibited women from serving in combat units below the brigade level. But the Secretary of Defense has now granted an exception to policy to allow women to serve in some positions in combat units at the battalion level.

The six specialties previously barred to women were due to the "co-location" element of the 1994 policy. That provision has restricted women from serving in MOSs that by doctrine are located with combat units.

DoD intends to eliminate the "co-location" provision due to the non-linear and fluid nature of today's battlefield where there often is no front line, said Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military

Personnel Policy Virginia "Vee" Penrod.

"The battle space we have experienced in Afghanistan and Iraq require our forces to be distributed across the country," Penrod said. "There is no rear area that exists in this battle space. Continuing to restrict positions as solely on being co-located with direct combat units has become irrelevant."

Patton said it may take some time to recruit and train women in the six specialties where they haven't served before. Training them as tank mechanics, for instance, will take longer than placing them at battalion level in MOSs they already know, he said.

Women will be placed in the new positions as men are scheduled to rotate out, Patton said. A normal rotation schedule will be followed and men will not leave the positions earlier than expected, he said.

About 280,000 positions across the services remain closed to women due to the combat exclusion policy.

After six months, DoD will assess the feedback from women serving in the new positions and use the information to take another look at the suitability and relevance of the direct ground combat unit assignment prohibition, Penrod said.

"This is the beginning of the end" of the combat exclusion policy, she added.

"We recognize the expanded role of women in the military," Patton said. "I've seen women in combat perform in an expanded role. I'm very proud of them."

What woman has inspired you the most (aside from your mother or guardian)?



Joyce Cline
USAF retiree spouse

"A very good friend with breast cancer I knew when we were stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois. She went through chemo, radiation, bone marrow transplant, everything. She was a very upbeat person despite everything. She made me realize my problems were so small."



Racquel Lewis
USMC retiree spouse

"When I first started working, I was an assistant to the comptroller. She was real. Even though she was my boss, she treated me as a person. She was fair, she knew how to lead and I learned a lot from her. We still keep in touch after all these years."



Joyce Wood
Garrison Chapel civilian

"My grandmother on my father's side. Her name was Mamie Nelson and she worked on APG for 30 years. She was a wonderful Christian role model who put God and family first. She was a charter member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Bel Air and died at the age of 82 with 44 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren"



Gerri Merkel
Garrison Chapel civilian

"I most admire Saint Hildegard of Bingen. She was a Benedictine anchorite. She was a great musician and singer, an artist, a mystic, an environmentalist and herbalist. She was ahead of her time. I admire her for her courage and tenacity to stand up for what she believed."

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Added slips and moorings at the Spesutie Island Marina at APG North await the opening of the MWR boating season which begins April 1.

FMWR preps for local boating season

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

Although the boating season on Aberdeen Proving Ground doesn't kick off until April 1, MWR's Outdoor Recreation staff has plenty in store this summer for boating and water enthusiasts.

Thirty-four boat slips have been added to the Spesutie Island Marina at APG North (Aberdeen). These slips can handle boats up to 34 feet long.

In addition to the slips, 12 moorings are available for boats up to 30 feet long. For boaters who would like to keep their vessels stored out of the water there are 70 dry storage spaces available in close proximity to the launch ramp.

APG Outdoor Recreation Program Director Ralph Cuomo said MWR has a vision to expand the scope of the Community Recreation Division's water facilities. The upgrades are part of an effort to provide first class services to the APG community, including newly relocated patrons.

"Many people that have moved to the area are boat owners and our focus at MWR is to meet the needs of all our patrons. This is why the effort has been made to increase the slippage," Cuomo said.

Planned improvements include renovating Bldg. 36, next to the Spesutie

Island Marina, into a community boating and recreation facility. MWR Marina Program Manager Tim Jennings said the renovation will provide a meeting place for boat owners, boat rentals, and basic food and beverage resale operations and a picnic area, where customers can enjoy the Chesapeake Bay.

"We plan to have watercraft at this location this spring to include canoes, kayaks, sailboats and motorboats, which will be available for rent on an hourly or daily basis," Jennings said.

At APG South (Edgewood), MWR operates the Gunpowder Marina on the Bush River. This is a full-service marina with 108 boat slips that can accommodate boats up to 40 feet long. It also has 70 dry storage spaces, a fuel dock and a launch for smaller boats.

"All boat slips located at APG North and South now offer water and electricity," Jennings said. "This is new this year at Spesutie and we're really excited about it."

Both areas also provide indoor and outdoor winter storage for boats at a reasonable cost.

For information on eligibility requirements, marina fees and the boater orientation course, visit <http://apgmwr.com/recreation/odr/boating.html>. Or contact Jennings at 410-278-5789/4124 or timothy.m.jennings11.naf@mail.mil.

AROUND THE FORCE

Army charges Manning with leaking intel

Army News Service

Army Pfc. Bradley E. Manning was arraigned at Fort Meade, Md., Feb. 23 on 22 charges that include wrongfully releasing intelligence, theft of records and aiding the enemy.

Manning elected to defer his plea and also to defer the forum selection for his court-martial -- whether he will be tried by a judge or a panel. The court set a



Manning

tentative date of March 15 or 16 for the next session to hear pretrial motions.

Manning was charged with aiding the enemy in violation of Article 104 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. He also was charged with 16 specifications under Article 134 of the UCMJ: wrongfully causing intelligence to be published on the Internet knowing that it is accessible to the enemy.

He was charged with five specifications of theft of public property or records, in violation of 18 U.S. Code 641; eight specifications of transmitting defense information, in violation of 18 USC 793(e); two specifications

of fraud and related activity in connection with computers in violation of 18 USC 1030(a)(1); and five specifications under UCMJ Article 92 for violating Army regulations 25-2, Information Assurance, and 380-5, Department of the Army Information Security Program.

If convicted of all charges against him, Manning would face a maximum punishment of reduction to the lowest enlisted pay grade, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for life and a dishonorable discharge.

Most of the 16 specifications against Article 134 relate to Manning giving

"intelligence to the enemy, through indirect means" while at Contingency Operating Station Hammer, Iraq, between November 2009 and May 2010. He is charged with sharing illegally accessed intelligence with "a person not entitled to receive it."

Specification 10 of Article 134 says Manning obtained and then divulged five classified records relating to a military operation in Afghanistan's Farah province on or about May 4, 2009, with reason to believe the information could be used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of any foreign nation.

DoD spotlights value of financial fitness

By **ELAINE SANCHEZ**

American Forces Press Service

Citing the potentially devastating impact of financial issues on career and home life, officials are encouraging troops and their Families to build financial fitness by kick-starting a savings plan and reducing their debt.

"When Families are financially fit, they are more successful in their life," said Barbara Thompson, director of the Pentagon's office of Family policy, children and youth. "Money isn't everything, but it does impact relationships and job performance."

Defense Department officials put the spotlight on financial readiness -- particularly the importance of saving -- last week as part of a larger, national emphasis on financial well-being. Military Saves Week, part of America Saves Week, is an annual event intended to help people become better financial planners. This year's campaign slogan, "Set a goal, make a plan, save automatically," promotes the long-term benefits of saving even a little each month.

Throughout the week, military installations around the world will sponsor financial fairs, luncheons, speakers and seminars, and will work with on-base financial institutions, military exchange-

Have at least \$500 set aside for unexpected emergencies, whether it's a military-related moving expense or a tire change. If people have something saved, they can avoid the temptation of borrowing from a predatory lender or other financial resource that may have a high interest rate.

es, commissaries and nonprofit organizations to build awareness of the importance of financial readiness.

"It offers us an opportunity to educate service members and families, including spouses and youth, about good financial management," Thompson said.

As a start, Thompson suggested people have at least \$500 set aside for unexpected emergencies, whether it's a military-related moving expense or a tire change. If people have something saved, they can avoid the temptation of borrowing from a predatory lender or other financial resource that may have a high interest rate and other unattractive terms, she explained.

"Unexpected expenses really tap into your short-term investments and your

short-term savings plan," she added.

The America Saves website offers some other savings strategies:

- Pay off consumer debt with double-digit interest rates. It can take years to pay off a loan if people stick to the minimum balance due. For example, it would take someone with a \$3,000 credit card balance at 19.8 percent interest nearly 40 years to pay off the balance if they stick to the minimum balance due. The interest charges alone would total more than \$10,000.

- Participate in a work-related retirement program, such as a 401K or the military's Thrift Savings Plan.

- Save monthly through an automatic transfer from checking to savings. What people don't see, they don't miss.

- Buy a home and pay off the mortgage before retirement.

By doing so, people can reduce their housing expenses and have an asset that can be borrowed on in an emergency or converted into cash upon the sale of a home.

Thompson noted a disturbing trend of young troops entering the service with already accumulated debt. "We want to make sure ... it's not overshadowing their entire career," she said.

A bad credit report can lead to a lost security clearance, which may bar troops from doing their jobs, and financial issues can take their toll on a service member already dealing with the stressors of deployments. Thompson cited financial issues as a major factor in suicide.

Thompson pointed to the Thrift Savings Plan as one of the "most powerful savings tools" at service members' disposal. She encouraged troops who aren't already contributing to their Thrift Savings Plan to start.

Even if service members plan to separate after four years, they should contribute, she advised, since the funds easily can be rolled over to a 401K plan at their new job. People also can explore savings bonds and saver accounts sponsored by credit unions and on-base banks, she added.

Free tax preparation open to troops, retirees, Families

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

The installation is offering free tax assistance to active duty troops, retirees and Family members through April 13.

Services are offered at the center in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division, Bldg. 4305, 3rd Floor, Room 317.

Installation Tax Coordinator Sandi Framarini called the service a substantial benefit, noting that the tax center prepared more than 1,300 returns and saved clients more than \$191,000 in preparation fees last year.

“The biggest benefit is that they do not have to spend money getting their taxes prepared by a vendor off post,” she said.

In addition to the free tax preparation, CSD Chief Eric Fuestal said they also offer free electronic filing, a faster, more convenient and more secure method than paper filing.

Electronic filing enables the taxpayer to receive refunds by check or direct deposit. The average return time is approximately three weeks for a check mailed and about 10 days for deposits made directly into a taxpayer’s checking or savings account.

Retired Soldier Scott Follett and wife Marsha Follett said that they appreciate APG’s free tax services.

“We started coming here four years ago, after we moved to the area,” said Marsha. “We think it’s a great service, very accurate, and the cost is right.”

Several military units have unit tax advisors who prepare taxes for their active duty troops and Family members. Soldiers and Family members should determine if their unit provides this service before visiting the Client Services Division. Advisors will establish client eligibility and processing guidelines.

Eligible documents required

Framarini said clients should bring all required documents that must be



VITA certified tax preparer Darlene Odom-Scruggs (middle) prepares taxes for military retiree Terry Cole (right) and wife Mary Cole at the Client Services Division office, Bldg. 4305, 3rd Floor, Room 317. The installation’s Tax Assistance Program, directed by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division, provides free services to qualifying patrons.

completed prior to receiving service, under the guidelines of Army Regulation 27-3 and the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. For the list of required documents, visit www.apg.army.mil, Services Directory, Income Tax Services.

Hours of service

Appointments will not be scheduled over the phone. The CSD staff will review documents to determine if a return requires more than basic preparation.

Returns that take more time to prepare, such as those requiring various IRS Forms and Schedules, will require an afternoon appointment.

General assistance for basic tax returns will be provided on a walk-in basis Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tax services that cannot be completed by 1 p.m. will be deferred to the next business day or scheduled an afternoon appointment.

The office is closed daily from 1-2 p.m. and every Thursday after 1 p.m. From

Monday to Wednesday and each Friday from 2 to 4 p.m., walk-in income tax preparation services will not be available, but administrative staff will assist patrons with completing the required documents and answer questions regarding tax services.

With only one full-time tax preparer on staff, taxpayers can anticipate longer wait times.

Tax services inquiries should be directed to the CSD staff attendant at 410-278-1583. Calls after normal operating hours and those received when the attendant is assisting other clients will be directed to an automated information line. On touchtone phones, press “3” for the CSD, then “6” for income tax preparation information.

Items needed

- Copy of your last tax return (2010)
- Original W-2 statements
- Social security cards for yourself, spouse, and all dependents
- Social security income statements

- Form 1099 stating interest, dividends or capital gains, distributions from pensions/IRAs

- Alimony information
- Child care expenses and provider identification and address

- Settlement paperwork (for purchase or sale of home)

- Real estate tax statement

- Power of attorney signed by the spouse if either party plans to sign the spouse’s name on a joint tax return (IRS Form 2848 will not be accepted)

- Blank check with your routing and account number for a refund directly deposited into a bank account

For those who itemize deductions or own a home that is rented to others, bring:

- Mortgage interest statements (Form 1098)

- Medical receipts

- Rental reports

- Investment statements

- Charitable contribution receipts (name and address of charitable organization, date of contribution and bank receipts for cash contributions)

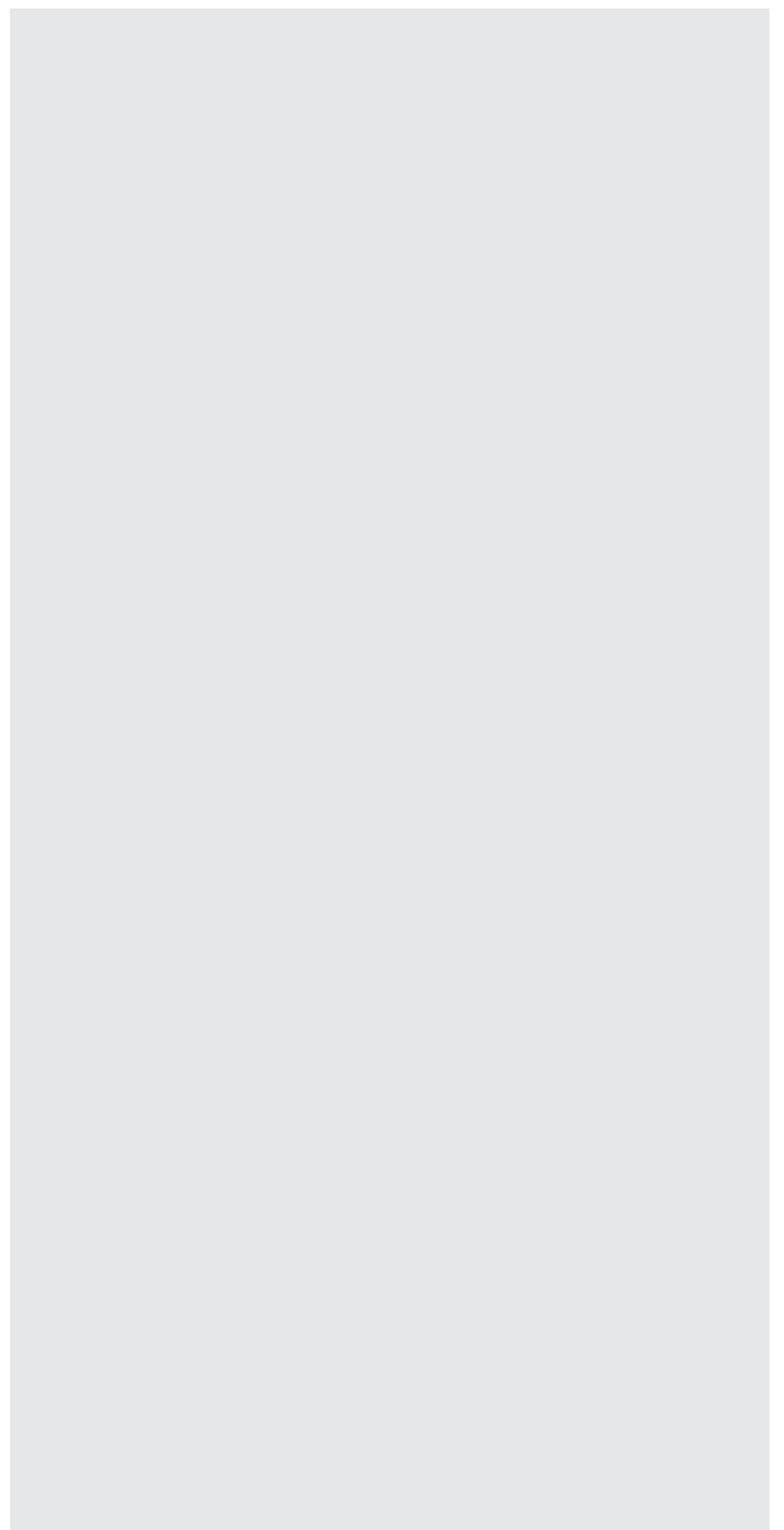
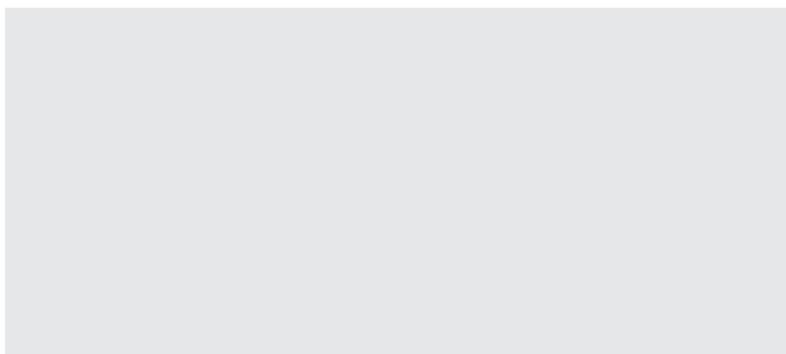
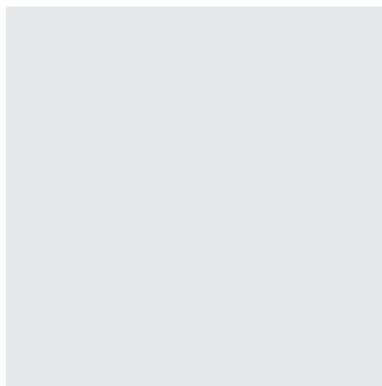
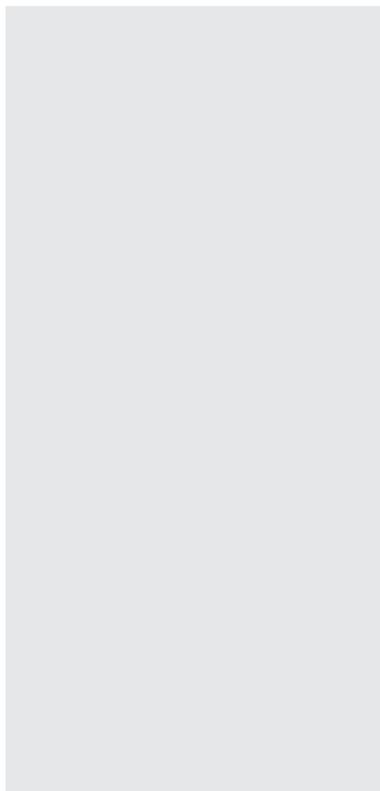
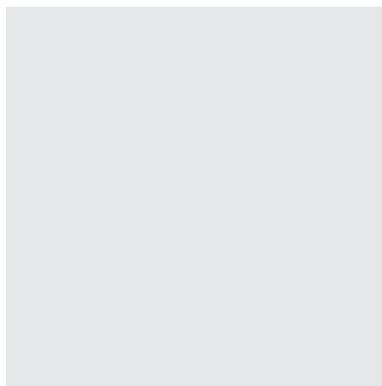
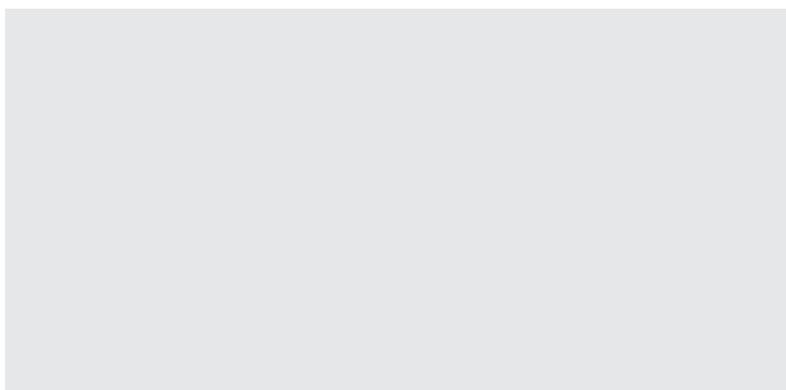
For stock sold this year, the taxpayer must establish the sales price and the cost basis of the stock before coming to the tax center. Staff cannot calculate these figures.

Other resources available for free tax preparation

Individuals who are ineligible for CSD services can use the following websites: www.militaryonesource.mil and www.irs.gov/freefile to take advantage of free self-preparation software.

Individuals in need of free tax preparation assistance by appointment can contact a local Tax Aide Office in Harford County, sponsored by IRS VITA, at 410-638-3425.

How are we doing? E-mail comments and suggestions for the APG News to the editor at editor-APG@conus.army.mil



Post Shorts

Send your rep to Arbor / Earth Day planning meeting

Each APG organization is encouraged to send a representative to the Arbor/Earth Day planning meeting March 1 at 9 a.m. in Bldg. E4630 (Quiet Lodge). Garrison supported organizations are urged to participate and make this year's April 27 celebration a success. Submit the name of the representative who will attend the planning meetings, or find out how you can help, by contacting Kathy Thisse at 410-436-8789 / kathleen.s.thisse.civ@mail.mil or Scott English at 410-436-9804 / scott.d.english.civ@mail.mil.

Blue Cross rep visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) to visit APG March 13. The representative will be available from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 314, Room 151E to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. The rep will be available from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. E4516 (CDTF). No appointment is necessary.

Call Teri Wright at 410-278-4331 for more information.

Federal Women's Council Program set March 21

The Baltimore Federal Executive Board Federal Women's Council invites the APG community to participate in its annual training and awards program in observance of Women's History Month. The program will take place at Martin's West in Baltimore March 21 from 8 a.m.

to 4 p.m. To register, visit <http://www.baltimore.feb.gov/>. For information, e-mail cassandra.m.moore@usps.gov or laurie.butler@va.gov.

Shabbat Across America

Jewish Soldiers and Family members are invited to join Temple Adas Shalom in its Jewish Shabbat Across America. Friday, March 2, 6:15 p.m. Contact Naomi Walton at 443-910-5248 or nwalton76@hotmail.com to make a reservation; or call Jonas Vogelhut at 443-395-2318. The temple is located at 8 N. Earleton Road in Havre de Grace, Md., 21078.

Satellite Communications Course slated in April

The APG community is invited to register and attend a "Satellite Communications: Systems, Technology, and Applications" course given by Dr. Arthur Einhorn. The course will benefit engineers, technicians, managers, planners, as well as marketing, contracts, and procurement specialists who need a better understanding of satellite communications technology and applications.

The course is scheduled at APG April 16-20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$1,350 per student. To register, download the application at <http://www.satellitecourse.com> and email it to info@tdicourses.com and send the \$1,350 check or money order to TDI 140 North Vista Street, Los Angeles, CA 90036, or provide credit card information on the registration form by April 6. For more information, call Larry Neuton at 323-496-0397.

Your Voice Matters!

Aberdeen Proving Ground is seeking input to improve its quarterly Community Action Council meetings. The garrison-sponsored meetings give community members a chance to hear about installation events, voice their concerns, offer suggestions and get answers from each directorate. "This really is an excellent opportunity to get the answers you're seeking directly from the person in charge of that particular issue," said Garrison APG Public Affairs Specialist Terri Kaltenbacher. "This is where issues can be addressed on the spot, and we've seen several improvements to our services as a result of this forum." In preparation for the April 19 meeting, the APG is seeking the following feedback:

1. What time is most convenient for you to attend CAC meetings?
2. What topics would you like to see addressed?
3. How can leadership modify the meetings to boost participation?

Email your answers to claudette.e.murray.civ@mail.mil. The subject line should read COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL FEEDBACK.

MCVet Baltimore hosts annual 5K/10K races

The Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training will host its 17th Annual 5/10K Memorial Day Weekend races, starting and ending at the War Memorial Building near City Hall in Baltimore 7:30 a.m., Sunday, May 27. The races are open, amateur races and the courses are USATF certified and sanctioned. Entry fee is \$20; \$25 on race day.

Every runner receives a race T-shirt. Refreshments will be provided. An award ceremony follows each race; runners must be present to win. This is an AMB Chip Timing race provided by Charm City Run. For more information, call Kelly Dees, Charm City Run event coordinator, at 410-308-1870, or visit www.charmcityrun.com; or call Jeffrey Kendrick, MCVet race coordinator, at 410-576-9626, EXT 225, or visit www.mcvet.org. For online registration, go to www.active.com.

IEPP 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 410-306-0173. Or call 410-278-9669 for Marilyn Howard (ACS) for assistance with resumes.



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

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

MARCH 3 LUCKY GARDEN

When cold days are depressing, look to the luck of the green in the windowsill. This program will be held at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for all ages, under 8 with adult. The cost is \$3.50. Online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org. For information or directions, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

NATURE CHEMISTRY MYSTERIES

Use chemistry to solve mysteries in nature. Identify unknown substances and explore the world around us. This program will be held at 2 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 8 to 12. The cost is \$6. Online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

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

CHILDREN'S GARDENING

Have fun growing food and flowers here and at home. Enjoy crafts, games, and science disguised as fun, as you learn about seeds, life cycles, and cooking the food you grow.

The topic is Let's Get Growing. This program will be held at 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for ages 5 to 10.

The cost is \$5. Online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org. For information or directions, call

410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.



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FAMILY AND MWR

APG Coed Volleyball League

APG Coed Volleyball League sign-up for the April 9-May 17 season is open through March 26. Registration is \$150 per team, \$20 for civilians on military teams, and free for active-duty military. Fees are due before the season starts. For more information, e-mail usarmy.APG.imcom.fmwr.list.usag-mwr-sports@mail.mil; or call the Aberdeen Athletic Center at 410-278-7933/7934 or Hoyle Gym at 410-436-3375/7134.

Mixed Martial Arts Classes

Mixed Martial Arts classes begin March 5 in the Aberdeen recreation center, Room 104. Registration is \$60 for four weeks of classes, up to six classes a week. The minimum number of people per class is six with a maximum of 20. Monday and Thursday classes are available 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday classes are available 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday is available 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Registration fee can be paid at the Leisure and Travel offices in the recreation centers at APG North and South. For more information, call 410-278-7933/7934.

"Applying for Federal Employment" Workshop

Army Community Service's "Applying for Federal Employment" Workshop is March 7 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in ACS Bldg. 2503. The free workshop is designed to help individuals seeking federal employment. Examples of topics that will be covered include networking, resume drafting, applying for federal jobs online, etc. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lunch. For information or to enroll, call 410-278-9669.

Joint (FRG) Leader Training

Joint Family Readiness Group training is set March 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 2503, second floor

in the CYSS classroom. Training provides information and tips to help FRG leaders, unit leadership and volunteers run an effective FRG. Topics will present information about each participant's roles and contribution to the FRG. Call 410-278-2180.

"Everyday Leadership in All Teens" Class

This free class is March 14, 6-7 p.m. in Room 214 of the CYSS Admin. Bldg. 2503. Donna Withrow will teach participants about leader qualities. Register at CYSS Admin. Bldg. 2503 Central Registration Offices, Rooms 210 or 211. Walk-in registration is 7:30-10:30 a.m.; or call for an appointment at 410-278-7479/7571. For more information, contact jay.a.mckinney.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-3250.

Open Mic Thursday and Karaoke

Are you talented? Can you sing? Play an instrument? Open Mic Thursday at Ruggles Golf Course is the time to show off your talent. The next Open Mic and Karaoke is March 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the golf course clubhouse. The event will be hosted by Lou Melo of Melo Time Karaoke. Admission is free. There will be complimentary bar foods, limited snack bar operations and a beer and wine cash bar. All participants must be 18 or older. For information, call 410-278-3854.

Prep For Separations While Networking With Families

ACS will host a get-together for Hearts Apart Families to network while creating Mardi-Gras masks in Bldg. 2503, High Point Road, March 7 from 6-7 p.m. There will be light refreshments. Hearts Apart seeks to empower Families to help prepare them for separation during deployments and TDYs. Call 410-278-2464.

Interested in apprenticeship?

Hired's Orientation Day is March 3 from 9-10:30 a.m. in the CYSS Admin. Bldg. 2503, Room 214. Youth ages 15-18 will learn about the Hired apprenticeship program. For more information, contact jay.a.mckinney.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-3250.

Teen resume writing

A resume writing class is set March 7 from 6-7 p.m. in the CYSS Admin. Bldg. 2522. Students ages 15-18 will identify and script their skills, knowledge and character traits to develop a personal resume.

For more information, contact jay.a.mckinney.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-3250

Register by tomorrow for Indoor Climbing Series

Get ready to reach new heights and join the world of indoor climbing! Learn to climb and belay with the free Indoor Climbing Series at the Earth Treks Timonium Indoor Climbing Gym. Get certified to climb and belay on your own, then receive a FREE 15-day gym pass. Finish the series with the Intro to Movement Class to advance your climbing skills. Equipment and

safety instructions are provided. Transportation departs and returns at the Aberdeen Youth Center. The Indoor Climbing Series schedule is as follows: March 10, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Intro to Climbing), March 16, 3:30-7:30 p.m. (Belay Safety Check/Open Climb), March 23, 3:30-7:30 p.m. (Open Climb), March 31, 2-7 p.m. (Intro to Movement).

Register by March 2 at the CYSS Administration Building 2503 in rooms 210 or 211. Walk-in registration is from 7:30-10:30 a.m.; or call 410-278-7479/7571 to make an appointment.

For more information, contact conor.j.joyce.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-1399.

Recharge Your Marriage

This four-part series is designed to help married couples rekindle the spark in their marriages. Whether married for



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

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

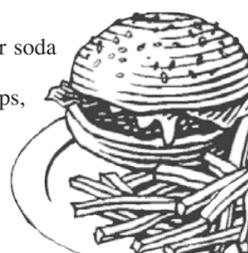
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Special #1: Gyro with chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.25.

Special #2: Tuna salad sandwich or wrap with chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.75.

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

Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.





Prime Time sinks Bucket List, 53-49

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

It was a game that was decided before it began, but you couldn't tell by the level of intensity.

Team Bucket List was one player short of a full lineup and Team Prime Time, with a full lineup and bench, was raring to go. Bucket List was willing to take the forfeit but the two teams decided to play, rather than waste a good warm-up. Walk-on player Omari Ruiz offered his services, then Prime Time graciously loaned Bucket List two of its players, and the game was on.

Prime Time's Armor Lackland (30) tries to block a shot by Bucket List's John Walther as Prime Time's James Holt (32) and James Toy (40), playing for Bucket List, move in.

Led by coach Shimira Green, Prime Time exploded to a 12-0 lead as Bucket List struggled. The score was 25-8 with 3 minutes, 15 seconds left in the first half when Prime Times' James Toy and Jordan Hancock, playing for Bucket List, found their rhythm and helped the team close the gap to trail 30-14 at the half.

Green is in her second year leading Prime Time, a team of civilians and Family members from the U.S. Army Evaluation Center.

"We just like to play," the operations research analyst said, explaining the team's impressive first half.

"We struggle trying to find practice time and we don't have a lot of wins right now, but whenever we do play, everybody tries to give positive feedback on how we can improve," she said.

The struggle continued in the second half for Bucket List as Prime Time managed to hold them off despite better ball handling by Bucket List, led by Toy who had multiple steals and assists. They closed to within six points at 45-39 with just over three minutes to play when Prime Time pulled away again but still finished only four points down, losing 53-49.

Bucket List coach John Walther leads the first-year team of civilians from the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

"We've lost every game but we'll keep playing until we find a team that plays on our level," the operations research analyst joked.

"Other teams should have more respect for their elders," he added with a smile. "We're having fun and that's the main thing."

New NBC show seeks military 'Unsung Heroes'

By **ELAINE SANCHEZ**
Family Matters Blog

A new NBC show that rewards selfless people for their good deeds is seeking service members, veterans and their families to spotlight in some upcoming episodes.

The show gives people an opportunity to pay a deserving hometown hero back "for always paying it forward," an NBC news release said.

"The network and producers really want some military stories as no one is more deserving than those who serve our country," Jackie Topacio, the show's casting producer, said.

The show will involve someone — whether a friend, spouse, family member or even an acquaintance — surprising a deserving person with "the ultimate gift." The recipient can be someone who always puts others first, deserves a lucky

break, is underappreciated, saved someone's life, or has made a difference in other people's lives.

"If you know someone special who deserves more than life has delivered, we want to help you surprise him or her with a moment they'll never forget," the release said.

You can apply to be on this show by sending an email to submit4castingjt@gmail.com. You should include your name, contact information, occupation, current photos of yourself and the person you want to surprise, and an explanation of why your friend or loved one deserves a special moment. And, apply soon. Producers are hoping to cast people in the next couple of weeks.

Also, since this show involves a surprise, producers are asking people to keep their participation a secret.

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Report any suspicious activity immediately to the APG Police:

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- Edgewood Area, 410-436-2222
- Off post in Maryland, 1-800-492-TIPS (8477) or call 911. Your call may save lives.

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Obama offers condolences for U.S. deaths in Afghanistan

By **ELAINE SANCHEZ**
American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama called the commander of the International Security Assistance Force Feb. 25 to offer condolences for the “tragic killing of U.S. troops” in Kabul and to discuss the ongoing violence in Afghanistan.

“On behalf of the American people, the president expressed his condolences to [Marine Corps Gen. John R. Allen] and to the families who lost loved ones,” White House officials said in a statement Feb. 25.

Initial reports indicate that an individual turned his weapon against ISAF service members in Kabul City today, killing two service members, according to an ISAF Joint Command statement.

Maryland National Guard’s Maj. Robert Marchanti, of Baltimore, was among the service members killed.

In Kabul, Allen made the decision to protect forces by instituting the recall of ISAF-Afghanistan personnel working in ministries in and around Kabul.

“I condemn today’s attack at the Afghan Ministry of Interior that killed two of our coalition officers, and my thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of the brave individuals lost today,” the general said in the statement on Saturday.

Allen said an investigation is under way and officials will pursue all leads to find the person responsible for this attack. “The perpetrator of this attack is a coward whose

actions will not go unanswered,” he said.

During the call, Obama thanked Allen for the steps he’s taking to protect service members and civilians in Afghanistan, and “to encourage calm.”

Earlier today, Afghan Defense Minister Abdul Rahim Wardak offered condolences in a phone call with Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and apologized for the incident, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said.

“Secretary Panetta appreciated the call and urged the Afghan government to take decisive action to protect coalition forces and curtail the violence in Afghanistan after a challenging week in the country,” Little said.

Wardak told Panetta that Afghan Pres-

ident Hamid Karzai was assembling religious leaders, parliamentarians, justices of the Supreme Court and other senior Afghan officials to take urgent steps to take such action, Little added.

The United States welcomes Karzai’s statement encouraging peaceful expressions, and his call for dialogue and calm, the White House statement said.

“The United States remains committed to a partnership with the government and the people of Afghanistan, as we work to realize our shared goal of disrupting, dismantling and defeating al-Qaida and strengthening the Afghan state,” the statement said.

Cheryl Pellerin of American Forces Press Service contributed to this article.

CERDEC building future STEM workforce

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“We want to combat any misconception about who can be an engineer. In some cases, kids are placed in a discipline and told that’s what they’re good at when they might have the innovative and problem solving skills to succeed as an engineer or a scientist. We’re helping them to realize their potential and options,” Smith said.

During the camps, state-certified teachers instruct subjects such as flight and rocketry, satellites, robotics and sensors, students also tour CERDEC labs so they can “see what actual engineers are doing”. The one-week sessions run Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and are:

“Ways to see the World—Night Vision, Sensor, Optics and Biometric Identification,” July 9-13: Students grades 9 and 10 will work on a variety of hands-on projects that will help them understand how technology has changed the ways in which sensory data is collected and analyzed.

“Robotics—Green Cities Challenge,” July 30-Aug. 3: Students in grades 7 and 8 will use the newest Lego Mindstorms to learn the principles of robotics programming and apply them to specific goal oriented projects. They will construct, test and adapt their designs to optimize performance.

“The Sky’s the Limit—Flight, Rocketry and Satellites,” Aug. 6-10: Based on principles of inquiry and experimentation, Delta Education’s Science Module will help students grades 5 and 6 learn about the basic principle of flight necessary to launch satellites into space and how that technology impacts our daily lives.

We research and develop cutting-edge technologies to support our Soldiers, but one of the most important things we can help develop is the next generation of cutting-edge minds.

Jill Smith
CERDEC Director

The Student Application Form can be found at http://www.cerdec.army.mil/outreach/math_science_camp.asp, then downloaded and e-mailed to usarmy.app.cerdec.mbx.outreach@mail.mil by April 15. All students must be U.S. citizens.

Those accepted into this year’s camp program will receive a welcome packet by May 1. The parents of those students who are accepted are required to attend a mandatory registration session Wednesday, June 6.

Information on time and location of registration will be included in the welcome packet. There is a \$30, cash only, fee due at registration for all students participating in the camp.

This will be the eighteenth year for the camps, which ran at Fort Monmouth, N.J., from 1995 to 2010 before moving to APG in 2009.

CERDEC, whose outreach mission includes sparking STEM interest in K-12 students, supports numerous national and local programs including eCYBERMISSION, the U.S. Army All American Bowl, the Maryland Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, Technology Needs Teens and Futures 11.

“By dedicating our time to work directly with students and teachers through these programs we can help build the future science and engineering workforce of this country. We have the resources and the expertise to open opportunities for local students in STEM, and because of that, it is our responsibility to do so,” Smith said.

CERDEC recently sponsored and mentored a team of 36 local high school students that will compete in the Chesapeake Regional FIRST Robotics Competition at the Baltimore Convention Center March 8-10. For six weeks, the students worked in a CERDEC lab constructing the robot under the direction of engineers, technicians, sheet metal mechanics and machinists.

“Our engineers volunteer to support various outreach initiatives, whether that’s providing a demo, speaking to a group of kids or mentoring students throughout a project. At the summer camps, we have engineers come out from the various organizations within CERDEC to talk with the students and answer questions. We have a lot to offer when it comes to helping schools develop STEM programs,” said Ron Seldon, acting lead for

CERDEC’s Educational Outreach Team.

Another innovative program is the STEM Superstar Road Show where students grades K-5 are given a bucket of random supplies, a scenario and an allotted period of time to build something that will solve the problem in the scenario.

“You’d be surprised at what they come up with. Once they do it, they see how math and science work together and are more apt to want to learn more,” Seldon said.

Promoting STEM is essential to the nation’s defense as well, said Smith, who noted the importance of “staying ahead in a global environment” by growing scientists and engineers who will continue to develop technologies to support and protect Soldiers.

“We research and develop cutting-edge technologies to support our Soldiers, but one of the most important things we can help develop is the next generation of cutting-edge minds. The scientists and engineers here take this obligation seriously, and they don’t hesitate to sit down and share knowledge with what they see as their next generation. We’re doing our best to help shape our future leaders in these fields,” Smith said.

For more information regarding the Math & Science Summer Camps or other CERDEC-sponsored STEM programs, contact CERDEC Outreach at usarmy.app.cerdec.mbx.outreach@mail.mil.

For photos from previous summer camps, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/cerdec/>. To read more about the FIRST Robotics competition, visit <http://www.army.mil/article/74379/> and www.usfirst.org.

Education, finances topics at women’s conference

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and Engineering Command, said attendees should receive their supervisor’s permission to attend the daylong event, but noted men and women are highly encouraged to participate and can attend for all or part of the day’s events.

“This is an opportunity for our workforce to enhance their current skills, develop new skills and network with others,” Rudd said.

She highlighted several of the conference workshops:

■ **Women’s Empowerment—What Does It Really Mean?** 8:45 – 10 a.m., presented by Dr. Gary Popoli, Harford Community College.

“This session will give a review of the historical role of women in the workforce, how it has changed and what that means for women’s roles today,” explained Rudd.

■ **Women’s Education—Lifelong Learning: Attendance Is Mandatory!** 10:15-11:30 a.m., presented by Susan Wienand, Morgan State University.

Rudd said so much focus has been placed on STEM programs, “and rightly so to ensure that we have a valid federal workforce. This session will explore formal and informal ways of learning and consider the possibilities for continuing education in the workforce context and beyond as we grow and mentor the workforce of the future.”

■ **Thrift Savings Plan—Do You Really Understand The Thrift Savings Plan?**

“We really felt that this topic was important because as women, we are often in charge of both our family and our individual finances,” said Rudd. “And with the current state of the economy, we wanted to provide an opportunity for the APG workforce to hear about the new features of the Thrift Savings Plan.”

A video presentation, titled “Top Secret Rosies, The Female Computers of World War II”, will take place at the Stark Recreation Center from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. during a brown bag lunch session.

Rudd said attendees are invited to bring their own lunch or purchase lunch from

one of the area eateries, including the 1st Sgt. Smoked BBQ Truck or the Southside Grill, located inside the recreation center.

Participants can register on the web at <http://www.apg.army.mil/APGHome/sites/local/fwp.cfm> or by calling Rudd at 410-278-0799, Karen Jobs at 410-436-4429 or Sheryl Coleman at 410-278-5964, or show up to register the morning of the event.

Rudd, who has been involved with the annual program since 2007, is hoping to see at least 200 participants. She said because the facility can hold only 225 attendees, participants are encouraged to register early.

New CDC opening

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of many facilities built Army-wide.

Three of the new facility’s eight rooms will open March 5, and the remaining rooms will open gradually until all rooms are enrolled by the end of March, said Strauss.

“This gradual entry will allow us to ensure that the needs of each child and family are met in a planned and orderly fashion,” she explained.

Construction on the new facility began in March and was in response to the more than 4,500 jobs that transferred to APG with the Base Realignment and Closure.

“The modular facility was built off site, brought in and assembled,” said Strauss.

She said the fully-equipped center is very similar in design to the CDCs at APG North and APG South. Built to the U.S. Army Center of Standardization guidelines, the design will allow children to experience a sense of familiarity as they move from center to center.

Strauss said operations at APG North’s existing CDC, next to the main post chapel, will not be affected by the new facility.

The existing center was renovated two years ago and serves 193 children. It will remain open, along with the CDC at APG South.

Parents are encouraged to register as soon as possible for the wait list. Call 410-278-7571/7479/2572 or visit http://www.apgmwr.com/family/youth_services.html for information.

Parents also have the option of enrolling their children in one of APG’s Family Child Care homes by calling 410-278-7477/7140. FCC provides small group care in certified homes in installation housing areas and throughout Harford County. For information on CYSS programs, call 410-278-7571/7479.

Also, active duty parents receive a free membership to Sittercity, an online resource that connects Families with local in-home care providers, including nannies, eldercare providers, dog walkers and more. Visit www.sittercity.com/dod.

The APG community will be invited to a grand opening celebration later this spring.

Leave Donations

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Cathy Davis, 410-306-0152, e-mail cathy.a.davis4.civ@mail.mil.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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APG SNAPSHOT

A peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/> or <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rdecom/>



Courtesy photo

DANCING MACHINES

APG youth center staff members (from left) Chantay Averett and Lucinda McDowell, along with Michael Banks and parent Sandy Sanders form a disco line during the 70's Dance hosted by the installation's Child, Youth & School Services Feb. 24. About 100 parents and students showed up in retro attire and danced the night away to some of the decade's most popular tunes. The youth center hosts several events throughout the year, including talent shows, dances and holiday themed events. For more information, call 410-278-9061.



MILITARY FAMILIES MOVE INTO BAYSIDE'S NEW HOMES

Sgt. Stacey Swayze of U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense unpacks a box of living room items. Swayze and her Family, ROTC Cadet Welsey Swayze and son Cameron Swayze (not pictured), were the first military Family to move into the new Bayside Village homes Feb. 23. "I like these homes. We have more room for my Family here," she said. The new homes are a result of the installation's partnership with Picerne Military Housing, which provides quality, affordable housing and services to military Families at APG and other military posts.

Photo by Rachel Ponder



Photo by Rachel Ponder

UFOOD GRILL UP AND COMING AT PX, ATEC

David Clements Sr., project manager for Dyson Construction, measures the framing for the ceiling of what will be a UFood Grill in Bldg. 6010. The construction of UFood Grills in the APG North (Aberdeen) PX and Bldg. 2202 (ATEC headquarters) is set to begin this spring. Read the APG News for updates.



Photo by Rachel Ponder

On moving day Feb. 23, (from left) Aja Gansel and Spc. Matt Gansel, of the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, put kitchen items away as Sean Mintz and other CCGI movers assist with the heavy lifting. The Gansel Family is the second military Family to move into APG North's new Bayside Village homes. Construction on all of Bayside's 210 new homes will be completed by December.