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Maryland Food Bank to dish out at APG

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

On Friday, Dec. 20, the APG Garrison will take the lead in offering members of Team APG 'A hand up, not a hand out' when it brings the Maryland Food Bank to the installation. Distribution of mostly fresh produce – fruits and vegetables - will take place at the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Bldg. 2407, next to the Post Exchange, at 11 a.m. The event is open to active duty Soldiers, their spouses, and APG Department of Defense civilians and contractors.

The food bank program comes to APG as the result of collaboration between the APG Garrison, its BOSS program and the noncommissioned officers of the Aber-

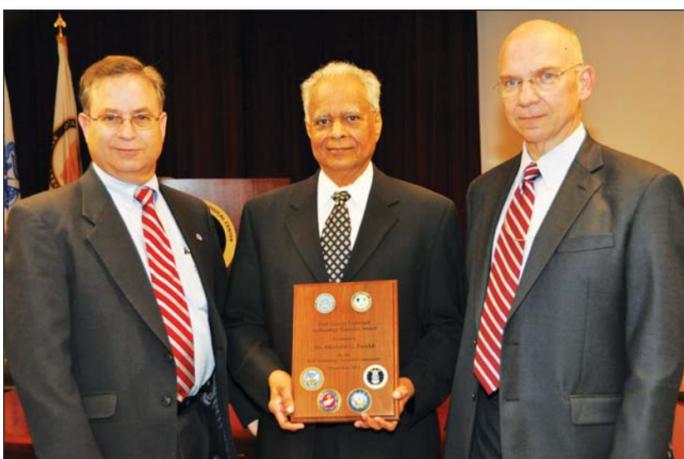
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Photo by Yvonne Johnson

APG weathers first winter storm

The calendar still reads autumn, but that didn't prevent an early visit from Old Man Winter as APG weathered two separate storms earlier this week. The events caused a delayed opening of two hours and wide-spread liberal leave Monday, Dec. 8 and closed the post entirely Tuesday, Dec. 10. Children benefiting from the two-day break from school built snowmen and enjoyed other winter activities.



(From left) Stephen L. Cohn, Director for Technology Transfer, Department of Defense; Dhirajlal Parekh of ECBC; and Dr. John Fischer, DoD director of Defense Laboratory Programs pose with the George Linsteadt Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer after Parekh accepted the award for his team during a ceremony at ECBC headquarters Dec. 3

Photo by Yvonne Johnson

ECBC receives DoD award

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

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Edgewood Chemical Biological Center received the George Linsteadt Technology Transfer (T2) Achievement Award from the Department of Defense during a ceremony at the organization headquarters in APG South (Edgewood) Dec. 3. The award is named after one of the most prolific directors for the Office of Research and Technology Applications (ORTA) from the 1980s and is

considered the pinnacle of success within the DoD for transitioning technologies. A group of ORTAs from numerous government organizations recommended ECBC for the honor in recognition of its outstanding contributions to the T2 process, which creates partnerships with federal and state agencies, private industry and academia.

"It is a tremendous honor to be recognized by the Department of Defense for our efforts

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RDECOM discusses contracting opportunities during 2013 APBI

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**

U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command presented upcoming contracts during the second annual Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry (APBI) conference held at Aberdeen Proving Ground Dec. 2-6.

Mary Miller, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, discussed the current state and the future of Army science and technology during her keynote speech at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater. She emphasized that the research and development community will serve a key role in shaping the Army's future after 12 years of war.

"It's important to understand the role of science and technology and the balance we have to strike. Our responsibility is to build the Army of the future, but we still need to take care of the Army that we currently have," Miller said. "Our balance has been changing as cir-

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Recreation Center opens for private, business, entertainment events

Leisure Travel Office opens

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Renovations recently completed at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center in Bldg. E4140 leaves the facility open and ready for use as a prime facility for private, business and entertainment events.

Upgrades include resurfacing of the ballroom floor, and new flooring at the ballroom entrance and in the office areas as well as repairs to the stage front. While the facility already is used for

special events such as ethnic programs, talent show, holiday celebrations, blood drives, health fairs and unit training, renovations allow it to now be used for private functions such as weddings and receptions, according to Joyce Founds, MWR recreation services supervisor.

"Customers who rent the facility must arrange their own catering though we can provide the tables and chairs, table cloths and other options," Founds said. "We think it's nice to have a facility that offers this type of flexibility."

An added bonus to the center, Founds said, is the addition of the new Leisure Travel Office

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Photo by Yvonne Johnson

The joy of giving

CECOM-LRC civilian Sam McCauley drops gifts into an Angel Tree barrel at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Dec. 6. McCauley said he and his wife, Adrienne, also a CECOM civilian, have donated to the Army Community Service Angel Tree project since they were employed at Fort Monmouth, N.J. They continued the tradition after moving to the APG area. He said they shop for children near in age to their daughter who picks out all the gifts.

"It's our way of contributing to our community while teaching our daughter about the joy of giving," he said. Holiday Angel Tree project extended through Dec. 13.

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STREET TALK

How do you survive the holidays without blowing the budget?

I start shopping in August for the best deals. Shopping early helps prevent you from buying something impulsively.



Alice Orwick
Army spouse

My wife and I plan every dollar coming out of our budget. We pay all of our bills first and then put money away for the holidays. [We] set aside a certain amount of money for holiday spending and have the discipline to stick to that number.



Capt. Ryan Martin
ACC-APG

I save money throughout the year. I shop around and make homemade gifts. I like to make jewelry for mom.



Joseph Herod
Civilian Family member

I make personal gifts for everyone. This year I am giving crocheted afghans. Also, [I recommend] don't buy a gift with a credit card if you can't pay it off in 30 days [and] don't spend money you don't have.



Lillie Volckmann
Army retiree

I wait in line (at stores) on Black Friday for the best deals. I think you can save a significant amount of money on Black Friday, if you plan right.



Janeka Trump
Army spouse

How to budget for holiday gifts

Welcome Holiday Shopping Madness 2013! Consider this your reminder that overspending in December leads to buyer's remorse in January. Do not get caught up in the hype. Put down that scarf that you are thinking about getting for your sister's husband's aunt's daughter. Return that (insert name of this season's "must have" toy) back to the shelf and exit the mall stage left. It is time to go home and make a battle plan for your holiday spending. Trust me, a little planning now will lead to a happier new year.



the medium grade tech savvy way by collecting your receipts that you spend, going home and inputting the totals into a spreadsheet or another computer program. OR you can be an ultra tech nerd like me and use one of the numerous smart phone apps that allows you to track your gift spending by doing all the adding, subtracting and organizing for you. All you need to do is enter your purchases and assign each one to a person. The choice is yours on how you want to stay on track but the

Let me remind you that no matter who you are or what your bank account looks like you must set a budget for your holiday spending. And once that budget is decided it must be set in stone. No upping the limit because "OMG! I can't believe that the Super Frazzle Dazzle Thingamajig that I never knew I wanted is HALF OFF!" In order to add some permanency to your budget, go to the ATM or bank and withdraw your entire spending budget in cash. There! Did that hurt a little watching your bank account balance drop? Good. Remember that feeling so you aren't tempted to withdraw more money or use a charge card that will accumulate debt that you have to pay off in the upcoming year.

Next, with your budget in hand, take the time to sit down (preferably with your spouse, if married) and write down the names of EVERYONE you need to buy gifts for. And I mean EVERYONE. Aside from the obvious such as your family plan for the teacher, the mailman, your distant cousin Sue, your job's secret Santa exchange, etc. You get the idea. Then assign a dollar amount to each person, BUT do NOT go over your already determined budget. Coming up short? Too bad. Go back to the drawing board and tweak your numbers until your gift amounts equal your total budget. As you can imagine, it is best to do this step in pencil and have an eraser handy.

Now you need to organize your shopping list and your cash budget. There are many ways to do this. You can do the boring ol' "envelope" system where you have an envelope for each person on your list with the pre-determined amount of cash inside. Then as you shop, keep a running total on the outside of the envelope by subtracting each purchase. Or, you could do

one choice you don't have is to skip this step. Now that you are armed with a budget and the tools to get your holiday shopping done, don't fall into these common holiday traps:

- Avoid impulse "stocking stuffer" buys and "door buster" sales. If you didn't plan on buying it when you walked in, walk away or take it out of your budget.
 - If you are at a store and buying a gift on your list as well as a personal item, it is perfectly OK to do two transactions to keep your receipts and totals straight.
 - Do not feel the need to buy a gift for everyone that buys you one if you did not budget for it. A sincere "thank you" will suffice. Just think: If you reciprocate you could be setting yourself up for "perceived mandatory gift exchanging" for years to come.
 - Do not buy "just one more toy" because you do not think the numbers of your kids' presents is equal. If you set the same budget for each child, the number of gifts WILL be different. Especially if you are buying your teenager the latest tech gadget and your toddler the cuddly life-like baby doll. If questions arise, this is a good teaching point for your kids about budgeting.
- OK! Now that you are armed with knowledge, cash and a list that's set in stone, it is time to hit the stores! You can go out there with confidence knowing that you are rocking this holiday season and that your January will be remorse-free since you are making good December decisions.

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Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency).

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Enjoy a happy and sober holiday season

ASAP

Use the following tips to enjoy a happy and sober holiday season:

Plan your holiday. Shop early for food and gifts. If hosting an event seek assistance so you will have time to enjoy the holiday season. Plan activities that don't include alcohol or drug use.

Good Self Care is Vital: Take time out of your busy holiday schedule to relax and take care of yourself. Exer-

cise to help you to maintain your energy level and don't over indulge with eating.

Connect with your support system: Holidays can be a rough time for those who are far away from home, who have no family, who family is not supportive, and who are grieving. It is necessary that if you are experiencing any holiday blues that you connect with family, sober friends, and those who are supportive in your efforts to

remain sober.

Be a support for someone else: Remember that kindness is contagious. Reach out to someone in need by giving them encouraging words, inviting them over for dinner, checking in with them over the holidays.

Offer Alternatives: If hosting an event plan for those who are in recovery by providing alternatives to alcohol. Remember "Those that host lose the most". Be part of a solution,

not a problem.

Remember: Alcoholism doesn't take a holiday. Neither should you.

For more information, contact Devita Hampton at 410-278-1716; Cindy Scott at 410-278-4013; or the main office 410-278-DRUG. The ASAP is located at 2477 Chesapeake Ave. Hours of Operation are 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday. Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

ATC continues unique CFC fundraising efforts

By **GEROME Q. BANKS**
ATEC

U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center continues their annual tradition of unique fundraising efforts for this year's Combined Federal Campaign. The CFC allows federal and military employees to donate to local, national and international charities throughout the Chesapeake Bay Area.

Charlone Antoine, ATC's lead CFC coordinator, is new to participating in this year's fundraising endeavors. She and Dea Galloway, another of ATC's CFC volunteers, have encouraged members of the ATC community to give selflessly in the organization's tradition of service.

This year's financial goal is \$50,000 in charitable contributions and to date, the organization has reached 30 percent of that goal. To reach the goal, ATC has delved beyond the usual range of fundraising normalcies to include some extraordinary ventures including a silent auction, Halloween cupcake wars, hot dog and bake sale, and a veterans' week pin sale.

"Our ATC workforce has been very supportive in this year's CFC effort," said Antoine. "We would like to thank all of those who have made significant contributions." She added that some future efforts include a chili and soup cook off, bagel sale, another silent auction and a holiday-themed cupcake war.

While CFC contributions can be made to many different, deserving organizations, ATC provides a significant contribution to a cause dear to the command. "The majority of [ATC's] fundraisers have gone to the General Fund; however, we designat-

ed our veterans' week fundraiser to honor and support those who served and made tremendous sacrifices," added Antoine. "We allocated all proceeds from this fundraiser to the Homes for our Troops Charity. This organization focuses on building homes and rebuilding lives for those who put their lives on the line."

Homes for Our Troops is a national non-profit organization founded in 2004 committed to helping those who have sacrificed for our country and have returned home with serious disabilities and injuries since Sept. 11, 2001. The non-profit raises money for building materials and professional labor and coordinates the process of building a home that provides the ability to live more independently. The homes provided by Homes for Our Troops are given at no cost to the veterans served.

Each CFC donation assists in fighting homelessness, curing diseases, rescuing animals and helping the environment, both at home and abroad. You can pledge a given amount to be withdrawn regularly or simply make a onetime donation. The amount you give and how often is entirely up to you and can be made by cash, check or payroll deduction. For more information or to make a contribution, contact your CFC representative.

Aberdeen Test Center raises funds for the annual Combined Federal Campaign through unique events, like the Halloween cupcake war held on Nov. 5.

Courtesy photo



FBI first responder workshop comes to APG

By **RACHEL PONDER**

APG News

More than 100 representatives from military and civilian units, law enforcement agencies and government organizations attended the Federal Bureau of Investigation First Responder Initiative workshop at the APG South (Edgewood) conference center Dec. 5.

The daylong event was hosted by the U.S. Army Reserve Consequence Management Unit. The USAR CMU provides operational support to the 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Explosives (CBRNE) Command headquartered at APG South (Edgewood). It also is a part of the U.S. Army North Task Force 51, a rapid deployment unit capable of employing and sustaining specialized response forces in support of civilian authorities after a CBRN incident. Due to its mission, the unit must maintain a constant state of readiness.

“The [commander] for Task Force 51,

“**The last thing you want to do is meet people for the first time during an incident. If you have a good understanding of what they are trying to accomplish beforehand it is much easier to work together.**”

USAR CMU Commander Col. Barrett Parker

Maj. Gen. (Charles) Gailles said that if you see an event on the news, start packing and report for duty immediately,” said USAR CMU Commander Col. Barrett Parker. “There is a real chance we will be working with other federal agencies if a major response happens.”

Parker said the goal of the workshop was to familiarize attendees with the roles and responsibilities of the FBI during major incidents. He encouraged

attendees to network, noting that they share similar missions.

“The last thing you want to do is meet people for the first time during an incident,” Parker said. “If you have a good understanding of what they are trying to accomplish beforehand it is much easier to work together. We want to assist the FBI when practical early on and we absolutely do not want to hinder them. The best way to do that is to have a good understanding of their goals.”

Special Agent Bomb Technician and Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinator John Loudon, from the FBI Baltimore Field Office, talked about the FBI’s roles and responsibilities for incidents involving WMD, noting that the FBI is the lead law enforcement agency for investigating and responding to domestic acts of terrorism. Loudon said the FBI strives to maintain a close relationship with other organizations, including first responders, local police and state troopers.

“They are our eyes and ears at the beginning of an incident,” he said.

He said the FBI also investigates biological threats such as ricin-laced letters. Ricin is a highly toxic substance that can be sent through the mail and can poison people in small doses. Loudon said these cases are primarily dealt with behind the scenes.

“If you don’t hear about it, it means

we are probably doing a fairly good job at investigating and prosecuting these matters,” he said.

Other topics of discussion included incidents involving active shooters, chemical warfare, explosives and cases of mistaken identity. In the afternoon representatives from the FBI Headquarters Laboratory Division gave attendees an overview of what typically happens at an FBI crime scene during evidence collection, referred to as “sampling” in the military.

After the workshop, attendees remarked that the event provided the opportunity to share valuable information and experiences.

“I think the workshop provided timely information,” said Shawn Davies from the Advanced CBRNE Training Team, part of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command’s Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. “It helped us get a better understanding about what other agencies are doing.”

Coast Guard Reserve Lt. Cmdr. Ben Perman said members of the Coast Guard Marine Security Response Team and the Coast Guard Atlantic Strike Team attended the event because they occasionally encounter chemical and biological threats.

“Often the FBI is not with us when we are offshore,” Perman said. “We are the ones that have to handle the cases until we can get FBI support out to where the ship is located. It’s good to know how everyone’s mission might or might not overlap.”

Other attendees included representatives from the U.S. Army Public Health Command, 20th CBRNE Command, U.S. Marines Corps Chemical Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF), Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, and civil support teams from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

**Tell them you saw
it in the APG News**

Soldier, civilian honored during retirement ceremony

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

The careers of an APG Soldier and a civilian formally came to an end Dec. 5 during the installation retirement ceremony at the Ball Conference Center.

The honorees included Robert F. Durgin, from the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity, and Staff Sgt. Craig M. Lankford from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center.

The APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory R. McClinton presided over the event and presented awards to the honorees. Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin assisted and Garrison Pastoral Coordinator Chaplain (Maj.) Wyne Hutchings gave the invocation.

McClinton thanked the honorees, noting their selfless decisions to serve others.

"Their combined service of sixty-one years of service must not be taken for granted," he said. "Their sacrifices cannot be forgotten."

McClinton also thanked friends, Family members and co-workers for supporting the honorees.

"Through your support and their perseverance they have succeeded," McClinton said.

Robert F. Durgin

Durgin was awarded the Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Award signed by Heidi Shyu, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology. He

also received the DA certificates of retirement and appreciation signed by CMA Director Don E. Barclay. Durgin's wife, Roberta, also received a DA certificate of appreciation signed by Barclay.

After more than 38 years of government service, all of which were served at APG, Durgin culminates his career as a CMA supervisory chemist. He officially retired June 30.

During his career, Durgin received numerous performance awards and was named Maryland 4-H Alumni Volunteer of the Year by the Maryland 4-H Foundation in 2011. He received the Federal Executive Board Silver Award for Volunteer Service in 2012.

Durgin thanked friends and Family for their support and said he had a very rewarding career at APG, starting as a GS-5 and culminating as a GS-14.

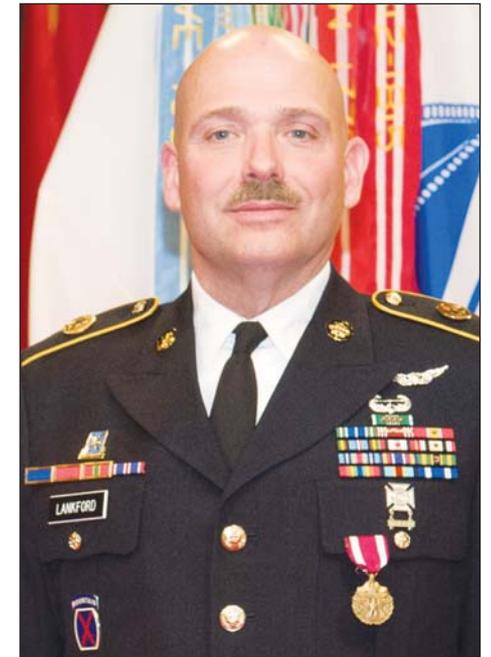
"APG plays a big role in the defense of our nation," Durgin said.

During his retirement, Durgin plans to continue his volunteer work with the Maryland 4-H Foundation.

Staff Sgt. Craig M. Lankford

Lankford was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal signed by Maj. Gen. Patricia E. McQuiston, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command. He also received the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama; the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement signed by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno; and a U.S. flag and pin.

Lankford enlisted in the Army in Feb-



Photos by Sean Kief

(From left) Robert F. Durgin, from the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity, retired after more than 38 years of government service. Staff Sgt. Craig M. Lankford from Research, Development and Engineering Command's Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center retired after 23 years of dedicated service.

ruary 1991. He attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and then trained at the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, Calif., where he became an Arabic linguist. During his military career, he served three combat tours overseas, including Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan.

His military awards include the Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service ribbons and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. Lankford culminates his career assigned to the Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate, part of RDECOM's CERDEC.

Lankford retires Feb. 28, 2014 with 23 years of service.

Lankford thanked his Family for their steadfast support

"A lot of ways today is about their sacrifices, and not so much mine," he said, adding that retirement from the Army marks a new adventure. He challenged attendees to continue to make a difference.

"As I lay my rucksack down, another Soldier, another professional, will come to pick it up further down the

road," Lankford said. "My challenge to all of you, military, civilian and contractor is to look around you and make the world a better place. Do the right thing, because it is the right thing."

Lankford plans to relocate to Arizona.

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Staff Sgt. Craig M. Lankford
Military retiree

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 26 out of 44 U.S. Presidents served in the military. Until World War II, a majority of U.S. Presidents served in the Army; since then, most served in the Navy.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13 ANGEL TREE

Help us help our Soldiers' Families here on APG. Visit the Angel Tree in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. Pick an angel or two or more; buy a gift, or two, or more, tag the gift and bring it back – unwrapped – and put it in the Angel Tree barrel not later than Friday, Dec. 13. For more information, call 410-278-7572.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14 APG VENTURING CREW HOSTING COSMIC BOWLING

Join the newly-formed APG Venturing crew at 2:30 p.m. at the APG Bowling Center for COSMIC Bowling. This is your chance to meet the crew and be a part of our group.

Venturing is a co-ed organization for youth 14 to 20 years of age. The crew is planning a series of high adventure and STEM events for youth on post in the coming year. Come on out and meet your on post neighbors and have fun!

MONDAY DECEMBER 16 INSTALLATION SLIM DOWN CHALLENGE

Need help reaching your weight loss goals? Then be sure to attend an information session about the upcoming Installation Slim Down Challenge Dec. 1 from noon to 1 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. This challenge is open to all Soldiers, civilians and contractors assigned to APG, will begin Jan. 8 and last until April 9. During the information session, attendees can register for the challenge and sign up for a free metabolic screening provided by the Army Wellness Center. The challenge will feature designated weigh-ins and informative Lunch-and-Learn sessions. For more information, contact Capt. Richard Mozeleski, company commander of HHC Garrison, at 410-278-3000, or email richard.d.mozeleski2.mil@mail.mil

THURSDAY DECEMBER 19 SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS MEETING

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post December 2013 meeting will be at the Wetlands Golf Club in Aberdeen at 11:30 a.m. This month's featured speaker is Gary Martin, Deputy to the Commander, CECOM, whose presentation is titled, "Why a STEM career?" He will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) opportunities. For reservations, send an e-mail to rsvp@fredward.com <<mailto:rsvp@fredward.com>>. Walk-ins also welcome. For more information call 410-638-9699 or see www.same.org/chesapeake

THURSDAY JANUARY 16 2014 MLK CELEBRATION

Save the date. Team APG will host the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration 10:30 a.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000, in the C4ISR campus. The event includes a guest speaker, entertainment, exhibits and displays. More details will appear in January editions of the APG News and on APG social media sites. For more information, or to arrange for disability-related accommodations, contact Tracy Marshall, CECOM/Installation EOA, 443-861-4366, or Linda Patrick, EEO USAPHC, 410-436-1023.

ONGOING THROUGH DECEMBER 12 EMPTY STOCKING FUND COLLECTION EXTENDED

The Empty Stocking Fund is a local charity that collects new toys and books for underprivileged children in Harford County. Collection boxes have been placed at both doors of Bldg. 4305 and will be in place until noon, Dec. 12. For more information, contact Donna Capparelli Hanley at dhanley@fit.edu or

410-278-9016

THROUGH JANUARY 2 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over is a nationwide impaired-driving prevention campaign. The campaign was implemented by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to stop impaired driving and to save lives during the holiday season.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, during Dec. 2010, 2,597 people lost their lives in motor vehicle traffic crashes, and 30 percent (775) involved an alcohol-impaired driver. Holiday celebrations offer a perfect opportunity to enjoy a good time with family and friends. Soldiers, Family members, and civilians must be proactive and have a responsible plan if choosing to drink. Whenever your social plans involve alcohol, make plans to prevent driving after drinking.

ASAP reminds the entire APG community to "Use a DESIGNATED DRIVER" or "DRIVE SOBER."

Contact ASAP for more information at 410-278-DRUG (3784).

THROUGH JANUARY 20 ESGR ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR FREEDOM AWARD

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense office, is accepting nominations for the 2014 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is DOD's highest honor to civilian employers for exceptional support of their National Guard and Reserve employees.

ESGR Guardsmen, Reservists or Family members are encouraged to submit nominations at www.FreedomAward.mil by Jan. 20, 2014. Up to 15 awardees will be recognized during a Washington,

D.C. ceremony on a date to be announced.

For more information, contact Beth Sherman, ESGR Public Affairs, at 571-372-0705 or email OSD.ESGR-PA@mail.mil.

THROUGH FEBRUARY 28 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY CHILDREN PRO- GRAM

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Applications for the 2014 Scholarships for Military Children Program became available Dec. 3 at commissaries worldwide or on the Internet at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 28, 2014. Packages must be hand-delivered or shipped via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods; not emailed or faxed.

This year's award amount has risen to \$2,000, and the program awards at least one scholarship at each commissary with qualified applicants.

An applicant must be a Family member, unmarried child, younger than 21 – or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university – of a service member on active duty, Reserve or National Guard, retiree or survivor of a service member who died while on active duty, or survivor of a retiree.

Applicants should ensure that they and their sponsor are enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database and have a military ID card. The applicant must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2014 or be enrolled in studies designed to transfer to a four-year program.

Fisher House Foundation, a non-profit organization that helps service members and their families, administers the program. Scholarship Managers, a national, non-profit, scholarship management services organization, manages and awards the scholarships. Commissary partners and the general public donate money to the program; every dollar donated goes directly to funding the scholarships.

Since inception of the program in 2001, more than \$11.3 million in scholarships have been awarded to 7,412 military Family members from more than 71,000 applicants.

For more information, students or sponsors should call Scholarship Managers at 856-616-9311 or email them at militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.

CORVIAS 2014 GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Corvias Foundation has announced that applications for the 2014 Our Future Scholarships and the 2014 Our Family Educational Grants are now available.

Applications for Our Future Scholarships must be submitted by Feb. 13, 2014, and will be awarded to high school seniors with plans of attending a four-year university or college in the amount of up to \$50,000 each. Applications for the 2014 Our Family Educational Grants must be submitted by May 8, 2014. Grants are given in the amount of up to \$5,000 to spouses of active-duty service members at the installations listed above. Applicants may be in any stage of the educational process. Recipients will be notified by July 10.

Families do not have to reside in on-post housing to qualify. Eligible service members stationed at these installations can serve in any branch of the military.

To apply, go to <http://corvias-foundation.org>. For more information, call 401-228-2836 or email info@corviasfoundation.org

CATHOLIC MASS AND LITURGY SCHEDULE

MONDAY: 11:45 a.m., Mass at APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel, 12:15 p.m., Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

TUESDAY: 11:45 a.m., Mass at APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel

WEDNESDAY: 11:30 a.m., Confessions at APG South (Edgewood) Chapel, Noon, Mass at APG South (Edgewood) Chapel

THURSDAY: 11:45 a.m., Mass at APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel

FRIDAY: Noon, Mass at APG South (Edgewood) Chapel

SUNDAY: 8:45 a.m., Mass at APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel, 10:45 a.m., Mass at APG South (Edgewood) Chapel

APG BARBER SHOP REOPENS

The new APG Barber Shop, located in the Exchange mall, is open

and under new management. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 410-272-7886.

CPR, AED CLASSES SCHEDULED

The APG Fire and Emergency Services Division of the Directorate of Emergency Services has released its schedule for CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) classes for 2014. Two classes will be held the third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the same location.

Jan. 15, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel
Feb. 19, Edgewood Conference Center
March 19, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel

April 16, Edgewood Conference Center
May 21, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel
June 18, Edgewood Conference Center
July 16, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel
Aug. 20, Edgewood Conference Center
Sept. 17, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel
Oct. 15, Edgewood Conference Center
Nov. 19, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel
Dec. 17, Edgewood Conference Center

Class size is limited to 30 participants. For more information or to register, contact Mike Slayman, assistant chief of EMS, at 410-306-0566 or e-mail michael.p.slayman.civ@mail.mil.

CYSS PARTNERS WITH HOMESCHOOLERS

APG Child, Youth and School Services 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 its 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.

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.

YOUTH CENTER OPENINGS

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.

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.

INSIDE APG

APG commanders and subject matter experts will discuss topics of interest to the local community every Saturday and Wednesday at 7:50 a.m. during "Inside APG: Creating One Community Without a Gate," a monthly radio series on 970 WAMD. For more information about the series, to schedule or request an interview, call the Garrison Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1150. Look for Army Research Lab interviews set to begin running in Dec.

For previous interviews, follow these links: <http://youtu.be/a8vuM-dxmG50>; <http://youtu.be/se7hTkwnbO8>

PIANO & GUITAR LESSONS

Each class is a one-on-one, 30-minute session for seven or eight weeks, once a week. Parents choose a time between 3 and 9 p.m. when they register their children. Open to all DOD ID cardholders. To register, visit Central Registration or call 410-278-7479/7571. For information, email lauren.e.kateley.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-4589.



Winona Ogunlana

MWR Operations Specialist/Manager, APG South (Edgewood) recreation center

In her 26 years of service with APG's Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Winona Ogunlana has worked all levels of customer service. Ogunlana started out in catering and waitressing at Top of the Bay in 1987 and then transferred to the Recreation Center snack bar when it opened in 1996. Eventually, she was promoted to recreation specialist and then to operations specialist. These days she faces more paperwork than customers but despite handling contracts, purchasing supplies and equipment and balancing work schedules she still finds the job rewarding.

"I do the tedious things nobody wants to do," she chuckled. "I have a habit of being meticulous and doing whatever it takes to get the job done. I also help where I'm needed. That's the fun part."

She said she enjoys working with the MWR "family of friends" who help each other out when needed.

"To be successful in this job, you have to be the kind of person who gets along well with others," she said. "I've been blessed enough for everyone to think I'm a pretty decent person."

"I try to go that extra mile for customers," she added. "I like to see the smile on faces after they come to me with an urgent need and I'm able to take away that worry. That's the best part."

Ogunlana said MWR is looking to promote the use of the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, which she manages, as a vital facility for official or private events as well as day trips to area events, concerts, ski trips and festivals. She said the 2014 calendar of events will be out soon and customers should check the APG MWR website and InDemand newsletter at www.apgmwr.com for more information.



MORE ONLINE

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

APG firefighters farewell ChalleNGe cadets



Photo by William Bond

Above: (From left) Freestate ChalleNGe Academy cadet DeAntwan Stanley-Young helps fellow cadet Edward Conteh into turnout gear while preparing for Job Shadow training with APG South (Edgewood) firefighters.

Right: APG South (Edgewood) firefighters pose with Freestate ChalleNGe Academy cadets John Mitchell, Anthony Sample, Edward Conteh and DeAntwan Stanley-Young after presenting their Job Shadow certificates. (From left) Inspector William Bond, Firefighter Norman Bannon IV, Capt. Jimmy Ray, Firefighter Robert Soto, Paramedic Dave Morlok, firefighters Albert Bair and Todd Nicodemus, and Battalion Chief Gregory Miller.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**

APG News

One week before their graduation, firefighters from the Directorate of Emergency Services APG South (Edgewood) fire department praised four Freestate ChalleNGe Academy cadets who job shadowed with the department during their stay at APG.

The cadets learned basic firefighting and prevention techniques according to Fire Inspectors Bill Bond of Edgewood and T.C. Glassman of Aberdeen who led the training. The cadets included Edward Conteh, 19, Anthony Sample, 18, John Mitchell, 17 and DeAntwan Stanley-Young, 16.

Bond said training included dressing in turn-out gear and breathing apparatus; hooking hoses to trucks; advancing hoses through buildings and moving under simulated blackout conditions.

"This is the first group to come through here and they really loved it," said Capt. J.W. Ray Jr. "It was a great thing to mentor these kids. They asked

a lot of good questions."

Bonds and fellow firefighters presented the four youth with Certificates of Appreciation.

The cadets said they appreciated the experience.

"I'd rate it a ten overall," said Sample. "It was a great experience and I really enjoyed myself."

"It really opened my eyes," added Mitchell. "Before, I didn't see firefighting as something difficult to do."

"I enjoyed it and I hope to do it again," said Stanley-Young.

With previous experience around a neighborhood firehouse under his belt, Conteh said he now plans to enter the volunteer firefighting service.

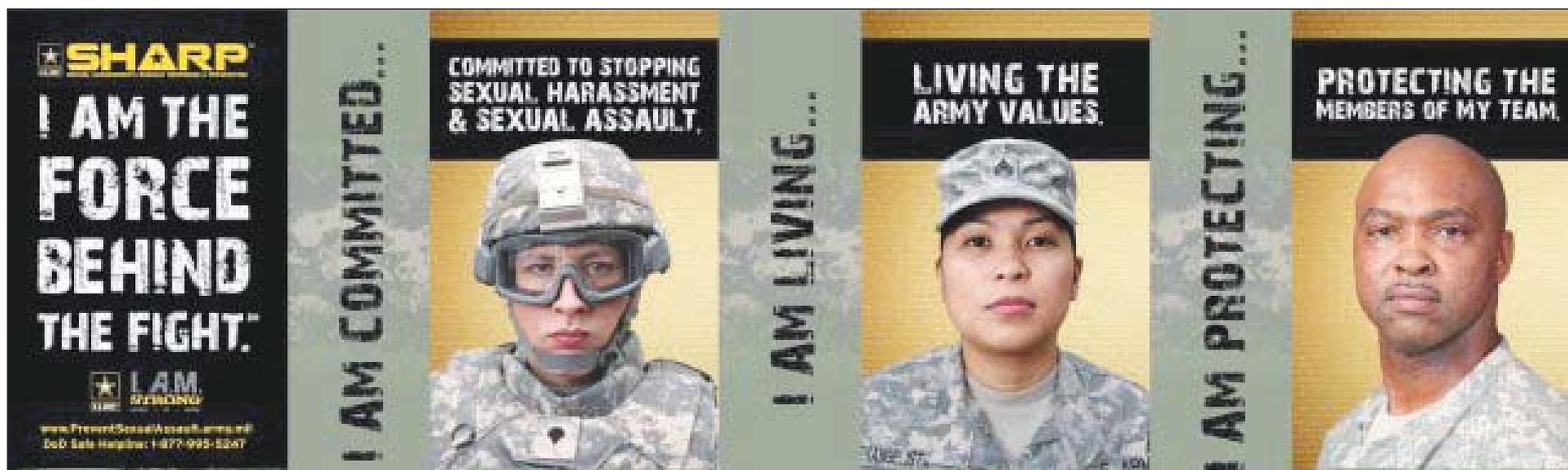
"I had put on the equipment before but I never did any training. It was exciting. I had never experienced what they actually do," he said.

The Freestate ChalleNGe Academy commencement, similar to a high school graduation, takes place 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14 at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater.



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U.S. Army graphic

Care and treatment of Soldiers who are victims of sexual assault is available and victim advocates encourage Soldiers to seek help.

Special care available to sexual assault victims

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Dec. 4, 2013) -- Short- and long-term medical care and counseling are available to victims of sexual assault.

“We want every victim of sexual assault to receive health care. We encourage them. But it’s up to that victim to decide,” said Michele Barber, the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention medical management program coordinator for the Army’s Western Regional Medical Command.

Barber’s area of responsibility includes much of the western United States, which she manages from WRMC headquarters at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. But she said training and care provided by hospital staffs and counselors is standard across the Army, not only for Soldiers, but for family members and all Department of Defense beneficiaries.

Furthermore, to get that care and treatment, victims do not need to disclose to their command that they are receiving it and medical providers and counselors will keep all information confidential if the Soldier chooses to make a restricted report.

Restricted reporting means no criminal investigation or legal proceedings, she said, emphasizing that even though a victim might decide not to report the assault to law enforcement, he or she can still receive medical care and counseling 24/7 -- and Barber encourages Soldiers to do so.

A day, a week, a month or a year may go by without a victim seeking treatment, but it’s never too late.

Michele Barber
SHARP coordinator

Finding help

Victims find medical care through various routes. Sometimes the command is aware of the assault, she said, and they refer the victim. Other times, the victim will seek help in the emergency room or through a primary care provider. Often, their unit sexual assault response coordinator will bring them in and other times victims will call a toll-free number provided by their unit.

The first thing the medical staff will do, Barber said, is ensure their immediate injuries and medical needs are met.

Then, the medical provider will contact the sexual assault care provider and the sexual assault clinical coordinator.

The care provider is either a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant or a doctor with specialized training for care of sexual assault victims. The clinical coordinator is often a social worker or a nurse with special training who will provide near- and long-term care coordination.

That means that “there’s a continuum of care from the time they enter the

medical treatment facility until the time they no longer need any kind of medical or behavioral health services,” Barber said.

Never too late

Victims are often hesitant to seek any type of care or help, Barber said. They might be frightened or scared or have other reasons.

A day, a week, a month or a year may go by without a victim seeking treatment, but it’s never too late, she said. The emotional aspect of care may be required long after the physical aspect.

Even a sexual assault medical forensic exam can be administered after some time has elapsed following the assault and even after the victim has taken a shower, Barber said, adding that for this exam to be more effective, sooner is better.

Only part of that exam is for DNA evidence, she continued. The exam also documents and treats injuries and infections and gets a history from the victim to better understand what happened. This helps provide an appropriate plan of

care based on the victim’s needs.

Follow-up exams provide results of lab tests, enable additional treatments needed for sexually transmitted infections, and monitor the healing of any injuries the victim may have sustained.

The entire process is performed by medical providers with special training to understand the needs of sexual assault victims. Following the medical treatment phase and often during that phase, the victim will be offered behavioral health counseling by specially trained health-care providers.

This follow-on care is especially important “because often the victim is traumatized,” Barber said. She added, however, it’s up to the victim to decide.

“We use evidence-based therapies for behavioral health care,” she said. “Our providers routinely receive training on the most effective techniques, such as cognitive processing therapy for those experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder.”

Barber added that care and treatment is tailored to the unique needs and requirements of the victim.

If the victim is separating from the Army, Barber said “we coordinate with the (Department of Veterans Affairs) to ensure there’s a warm handoff from that Army behavioral health-care provider to the VA.”

The VA has a program specific to military sexual trauma including therapists, in-patient treatment and coordinators.

Science, technology to shape future Army

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cumstances dictate. In the last decade of war, we have spent a lot of our time and thought equity helping the current force through urgent requirements and needs coming out of theater.

"We determined how to fix those problems that Soldiers have and give them critical solutions. As we're coming out of war, we're seeing the need to get back to our roots and look to the Army of the future."

The Army faces difficult choices in research, development and acquisition funding as the Department of Defense budget declines, Miller said. She presented a graphic that showed RDA funding as a percentage of total Army budgets for the past 65 years.

"Every time there is a spike, this is as we're going into an engagement. After we finish those engagements -- Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Storm, and now with [Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom] -- our investment accounts in research and technology seem to plummet," she said. "This creates an issue for those of us who are planning for the future. During a declining budget, how do we best spend that money? There are strategic choices that have to be made."

Miller gave the example of a robust commitment to science and technology in the 1980s when the Army developed the "Big 5" weapons systems -- Apache, Abrams, Bradley, Patriot and Multiple Launch Rocket System. A similar emphasis is now needed to ensure the Army's

technology remains superior to America's adversaries, she said.

"That was a strategic decision by the Army leadership at the time to focus on five big things that would increase our capabilities," Miller said. "They kept that focus for a series of chiefs of staff of the Army."

You need that kind of enduring commitment to make sure those programs become a reality. We're starting right now to create that long-term persistent engagement that makes sure our plans really gain some traction."

Miller presented the Army's enduring challenges as areas for science and technology investment. These focus areas are: optimize Soldier's performance, eliminate tactical surprise, provide operational overmatch, provide operational maneuverability, operate in degraded visual and contested environments without degradation, improve operational energy, provide virtual on-demand training, and reduce life cycle costs.

Representatives from five RDECOM organizations -- Army Research Laboratory; Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center; Edgewood Chemical Biological Center; Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center; and Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center -- then discussed their forecasted business opportunities and priorities.

The command also provided presentations for the Army Manufacturing Technology and Small Business Innovation



Photo by Conrad Johnson (RDECOM)
U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command representatives discuss contracting opportunities with visitors during the Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry conference at Aberdeen Proving Ground Dec. 4.

Research programs. RDECOM manages these programs on behalf of the Army.

APG organizations led presentations each day of the event. The APG Garrison and Corps of Engineers presented the first day; command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, commonly known as C4ISR, presented second; research, development, test and evaluation on the third day; and chemical and biological defense on the final two days.

For more information on doing business with the command, go to the RDE-

COM Office of Small Business Programs website at <http://www.rdecom.army.mil/SmallBusiness>.

RDECOM is a major subordinate command of the U.S. Army Materiel Command. AMC is the Army's premier provider of materiel readiness -- technology, acquisition support, materiel development, logistics power projection, and sustainment -- to the total force, across the spectrum of joint military operations. If a Soldier shoots it, drives it, flies it, wears it, eats it or communicates with it, AMC delivers it.

Maryland Food Bank program comes to APG

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dean/Edgewood Area Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC).

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin said he got the idea when he recently learned that the Maryland Food Bank delivers twice monthly to Fort George G. Meade.

"When I looked into it, a representative on the Maryland Food Bank informed me how popular it was on Fort Meade so I decided to align it with our BOSS program and bring it to APG," Ervin said. "This is all about providing resources where they're needed. We will assess needs based on the initial event and hopefully continue to do this monthly."

He said the main concern is getting the word out that Food Bank distribution is open to all members of Team APG.



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"There are no restrictions," he said. Regardless of rank or position, some may still be in need after the recent furloughs. In these times of constrained resources we find personnel in perceived high-ranking positions in need as well."

Ervin said BOSS and SAMC members will control the distribution process and that any leftovers will be distributed to local food banks.

"This is not just for the holidays," Ervin added. "We want maximum participation because we plan to do this throughout the year."

SAMC President Master Sgt. Keyana Washington of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, said volunteers from SAMC and BOSS will sort and distribute the foods which could include dry and canned goods as well as frozen meats.

"We don't know in advance what they will bring," she said, "Only that we can expect fresh produce."

Recipients will be given bags and allowed to go through the distribution line and select whatever they need.

"The only restriction is that you can only go through the line once."

She said that recipients will be asked to sign in only as a way to keep track of the number of recipients.

"This event can help everyone because APG cannot keep the leftovers. We are required to distribute to local food pantries so everyone benefits," she said.

For more information, contact Washington at 410-278-1726, Keyana.t.washington@mail.mil or Sgt. Eric Jimenez at 410-417-0149, eric.jimenez3@us.army.mil or apgmwrboss@gmail.com.

APG South rec center opens after renovations

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(LTO) which provides limited services in coordination with the full-service office at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center in Bldg. 3326.

"The LTO provides brochures and information on various attractions and points of interest as well as to major travel destinations and hotels," she said.

Authorized patrons also can purchase discount tickets to local attractions.

Recreation center amenities include pool tables, dominoes and chess game areas, Flat screen TVs, free WiFi and internet access for laptops, iPods or tablets and even offers instrument check-outs (guitars) for the musically inclined.

Though no food vendor is on site, plenty of seating is available for patrons who want to bring their own food to meet friends for lunch, Founds said.

The recreation center is available for holiday parties, office hail & farewells,

and other private events. Official events may take priority.

The APG South (Edgewood) recreation center hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday – Friday; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday and federal holidays.

For more information, contact MWR Operations Specialist/Recreation Center Manager Winona Ogulana at 410-278-2621 or the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center at 410-436-2713 or email winona.ogulana.naf@mail.mil.

The APG South (Edgewood) recreation center's renovations, including the resurfacing of the ballroom floor, are complete. The center is available for holiday parties, office hail & farewells, and other private events.

Photo by Rachel Ponder



ECBC impacts world with materials designed here

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in technology transfer," said ECBC Director Joseph D. Wienand. "During a time of declining federal budgets, technology transfer is more important than ever, allowing ECBC to capitalize on our vast research and development infrastructure to establish mutually beneficial partnerships that stimulate the economy and further our mission in chemical and biological defense."

Stephen Cohn, Director for Technology Transfer, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) and Dr. John Fischer, director of Defense Laboratory Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering presented the award

to ECBC ORTA Dhirajlal Parekh who accepted the award for his team.

"ECBC is an Army Center of Excellence for technology transfer, as demonstrated by the number of collaborative efforts and the recognition bestowed by the George Linstead Award," said Cohn. He added that the award usually is presented during the annual T2 training meeting in Washington, D.C. but was delivered personally due to spending constraints.

Fischer said that T2 has only recently achieved the status it deserves and that his boss, Dr. Reginald Brothers, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research, has made it one of his priorities.

"ECBC is having an impact on the world stage," he said. "Materials

designed here are talked about in New York and Los Angeles and around the world. It is recognized as the center for Chem-bio defense. And while a lot of others are trying to claim the same status, we are always quick to correct them that ECBC is recognized as the Chem-bio leader around the country."

Parekh called the award a "center-wide achievement" that demonstrates the dedication of ECBC researchers, scientists and engineers.

"The commitment to refine and develop innovative technologies for a variety of real-world applications in military and civilian capacities has been seconded only by our Technology Transfer Office, which has been active in outreach, commercialization efforts and teamwork and leadership," he said.

Parekh led one of ECBC's most notable T2 efforts for the Tactical Biological (TAC-BIO) detector, which identifies biological threats and has recently advanced into a next-generation detector that is weatherproof and uses enhanced detection algorithms to reduce false alarms. ECBC advanced existing technology to reduce costs by 80 percent, save production time and use a power source that is more energy efficient. As a result, the TAC-BIO II detector was developed. It weighed three times less than its predecessor, which was licensed to three different companies between 2009 and 2012. In late 2012, ECBC was awarded the 2012 Federal Laboratory Consortium Excellence in Technology Transfer award.

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/>.



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

APG JOINS CITY OF ABERDEEN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

(From left) The APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton and his wife Vickie wave to the crowd on W. Bel Air Avenue during the Dec. 7 Holiday Parade in the City of Aberdeen.



CORVIAS RINGS IN THE SEASON

(Clockwise starting top left)
 (From left, back row) Carolers Dan Brandt, Jillian Finnamore, Debi Winn and Jim Rafferty sing holiday songs while some children listen during the 'Tis the Season Corvias Military Living resident event held in front of Bldg. 2727 Dec. 6.; (From left) Kylie Collins, 3, and Landon Collins, 18 months old, visit with Santa.; April Gomez creates balloon animals for post residents.

Photos by Molly Blossie



MAKING THE NIGHT MERRY AND BRIGHT

A house on APG South (Edgewood) is decorated festively just in time for the holidays. Many APG Families celebrate the holidays by adorning their homes with lights, wreathes, inflatable decorations and more.

Photo by Rachel Ponder