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File photo
Elliot Brown, 10, focuses on the ball during last year's first game of the season at the Churchville Recreation Center.

3rd Annual League of Dreams kicks off

By **NANCY GOUCHER**
Exceptional Family Member Program

More than 30 children, along with parents and volunteers, participated in a practice session May 12 at the Churchville Recreation Center to kick off APG's 3rd Annual League of Dreams.

League of Dreams is a baseball league for children with and without special needs. Frank Kolarek, former professional baseball player and founder of League of Dreams, brought the program to APG in 2010 at the encouragement of former Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades.

With the support and volunteerism from the installation's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS), Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS), Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) and Families and Community Sponsors, the League of Dreams became an instant hit.

After hosting it for one year at the installation, APG moved the community outreach program to Churchville, where it doubled participation and initiatives.

BOSS and several other post organizations will again provide volunteer coaches and other support to the league.

"The league is designed for children of all ability levels, regardless of physical or mental challenges," said Kolarek. "Everyone is welcome."

Players and volunteers start the season with a variety of sports experience and end up making new friends with an increased sense of accomplishment, self fulfillment and community, said Master Sgt.

John Cavaliere, the garrison's interim command sergeant major who volunteers with the program.

Volunteers practice specific skills and drills with individuals in small groups. Children learn the basics, like standing in line and following batting order, dropping the bat after swinging and running bases in the initial weeks. Varying sizes of balls and bats are used to maximize ability. As skills progress and the games begin, players can be seen sliding into home base for their first homeruns of a lifetime.

"I can't think of time better spent than sharing the success these kids feel when they play baseball. When you're out there with them, and they're giving their all, you know you have changed a child's life forever," said Cavaliere.

Games will take place on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Churchville Recreation Center. The dates are May 19 and June 2, 9, 16. Cost is \$30. On June 16, the day of the final game, there will be a picnic and awards ceremony for participants.

In mid-August teams from Maryland and neighboring states will come together for the Cal Ripken World Series at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen. Players and volunteers will celebrate accomplishments, victories, and memories created during the League of Dreams season.

Picerne Military Housing is one of many local organizations sponsoring the APG League of Dreams. Picerne has purchased hats and T-shirts,

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'Heroes on the Home Front' honored

By **LYNN WITKOWSKI**
APG News

Saturday ends the weeklong celebration that began May 14 to honor our local "Heroes on the Home Front," and to show appreciation for America's Armed Forces.

For those fortunate enough to have tickets, only a few events remain, including the Harford County Chamber of Commerce

Ending the week's events will be the live fire demo, Saturday, May 19, at 3:15 p.m. Gates open at 1 p.m. for equipment and vehicle displays. A parade of vehicles begins at 2:45 p.m. and includes a demonstration of how helicopters are used to put out range fires.

Military Appreciation Luncheon—a huge sell out according to Vanessa Milio, president and CEO of the Harford County

Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon takes place today, May 17, at Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood, where

APG's Soldier, noncommissioned officer, and Family of the Year will be recognized. Honorees are NCO of the

Year Sgt. Olayiwola Kugblenu, a radiology technician at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, and Soldier of the Year Spc. Matthew J. Gansel, a medical laboratory specialist with the clinic.

The Calhouns have been named Family of the Year. Master Sgt. Joseph Calhoun of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation

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County lauds APG preservation efforts

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Directorate of Public Works received the 2012 Historic Preservation Project Award during an annual ceremony at the Liriodendron Mansion in Bel Air May 11.

The event is held in recognition of National Historic Preservation Month at a breakfast hosted by Harford County Executive David Craig and the Harford County Historic Preservation Commission. The award recognizes significant achievements in preserving, restoring or finding a sensitive adaptive reuse for a historic structure in Harford County.

Over a period of many years, APG's DPW has planned and

carried out the restoration of two buildings, the Presbury House or "Quiet Lodge," built in the 1720s, and the Gunpowder Meetinghouse, built around 1828. According to APG Historian Mark Gallihue, both projects are substantially complete.

Gallihue said these buildings, located on APG South (Edgewood) and built before the founding of APG in 1917, carry great importance to the history of Methodism in America. Both buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

"These buildings have

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FOR YOUR INFO

The Gunpowder Meetinghouse at APG South is thought to be the oldest Methodist meetinghouse in America.

224th Soldiers welcomed home from Iraq deployment

MDNG news release

More than 75 members of the Maryland National Guard were officially welcomed home May 12 during a Freedom Salute ceremony at the Edgewood Armory after a nearly yearlong deployment to Iraq.

The members of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment were attached to the 25th Infantry Division and flew support missions for Operation New Dawn during

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Courtesy photo
Members of the Maryland National Guard are welcomed home during a Freedom Salute ceremony at the Edgewood Armory May 12.

Asian Pacific American Heritage celebration set

By **ADRIANNE FOSS**
APG News

Team APG is hosting its annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration at the APG North post theater May 23 at 10:30 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Terry Shima, a veteran of the renowned 442nd Regimental

Combat Team and executive director of the Japanese American Veterans Association. Shima will discuss the legacy and experiences of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

Entertainment will be provided by Tepua Hio Hio

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Get your free tickets now for the USO Sesame Street Experience, for kids ages 1-6. Find out more about this traveling show.

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OPINION

STREET TALK

What are you doing to live a healthier lifestyle?

I've cut out sodas, even diet sodas with the goal of lowering my sugar and carb intake and it has absolutely helped. I'm also eating more vegetables and fruit to influence my 4-year-old son's eating habits.



Sgt. Jason Shick
Company A 22d Chemical Battalion

I eat healthier and exercise more. Whatever you don't get out of organizational PT, you can get on your own. It's made me more conscious of diet and I'm probably not eating as much of the bad stuff.



1st Lt. Gwendolyn Bamford
22d Chemical Battalion

I'm eating less salt, a leaner diet and cutting back on sodas.



2nd Lt. Garrick Warren
Aerospace Systems Center

I've just started eating healthier, cut back on sweets. Now I drink protein shakes after I work out, and I work out with a trainer [at MWR's Hoyle Gym] who helped me come up with a vigorous program.



1st Lt. Monique Eddins
22d Chemical Battalion

Dogs ideal for companion therapy

Healthy Living

www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/ click on Well Being



The benefits of having an animal in your life go deeper than companionship.

Research shows that people with dogs experience lower levels of stress hormones and higher levels of serotonin (feel-good chemicals) after 15 minutes of petting or watching their dog or cat. A study of 240 married couples found that the pet owners had lower blood pressure than the couples who had no pets.

Can a pet be more than just a feel-good companion? For soldiers returning from deployment with PTSD, they can be a lifesaver. A "Psychology Today" article from July 2011 detailed exactly why dogs help people with PTSD by relieving stress. Some of the things the article talks about include:

They're vigilant. A dog by your side can be like a battle buddy. He or she alerts you to danger, and the dog's calm can let you know that there is no actual pending danger—regardless of what your overdeveloped sense of fear may be telling you.

They're protective. I had a friend whose dog would howl and growl if I raised my voice in conversation with his owner. It's good to know someone's watching your back.

They love you no matter what. Veterans with PTSD can have a difficult time reintegrating into society. Dogs don't care. Having a bad day? Being short with family members? Your pooch is still overjoyed at the sight of your face – and wants to demonstrate that joy. How could a tail wagging so hard that a dog can barely walk straight not make someone smile? They take orders well. Members

Healthy Living is a recurring feature in the APG News. It addresses health topics that matter most to our readers. To view more health topics and the Community Health Promotion Council calendar of events, visit the APG homepage <http://www.apg.army.mil/> and click on the Community Health icon at the bottom right, or scan the QR code (at right) with your smart phone or enabled device. To suggest health-related topics for the Healthy Living series, email adriane.c.foss.civ@mail.mil or call 410-278-1150.

of the military are accustomed to and comfortable with giving and taking orders. Dogs love authority, even if other members of your family bristle at it.

To hear an incredible, compelling, and heart-rending story of how Thor the dog saved the life (literally and figuratively) of Capt. Adrian Veseth-Nelson, please check out Military Pathway's "Canine Companions and Your Emotional Health" Webinar. Adrian's story will not be one you soon forget. The webinar also introduces you to the Battle Buddies program, a non-profit in which veterans help other veterans obtain trained canine companions to help them cope with post-deployment stress after returning home.

Whatever you do for PTSD stress relief is great. Not everyone loves dogs, but animals are only one way of coping with stress. Since the month

of March on our blog is dedicated to Total Force Fitness, please visit us throughout the month to learn about the various ways military members seek out stress relief.

Military Pathways is a project launched by a nonprofit organization and the Department of Defense. It provides free, anonymous, mental health and alcohol self-assessments for Family members and service personnel in all branches including the National Guard and Reserve. The self-assessments are a series of questions that, when linked together, help create a picture of how an individual is feeling and whether they could benefit from talking to a health professional. You can learn more at <http://www.militarymentalhealth.org/welcome.aspx>.

Christine Leccese
Military Mental Health

Website helps kids on the move

It's that time of year again when so many military Families are starting their relocation plans – and dealing with the fallout from kids who would rather stay put.

As a parent of young children, I often think if I ever want a change of scenery, i.e., moving to a new area, I have a window of opportunity – before the kids become teenagers. That's because I remember vividly my own 14-year-old inner voice screaming "no way, not now, not ever" at the slightest hint that my parents might upend my comfort zone with a move.

But I don't have the weight of the U.S. military behind me, and they didn't either.

Military kids don't have that luxury of influencing a family's decision to move, which is among the many reasons the Defense Department deemed April the Month of the Military Child – to celebrate military children's shared sacrifice for the nation.

While even one relocation is traumatic for most teens, military kids have done it multiple times. But that doesn't necessarily make it easier, as Karen Morgan knows firsthand.

Morgan is a senior program analyst with the department's Military Community and Family Policy office in the Pentagon. But she also was a Marine Corps wife for 25 years, and the couple has two children.

"Moving anywhere can be traumatic for anyone, but it's doubly traumatic with kids," she told me recently.

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Morgan mostly remembers their relocations fondly – as a family bonding experience, and a chance to experience new areas together. But there were hard times, too, like when they moved in the summer and couldn't find other children to play with, and when their daughter left for college in Virginia while they still were stationed in Okinawa.

Now Morgan uses those experiences to give insight into a DoD website designed to help military kids with their parents' many relocations. Military Youth on the Move has tabs for teens, pre-teens, and younger kids to help with everything from preparing for college, to dating, to making new friends.

There is a "Moving Out" section with advice on packing, saying 'goodbye,' and keeping in touch, and a "Get Help" tab offers advice on dealing with a parent's deployment, divorce, and bullying.

Moving is never easy, but sites like Military Youth on the Move certainly help.

Lisa Daniel
Family Matters blog

APG SEVEN DAY FORECAST

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APG plugs into greener future

Terri Kaltenbacher of the Garrison Public Affairs Office checks out her office's new Low Speed Electric Vehicle (LSEV). The motor vehicles use three-prong, 120-volt outlets to charge and is helping the Army reduce petroleum consumption and greenhouse gas emissions while increasing alternative and renewable fuels sources. In one of the nation's largest acquisitions of electric vehicles, the Army announced in 2009 its plan to lease 4,000 LSEVs. The four-wheeled vehicles weigh less than 3,000 pounds and move up to 25 miles per hour. Kaltenbacher said her office will use the vehicles for attending meetings, frequent short errands and ceremonies and events. The Transportation Motor Pool originally received 35 LSEVs in 2009; seven were transferred to ATC. APG has 23 vehicles issued installation-wide, and five are available for leasing. To lease a vehicle or for more information, contact the motor pool at 410-178-4811/3330.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson

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 Pro-

gram (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For info, contact Cathy Davis at 410-306-0152 or cathy.a.davis4.civ@mail.mil.

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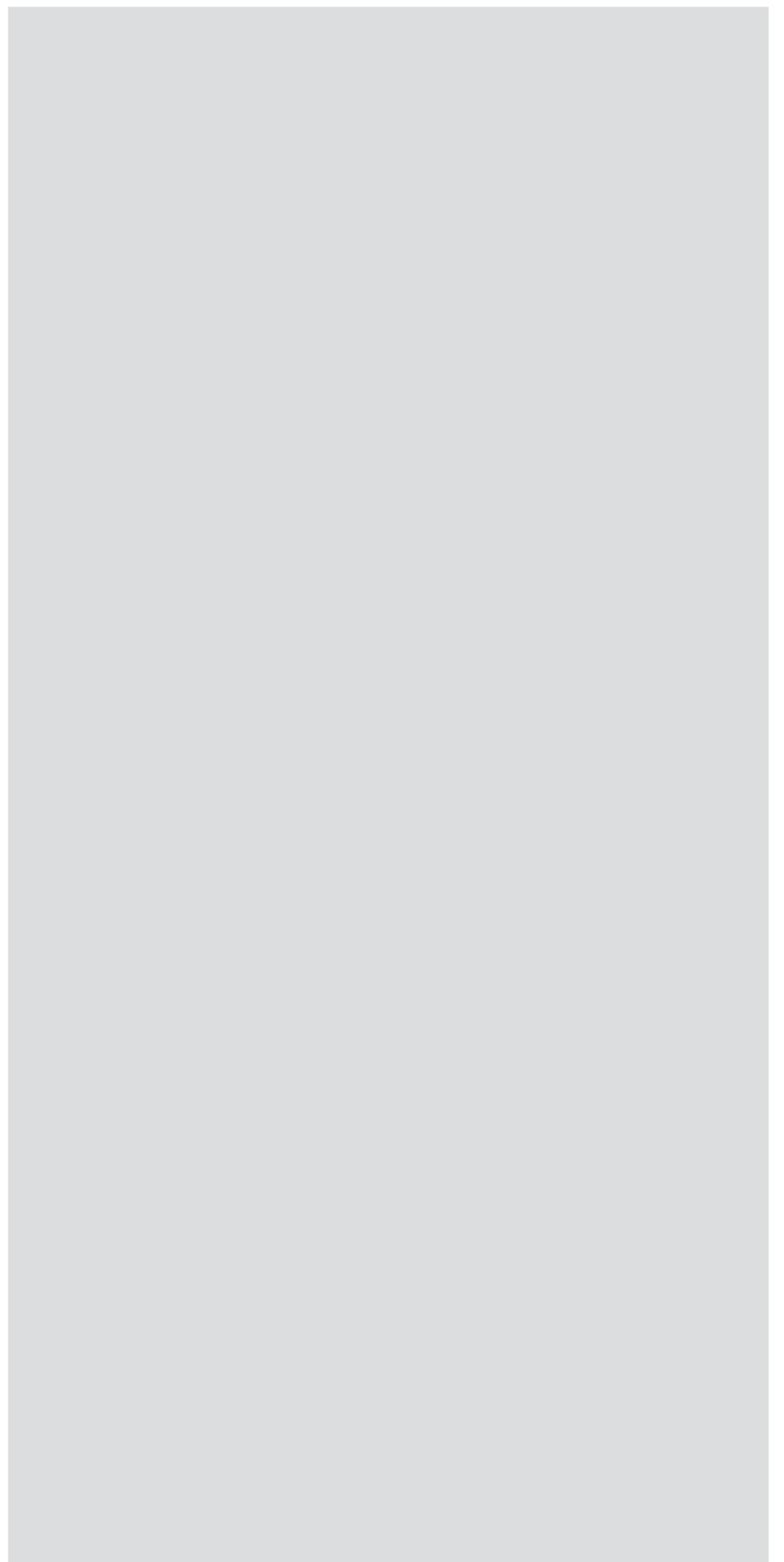
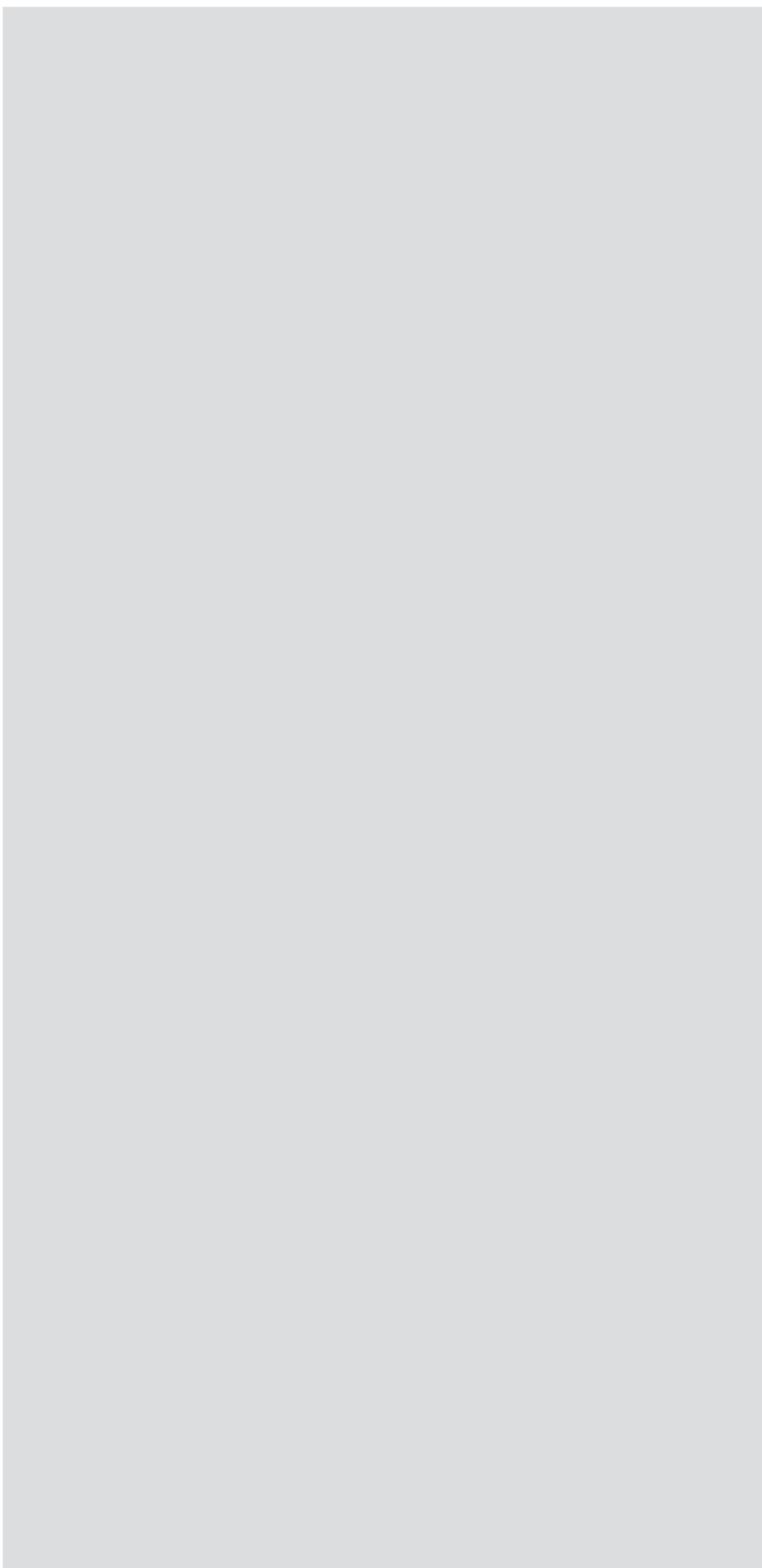
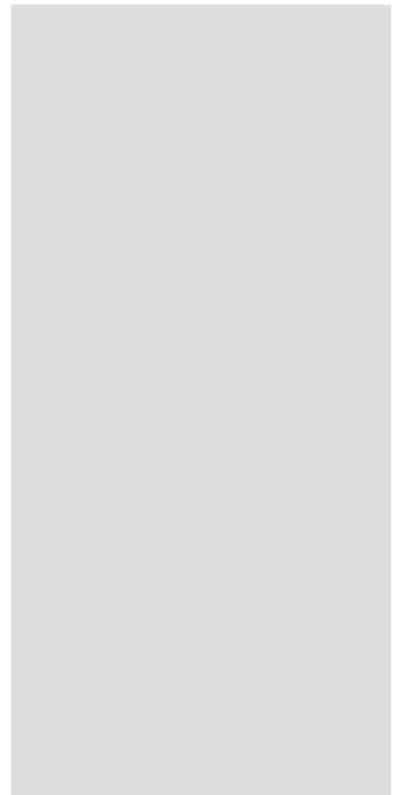
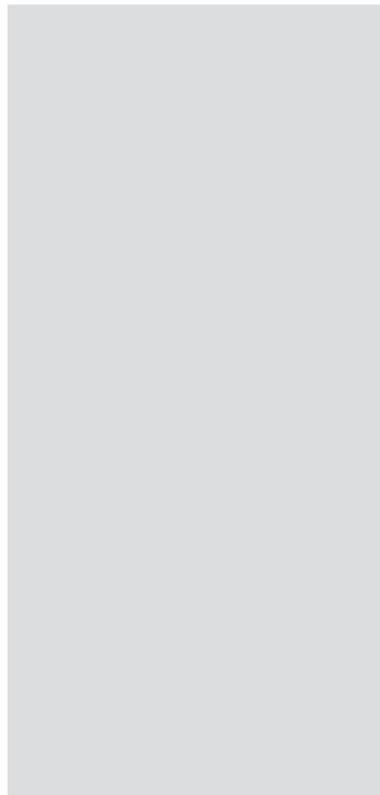
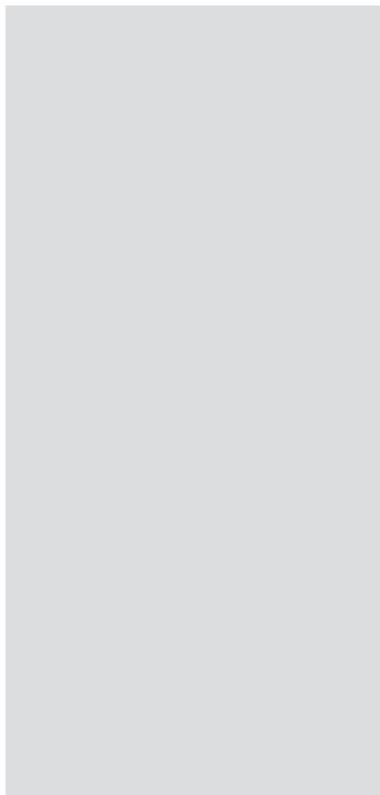
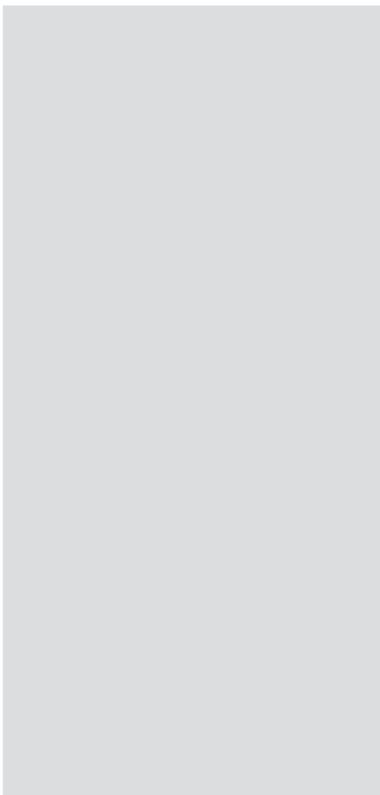
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APG employees mentor Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness students

(From left) Edgewood Chemical Biological Center Director of Program Integration and event keynote speaker Suzanne Milchling discusses the project "Taking the ALS to the Hot Zone: Can it Be Done?" with its creator, Joppatowne High School senior Tiffany Seubert during the school's Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Program Senior Capstone Expo May 10. Seubert was mentored by ECBC employee Shawn Bowen throughout the creation of the project. JHS began offering the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Program for its students in 2007 to introduce them to careers and educational experiences available in this fast growing industry. APG regularly supports school programs through its long standing partnership with Harford County Public Schools.

Photo by Rachel Ponder



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY CMA END OF OPERATIONS

The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency marked the end of its stockpile operations, destroying nearly 90 percent of the United States' declared chemical agent stockpile. A formal ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. at the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility (CDTF) at APG South (Edgewood). The event recognizes this achievement for CMA and the workforce. It is open to the APG workforce. For information, contact the CMA Public Affairs Office at 410-436-3629 or hqcmmapao@apgea.army.mil

CHESAPEAKE SAME MEETING

The Chesapeake Society of American Military Engineers will meet at the Wetlands Golf Club beginning with an 11:30 a.m. sign up/networking, followed by a noon luncheon. The featured speaker is John Resta, director of the U.S. Army Public Health Command. Visit http://www.same-chesapeake.org/Reservations/Reservations_09.htm for reservations.

FRIDAY MAY 18 THE FINTON FORMULA FUN VISITING SCIENTIST SERIES

Come for exciting hands-on chemistry and environmental science fun, guided by guest scientists from the local community. Space is limited. This program is 4:30 to 6 p.m. for ages 10 to 13 or 5th to 8th grade. The cost is \$4 and online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

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

SATURDAY MAY 19 ZUMBATHON

The League of United Latin American Citizens Maryland Councils invites the community to attend LULAC's ZUMBATHON and State Convention 2012 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Havre de Grace Activity Center, 351 Lewis Lane, Havre de Grace. Donation is \$15 (in advance) or \$20 at the door. Door prizes, food sampling, silent auction and more.

KAYAKING WORKSHOP

The Piedmont Learning Center at Eden Mill Nature Center will be offering an Introduction to Kayak one-day workshop for adults Saturday May 19 and June 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee is \$65.00/members or \$75/non-members. Join a ACA certified instructor for a full day of classroom, on-water basic strokes, wet exits, rescues and a game or two. Pre-registration is required. Call 410-836-3050 or email edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com. Visit www.edenmill.org.

SUNDAY MAY 20 BIRDS AND BLOOMS AT SWAN HARBOR

Branch out to explore Swan Harbor Farm – a Harford County natural treasure. Hike the fields, woods and water's edge seeking winged creatures and wildflowers. This program is 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for Families, ages 6 to adult. The cost is \$5 per Family and online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

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TUESDAY MAY 22 CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

AbilityOne Base Supply Center, formerly APG's Office Eagle, will host a "Safari of the Senses" Customer Appreciation Day 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The celebration will take place at the supply center—320 Johnson Rd., Bldg. 320.

Customer Appreciation Day is an opportunity for BSC associates to thank loyal customers, and for customers to interact with vendors and try new products.

This year's safari theme utilizes all of the senses, except vision, and features door prizes, refreshments and fun activities.

The name change to AbilityOne Base Supply Center, operated by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, was done as part of the national branding.

For information on Customer Appreciation Day, call 410-297-4950 or email bcouncil@bism.org.

WEDNESDAY MAY 23 ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER'S HERITAGE OBSERVANCE SET

Join Team APG for an educational and cultural experience 10:30 a.m. at the APG North recreation center. This event is free to military and civilian employees of APG. Guest speaker is Terry Shima, executive director of the Japanese American Veterans Association. There will be entertainment, displays, exhibits, and food sampling.

If an individual or organization would like to set up a display table or exhibits in support of the observance, call Master Sgt. William Craine (410-436-9786) or Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Cole (410-436-0320).

THURSDAY MAY 24 TECHNOLOGY NEEDS TEENS

Harford Community College will host 180 students from nine Harford County middle schools for the 5th Annual "TNT - Technology Needs Teens," a day filled with science and technology fun. TNT is a one-day program for a select group of eighth grade students to learn from hands-on presentations by professionals in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. Hands-on learning workshops will be held in Aberdeen and Bel Air Halls from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Committee members and presenters include representatives from Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC), SAIC, Smith Detection, American Chemical Society, Harford Community College, Senior Science Society, CERDEC, TIC Gums, and Towson University. Call 443-412-2447 or email dcasey@harford.edu for info.

SATURDAY MAY 26 TOAD ABODE

Search the ponds and streams at the Estuary Center in search of toads and frogs in various stages of their life cycle, and then create a toad shelter to add to their local habitat. This program is 2 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 5 to adult, under 8 with adult. The cost is \$6 and online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

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

SUNDAY MAY 27 MCVET HOSTS 5K/10K RACES

The Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training (MCVet) 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. 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 and runners must be present to win. This is an AMB Chip Timing race provided by Charm City Run. For information, call 410-308-1870 or visit www.charm-cityrun.com; or call 410-576-9626, ext. 225 or visit www.mcvet.org. Register online at www.active.com.

FEED THE JEWELS OF NATURE

Create a beautiful hummingbird feeder that will help attract and support these amazing creatures. This program

is 12:30 to 2 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. The cost is \$6 and online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

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

THURSDAY MAY 31 RAB MEETING

The next Restoration Advisory Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center in Edgewood. The topics will be Canal Creek, SediMite Update and New O-Field.

FRIDAY JUNE 1 ARMY SOLDIER SHOW

The 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show comes to APG at the APG post theater. Show times are 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The show is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. For information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or visit www.apgmwr.com.

JAZZ CONCERT

Begin your summer listening with a variety of jazz selections during the Lou Natale jazz concert, 7:30 – 9 p.m. at Millard E. Tydings Park in Havre de Grace, Md., 21078. The event is free. Bring chairs and picnics. No rain location. Call 410-939-2100 for information.

SATURDAY JUNE 9 AMERICAN LEGION DANCE

Dance featuring Live Band Lix is set at Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street in Perryville, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, and includes draft beer, pretzels, and chips. Event benefits Sons of The American Legion.

SATURDAY JUNE 23 COCKTAIL GALA

The community is invited to the 2012 Support Our Heroes Gala from 6-10 p.m. at the Bulle Rock Residents Center, 1200 Bulle Rock Parkway, Havre De Grace, MD 21078. Tickets are \$100 per person. This cocktail gala is to honor and demonstrate our support for our military heroes. Enjoy food, entertainment, dancing and traditional silent and art auctions with proceeds donated to the Fisher House Foundation. For information on tickets, RSVPs or sponsorship, visit www.support-our-heroes.com. The corporate sponsorship reception is 4:30-6 p.m., by invitation only.

SUNDAY JUNE 24 VBS STARTS AT APG

Children in pre-school (age 5) through 6th grade are invited to Vacation Bible School at the post chapel at APG North June 24-28.

This year's theme is Rocky Point Lighthouse. Enjoy memorable Bible studies, catchy songs, Christian crafts, snacks and games. Register as early as possible, no later than June 10.

Nursery is available for volunteers only who have children ages 4 and younger.

For information, contact Gerri Merkel, the director of Religious Education at 410-278-2516 or caroline.j.merkel.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING KANSAS, BOSTON, GRAND FUNK TICKETS TO GO ON SALE

APG MWR and Army Entertainment present Boston with special guests Kansas and Grand Funk Railroad Aug. 11. Presale tickets will be sold to the APG community May 14-26 for \$25 at the APG recreation centers. Walk-in only. For information, call 410-278-4011 or 410-436-2713.

FY12 ANNUAL HYDRANT FLUSHING

The annual hydrant flushing at APG is set through May 25. Flushing will take place Monday through Friday weekly between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., and will follow the schedule below. For more information, contact government representative Dennis Overbay at 443-206-8910 or City of Aberdeen representative Curtis Ball at 410-278-2335.

■ May 14 through 18, ARL and restricted areas

■ May 21 through 25, ARL and restricted areas

AUDITION FOR DRACULA

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

CHAPEL POSITION

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

MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE TRAINING

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

NOW REGISTER FOR 10K

Register for the Armed Forces Day 10K Race at the APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center to be held May 19 at 8 a.m. Registration \$30 through May 15 and \$35 on race day. Troops receive a \$5 discount. Registration open 6:30 a.m. on race day. Event is open to the public. Race T-shirts are available to the first 300 entrants. Visit www.charmcityrun.com for entry forms. Visit http://www.apgmwr.com/resources/useful_resources.html for directions to APG. Call 410-278-4011/7934 for info.



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

Sesame Street show at APG highlights military kids' challenges

By **JASON DOMINGUEZ**
FAMILY & MWR

The USO Sesame Street Experience for Military Families will perform three shows at the Aberdeen Proving Ground post theater May 28 at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., and May 29 at 10 a.m.

The show, designed for military children ages 1-6, will make a stop at APG during its tour of more than 60 military installations nationwide. It is free to DoD ID cardholders and Family members.

The show is a collaborative effort by USO and Sesame Workshop and tells the story of 6-year-old military child Katie, the newest addition to the cast. Katie is sad at the news of her father's upcoming reassignment to a new location. But popular Sesame Street characters, including Elmo, help Katie make new friends and cope with the difficulty of moving to a new city.

Relocating is one of the several challenges common to military children and will be addressed in a positive way during the show.

"The USO has been supporting troops and their Families for more than



Courtesy photo

The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families – the USO's longest running, free traveling tour based on Sesame Street's military Family initiative – has taken its message to more than 248,000 troops and military Families and performed 433 shows on 131 military bases in 33 states and 11 countries.

71 years and this tour is a continuation of just that," said USO President and CEO Sloan Gibson in an April 9 USO news release. "With the help of friends

like Elmo, Cookie Monster and Katie, as well as happy songs, we are able to lift the spirits of our nation's military children like never before."

According to the release, the USO Sesame Street tour began visiting military installations in 2008 and has performed 433 shows for more than 248,000 troops and Family members in 11 countries.

Sesame Workshop President and CEO Melvin Ming said the show has continued to grow every year and hopes its message helps military Families.

"Our goal is to reach as many military children and their Families as we can with Elmo and Katie's messages of hope and resilience," Ming said. "We are proud to see the [growing] number of troops and their Families reached by this effort."

Tickets can be picked up at one of the following locations: CYSS Central Registration, Bldg. 2503; APG South (Edgewood) Child Development Center (CDC), Bldg. E1901; APG North (Aberdeen) CDC, Bldg. 2485; APG North (Aberdeen) Bayside CDC, Bldg. 2521.

Cameras are allowed. Doors will open a 30 minutes before the shows begins.

For more information, call 410-278-1399 or visit www.uso.org/sesame/.

APG awarded for historic preservation

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been restored to the glory they deserve," said James Chrismer, chair of the Harford County Historic Preservation Commission, during the awards presentation.

DPW Director Thomas Kuchar said every effort was made to restore the buildings using historic materials. He said DPW was committed to doing quality work that would last, and that the award reflects a commitment by APG leadership, past and present, to preserving resources.

"We are dedicated to taking care of resources, both historic and natural," Kuchar said. "It is a team effort."

The Presbury House, also known as the "Quiet Lodge," dates to the 1720s. The house served as a meeting house and was visited by Bishop Francis Asbury who was one of the first two bishops of the Methodist Church.

DPW oversaw replacement of the roof with period appropriate cedar shakes, replacement of ship-lapped wood siding on the wood portion of the structure, addition of reproduction wood windows, and careful repointing of the Flemish bond brickwork (with blue salt-glazed headers) and period appropriate lime mortar.

The chimney was rebuilt and copper guttering completed the restoration. The Presbury House is currently occupied by DPW Environmental Division offices on the second floor and the Community Women's Club frequently holds meetings on the first floor.

Built around 1828, Gunpowder Meetinghouse is believed to stand on the site of an older (possibly log) meetinghouse which is thought to be the oldest Methodist meetinghouse in America. Used for church services and as a schoolhouse in

the 19th century, it was used by the Army for both church services and storage.

Nearby railroad construction interrupted the natural drainage away from the structure, and it was considered for demolition 50 years ago. In recent years, drainage swales were dug, French drains installed, the roof was rebuilt, brickwork was repointed, plaster was restored, windows were replaced, and the floor redone using restoration hardware to match the original as closely as possible. Period appropriate materials were used exclusively. Environmental controls completed the work.

"These buildings are a vivid testament to the Army's stewardship of American resources and to Harford County's heritage as central to the development of the United States and culture," Gallihue said.

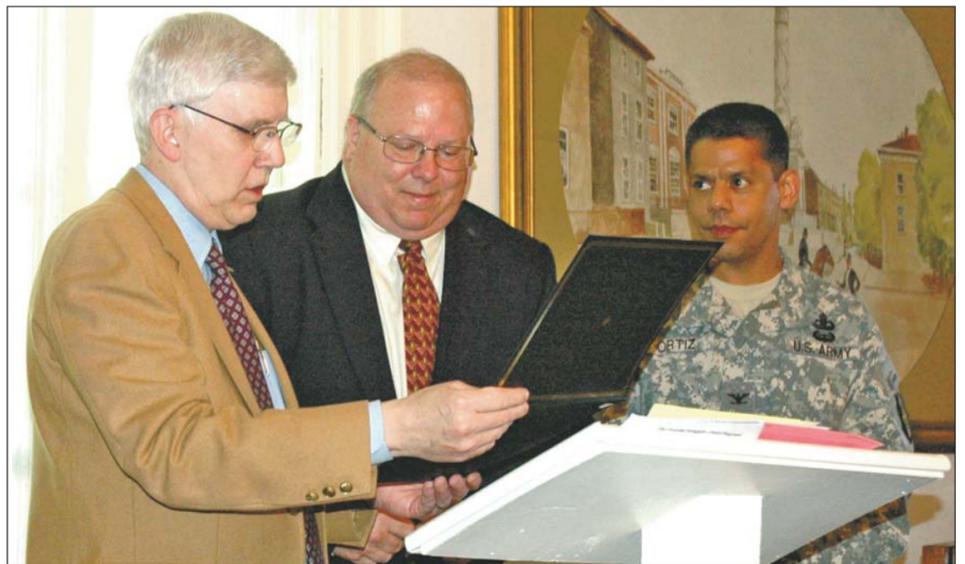


Photo by Rachel Ponder

(From left) Harford County Historic Preservation Commission Chairman James Chrismer presents the 2012 Historic Preservation Project Award to Director of Public Works Thomas Kuchar and APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz during the annual Historic Preservation awards ceremony, at the Liriodendron Mansion in Bel Air May 11.



DPW photos

APG's Directorate of Public Works recently finished historic renovations on the Presbury House, also known as the "Quiet Lodge," which dates back to the 1720s. The building, located on APG South (Edgewood), is currently occupied by DPW Environmental Division offices on the second floor and the Community Women's Club frequently holds meetings on the first floor.



The Gunpowder Meetinghouse at APG South, was built around 1828, and is believed to stand on the site of an older (possibly log) meetinghouse in America. APG's Directorate of Public Works received the 2012 Historic Preservation Project Award May 11 during an annual awards ceremony hosted by County Executive David Craig and the Harford County Historic Preservation Commission for completing historic renovations on the Presbury House and Gunpowder Meetinghouse.

224th redeploys after yearlong assignment

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the deployment.

They planned and executed general support, deliberate troop insertion/extraction, reconnaissance and aerial reaction force missions.

The assault helicopter company flew more than 600 combat missions with 10 aircraft, comprising nearly 4,800 combat flying hours. As a tribute to their dedication and service, the unit received the Meritorious Unit Commendation, 63 Air Medals, and 15 Combat Action Badges.

"We outshined all other units in maintenance and mission completion. ... We were the best," said Co. C Commander Capt. Nicholas Kiaunis.

In 2001, the unit deployed as part of the NATO-led Stabilization Force in Bosnia under the Dayton Accords. They later deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where they were assigned to the 7th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment in 2005.

Their most recent deployment

took place Feb. 26, 2011, and they returned Dec. 24, 2011.

The Freedom Salute Campaign is one of the largest Army National Guard welcome home endeavors in history. It is an event designed to publicly recognize the sacrifice of our Army Guard Soldiers, as well as those who have supported them during their deployment.

"Welcome back and congratulations on a job well done," said Col. Sean Casey, Maryland Army National Guard chief of staff.

League of Dreams

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recruited volunteers and provided refreshments for playoffs at Ripken Stadium.

"One look, at the joy on the faces of kids as he or she hits the ball for the first time, and you will want to go back every week," said Greg Cannito, APG's Picerne program director.

"The support of our sponsors and volunteers is really making a difference in the lives of participating children and their Families," said Cavaliere. "But it's not just the children and Family members who are affected. The confidence that League of Dreams gives its athletes will impact whole communities as these young people grow up and become tomorrow's citizens."

To volunteer or for more information about the league, call EFMP Coordinator Nancy Goucher at 410 278-242. Or call the League office at 410-719-1641, or visit www.leagueofdreams.org.

AFCEA sponsors STEM awards for local schools

Story and photo by
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It was a night dedicated to the future of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

The Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association (AFCEA), Aberdeen Chapter, held its second annual awards program May 9 to recognize local students and teachers who are excelling in STEM education.

AFCEA partners with schools to enhance the STEM educational experience and prepare the next generation of a technical workforce for Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The AFCEA Aberdeen Chapter STEM initiative for public schools focuses on four main areas: scholarships, tools, equipment and mentorships.

Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell, Commander of APG and the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, and the keynote speaker, recognized the achievements of two local teachers and four high school seniors.

Ferrell said, "AFCEA is playing a critical role in advocating STEM initiatives."

The chapter provided science toolkit grants of \$1,000 to Rising Sun High School science teacher Gregg Stickler and C. Milton Wright High School science teacher Anne Cox.

"I have worked hard to incorporate current technology and current scientific research into each of the courses that I teach," said Stickler.

He used the grant to rebuild cabinets and install computer-based lab stations in science classrooms. Stickler explained that the stations use a variety of sensors to record, graph and analyze lab measurements. The grant was also used to acquire a document camera and set of sensor interfaces.

Cox said, "Teaching chemistry is my passion and I enjoy both seeing students get excited about a cool chemical reaction and helping students master challenging material."

She said the AFCEA grant was used, in part, for her and two other teachers to



Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell (left), commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, helps recognize science teacher Gregg Stickler (center) during an awards ceremony held by the Armed Forces Communications-Electronics Association as Jeff Murter, chapter vice president for education, highlights Stickler's accomplishments.

attend a full-day workshop on Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning.

Ferrell thanked the teachers for their efforts to improve science education.

"No one becomes an educator for fame," he said. "You do it for the love of education and a brighter future."

The AFCEA Chapter also presented \$1,000 scholarships to:

■ John Grant Caspero, a senior at C. Milton Wright High School, planning to attend N.C. State University where he will major in electrical engineering.

■ Hope Kerr, a senior at C. Milton Wright High School, planning to attend Boston University and earn a degree in mathematics and statistics.

■ Sara McDermott, a senior who is enrolled in Cecil County's STEM program and will be part of the first graduating class at Rising Sun High School to complete the curriculum. She plans

to attend the University of Maryland, College Park, and study mechanical engineering.

■ Nicole Racine, a senior at North Harford High School, planning to study mechanical engineering at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

After meeting the students, Ferrell described them as "high achieving" and

ter place to look at the needs for, and impacts of, science and technology than at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"Right in our own backyard we have the best of America, our brightest minds working on technology and engineering challenges that save the lives of our Soldiers," he said.

In closing, Ferrell explained that APG has a rich tradition of partnerships with industry and professional associations but that "there is no better example of that partnership than this AFCEA event tonight. We are working together to meet the needs of the nation."

AFCEA is a non-profit membership association serving the military, government, industry and academia as an ethical forum for advancing professional knowledge in the fields of communications, information technology, intelligence and global security. The Aberdeen Chapter is one of 145 chapters worldwide.

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Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell

Commander of APG and the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command

said he had great expectations for their future success.

"It's not easy to succeed in STEM either as a teacher or a student. But, success in STEM is one of the country's greatest needs," he said.

Ferrell also said there is no bet-

AER answers campaign questions

What is Army Emergency Relief (AER)?

AER is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1942 that is dedicated solely to "Helping the Army Take Care of its Own" by providing financial assistance to Soldiers and their Families.

How is AER managed?

AER is governed under bylaws established by the AER Board of Managers as a private corporation. Day-to-day operations are conducted by the director, Lt. Gen. (retired) Robert F. Foley who is responsible to the board of managers.

How does AER assist the Army in caring for Soldiers and their Families?

The AER charter is "to collect and hold funds and to relieve distress." This is a commander's program which has the ability to provide Soldiers emergency financial assistance to meet a wide range of unexpected needs such as housing, food, utility and travel expenses. The use of AER funds are only constrained by the amount of a Soldiers' valid emergency financial need. Since its founding, AER has provided more than \$1.3 billion in assistance to Soldiers and Families.

Financial Assistance Questions:

Who can AER assist?

AER provides emergency financial assistance to:

- Soldiers on extended active duty and their eligible family members.
- Army members of Reserve Components (U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard) on orders under Title 10 U.S.C. for continuous active duty for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, and their eligible Family members.
- Soldiers who retired from active duty for longevity or by reason of physical disability or upon attaining age 60 (Reserve Components); and their eligible Family members.
- Surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after retirement.

When is AER financial assistance available?

AER assistance is available when:

- Soldiers and their eligible Family members have a valid emergency financial need.
- Surviving spouses and orphans of deceased Soldiers have emergency need.
- Unmarried dependent children and spouses of Soldiers need financial assistance for undergraduate level study.

How can Soldiers apply for AER emergency financial assistance?

AER emergency financial assistance is available at 82 AER Sections located at Army installations world-wide. Should a Soldier need help away from an Army installation, AER help may be found at more than 750 locations around the world by contacting the:

- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Auxiliary.
- Air Force Aid Society Section.
- Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Office.
- The American Red Cross Call Center at 1-877-272-7337.

How is AER emergency financial assistance provided?

AER emergency financial assistance may be provided in the form of:



An interest free loan, normally repaid over 12-24 months;

An outright grant when repayment would cause hardship; or,

A combination interest free loan and grant when repayment of the full amount of assistance would cause hardship.

In all cases the form of assistance is determined by the Soldier's individual circumstances.

Why is AER referred to as "Soldiers helping Soldiers"?

AER is the only organization dedicated solely to helping Soldiers and their Families in time of emergency financial need. Assistance provided by AER is funded in large part by fellow Soldiers who are either repaying their AER assistance loans so AER can redistribute funds to other Soldiers in need or by Soldiers making donations to help meet the needs of their fellow Soldiers.

What is AER's record of assistance for the past year?

In 2011 AER provided \$77.5 million dollars in assistance to over 64,000 Soldiers and their Families.

What are new categories for assistance?

To better meet the needs of our Soldiers, AER has implemented a total of 9 new categories in the last two years. The new categories added this year are family member dental care, basic furniture needs, rental vehicles and replacement vehicles.

■ Dental Care eligible for AER assistance includes diagnosis, fillings, crowns, root canals, extractions, sealants and emergency care to alleviate pain. Assistance will be limited to no more than \$4,000 per case.

■ Basic furniture needs include beds, cribs, sofas, chairs and tables. The intent is to assist those Soldiers and families establishing a household when the quarters have no furniture. Additionally, this category would be eligible to Soldiers who lost their furniture as a result of a natural disaster. Assistance will be limited to no more than \$4,000.

■ Assistance for a rental vehicle is intended to help those Soldiers on emergency leave, or waiting for the repair of a primary vehicle. The rental period would normally be seven to ten days.

■ Assistance for a replacement vehicle is intended to help Soldiers when the cost to repair their current vehicle is greater than the vehicle's value. Assistance will be limited to not more than \$4,000.

Educational Assistance:

Does AER offer financial assistance for education.

AER has education scholarship programs for undergraduate study for dependent children and spouses.

What are the eligibility requirements for AER's scholarship programs?

- Children's Scholarship Program applicants must be a dependent child of one of the following:
 - o Soldiers on extended active duty.
 - o Reserve Component soldiers (U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard) on continuous Title 10 orders for more the entire academic year of the awarded scholarship.
 - o Soldiers who retired from active duty for longevity; by reason of physical disability; upon attaining age 60 (Reserve Components).
 - o Soldiers officially on the Retired Reserve list but not yet receiving retired pay.
 - o Deceased Soldiers who died while on active duty or after retirement.

■ AER's Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program (OSEAP) is only available to spouses of active duty Army Soldiers who reside with the Soldier in their assigned overseas command. The OSEAP program will end with academic year 2011-2012. All Spouses will apply under the new SEAP program beginning with academic year 2012-2013.

■ The Spouse Education Assistance Program (SEAP) is a need-based education program designed to provide spouses of active duty or retired Soldiers, and widows (ers) of Soldiers who died either on active duty or in a retired status with financial assistance to pursue a four year college degree. Applicants must apply each year. Scholarship awards do not exceed four academic years for full-time students, and do not exceed eight academic years for part-time students.

■ AER's Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program will phase out in May 2012. After that date, there will be a single Spouse program. This will streamline the process, with two main benefits. First, overseas Spouses will only have to apply once per year. (current process requires five separate applications per year) Second, stateside Spouses will now be able to attend part-time or full-time. (prior to this year, stateside required full-time attendance)

What is the basis for awarding AER scholarships?

AER awards most of its scholarship funds based on financial need. However some portion of the Children's Scholarship Program is based on academics and leadership.

Where can I get more information on AER's Scholarship Programs to include application dates?

Full AER scholarship information is available from local AER Officers, directly from National Headquarters AER and from the AER website: www.aerhq.org.

Annual Campaign:

Why does the Army have an Annual AER Campaign?

The Army and AER conduct an Annual Campaign for several reasons:

- To continually increase the awareness of all Soldiers, active and retired, and their Families -- including spouses and orphans of deceased Army mem-

bers about AER's programs, benefits, and how to obtain assistance if the need arises.

■ Inform Soldiers how their fund operates and their contributions result in Soldiers helping Soldiers.

■ Provide an opportunity for all Soldiers to "Help the Army Take Care of its Own" by contributing to AER.

Is AER part of the Annual CFC Campaign?

AER is not a part of the CFC Campaign. Because AER is the Army's own organization and the important role AER has in supporting Soldiers and their Families, the Army conducts a separate AER campaign. AER Annual Fund Campaign is the only time each year Soldiers are asked to help their own organization and their fellow Soldiers.

Does AER only solicit Soldiers during its Annual Campaign?

AER solicits donations only from Soldiers, active and retired because those are the beneficiaries of AER assistance. However, AER does gratefully accept unsolicited donations from the general public from those who find AER is an acceptable way to support Soldiers and their Families.

Why should I contribute to AER?

Your contributions allow AER to fulfill its mission of helping Soldiers in time of distress and misfortune. Contributions help assure continued availability of AER funds to meet the increasing assistance needs for soldiers. And through your contribution you are helping carry on the tradition of Soldiers helping Soldiers in time of need.

How can one contribute to the AER Campaign?

Contributions may be by allotment, cash, check or on-line with a credit card via our website, www.aerhq.org. Soldiers who chose to contribute by allotment can spread their donation out over time, up to 12 months.

How successful is the Annual Campaign?

Last year the Annual Campaign raised \$9.3 million (\$6.8 million in allotment pledges and \$2.5 million in cash donations) contributed by Soldiers, both active and retired.

AER Operations

How is AER funded to sustain its programs?

AER funding comes from several sources:

- The Annual Campaign.
- Repayment of AER loans.
- Unsolicited contributions from members of the general.
- Investment income from funds currently not in demand for assistance.

How much of every dollar spent by AER is actually assistance provided to Soldiers?

In 2011; 89 cents of every dollar spent by AER is spent on assistance programs, 8.7 cents goes to payroll and other administrative costs and the remaining 2.3 cents goes to cover fund raising expenses.

Pacific Heritage

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Polynesian Entertainment Inc., and will include hula, Tahitian and Maori dances.

"The dances will involve audience participation and should be a lot of fun for attendees," said Master Sgt. William Craine, the Equal Opportunity and SHARP program manager for 20th SUPCOM (CBRNE).

Attendees can also view educational displays and sample Asian and Pacific Island cuisine.

Craine said he's hoping for a good turnout at one of the installation's most diverse celebrations.

According to the 2010 United States Census, the estimated number of U.S. residents of Asian descent was 17.3 million, or 5.6 percent of the population. In Maryland alone, there has

been a 51 percent increase in the Asian population and 26.1 percent in the native Hawaiian and other Pacific Island populations over the last decade.

"There are more than 45 ethnic groups within the Asian and Pacific Islander communities, but the significance of this celebration is much larger than that," said Craine.

"These groups make up a large part of our population and have helped to make America one of the greatest nations in the history of the world," he said. "Our nation is stronger because of our diverse backgrounds and cultures, and taking time to recognize our rich histories and traditions is a uniquely American privilege.

For more information on this year's celebration, contact Craine at 410-436-9786.

Live fire completes celebrations

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Command (ATEC), his wife Darlene, daughter Kaseolra and son Keyon will be honored.

Guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell, Commander of APG and the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.

There's still time to sign up for the 10K run/2-mile fun run May 19. The 10K begins at 8 a.m. and the 2-mile at 8:30 a.m., starting at the APG Athletic Center. As of Monday, 180 people had registered to participate, according to Byron Reasin, APG North Athletic Center facility manager. Last year, 182 runners/walkers crossed the finish line. To register, call 410-278-7933.

Ending the week's events will be the live fire demonstration, hosted by ATEC-Aberdeen Test Center Saturday, May 19. Free tickets were made available to the public May 2 and were distributed in less than an hour.

Heather Hilton from ATEC-ATC said tickets are necessary to attend the event due to space and safety requirements.

Activities will take place at the main front firing range. Gates open at 1 p.m. for equipment and vehicle displays. A parade of vehicles begins

at 2:45 p.m. and includes a demonstration of how helicopters are used to put out range fires.

The live fire begins at 3:15 p.m. Hearing protection will be provided. Children under age 4 are not permitted to attend due to safety concerns. Closed toed shoes are required, no outside seating is allowed and all bags are subject to search.

To attend the live fire demonstration, enter APG through the Maryland Boulevard (Route 715) gate off Route 40. Visitors ages 16 and older must have a photo ID and drivers must present a valid driver's license and vehicle registration. Tickets to the demonstration must be presented at the gate.

Follow the signs to parking near Bldg. 305. Parking also is available on Longs Corner Road in the vicinity of Bldg. 310, and Johnson Street between Bldgs. 320 and 321. VIP and handicap parking is available on Collieran Road.

For more information about Armed Forces Day, call the APG Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1151 or 410-278-1147, or visit www.apg.army.mil.