



SMA holds first Pentagon town hall

Top Army NCO talks sexual assault, suicide, behavioral health

Story and photo by **J.D. LEIPOLD**

For the first time ever, the Army's senior enlisted advisor held a town hall meeting for Soldiers who are stationed at the Pentagon. Those Soldiers don't normally get the messages he takes to installations and posts during his worldwide travel.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler spoke to a full house of some 350 Soldiers in the Pentagon auditorium, Aug. 5, to remind them about what it entails to be a part of the Army profession and to relate his own story on seeking behavioral healthcare.

"The overarching theme is that the Army profession demands character, commitment and competence from our individuals and to use that connection for some of the challenges our Army faces such as sexual assault, suicide and hazing," he said. "Each one of those is something we can influence and change if we try to remember who we are and what

we say we are as professionals."

He asked the Soldiers to review who they perceive themselves to be.

"This is about living the creed, and the first line says no one is more professional than I," he said. "Do we walk it? That's my challenge today for you;

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FOR YOUR INFO

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler will host an Installation Town Hall at the APG Post Theater on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 1 p.m. All APG personnel and residents are encouraged to attend. Watch the APG Facebook page at www.facebook.com/#!/APG-Md for more information



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III took his messages on character, commitment and competence, all absolutes of the Army profession to some 350 Soldiers stationed at the Pentagon, Aug. 5. Chandler asked the mostly senior non-commissioned officers to really think about core values and to ask themselves if they are willing to do what it takes to guide their charges through some of the biggest challenges the Army faces such as sexual assault, suicide and hazing.



Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell with WAMD 970AM radio personality Tracy Hart during a recent Inside APG radio interview. Inside APG airs Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:50 a.m.

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Commander approves APG environmental policy

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

With an eye on maintaining the balance between accomplishing the various missions of Aberdeen Proving Ground while sustaining the sensitive Chesapeake Bay watershed, the installation Senior Leader, Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, has approved the APG Environmental Policy.

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APG commanders, SMEs talk topics of interest to community

STAFF REPORT
APG News

Local community members are enjoying a deeper understanding of the missions at Aberdeen Proving Ground thanks to a monthly radio series hosted by WAMD 970AM.

"Inside APG: Creating One Community Without A Gate" airs Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:30 a.m.

During the show, radio personality Tracy Hart talks with commanders and subject matter experts from any of the 90-plus APG units and organizations about their various missions, how their organizations fit into the big Army picture and the local community.

"Inside APG gives Harford County residents who live outside the gate a better understanding of what's happening on post," said Theresa Wiseman, President of MediaWise, Inc. in Bel Air. "While I don't have day-to-day interactions with folks at APG, I feel like I know what's going on thanks to the interviews."

Another listener, Cindy Mumby of the local online newspaper Dagger Press, agreed and said the information she gets from the radio show has been valuable.

"As Harford County's largest employer, APG is woven into the fabric of our community," said Mumby. "Whether you're one of the thousands of workers there or someone like myself who's rarely been past the gates, it's important to keep in touch with our biggest neighbor."

Since the series kicked off in June, interviews have covered topics that include the furlough, post events that are open to the public, STEM outreach, test center mission and noise, the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, and real-time research at APG that is protecting Soldiers from IEDs and other threats on the battlefield.

"The interviewees talk very candidly and provide answers to questions that everyone wants to know," said Garrison APG Public Affairs Specialist Adriane Foss, who coordinates with Hart to devel-

op topics and identify APG's subject matter experts.

"This has been a wonderful collaboration between APG leadership, who want to foster a transparent relationship and keep the community informed, and community members, who deserve to know what's going on at one of our nation's top hubs of science in support of Soldiers.

"We've been very fortunate to have Tracy [Hart] as the on-air personality because having lived here most of her life, she's knowledgeable about the military and is able to communicate well with the subject matter experts," said Foss. "She's able to get the information that matters, the details that listeners want."

"The show has been really successful so far," said Hart. "We are discussing issues that are important to not only our national security but to the welfare of our local community as well. Most of these topics involve subject matters that the

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Listen to archived INSIDE APG interviews

APG Commander Maj. Gen. Ferrell talks furlough and STEM outreach:
<http://youtu.be/a8vuMdxmG50>
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Furlough ends soon

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STREET TALK

How do you feel about the furlough days coming to an end?

In a way it's bittersweet. It was okay to have more time with my Family. Now that summer's practically over I'm looking forward to getting back to normal.



Walter Hall
CECOM-LRC

It had its pros and cons. The pay is definitely welcome but aside from the loss of pay it was nice to have every Friday off.



Stephanie Chan
CECOM-LRC

It feels wonderful that it's ending. I never got used to it. I'll be happy to return to normal.



Catherine Sabol
ECBC

I won't miss it. I'm more than ready to get back to normal. I'm worried that [what was saved] was just a drop in the bucket and they'll come back for more.



Marshal Childers
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OPINION

The role of NCOs at APG and upcoming SMA Chandler visit

"No one is more professional than I. I am a noncommissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers." – The opening words of the Army NCO Creed.

"As we move forward and our force goes through change in both size and focus, we NCOs must ensure that we provide needed leadership to those in our charge. We must instill in them the importance of our Army Profession ... and why it must be part of every action we take and decision we make." Sergeant Major of the Army, Raymond F. Chandler III

At an installation like Aberdeen Proving Ground, where the majority of our workforce is made up of talented and dedicated civilian team members, it is critical that we both recognize and honor the vital role that our Army Non-Commissioned Officer Corps performs all across 'Team APG'. Throughout our Army's history, NCOs have been rightly referred to as the 'backbone' of our force – and that is no less true for us here at APG.

At organizations like the 20th Support Command (CBRNE), NCOs are the hands-on, unit leaders charged with executing the full range of CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-Yield Explosive) support for our Army and Joint services – one of the most critical, complex and challenging missions in our force. At the U.S. Army Public Health Command (PHC), highly-skilled NCOs are at the forefront of delivering the support and expertise that keeps our forward deployed forces healthy and safe, while also developing and implementing programs that enhance the overall readiness and resiliency of our Soldiers, DA civilians, families and military retirees. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) NCOs are often the subject matter experts who ensure that systems and equipment are tested under the kind of real-world, battlefield conditions that Soldiers encounter, bringing invaluable perspective to the testing process. In fact, one of ATEC's stellar NCOs, Sgt. 1st Class Kishann T. Smith,



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who is assigned to the Fires Evaluation Directorate, was recognized as APG's NCO of Year for 2013.

At U.S. Army organizations like RDECOM (Research, Development and Engineering Command), NCOs represent the needs of our warfighters by sharing their knowledge and experience with the engineers and scientists developing the Army's next generation equipment. Noncommissioned Officers are also an absolutely integral part of the C4ISR Team at APG. They have the operational and maintenance background that both informs the C4ISR acquisition process and ensures we are postured to sustain the highest levels of readiness across our C4ISR systems.

Point blank – we simply could not accomplish the demanding spectrum of missions we have at Team APG, or fulfill our role as a 'Center of Innovation' for our Army and Joint Force, without our extraordinary NCO professionals. Despite the range of occupational specialties they represent and the variety of tasks they support, our APG NCOs share many things in common. They bring years of experience, often gained from multiple combat deployments, to the table. They understand how warfighters think and use equipment in actual, operational environments. They know how to provide advice and guidance that senior leaders can act upon to ensure our operational units can accomplish their mission while enhancing Soldier welfare. Most importantly, they exemplify

the high standards of the Army Profession and the NCO Corps that have been the 'backbone' of our force for more than 230 years.

Given the critical role that NCOs perform across APG, we are especially proud to be hosting the 14th Sergeant Major of the Army, Raymond F. Chandler, III during a visit to our installation on Aug. 20. The SMA's visit will be a great opportunity to both demonstrate what Team APG does for our warfighters and to hear the SMA's perspective on the future of our Army and NCO Corps. More information about the SMA's visit to include the time and location for a Town Hall session will be made available via the Command Sergeant's Major from our respective APG organizations.

In addition, to further promote the professionalism of our NCO community, the APG Audie Murphy Club has established an awards program to recognize the finest NCOs at APG and to enhance NCO esprit de corps across our installation. For more information about the APG Audie Murphy Club, please contact Master Sgt. Keyana Washington at 410-306-4552 or email keyana.t.washington.mil@mail.mil.

Thanks to our NCO Corps for all they do to ensure Team APG remains Army Strong!

Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell

*Commander, U.S. Army
Communications-Electronics Command
& Aberdeen Proving Ground*

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Product Manager for Strategic Mission Command changes hands

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Leadership changes are bittersweet; an experienced and respected commander departs yet another arrives, bringing with him innovative ideas for an organization's future.

Such was the case as Lt. Col. Brian Lyttle, product manager for Strategic Mission Command (SMC), relinquished his charter to Lt. Col. Timothy Gearhart during a recent ceremony at the Myer Auditorium, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

"Lt. Col. Brian Lyttle was the driving force that brought several interoperable hardware and software solutions to the Army, Joint and coalition partner communities," said Col. Jonas Vogelhut, project manager for Mission Command (PM MC), to which SMC is assigned. "And now his successor, Lt. Col. Timothy Gearhart, stands ready to lead SMC into an exciting future."

Gearhart's most recent assignment was as the military deputy, Aviation Development Directorate, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AMRDEC) at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

After the official change of charter, Vogelhut presented Lyttle with the Meritorious Service Medal.

"In addition to his support to multiple-star generals at Combatant Commands with interoperable technologies, Col. Lyttle stepped up to become the PM MC's link to the Common Operating Environment effort," Vogelhut said.

The Army's Common Operating Environment (COE) is an approved set of computing technologies that will allow government and industry partners to develop secure and interoperable applications across several computing environments, thus drastically reducing the time it normally takes to field applications to Soldiers.

"This was a daunting task, but soon Lt. Col. Lyttle was creating the initial teams to design a robust computing



Photo by Sean Kief

(From Left) Col. Jonas Vogelhut Project Manager for Mission Command, presents the Meritorious Service Award to SMC's outgoing PdM, Lt. Col. Brian Lyttle, during the Strategic Mission Command (SMC) Change of Charter Ceremony held July 18. SMC develops interoperable hardware and software solutions from the enterprise through tactical edge-levels across the Army, Joint, and Coalition partner products.

environment for programs of record to operate in the command post," Vogelhut said. "With support from PM MC's Technical Management Division (TMD), they built a vision for five versions of the COE that would be both technically achievable and affordable."

Lyttle thanked his family and acknowledged the entire SMC organization as the true honorees for both his organization's products and the COE effort by sharing a favorite quote from the Disney movie "Bolt."

"The impossible becomes possible when you're awesome," Lyttle said, "and you guys are really awesome."

Lyttle said he was especially proud of his organization's accomplishments because employees never lost sight of Soldiers' needs during the base realignment and closure (BRAC) move from Fort Monmouth, N.J., to APG and the reorganization of PM Battle Command to PM Mission Command.

"In the last three years, our tremendous SMC team has successfully delivered many technologies that are the backbone to mission-critical systems for our Soldiers and joint forces," said Lyttle.

Product Manager (PdM) SMC provides operational and strategic tools, including Battle Command Common Services (BCCS), Global Command and Control System-Army (GCCS-A), Defense Readiness Reporting System-Army (DRRS-A), Common Software, Joint Convergence/Multilateral Interoperability Programme (MIP), Mission Command Staff Trainer (MCST) and Publish and Subscribe Services/Data Dissemination Services (PASS/DDS).

SMC technologies have helped commanders collaborate, decide, and lead Soldiers in combat, training and homeland defense, Vogelhut said.

Lyttle's next assignment is at the Defense Information Systems Agency

(DISA), leading the Joint aspect of the Global Command and Control System (GCCS-J).

As Gearhart assumed the PdM role, Col. Vogelhut recalled their first shared assignment in the 1990s at the 724th Main Support Battalion, Fort. Stewart, Ga.

"You could see then an officer dedicated to the success of the entire organization and Soldiers," Vogelhut said. "As we move forward, we are fortunate to have Lt. Col. Gearhart join our team."

Gearhart brings nearly 20 years of experience, with assignments in ordnance and acquisition, including his deployment in 2011 as science and technology assistance team officer in charge, Kandahar, Afghanistan.

"The organization is a reflection of the truly dedicated professionals that execute the SMC mission every day," Gearhart said. "I was enthusiastically welcomed, and the energy felt from the people here is obvious and contagious."

Gearhart said his command vision focuses on taking care of the people within the organization as well as providing general direction and guidance. He said communication is extremely important in working with offices with varying missions and cultures.

"I will encourage my team to constantly ask, 'Who else needs to know?'" Gearhart said, "but sharing information is only part of the benefit; critically important are the relationships that will be strengthened and nurtured by this continuous communication and resulting teamwork."

Gearhart thanked his Family members for their support and the entire PM MC workforce for its welcome.

"I have felt a part of this team throughout the change of charter transition due to your professionalism and obvious pride in what you do for the PM, PEO and warfighter every day," Gearhart said.

Governor names Singh to head Maryland Guard

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley recently announced the appointment of Brig. Gen. Linda Singh as the next Assistant Adjutant General for the Maryland Army National Guard. Singh will replace Brig. Gen. Peter Hinz, who will retire from state service on Sept. 30.

"I am honored to appoint Brig. Gen. Singh as the assistant adjutant general-Army," said O'Malley. "She is an extremely effective leader with the drive to take the Maryland Army National Guard to new heights and keep the organization among the best in the nation."

This is an historic appointment as Brig. Gen. Singh becomes the first female and the first African American to command the Maryland Army National Guard.

Singh currently serves as director, Maryland National Guard joint staff. She recently returned from a deployment to Afghanistan as chief, current operations, Afghan National Security Forces with the 29th Infantry Division Headquarters.

"I want to thank Gen. Hinz for his years of dedicated service to the Maryland National Guard," said Maj. Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins, adjutant general of Maryland. "He will be passing the torch to another superb commander in Gen. Singh."

Singh was an enlisted Soldier for 11 years and earned her commission



through the Maryland Army National Guard Officer Candidate School in 1991. She has served in every level of command from the company through regimental levels.

In addition to her deployment to Afghanistan from September 2011-July 2012, Singh also served as assistant chief of staff for logistics for the 29th Infantry Division in Kosovo from July 2006-October 2007.

In her civilian career, Singh is a managing director with Accenture Federal Services, a major consulting corporation, working in the public safety portfolio. She has more than 20 years of experience in implementing large systems, but she also works on developing new client relationships and business opportunities.

Her military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with one silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze service star, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hourglass Device and M Device, and the NATO Medal (second award).

Passport/visa application procedures, timelines change



Due to heavy volume of Passport Applications being received, processing time is now taking six to eight weeks from the time a record is created at the Special Issuance Agency to a passport being issued.

Expedited requests are taking up to four weeks to be processed from the time a record is created at the Special Issuance Agency for a passport to be issued. In addition, Visa Applications processing time is 45 days or longer from the time the embassy receives the application. Travelers requiring official Passports or Visas should plan accordingly.

All previous waivers the Special Issuance Agency issued granting military units blanket authority to apply for sec-

ond passports and/or blanket exceptions to the requirement to list a projected travel destination on the DD Form 1056 (Authorization to Apply for a "No-Fee" Passport and/or Request for Visa) became invalid as of Jan. 31, 2013.

Commanders who believe their unit/organization should be exempt from the normal requirements (Foreign Clearance Guide requirement) may submit a request for a waiver through their chain of command to the DOD Executive Agent (Headquarters, Department of the Army) for review.

For more information, contact Dorris Tisdale, Aberdeen Proving Ground Passport Agent, at dorris.a.tisdale.civ@mail.mil.

Eye exams recommended to preserve children's vision

By **ROBERT N. KANG**
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According to the National Eye Institute (NEI), vision disorders are the most common handicapping conditions in childhood in the United States. Yet, fewer than 15 percent of all preschool children receive an eye examination.

Studies have also shown that preschool vision screenings reduce vision disorders among school-age children. For these reasons, many primary care and pediatric clinics as well as schools provide vision screenings.

The purpose of vision screening is to identify children who would benefit from a comprehensive eye examination. But how effective are these screenings in identifying those children? And, as a parent can you trust the vision screenings or should you take your preschooler for an eye examination regardless?

A large clinical study on preschoolers conducted by the NEI found that specially trained nurses and lay peo-

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ple were as effective in vision screenings as licensed eye care professionals. The results depended on the specific tests and equipment used as well as the specific vision condition being tested. This study clearly showed the value of vision screening when properly done but also showed some of its limitations. So, what should parents do?

The chairperson of the NEI study recommends that parents “question which eye problems are being screened for, the accuracy of the tests...” and, more importantly, that “parents be aware that vision screening programs are no substitute for comprehensive

eye examinations by licensed eye care professionals.”

The American Optometric Association recommends eye examinations for infants and children at six months and 3 years of age. For school age children, an eye examination is recommended before first grade and every two years thereafter. Of course, infants at higher risks, for example from family history, should have an examination as soon as medically practicable. Similarly, children with symptoms or higher risks should also be examined more frequently.

It is estimated that up to five percent

of 3 to 5 year olds have amblyopia or “lazy eye,” and about four percent have strabismus or “squint” where one of the eyes is not aligned straight with the other eye. Also, 10-15 percent of children have significant refractive errors needing correction with eye glasses. Overall, 15 percent of children have an eye or vision problem that, if not corrected, can result in reduced vision. Eye examinations during the early years of a child's development are a must.

Because, vision problems do not usually hurt, children may not know how well they should be seeing. Vision screenings may be very valuable in identifying children with potential eye and vision problems. However, until much more accurate and effective screening tests and equipment become available, parents should be aware that vision screenings do not replace the need for eye examinations. The precious gift of children's eyesight should be protected and nurtured with comprehensive eye examinations.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THURSDAY AUGUST 15 WARRANT OFFICER ASSOCIATION

MEETING SLATED TODAY

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association's Aberdeen-Edgewood "Silver" Chapter will hold its monthly meeting at the APG North Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326 Room 102 on APG. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will be from noon to 12:45 p.m. There will also be an officer professional development briefing on G.I. Bill education benefits. For more information, contact CW4(R) Owen McNiff at omcniff@yahoo.com or 571-243-6561.

COPING WITH STRESS 101

Learn how to deal with stress in this lunchtime seminar in Bldg. 2477, 12 to 12:50 p.m. For more information call 410-278-7779

APG SOUTH (EDGEWOOD) BLOOD DRIVE

Give the gift of life at the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, Bldg. E4516 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 410-436-6695.

FRIDAY AUGUST 16

FREE BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES

APG MWR will partner with Back-To-School Brigade™ to provide free backpacks and back-to-school supplies for children, youth and young adults in grades kindergarten through college, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shore Park Pavilion in APG North (Aberdeen).

Eligible recipients include Family members of active duty enlisted grades E1-E6; National Guard enlisted grades E1-E6 on Title 10 or 32 orders; activated Reservists, E1-E6; or Wounded, active duty or retired of any rank. Registration is required. For more information, call 410-278-2857 or visit www.OperationHomefront.net/DCMetro.

SATURDAY AUGUST 17 "BACK TO SCHOOL" ICE SKATING

CWF is sponsoring FREE "Back to School" ice skating at Ice World, 1300 Governor Court in Abingdon, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.. Bring your own skates or rent them there. This is a great way to cool off during the end of the hot summer vacation. Call the CWF office at 410-436-4467 to register for free tickets.

TUESDAY AUGUST 20 & 27;

SEPTEMBER 3 & 10 JOIN HISPANIC HERITAGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Team APG Hispanic American Heritage committee is soliciting new ideas from the community to help develop a meaningful and entertaining program for the September observance. Volunteers should attend the next meeting and be prepared to share their ideas. The committee meets 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in CECOM Bldg. 6002, second floor, Room A. Meeting dates are Aug. 20 & 27; Sept. 3 & 10. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Ryan Cole, 20th Support Command (CBRNE) equal opportunity advisor, at 410-436-0320 or e-mail ryan.p.cole.mil@mail.mil.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21 VENTURING IS COMING TO APG!

If you're 14 to 21-years-old and ready to test your limits, meet new friends, and make a difference - VENTURING IS FOR YOU. The Venturing Crew meets twice monthly, starting in August. Learn more during an open house barbecue, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 3801A Veteran Court in Patriot Village, APG North (Aberdeen). For more information, contact Alex Hutton at 410-278-5798, e-mail ahutton@baltimorebsa.org. Begin your adventure at www.scouting.org/venturing.

JOB FAIR & EXPO

ACS Employment Readiness Program is sponsoring a job fair and expo from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) Rec Center, Bldg. 3326. The fair is open to everyone. For more information, call 410-306-2354 or 410-836-4635.

APG RIDESHARE DAY

APG Rideshare Day is set from 11 a.m. to 1 pm. in the parking lot of the Exchange. Vanpool companies will be available for people to learn about vanpool opportunities as well as local mass transit options. The companies will have several vans on site. Federal employees are eligible for up to \$245 to use vanpools, trains and buses. There will also be information concerning the local Guaranteed Ride Home programs which provides 4-5 free rides home for commuters who use vanpools, carpools, trains, buses, or even walk or bike to work when they have an emergency or have to work late.

AUGUST 21 & 28 ADULT ARCHERY CLASS

Learn how to shoot a bow and arrow during the adult archery class at the APG archery range located adjacent to the Hunting Management Bldg. 5501, from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information or to register, call 410-278-4124/5789

THURSDAY AUGUST 22 WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

The APG Federal Women's Program (FWP) will host its annual Women's Equality Day observance 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Ball Conference Center. This annual event tributes the APG Woman of the Year, Supervisor/Manager of the Year and Organization Most Supportive. Civilians, military and contractor personnel are invited to support this event. For more information, contact Teresa Rudd, 410-436-5501, teresa.d.rudd.civ@mail.mil or Elizabeth Young, 410-278-1392, elizabeth.h.young.civ@mail.mil.

MONDAY AUGUST 26 WOMEN IN DEFENSE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of Women in Defense annual APG Golf Tournament starts 8 a.m. Male and female golfers may register for the event which includes breakfast, a four-person best ball golf tournament, awards ceremony, happy hour and dinner. Proceeds benefit local science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and scholarships.

For more information, visit the WID Mid-Atlantic website at www.apg-golf.com.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17 & 18 BJ'S MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP

Save \$10 off the \$50 in-store membership fee for Inner Circle and \$20 off the \$100 in-store membership for the Rewards Program. Memberships are for 15 months instead of 12. All forms of payment accepted. Discounted memberships are only available at on-site signups - not in store or on line. Sign up at the APG South (Edgewood) Recreation Center, Bldg. E4140, on Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or at the APG North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18 RESILIENCY HEALTH FAIR

The APG Community Health Promotion Council and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will host the second annual Resiliency Health Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center. The health fair will offer a variety of free screenings, health information, and giveaways and is a great way to consult with health professionals, assess your health status and take control of an overall health plan on the road to fitness.

For more information on the resiliency health fair, contact Sue Singh, KUSAHC Community Health Nurse, at 410-278-1771.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26 NDIA/WID LEADER LUNCHEON

The Joint NDIA/WID Leader Luncheon will be held at the Ruggles Golf Course clubhouse to discuss leading the future of Army communications systems. RSVP at <http://www.wid-midatlantic.org/Events.html>. Cost is \$20. Guest speaker is Mary Woods of DPEO C3T.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28 9TH ANNUAL "SUPPORT OUR HEROES" GALA

Tickets are now available for the 9th Annual Support Our Heroes Gala to be held 6 to 10 p.m. at Waters Edge Events Center, 4687 Millennium Drive, in Belcamp. Featured will be live and silent auctions; music and dancing, heavy hors d'oeuvres and carving station, cash bar. Proceeds benefit the Fisher House Foundation, supporting wounded warriors and their families.

Tickets on sale now. Sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, visit www.chesapeakeheroes.com

FRI - SUN OCTOBER 11 - 13 OKTOBERFEST

Save the date for the 2nd annual APG Oktoberfest celebration to be held at Shine Field, Friday afternoon through Sunday. More details will be announced as they become available.

ONGOING OPENINGS AT YOUTH CENTERS

The Aberdeen and Edgewood programs currently have immediate openings for the 2013-2014 school year at their School Age & Youth Services facilities. Openings are available in both locations for eligible users. For more information, call 410-278-7571/7479.

CYSS PARTNERS WITH HOMESCHOOLERS

The Child, Youth and School Services at APG is trying to establish a partnership with authorized users who home-school their children in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. CYSS is willing to open their facilities during the week so homeschooled children can have access to classrooms, the computer lab and gym on a scheduled basis. For more information, call 410-278-7571/7479.

SUMMER NIGHTS UNDER THE LIGHTS

Aberdeen and Edgewood Youth Centers. Hop a ride on the CYSS bus and catch the Friday Night O's home games, all summer long! Orioles vs. Mariners. DEPARTURE / RETURN TIME: Bus departs AA Youth Center at 5 p.m.; bus departs EA Youth Center at 5:30 p.m. Return times will vary. AGES: 9-18. COST/FEE: \$28/game. ADDITIONAL INFO: Must be registered by COB Tuesday preceding each game date (3 DAYS PRIOR TO EACH GAME). For more information, contact Conor Joyce, conor.j.joyce.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-1399.

FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN RECREATION FOR TEENS

The APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center, Bldg 2522, invites all high school students out to its free Friday Night Open Recreation for Teens, every Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight. Teens are invited out to meet new friends, shoot some hoops or just play some pool. Bring up to two non-DoD friends to join in the fun. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

HDG FURLOUGH FRIENDLY DISCOUNTS

Several Havre de Grace businesses are offering discounts to APG's furloughed employees from now until the end of September. Participating businesses will offer a 20 percent discount, Monday to Friday, to APG employees affected by the furloughs. Customers must show their common access or military ID cards to take advantage of the offer. A "Furlough Friendly Community" logo and decal will be posted on windows and doors of participating businesses. To view the list, visit www.hdg tourism.com.

KEYSTONE CLUB

This free class for high school students meets every other Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center, Bldg 2522. This unique leadership development experience provides opportunities for young people ages 14 - 18. Youth participate in activities, both in and out of the club, in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. With the guidance of an adult advisor, Keystone Club aims to have a positive impact on members, the club and community. Participants may bring up to two non-DoD friends. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE RESEARCH STUDY

Geisel College of Medicine at Dartmouth is sponsoring a research study for post-deployment veterans. If you are a recent veteran experiencing difficulty adjusting to life post-deployment and need help accessing or deciding whether to seek mental health treatment, please call Meissa at Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth at 603-448-0263 ext. 135. You will be asked questions as a way to screen potential subjects for a DOD-funded research study. Everything is done by phone and is completely confidential. Eligible Veterans will receive compensation for their time.



At your service

Marilyn Howard Employment Readiness Program Manager

As the Army Community Service manager for the Employment Readiness Program, Marilyn Howard says the Army knows that employment is one of the most significant issues for military families.

"The goal of the Army Community Service Employment Readiness is to assist families with the challenges associated with the job search process-particularly as they are impacted by a mobile lifestyle," Howard said.

"We are here to provide helpful information during the job search process. This includes providing information about resume writing, local employment resources, new employment initiatives, and employment related websites, as well as assisting the military spouse with his or her employment transition and offering helpful advice about applying for employment.

To begin the job search process, job seekers should visit or call ACS, Howard said.

"I welcome all job seeker and it is my hope that they will utilize the ACS employment program as an additional job search tool."

She said upcoming events for job seekers include the APG Job Fair & Expo, set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg 3326, Erie Street. The Job Fair & Expo is open to APG personnel, as well as veterans, retirees, National Guard and Reserve and spouses.

In addition, a "Creating a Solid Spending Plan" workshop will be held Sept. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at ACS Bldg. 2503.

"As the spouse of an Army retiree I enjoy helping job seekers find career and employment opportunities," Howard said.

Howard is located in Bldg. 2503. Her hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, starting Aug. 19.

The office is closed Friday, Aug. 16.

For more information, or to make an appointment, contact Howard at 410-278-9669/7572; email marilyn.e.howard.civ@mail.mil; visit ACS Bldg. 2503, Highpoint Road; or visit the ACS website at

<http://www.apg.army.mil/apg-home/sites/services/ACS/>; or the Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) website at: <https://msep-jobs.militaryonesource.mil/>. Employers can register at the web site to post job listings for military spouses.



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

Senior Army enlisted addresses Pentagon staff

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to consider whether you are truly walking and living the creed. Because character, commitment and competence defines our professionalism.”

The SMA also addressed suicide, a topic that is high on the list of Army senior leadership priorities.

“I see suicide and our ability to reduce suicide in the Army as a direct reflection on our professionalism,” Chandler said. “I believe suicide is preventable. As a professional Soldier, you’re expected to perform at the highest level of any human being. You’re expected, without hesitation, to take another human being’s life. You might have to do it not once, not twice, but as many times as necessary. That takes a huge toll on the human body and on the mind.”

The difference between a Soldier and a policeman, he added, is that in just about any city across the country, the act of pulling a firearm and firing it, even without hitting anybody, means a visit to behavioral healthcare counseling. It’s part of the employment contract, he said, because the expectation is that firing a weapon will take a toll on police officers, affecting their mental health, and possibly leaving them less healthy than before the event.

Chandler, a veteran of nearly 32 years, acknowledged that Soldiers have a difficult time seeking behavioral health counseling.

He said that when he tours installations and posts, he relates his own experi-

ence in behavioral healthcare counseling, something he sought after recognizing his own mortality while deployed to Iraq in 2004. He’d just returned from a patrol and was about to relax when a 122mm rocket zipped in and exploded.

“It knocked me around a bit,” he said. “But more importantly, my whole sense of ‘I’m the man,’ came crashing to the ground. I’d seen death and got pretty scared so what did I do? I stuffed my feelings, a classic example of something many men do.”

He said the feelings about what happened in Iraq built up in him over time.

It wasn’t until 2009, when he found out he’d been selected to be the first non-commissioned officer, or NCO, commandant of the Sergeants Major Academy, that he imploded. He recognized that his success or failure was going to make a statement about NCOs. He said he wasn’t sure he could do it.

“Nobody saw what was going on,” he said. “I didn’t have a battle buddy. I started on this downward spiral that was really affecting my marriage, my children, [and] my own quality of life. I got to a pretty dark place, but in the end I got the help.”

Chandler said he followed through on a commitment to himself to seek out behavioral health counseling, something he stuck to twice a week for the next two years.

Before his tour at the academy ended, he was interviewed for the SMA posi-

tion by then Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George Casey Jr. The general asked Chandler, in so many words, if he had any skeletons in the closet that could cause embarrassment to the Army.

“I told him I’d been in behavioral healthcare counseling for two years,” he said.

Chandler said Casey asked him if he’d be comfortable sharing his experiences in behavioral healthcare with other Soldiers, saying it would be good for the Army, and Chandler agreed.

“I believe that if a senior leader can choose a person like me to be the Sergeant Major of the Army, then there really is no stigma except for what we make up ourselves,” Chandler said. “The chief was a professional and walked his talk. So for each of you in this room, I guarantee there’s someone who needs to talk to a behavioral health care specialist. Do it. You can get better and continue to move forward and be successful within your profession and your career after the Army.”

The SMA next addressed sexual assault, playing a video highlighting former women Soldiers who had been sexually assaulted, raped, and either reported their cases, but were fundamentally told to let the incident pass or didn’t report the incident because they didn’t trust the chain of command. Either way, leadership failed the victims, he said.

He asked the NCOs if they’d ever had anything stolen by a fellow Soldier. Most everyone raised their hand. Then he asked

a master sergeant if she’d reported the incident. She said no, because she didn’t trust the chain of command.

That’s a typical story and pretty sad, Chandler said.

“We get angry or upset when something is stolen by another Soldier. We should be furious about the fact that we have fellow Soldiers perpetuating criminal behavior on fellow Soldiers, stealing a person’s dignity and respect, something that cannot be replaced, because it’s not a material item,” he said.

Chandler reminded the NCOs that commitment to their Soldiers is a tenant of the Army profession.

Chandler concluded the town hall with a video reporting the suicide of Pvt. Danny Chen in Afghanistan in late 2011, after he had endured verbal and physical hazing by eight Soldiers for six weeks. Seven of those Soldiers were court-martialed and received significant fines, penalties and prison sentences.

“A young man chose to end his life, at least in part by the fact of what his fellow Soldiers did,” Chandler said. “So, the actions of one which we tolerate, becomes the hallmark for everybody else in this room and you are better than that.”

“You would not tolerate that behavior,” he said. “I’m asking you to be that leader, that person of character, of commitment and competence, who is looking out for the most precious gift the Army has, the Soldier.”

APG leaders speak to local radio audiences

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average citizen isn’t normally privy to and is broken down in such a way that is easily understood.”

Hart said her listening audience continues to increase with each show and she encourages community members to submit topics they’d like to know more about.

“This show is for the community and answers the questions that I hear while out in the public. We want this show to continue to be informative and engaging and we rely on the public to let us know what information they want to learn about,” Hart explained.

Listeners who miss the weekly broadcasts can listen to archived interviews anytime by visiting 970WAMD on Facebook or the APG Facebook page.

APG organizations that would like to participate in the radio series should call Foss at 410-278-1150 or email usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil



Right: (From left) Environmental Scientist (verify title) Kim Fillingier, ATC Commander Col. Gordon Graham and WAMD 970AM radio personality Tracy Hart
ATC photo

Top: Program Executive Officer for PEO IEW&S Stephen Kreider
PEO IEW&S photo

Local environmental policy approved

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Prevention, Comply with Laws, and Continually Improve], the policy is included in the APG Environmental Management System (EMS) which governs specific environmental goals regarding Air Emissions, Energy & Water Consumption; Natural Resources; Hazardous Materials; and Petroleum, Oils & Lubricants.

“Basically the EMS is the installation environmental policy that lists goals of what we’re trying to accomplish environmentally,” said Carroll Sparwasser, EMS management representative with the Directorate of Public Works.

Sparwasser said the number one goal of the installation is to maintain environmental stewardship.

“We want to sustain the mission while maintaining and keeping the environment in mind. Our main purpose is we don’t want to destroy what we have. We need to be good stewards and maintain the natural resources we have here.”

He called the APG Bald Eagle population - the largest concentration of bald eagles in the northern Chesapeake Bay one of the two largest on the east coast - the EMS policy’s most visible success story.

Sparwasser, whose duties include coordinating environmental systems with all organizational environmental officers, said the EMS’s primary purpose is to look ahead and plan for environmental concerns.

“We work on being proactive rather than reactive,” he said. “We don’t want to

wait for something calamitous to occur. The conditions of dated above and below-ground petroleum storage tanks, for example, are of primary environmental concern.

“We don’t want to wait for them to develop a leak,” he said. “We conduct regular inspections and keep tabs on situations before they fail.”

Specifically, the policy addresses the APG Significant Aspects & EMS Action Plans, Sparwasser said. These include:

Energy & Water Consumption (Net Zero) - the compressed work schedule is a result of this plan to reduce the consumption of water, electricity, natural gases and oils.

Air Emissions (Transportation Demand Management) - included in this is the goal to reduce single occupancy vehicle use through car and van pooling.

Natural Resources (Chesapeake Bay Focus) - coordinates with the state of Maryland and the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphates entering the Bay. Includes upgrade of waste water treatment plant in APG South (Edgewood).

Hazardous Materials (Reduce Inventory) - goal is to reduce inventory which means fewer chances of accidents

Petroleum Oils & Lubricant (USTs)-tank replacement program.

Sparwasser said an environmental policy is required for each installation. The policy, which is posted on the APG website at <http://www.apg.army.mil/APGHome/sites/directorates/DPW/environment/eecd/pdf/environmental.pdf>, was signed by Ferrell in June. It

reads in part that, “APG has instituted an Environmental Management System that supports the mission by integrating environmental practices into all our operations and business decisions.”

“This provides a foundation for the EMS system, and it’s always available to the public on public and private websites.

“The EMS Team has to facilitate with the Environmental Division. The key thing is continual improvement.”

He added that Environmental Awareness Training is required for everyone.

“We want to get the message across that it’s required for civilians, military and contractors,” he said. “We encourage organizations to track how and when employees take it and strongly recommend that they refresh annually.”

He said he is charged with promoting timely training for leaders, Soldiers, families and civilian employees with the goal of environmental stewardship.”

“We all have a relationship with the environment and we can all be good stewards,” he said.

Exchange Shoppers Can Turn Old Phones into Cash

Military shoppers who have an old cell phone or two lying around gathering dust can now trade them in for credit toward a Smart Phone upgrade at the Exchange Mobile Center.

A trade-in can result in instant credit toward the purchase of a new Smart Phone, accessory or even insurance for a new phone. The new program, “Trade-Up and Save,” is available only at Exchange Mobile Center in-store locations in the continental United States.

“This is an eco-friendly program that makes it even easier for military shoppers to buy that hot, new Smart Phone, upgrade early or just change their mobile look with a colorful new skin or cover,” said the Exchange’s Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Tony Pearson.

Shoppers can trade in up to three handsets per transaction and the credit must be applied toward a purchase at that time. Trade-in values vary depending on model, condition, age and market factors.

The Exchange Mobile Center Exchange carries the latest models and accessories as well as experts who can assist in understanding features and plans.



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APG SNAPSHOT

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

CAL RIPKEN

World Series

PARADE AND OPENING CEREMONIES



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Clockwise from top right:

- APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton greets little league players from Team Mexico and Team Southeast at Festival Park in Aberdeen after the Cal Ripken World Series parade Aug. 10. World Series games, which are free and open to the public, continue through the weekend and conclude with the championship game Sunday, Aug. 18.
- Major League Baseball hall of famer Cal Ripken Jr. waves to the crowd as he leads the World Series parade down West Bel Air Avenue in Aberdeen.
- (From left) APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin, Spc. Stephen Murray and Pfc. Stephen Doctor of the U.S. Army Public Health Command; Pfc. Jasmine Pattschull, League of Dreams founder Frank Kolarek and Spc. Henryetta Price of the 1st Area Medical Laboratory salute the colors as the national anthem plays during the CRWS opening ceremonies.
- Team Harford County players file into Cal Senior's Yard behind the APG color guard during the Cal Ripken World Series opening ceremonies Aug. 9. Color guard members include (from left) Sgt. Andrew Menard, Kirk, U.S. Army Health Clinic; Staff Sgt. Craig Lankford, CERDEC; NCOIC Sgt. 1st Class Rickie Allen, CECOM-LRC; Spc. Eric Jimenez, U.S. Army Public Health Command; and Pfc. DeVante Moses, KUSAHC.
- League of Dreams team and Family members founder Frank Kolarek, and APG Soldiers led by Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin, enter Cal Senior's Yard during the opening ceremonies of the Cal Ripken World Series at the Ripken Experience Complex in Aberdeen Aug. 9.



CYSS SPORTS SPEED AND AGILITY TRAINING

Tiana Bryant, 12, participates in a drill designed to strengthen the hip flexors and improve coordination during a Child, Youth & School Services Sports speed and agility training practice led by Coach Darrell Diamond at the APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center Soccer Field Aug. 5. For more information about CYSS Sports, visit www.apgmwr.com/family/youth_sports.html.

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