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## Women's event offers networking, honors history

Story and photo by **RACHEL PONDER**  
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In celebration of Women's History Month, more than 150 Aberdeen Proving Ground employees attended the 22nd Annual Federal Women's Program training conference March 8 at the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command conference center.

The FWP promotes the advancement of federally employed women in the workplace. The conference is an annual opportunity to address employment concerns. This year's theme was "Women's Education-Women's Empowerment."

Suzanne Milchling, the director of Program Integration, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, opened the ceremony, stating that networking is an important component of career development. Milchling, who became a member

of the Senior Executive Service last year, said it is important that women learn from each other's successes. She challenged participants to mentor the younger generation.

"How do we enhance our ability to share with others?" she asked. "Every year we get a new generation of workers. There is a wealth of capability here that we can share to move this installation forward."

The daylong event included workshops on empowerment, education, and finance.

During the lunchtime presentation, Charlene Perry, a volunteer with the APG Theater Group, performed a skit as Rosie the Riveter, a cultural icon representing women who worked in factories during World War II.

Following the skit was a presentation

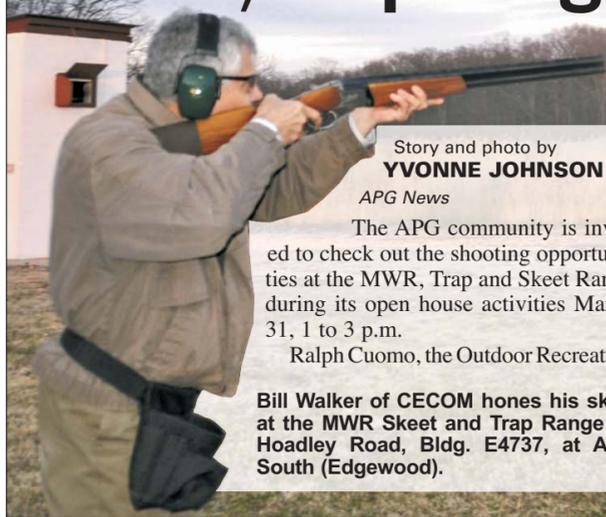


Charlene Perry of the APG Theater Group performs as Rosie the Riveter, a cultural icon representing women who worked in factories during World War II, during the 22nd annual Federal Women's Program training conference March 8.

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## Skeet, trap range gears up for 2012 season

### Open House scheduled March 31



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

The APG community is invited to check out the shooting opportunities at the MWR, Trap and Skeet Range during its open house activities March 31, 1 to 3 p.m.

Ralph Cuomo, the Outdoor Recreation

Bill Walker of CECOM hones his skills at the MWR Skeet and Trap Range on Hoadley Road, Bldg. E4737, at APG South (Edgewood).

program manager said the goal of the open house is to garner awareness and he hopes it will prompt more community members to participate in shotgun target recreation.

Skeet and trap are two of the three major types of competitive shotgun target shooting sports, and even boasts an Olympic category, explained Cuomo. During play, participants attempt to break clay disks flung into the air at high speed from a variety of angles and directions.

"If you have never shot trap and skeet, you really should come out and give it a try," said

Cuomo. "We will provide all the equipment needed for you to shoot at no charge, but more importantly, it's just a whole lot of fun."

Cuomo said employees, family members and troops will find the sport reasonably priced and extremely convenient, located on Hoadley Road at APG South (Edgewood).

"Fortunately, our operating hours allow personnel to travel to the range directly after work and enjoy a few hours of before we close," he said.

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(From left) ECBC's Randy Conlon and ATC's Kathy Anderson practice lines during a rehearsal for "I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning."

## Sharpen your detective skills at murder mystery

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

Try to guess whodunit at "I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning," a murder mystery comedy performed by the APG Theater Group and sponsored by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation March 23.

Community members can enjoy an evening of intrigue for one night at the APG North recreation center.

The plot unfolds during a wedding reception that turns into chaos when one of the guests dies on the dance floor during the garter toss. The reception goes on as planned, at least for a while as the spoiled, thrice-married bride determines that nothing will ruin her big day—again.

Director Tricia Devine calls the event the "ultimate 3D show" as it incorporates the entire audience in the show.

In mystery theater dinners, there is no separate stage from the eating area, explained Devine.

"The eating area is the stage, and the actors are mixed in with the diners, who are encouraged to quiz the actors to create the interactive experience," she said.

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CECOM's Elina Tsaturyan, conducts a Feb. 14 briefing to satisfy graduation requirements for the AODP. As part of the program requirements, students must brief the class on their area of study and make recommendations to leadership.

## CECOM congratulates first graduates of Action Officer Development Program

By **ANDRICKA THOMAS**  
CECOM Public Affairs

A senior leader's vision, brainstorming ideas, and a plan to make that vision a reality came to fruition Feb. 14 at the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command-designed Action Officer Development Program, or AODP, at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

CECOM Chief of Staff Col. William 'Bill' Montgomery had a vision and idea of a training and professional development program specifically geared toward the needs of the CECOM workforce and supervisors.

"This program is designed provide students an overview

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Thurs.



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# OPINION

## World-class customer service

Every day across our installations, members of Team IMCOM are working hard to provide world-class customer service and make it a great day to be a Soldier, Family member or Army civilian.

A prime example is when a 71-year-old retired sergeant first class visited the Fort McCoy ID card office to renew his card. Ken Quade, a separation and retirement services specialist, noticed the retiree needed a different kind of card. He was not receiving all the benefits he should have.

Quade could see the customer needed help, and so he took corrective action. Incredibly, with Quade's help, the retiree was eventually able to recover more than \$41,000 in back pay and receive other benefits he had earned.

Just imagine the impact of this on the sergeant first class and his wife. They



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returned to the office to tell Quade in person what a big difference it made in their lives.

We in the Installation Management Command are charged with delivering the majority of installation services and Soldier and Family programs, and we know that a critical element of service delivery depends on our people.

World-class customer service depends on making connections with the customers across the counter—listening to them, working to find solutions, and saying thank you. It doesn't cost a penny to make someone feel like a million dollars. It does take a commitment to serve and provide leadership at every level.

Our focus on customer service is a

promise of predictable service. It is a promise that customers will always be treated with courtesy, respect and an attitude of let's-make-this-work.

We can see many other great examples of customer service across IMCOM. There's Carol Pryer, a Survivor support coordinator with the Florida Army National Guard, who with great persistence and compassion has built a strong network for our most revered members, Army survivors.

And Robin Greene at Fort Sam Houston, who has worked hard to streamline the process for providing housing for Soldiers with medical needs. And Jessica Zagelow, Family Child Care director at Fort Bliss, who goes above and beyond for children

who need extra care. Or Nick Overstake and Pat Fielder at Campbell Army Airfield, who came in Christmas Day to repair runway lights and make sure a flight with redeploying Soldiers could land.

There are way too many great examples to name them all, and to that I say, Go Team!

Thank you, IMCOM personnel, for setting the standard for customer service. I am extremely proud of our team and what you do for Soldiers, Families and civilians every day.

And thank you, too, to our customers for your feedback. Keep sending us those ICE comments. Visit the IMCOM Facebook page and tell us about our team members who deliver excellent customer service. We want to know how we can improve, and just as much, we want to hear about our stars.

Army strong!

**Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter**

Commander, U.S. Army Installation Management Command & Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management

## WOMEN'S HISTORY

### How has women's roles changed over time?



**Young Kim**

FMWR recreation assistant

"I am originally from Korea. When I was growing up, women were expected to stay home and take care of their Families. Many people thought it was not necessary for women to receive an education. A woman would never ask for a divorce because she would lose everything. They were totally dependent on their men. Also, your Family helped pick your spouse and you were never to marry outside of your culture. My family and friends criticized me because I married an American. Now it is more acceptable for Korean women to marry outside of their culture. They are more liberated. Now the divorce rate in Korea is very high. More women are deciding they can live on their own."



**Nelder Smothers**

APG library technician

"When I was growing up, there were more housewives than there are today. Today it takes two paychecks to really afford to bring up a Family, so more women work outside the home. More women are deciding to go to college to better themselves."



**Annette Gray**

Civilian Human Resources employee

"In the past women were expected to become that model wife and mother. Today women are more independent and are capable of competing with men on all levels.

Women are obtaining degrees and becoming executives. Women maintain households and care for children, all while juggling a career. It is not an easy lifestyle but it hasn't stopped women from continuing to achieve educational and career goals. Life has changed for women over the last decade, and the world has changed economically and socially. Women have changed with the times. I'm proud to be an American women."



**Neeta Shrestha-Jonchhe**

CERDEC employee, electronics engineer

"Fifty years ago it was common for women to stay home and take care of their Families. More women today work outside the home. I think there is also more equality in the home. You find more men willing to help with housework and raising children."

### APG SEVEN DAY FORECAST

Thurs



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Sat



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Sun



68°|48°

Mon



67°|50°

Tue



75°|48°

Wed



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# Bearded turkey season approaching

Authorized hunters can sponsor guests; one-day youth hunt set

By **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

Spring foretells bearded turkey season for the Aberdeen Proving Ground FMWR Hunting Program. The regular season is in full swing April 18 to May 23.

FMWR Hunting Program Manager Zach Van Cleave said this year's program has been designed to accommodate more hunters and improve the overall experience.

One update to the program is APG hunters, who are eligible to sponsor guests, will be able to include their guests through the entirety of the turkey season. Sponsored guests interested in hunting will still be subject to all the licensing requirements set by the FMWR Hunting Program and the state of Maryland.

Hunters that are eligible to sponsor guests include active duty and retired military personnel assigned to APG; Department of the Army civilians assigned to APG and retired civilians of APG; Maryland National Guard troops assigned to APG; multi-year contractors who directly support the mission, and retired military personnel with proof of participation between July 1, 1990, and July 1, 1994.

All hunters and guests must possess a Maryland state hunting license, an APG post permit, and hold the necessary firearm qualifications. The hunting program offer a shotgun and archery range for hunters to become proficient with their firearms.

"Overall, I think hunters will be more satisfied," Van Cleave said, "because the program will not exclude anyone who has purchased an APG permit and is interested in hunting turkeys."

Van Cleave believes this will boost participation.

"So far the program has sold about 65 more turkey permits than in 2011, which tells me that the program has made some positive changes and is definitely headed in the right direction," he said.

Van Cleave said the 2012 updates are just a few in a series of changes designed



Photo by Tim Simos, NWTf

**All hunters and guests must possess a Maryland state hunting license, an APG post permit, and hold the necessary firearm qualifications.**

to bring continuous improvement to the program. He noted last year's renovation of APG North's hunting management facility, Bldg. 550B1.

"Participating in the APG hunting program is a great way to get outdoors and enjoy what Mother Nature has to offer," said Van Cleave.

### Safety first

The FMWR hunting program works closely with APG's marine and wildlife enforcement officers, who ensure hunters are protected by enforcing safety rules and regulations.

Before purchasing an APG hunting permit, customers must attend a hunter's safety education class offered through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Some classes are offered on APG. To find a class, visit [http://www.dnr.state.md.us/nrp\\_classes.asp](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/nrp_classes.asp).

### Youth hunt

In addition to the regular season, a youth turkey hunt is scheduled for April 14 and allows youth 16 and younger to hunt while accompanied by a licensed (Maryland state license and APG permit) unarmed adult age 21 and older.

"We are looking forward to kicking off our spring season with the youth turkey hunt. It is very satisfying to see parents, grandparents, and other guardians bring their sons, daughters, broth-

ers, or sisters to help them enjoy the outdoors," Van Cleave said.

### Pre-season registration

Hunters and prospective hunters can receive information about the upcoming season at Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 2184. The APG North Hunting Management Facility, Bldg. 550B1, will also have pre-season hours for hunters to sight in their bows and shotguns. Those hours will be April 9 - 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and April 15- 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Turkey permits cost \$45 for children under 16 and \$50 for adults.

The APG North and APG South hunting management facilities will post hours of operation once the regular season begins.

Van Cleave said again this year the program will depend heavily on its volunteers for a successful season.

"We utilize more than 50 volunteers to help the program operate," he said. "FMWR is very thankful to have such a great volunteer base."

For information, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124. Or visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/odr/huntingfishing.html>.

To find out more about hunting at APG, stop by the hunting management facility or visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com), [www.apgbowmenclub.com](http://www.apgbowmenclub.com) or [www.dnr.state.md.us](http://www.dnr.state.md.us).



## Services set for deceased Soldier

Staff report

A viewing and funeral service have been set for a Maryland National Guardsman who died Feb. 25 while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Maj. Robert Marchanti, 48, of Baltimore, died from wounds received during an attack on the Afghan Interior Ministry in Kabul. Afghans rioted in February following the revelation that NATO forces inadvertently burned Islamic religious articles, including Qurans. Four Americans were killed, including Marchanti and another officer, both serving as advisors in the ministry.

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

The viewing will be held March 18 from 4 to 9 p.m. at Evans Funeral Home, located at 8800 Harford Rd. in Parkville, Md. The funeral service will be held March 19 at 11 a.m. (arrive by 10:30) at Trinity Assembly of God, 2122 West Joppa Rd., in Lutherville, Md.

Marchanti worked fulltime 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.

He is the 12th 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.

# Post CFC contributions exceed goal

By **ADRIANE FOSS**  
APG News

The APG community pledged \$635,719 during the 2011 Combined Federal Campaign.

APG remains the third largest donor agency within the Chesapeake Bay Area CFC (CBACFC), and the CBACFC remains the third largest region within the CFC worldwide, according to APG 2011 CFC Chairman Richard Newcity.

“APG raised \$528,575 during the 2010 campaign, so this year’s results were \$107,144 higher than last year’s, a 20 percent increase,” he said.

Newcity said even with a much larger

population due to Base Realignment and Closure relocations, APG had an impressive increase.

“Keep in mind that we did have a big headwind to deal with this year: the economy,” Newcity said. “Many people are feeling some financial stress, and even those who have a secure federal job may have a spouse or new college graduate in the house who cannot find work. Further, we have to remember that during hard economic times, many charities are hurting as well, so we needed to raise as much money as possible to provide the CBACFC charities with the resources necessary to ade-

**CONGRATULATIONS:** APG’s CFC Chairman Richard Newcity was one of four nominees for Coordinator of the Year during the 2011 CBACFC Awards Luncheon at the Overhills Mansion in Catonsville, Md., March 8. Fort Meade’s Sgt. 1st Class Bryant Maude took the award. “He clearly deserved it, based on the criteria” said Newcity, “and it was a source of pride for everyone to see a Soldier, in dress blues, accept this prestigious philanthropic award.”

quately help those in need. That was our mission.”

He said to counter the impact of a down economy, the installation’s campaign strategy focused on three key components:

“First, we worked really hard to teach our CFC key workers how to be professional fundraisers via training sessions conducted by Chesapeake Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign officials,” Newcity said.

“Second, we strategically displayed 1,200 campaign posters throughout the installation. And finally,” he said, “we developed a strong marketing campaign, consisting primarily of weekly e-mail messages to keep the CFC on everyone’s mind throughout the campaign.”

The marketing campaign was developed by APG’s new CFC marketing team and educated potential donors on the CFC program, explaining why it was so important to give.

Newcity said the team received a lot of positive feedback from donors, “regarding the impact our marketing e-mails had upon them by encouraging them to make a donation when they otherwise may have not.”

APG’s CFC officials attended the CBACFC’s awards ceremony in Catonsville March 8.

*FYI: The CFC total for DoD activities worldwide is approximately \$120 million, historically nearly half of CFC’s annual approximate total of more than \$250 million.*

## 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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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## TODAY MILITARY ENGINEERS MEETING

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post will hold its March meeting at the Wetland Golf Club in Aberdeen at 11:30 a.m. The featured speaker is Kevin Palmer, Center for Sustainable Solutions. His presentation is titled "Systems-Based Planning and Problem Solving in the Army." Register at [www.same-chesapeake.org](http://www.same-chesapeake.org) or call 410-638-9699.

## TODAY OPEN MIC & KARAOKE

March's Open Mic and Karaoke is March 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Ruggles Golf Course Clubhouse. Admission is free. Call 410-278-3854.

## TOMORROW MARCH 16 WEST POINT SOCIETY CELEBRATES FOUNDERS DAY

Join the Northern Chesapeake West Point Society celebration of the 210th birthday of the U.S. Military Academy during the Founder's Day 2012 Celebration at the Maryland Golf & Country Club, 1335 MacPhail Road, in Bel Air. Festivities start with a Benny Havens Hour at 6 p.m. followed by a 7:15 p.m. buffet dinner. Guest speaker is West Point Brig. Gen. Timothy E. Trainor, dean of the academic board. For information and reservations, visit <http://tinyurl.com/NorthChesWPS>.

## TODAY SURVIVOR MEET UP

Army Community Service invites survivors of Soldiers and civilian employees March 15, 6-8:30 p.m. in the ACS conference room, Bldg. 2503, to meet other Families who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Have a voice in future Family potlucks, survivor and memorial events. Refreshments and child care provided. Submit care requests at least two weeks before event by calling 410-278-2861 or email [cassandra.a.sanders-nash.civ@mail.mil](mailto:cassandra.a.sanders-nash.civ@mail.mil).

## MONDAY MARCH 19 AVIATION MUSEUM TOUR

The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum is home to the world's oldest airport, three major aircraft manufacturers, the first commuter airline, and countless other aviation innovations.

Register ends March 19 for eligible youth ages 15-18 who would like to visit the museum March 28 with APG's EDGE! Program. This trip is free. Transportation will leave the Aberdeen Youth Center at 3 p.m. and return at 6 p.m.

Register at the CYSS Admin. Bldg. 2503 in rooms 210 or 211. Walk-in registration is from 7:30-10:30 a.m., or call to make an appointment at 410-278-7479/7571. For information, call 410-278-1399 or e-mail [conor.j.joyce.naf@mail.mil](mailto:conor.j.joyce.naf@mail.mil).

## CPR/ AED FOR TEENS

Eligible youth ages 13-18 should register by March 19 to receive CPR and AED training by the APG Fire and Emergency Services March 26 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Room 214, CYSS Admin., Bldg. 2503. Students will learn life-saving skills and receive certification cards. Training is useful for many summer jobs and a great

skill to have.

Spaces limited. Register at Bldg. 2503. Walk in registration is from 7:30-10:30 a.m.; or call to make an appointment at 410-278-7479/7571. For information, contact [conor.j.joyce.naf@mail.mil](mailto:conor.j.joyce.naf@mail.mil) or call 410-278-1399.

## RIGHT DECISIONS CLASS

This free class is from 6-7 p.m. in Room 214, CYSS Admin., Bldg. 2503. Teens will learn problem solving and stress management techniques to make the right decisions.

Students will also identify six of the most important decisions they'll ever make. Register at Bldg. 2503. Walk-in registration is 7:30-10:30 a.m.; or call for an appointment at 410-278-7479/7571. Email [jay.a.mckinney.naf@mail.mil](mailto:jay.a.mckinney.naf@mail.mil) or call 410-278-3250 for info.

## TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MARCH 20-21 SPRING BAZAAR

The 2012 APG Spring Bazaar is set March 20- 21, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., in the Aberdeen recreation center.

Enjoy door prizes, arts and crafts and fresh-baked goods and much more. Enjoy lunch and live entertainment at the collocated North Side Grill. Enter the giveaway for a chance to win an Amazon Kindle Fire. Call 410-278-4011.

## TUESDAY MARCH 20 & 27 TOP SECRET ROSIES MARCH SCREENINGS

A PBS documentary, "Top Secret Rosies: The Female Computers of WW2," will be screened free of charge during Women's History Month as follows:

- March 20, 11 a.m. (APG North post theater)
- March 27, 11 a.m. (APG North post theater)

The film was released in 2010 and tells the story of women and technology that helped win World War II and usher in the modern computer age.

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 21 BUDGETING TEENS

This class is from 5-6 p.m. in the CYSS Admin. Bldg. 2503, Room 214. Lauren Kateley will teach teens ages 14-18 to develop a personal budget. Register at Bldg 2503. Walk-in registration is 7:30-10:30 a.m.; or call for an appointment at 410-278-7479/7571. For information, email [jay.a.mckinney.naf@mail.mil](mailto:jay.a.mckinney.naf@mail.mil) or call 410-278-3250.

## FEDERAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL

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 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](mailto:cassandra.m.moore@usps.gov) or [laurie.butler@va.gov](mailto:laurie.butler@va.gov).

## RESILIENCE TRAINING

Resilience Training is set March 21 at the Aberdeen main post chapel, Bldg. 2485, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Self-awareness is the primary target of Module Two, Unit Three: Detect Ice-

bergs. Training is also set March 28 at the chapel, Bldg. 2485, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Self-regulation is the primary target of Module Two, Unit Four: Energy Management. Registration required. Email [dotslyn.e.ford.civ@mail.com](mailto:dotslyn.e.ford.civ@mail.com) or call 410-278-2180/7572.

## THURSDAY MARCH 22 NMTC CONNECTSYAH

The NMTC and Women In Defense invite the community to meet its members. Enjoy the reduced drink prices and appetizers compliments of NMTC, WID and Riverside Grill. Free to members and guests. Call 443-360-9134. Reservations are available through NMTC. Visit <http://nmtc.org/events/register.asp?id=12384290> to register.

## FRIDAY MARCH 23 WOMEN IN BLOOM DEDICATION CEREMONY

A March 23 dedication ceremony will be held for Women in Bloom, a memorial garden that recognized military and civilian women's achievements in research and development at APG since its founding in 1917. The ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the memorial garden next to the garrison headquarters, Bldg. 305. The ceremony's guest speakers will include Winifred "Wink" Jonas, a highly skilled mathematician and one of the first programmers of Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer. The ENIAC was the world's first general purpose electronic computer, brought to APG's U.S. Army Ballistic Research Laboratory in 1946.

## MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

You're invited to the wedding of Brenda and Edward at the APG recreation center ballroom at 7 p.m. The reception starts on a sour note when the bride and groom arrive late due to a flat tire. The celebration turns into chaos when one of the guests dies on the dance floor during the garter toss. Advance tickets are \$25 and \$20 for active duty. Tickets cost \$30 at the door. Ages 6-12 are \$12.50; 6 and under free. Contains adult content. Call 410-278-4011/4907 or 410-436-2713 or visit the APG North or South recreation centers.

## SATURDAY MARCH 24 NYC DAY TRIPS

Enjoy New York City during eight-hour do-it-yourself trips March 24 and April 21. Transportation leaves from Mountain Road Park and Ride in Joppatowne at 7:55 a.m., drops passengers off at Times Square, and returns to Joppatowne at approximately 11 p.m. Tickets are \$48. Reserve seats at the APG North recreation center. Call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail [APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil).

For information on NYC, visit [www.nyc-tour.com](http://www.nyc-tour.com).

## MONDAY MARCH 26 COED VOLLEYBALL

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 information, e-mail [usarmy.apg.imcom.fmwrc.list.usag-mwr-sports@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.apg.imcom.fmwrc.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.

## CHORAL ENSEMBLE

If you are a talented singer or musician, MWR is seeking members for the all-volunteer APG Choral Ensemble. The group's first meeting is 6 p.m. in the APG North recreation center. Call 410-278-3854.

## THURSDAY MARCH 29 CAREER FAIR SET FOR VETS AND SPOUSES

A career fair hiring event is set from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for veterans and military spouses at Lincoln Financial Field, 1020 Pattison Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19148. The event will allow participants to network with veteran-friendly organizations that will be on site with employment, entrepreneurial, and educational opportunities. For information or to register, visit <https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/philadelphia-opportunity-expo-march-29-2012>. Read more about the expo at <http://www.prlog.org/11813346.html>.

## TUESDAY APRIL 10 ACQUISITION SYMPOSIUM

The Defense Acquisition University will host its annual Acquisition Community Symposium Tuesday, April 10, at its Fort Belvoir campus. The theme this year is: "Understanding the Nuts and Bolts of Acquiring Services." The event includes sessions on services portfolios; services acquisition tools and techniques; plus top-level DoD and industry panels on needed changes in services acquisition policy and processes. The day concludes with a dinner honoring the 2012 Acker Award winner and the newest members of the DAU Hall of Fame. All attendees must register through the ACS website at [https://www.dauaa.org/dauaa\\_site/Symposium2012/12Registration20.asp](https://www.dauaa.org/dauaa_site/Symposium2012/12Registration20.asp).

## MONDAY APRIL 16 SATELLITE COMMO COURSE

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 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](mailto: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.

## UPCOMING INSTALLATION TOWN HALL

APG is seeking input on its quarterly Installation Town Hall (ITH) meeting, formerly the Community Action Council meeting. The garrison-sponsored meetings give community members a chance to voice their concerns, offer suggestions and get answers from each directorate. The garrison is seeking the following feedback:

1. What time would you like to attend ITH 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](mailto:claudette.e.murray.civ@mail.mil). The subject line should read INSTALLATION TOWN HALL

# FMWR seeking input on pool operations

Aberdeen Proving Ground Family & Morale, Welfare and Recreation is seeking your input to better schedule the operation and services provided by FMWR at the APG Outdoor Swimming Pools.

APG has three outdoor swimming pools. Two of those pools -- Shore Pool located in the Shore Park picnic area and the Olympic Pool adjacent to the recreation center -- are located at APG North (Aberdeen). The Bayside Pool, which is adjacent to the Gunpowder Club and river near CAPA Field, is located at APG South (Edgewood). The pools are open to all DoD ID cardholders. There are fees associated with open swim, programs and lessons. Active duty troops and their Family members do not pay open swim fees.

Your feedback is important. FMWR asks that you visit <https://www.research.net/s/APG-Pool-Survey> and answer the few questions about your planned use of APG's outdoor pools for summer season 2012. It will only take a minute or two and will provide valuable information that will allow us to make informed decisions on how to operate the pools to better serve you, the APG community.

The survey is also available on the APG MWR website at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) under the header, "Click here to take our pool survey."

For more information on the APG outdoor swimming pools and other great FMWR programs and services offered at APG, visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) or call 410-278-4124.

## APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

### Week of March 12

Special #1: Cheese steak wrap with chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.95.

Special #2: Chicken Cheese steak wrap with chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.95.

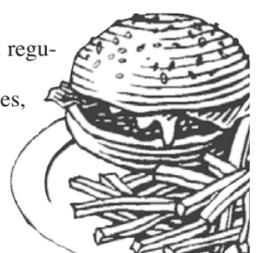
### Week of March 19

Special #1: Turkey Club with chips, cookie and regular soda for \$7.45.

Special #2: Pepperoni pizza sub with french fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.50.

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.



# CBRNE first sergeant achieves success, but continues striving for excellence

By **LT. COL. CAROL MCCLELLAND**  
20th Support Command Public Affairs

Like many young people, 1st Sgt. Ronald Wylie joined the Army to earn money for his education and thought he'd stay in for four years. Unlike the majority, the chemical expert is slotted to join the ranks of the highest enlisted members of his force.

Enlisting into the Army from Columbia, S.C., at 17 in 1991, Wylie had an idea of what to expect. He watched his mother, an Army nurse during the Desert Shield/Desert Storm era, leave home to start up a MASH unit during his senior year in high school and his older brother and cousin had already joined.

Becoming a chemical operations specialist seemed like a good idea, or so he thought.

"I saw these guys in photos wearing white lab coats and separating chemicals. But it wasn't what I got into. 'Put on this [Mission Oriented Protected Posture] gear,' they told me in 90 degree weather," Wylie said chuckling as he recalled his first training site at Fort McClellan, Ala., wearing the bulky chemical protective equipment.

His good natured humor served Wylie well as he traveled to his first duty station, Fort Polk, La., and he enjoyed the structure of his military job.

A basketball player in high school, the physical challenges weren't a problem for Wylie and learning his trade wasn't difficult, so he enrolled in his first college class, English 101.

"I thought, man this is what I've wanted to do. I have a good job, I'm getting paid and I have an opportunity to go to school," he said.

But he did have a challenge – saving enough money for a car. His mother said she would co-sign a loan if he provided \$2,000 for the down payment.

"There were a lot of four-day weekends spent on post without a car and it was a ghost town there. Let me tell you it was tough without a car," he said.

As luck would have it, only three months after buying his car, he received orders to move to Germany. While he lamented to his first sergeant about the new assignment, he had no idea how successful he would be there.



Courtesy photo

**Once I made that first [Airborne] jump, I was committed. Just hearing someone tell you, 'you can't,' was the motivation to excel above and beyond," said 1st Sgt. Ronald Wylie (right).**

Known for his razor-sharp appearance with spit-shined boots and crisp seams, top scores on the Army Physical Fitness Test, and competence in his job, Wylie was promoted to specialist and sent to the Primary Leadership Development Course, the first level in the non-commissioned officer education system. He excelled.

At his next assignment, his platoon sergeant told him he would go to the next Soldier of the Month board. Wylie won at the company level. When he progressed to the battalion level, he lost to a private first class, which devastated him.

"I took it real hard, but not like it was the end of the world, more like I was going to do better next time," Wylie explained.

So he studied hard and asked questions and knew better what to expect.

He met three boards in 30 days and came out on top as Soldier of the Year at the battalion level. Today in his specialized chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high yield explosives unit—the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) at Aberdeen Proving Ground—he still shares with troops what he learned during that assignment years ago.

"Read the study guide, then do it a second time and actually study it. Then go through it again, surgically, so you don't even have to think about it. My platoon sergeant showed me Soldiers might not always be ready for the task but they're capable of success when giv-

en the opportunity," he said.

Wylie soon met the sergeant's board and received a score of 149 out of 150 and was upset about losing a single point. Ninety days later he was promoted before he was even eligible to drink alcohol. He received three Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals and a promotion from his Germany assignment. He still has the accolades letter his battalion commander wrote to his mother about the kind of Soldier he was.

Still tasting the flavor of success, the then-sergeant executed the same recipe at his next assignment, Fort Hood, Texas. In less than six years, he was slated for promotion to staff sergeant. Before he met the board however, then-Col. Ray Odierno, Wylie's brigade commander (currently the Chief of Staff of the Army), asked the unit's command sergeant major if he was even eligible. He wasn't. But with a waiver for time in service he met the board and was recommended for promotion. Just four years shy of becoming a staff sergeant he was promoted to sergeant first class.

Previously assigned to only chemical units, Wylie soon found himself with orders to the organization that would influence him most — the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I figured I needed to go to airborne school," Wylie said. "For the physical part I had no problem. I can run and jump. But getting inside the plane and being 1,250 feet off the ground, knowing you have to jump, you really start evaluating."

As a promotable staff sergeant, Wylie's friends questioned his decision.

"Once I made that first jump, I was committed. Just hearing someone tell you, 'you can't,' was the motivation to excel above and beyond," he said.

Wylie said he was immersed in an environment he had not encountered before.

"I'd never seen Soldiers so committed to the mission. There were a lot of class-A personalities who would rise to the top but not by using someone to do better themselves. They didn't care what time of day or night it was, they were all committed to the mission," Wylie said.

Wylie rotated through four units at Fort Bragg and deployed twice to Iraq

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# Spring Ladies Night planned

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The range is operated by the Community Recreation Division with the help of volunteers.

Outdoor Recreation's Charles Guthrie said new machines that launch the clay targets and better lighting to improve night shooting have recently been installed. Guthrie oversees range activities and is assisted by volunteer range safety officer retired CSM Lorenzo (Larry) Alejo.

Activities currently include open trap and skeet shoots—two evenings and one day each week—and special events like organization day shoots and team-building exercises.

All events at the range are open to military ID cardholders, CAC cardholders, retirees and their guests. Alejo said

many of the current patrons are hunters, but not all.

"Some of our customers are sport shooters or folks who would like to sharpen their shooting skills," said Alejo. "But we encourage beginners to come out and try a new sport. The best part of the program is it's a great place to socialize, meet people with similar interests and learn from each other."

Alejo is also a hunter education instructor as are most of the range volunteers. He helps MWR coordinate special events and liaisons with local and post organizations like the installation's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

During the open house, guests will receive a safety briefing and an explanation

of the difference between skeet and before shooting.

The range has shotgun and muzzle loader shooting opportunities for all skill levels, and is located at Bldg. 4737. Operating hours are 3 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday and noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, for skeet and trap.

Reserved hours are 3 to 8 p.m. on Mondays for organization team building; 3 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays for silhouette shooting; and 3 to 8 p.m. on Fridays for organization days. The range is closed Sunday and holidays.

A weekly Ladies Night is planned for this spring. For more information, visit <http://apgmwr.com> or call Cuomo at 410-278-4124/4836.

# Women in Bloom

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of "Top Secret Rosies, The Female Computers of World War II." The documentary film showcased women math majors who were hired by the Army during World War II to work on equations that would ultimately contribute to the military producing more effective weapons and win the war. Free screenings of the documentary are scheduled at the post theater March 20 and 27 at 11 a.m.

During lunchtime attendees visited vendors and participated in the giveaways.

First time attendee Jo Cozby, an engineer with Research, Development and Engineering Command, said she appreciated the chance to network with other women.

"I work in a male dominated profession, so I don't get the opportunity to network with women very often," Cozby said. "It is encouraging to share stories with other women, and see what they are doing in their professions and get ideas from them."

The FWP committee is seeking volunteers from APG organizations and units. Call 410-278-0799. for information. To view or download photos from event, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/sets/72157629177845864/>.

## DON'T MISS IT!

A March 23 dedication ceremony will held for Women in Bloom, a memorial garden that recognizes military and civilian women's achievements in research and development at APG since its founding in 1917. The ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the memorial garden next to the garrison headquarters, Bldg. 305. The ceremony's guest speakers include Winifred "Wink" Jonas, a highly skilled mathematician and one of the first programmers of the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer (ENIAC), was the world's first general purpose electronic computer, brought to APG's U.S. Army Ballistic Research Laboratory in 1946.

# Wylie eyes 82nd Airborne future

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and once to Afghanistan. During all of his assignments in leadership positions, he said he tried to mentor and push his Soldiers to do things they may not have initially wanted to do to develop them.

According to some of the Soldiers in his company, Wylie uses humor, often peppers his language with "Airborne!" and provides plenty of analogies to get his points across.

"He's everywhere!" 1st Lt. Darlene Akom, 20th Headquarters and Headquarters Company executive officer said during the unit's exercise in Korea. "He never lets an opportunity pass when he can teach, mentor and influence someone."

"He's by the book," said Spec. Gary Love, human resource specialist. "He

always says, 'the key thing is' to highlight his take-away points."

He wanted to impart one of his key points to Soldiers who do the tedious, daily tasks for a headquarters made up of nearly 300 – most of them in the senior ranks.

"He says it's just like making doughnuts," said Akom. "We show up early, make the first batch, turn the light on and everybody comes. Then you have to start it all over again. We have a mission and he uses humor behind it to motivate people. Everybody loves doughnuts!"

Akom admitted she occasionally brings a couple of boxes in to poke fun at Wylie's analogy.

During Wylie's 20th year in the Army,

he was selected for and will attend the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy this summer. He said he's looking forward to learning at operational and strategic levels how to advise commanders at the battalion and brigade levels.

"There are two jobs I want to do before starting a new path," Wylie said. "I'd love to be the CBRN sergeant major for the 82nd Airborne Division because the 82nd was so influential and to get the opportunity to go back and serve as the CBRN sergeant major would be amazing. And I'd like to serve as a battalion command sergeant major. If I do those two things, I would have achieved everything I wanted to do in the military."

# Holy Season worship schedule

## Edgewood Area

### Catholic services

- March 18, 10:45 a.m., 4th Sunday of Lent
- March 23, 6 p.m., Stations, Soup/Bread
- March 25, 10:45 a.m., 5th Sunday of Lent
- April 1, 10:45 a.m., Palm Sunday
- April 5, 7 p.m., Holy Thursday
- April 6, 3 p.m., Veneration of Cross
- April 8, 10:45 a.m., Easter Sunday

### Protestant

- March 18, 9:15 a.m., 4th Sunday of Lent
- March 25, 9:15 a.m., 5th Sunday of Lent
- April 1, 9:15 a.m., Palm Sunday

- April 8, 9:15 a.m., Easter Sunday

## Main Post Chapel (Aberdeen Area)

### Catholic services

- March 16, 6 p.m., Stations, Soup/Bread
- March 18, 8:45 a.m., 4th Sunday of Lent
- March 21, 6:30 p.m., Adult Education Lenten
- March 25, 8:45 a.m., 5th Sunday of Lent
- March 26, 11:45 a.m., Annunciation
- March 28, 6:30 p.m., Adult Education Lenten
- March 30, 6 p.m., Stations, Soup/Bread
- April 1, 8:30 a.m., Palm Sunday
- April 4, 5:30 p.m., Anointing Mass
- April 6, 3 p.m., Veneration of Cross

- April 7, 8 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass
- April 8, 8:45 a.m., Easter Sunday

### Protestant

- March 18, 10:15 a.m., 4th Sunday of Lent
- March 25, 10:15 a.m., 5th Sunday of Lent
- April 1, 10:15 a.m., Palm Sunday
- April 8, 10:15 a.m., Easter Sunday

### Gospel

- March 18, noon, 4th Sun of Lent
- March 25, noon, 5th Sun of Lent
- April 1, noon, Palm Sunday
- April 8, noon, Easter Sunday



Photo by Rachel Ponder

## Extinguishers focus of safety training

Frank Gillan, an Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate employee, puts out a fire during a training session led by fire protection specialist Ernest Little and (not pictured) firefighter Chris Boyd, both of the Directorate of Emergency Services. This training was part of APG's Safety Stand Down March 13-14. The two-day event featured a variety of safety training, including CPR, child car seat inspections, electrical safety and more. Little said any APG organization can request fire extinguisher training for their employees throughout the year. For information, call 410-306-0583. Also part of this year's Safety Stand Down Day was a March 13 health fair at the APG North recreation center.

# Dracula set for fall

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Murder mystery events, which originated in the Victorian era as a post-dinner parlor game, have increasingly gained popularity in America. They are produced by theater groups across the country and in private homes for personal entertainment.

"Several people, as a matter of fact, joined the theater group last year after hearing about our Murder 101 production," said Devine. "These are people who had participated in murder mysteries in their own homes or at a friend's and enjoyed the experience that much."

Devine said bringing murder mysteries to APG gives community members an affordable night of fun and mystery "right here in their own backyard."

She said parents should be advised that the March 23 event has some adult content.

"Most of the comedy is tongue-in-cheek and will likely go over a young child's head, but it is strictly a parent's call," Devine said.

The APG Theater Group is an all-vol-

unteer troupe and includes members of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy. The theater group is open to all FMWR-authorized customers ages 16 and older. Children 16 and younger may participate if a parent accompanies them to all practices and performances; they must also provide parent permission to participate in adult productions.

To sign up, contact the MWR Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil. No previous experience is necessary. The next production will be Dracula in the fall.

### Show information

Doors will open at 6 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30, and the show starts at 7. Tickets prices are as follows: \$25 for advance general admission, \$30 day if the event, \$20 active duty military, \$12.50 children, children 6 and under are free. Tickets are sold at the Leisure Travel Office, Bldg. 3326, APG South Recreation, Bldg. E4041, or call 410-436-2713.

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Tricia Devine  
Director



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

## Shake, shake, shake

Belly dancing instructor Sandy Sanders (center, wearing belt) loosens up students at the start of the Wednesday belly dancing class at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. The newest addition to the FMWR fitness schedule, the class has gained rapidly in popularity and averages about 30 students per session. For more information about fitness options, contact MWR sports at 410-278-7934, 410-436-3375 at APG South (Edgewood), or visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

# Training sharpens action officer skills

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of information and skills necessary to become top-notch action officers." said Montgomery. "We wanted to support our personnel in being effective and successful at what they do here, and elsewhere."

He said with the command's recent relocation, the command experienced an influx of new hires, some already possessing a wealth of knowledge in their fields, while others may be new to the job. In part, this variety in expertise prompted the idea of providing a training program that develops and sharpens the skills of CECOM's action officers by arming the workforce with information on how to do business within the command, said Montgomery.

"Developing and training our CECOM personnel are among the top priorities in the command," said Montgomery. "In the spirit of continuous improvement, I believe the skills taught in this program will position the employee, the supervisor and the command for success in the long-run. It's a win-win."

This instructor-led course is taught by CECOM leaders to include the chief of staff and G-3/5, G-6, the secretary to the general staff, as well as outside instructors from Harford Community College,

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Chief, G-1/Human Resource Development Division

according to Maria Layton, Chief, G-1 /Human Resource Development Division, who led the effort to design the program over the last year. Layton explained that CECOM leaders played an integral role in designing the curriculum for the new program.

"The CECOM managers know better than anyone what the professional development needs of their employees are," said Layton. "That's why leadership input was so valuable during our planning process and in identifying areas that need to be addressed command-wide."

The first class offering kicked off Dec. 6 and spanned seven training events covering topics like: what an action officer is; CECOM's command structure; Army writing style; CECOM staff Actions; email etiquette; writing an information

paper; briefing presentation skills; and critical thinking skills and accountability, according to Layton.

"I really enjoyed the presentation skills section of the class," Elina Tsaturyan said, management analyst, CECOM G3/5. "The professor videotaped our briefings and played them back for us to point out things we need to improve on and things we do well. We spent a lot of time reviewing our mannerisms and understanding how to improve upon them. It was really eye-opening [...] I learned a lot about myself as a briefer and what areas I could strengthen when speaking publically. This portion of the class brought the class closer together."

"Feedback on the initial offering of AODP has been very positive and interest is growing even outside of CECOM.

One of the Commands on APG has approached us about possible participation/partnering and/or the development of their own AODP. All of this contributes to the organizations on APG working together for the benefit of all of our employees," said Layton. G-1/HRDD maintains a dialogue with the APG training community about AODP and other CECOM programs.

As a result, two of the participants in the March 6 class are from the Army Test and Evaluation Command, known as ATEC. Fifteen students were admitted in the class March 6, and additional offerings will be added to the FY12 training calendar, said Layton. The online Army Action Officer Development Course (AODC) is a pre-requisite for AODP. Currently, the directors and managers of each organization are choosing the employees who will attend each offering of the program.

"Interacting with colleagues from different CECOM activities was invaluable because I was able to benefit from the wisdom of CECOM personnel at varying stages in their careers," said Tsaturyan. "We helped each other develop and sharpen our skills sets by trading feedback to become better action officers."