



## Commissaries to start scanning IDs

Commissaries will soon begin scanning customers' Department of Defense ID cards during check-out, as the Defense Commissary Agency continues its pursuit to deliver a 21st century benefit.

The commissary at Fort Lee, Va., became the first store to scan ID cards, Oct. 22, as the first part of an agency-wide roll-out to all stores that began Nov. 10, and will be completed by mid-January.

Commissary shoppers are used to showing their ID cards to establish their eligibility to use the commissary. By scanning the ID at checkout, DeCA will no longer need to maintain any personal information on customers in its computer systems, such as the system used for customers who write checks. Scanning will also assist in improving the commissary benefit for all patrons, according to Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA director and CEO.

"In addition to verifying customers as authorized commissary patrons, we'll gain information that will give us a better understanding of our patrons, allowing the agency to provide the commissary benefit more effectively and efficiently," Jeu said.

Cross-referenced with other DOD data, the scan data will give DeCA useful information about patron usage, by military service,

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Photo by Yvonne Johnson

## All smiles with Santa

From left, Destinie Worsley, 2, and Ty'Annah Brigs, 4, smile for a photo with Santa and his elves during the Installation Tree Lighting Ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Dec. 11. CECOM Deputy Commander Gary Martin and Glenn Wait, deputy to the Garrison Commander, led the event that included the ceremonial throwing of the switch by the APG Family of the Year, caroling, hot chocolate and holiday snacks. Martin thanked Morale, Welfare and Recreation and welcomed Combined Federal Campaign Loaned Executive Rose Logan-Lee to the event, noting that CFC efforts, which support more than 4,000 organizations, coincide with the season of caring. He wished all members of Team APG a safe and happy holiday season on behalf of APG Senior Leader Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell.

The CFC campaign has been extended to January 2014. For more information, or to make a donation, see your organization key personnel or visit the Chesapeake Bay Area CFC NEXUS website at [https://www.cfcnexus.org/\\_chesapeake/](https://www.cfcnexus.org/_chesapeake/). Martin encouraged all to remember deployed service members and their families during the holidays. "As we celebrate the season of giving and caring, please keep our Soldiers and their families in mind," he said. "This time of year can be a very sad time for many of them. Celebrate safely and have a happy new year."

## APG ADCO receives DA ASAP award

By RACHEL PONDER  
APG News



Aberdeen Proving Ground's Alcohol and Drug Control Officer Timothy Knox recently won the 2013 Director's Award for the Army Substance Abuse Program ADCO of the year. This award is given annually by the Army Center for Substance Abuse Programs.

During a Dec. 16 presentation in Bldg. 6002, APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton thanked Knox

for his hard work, noting that this year Knox oversaw the \$450,000 renovation of the APG ASAP facility, Bldg. 2477. As a result ASAP's clinical and prevention programs are now located in one building.

"We had some challenges, but with Tim pushing, the whole project came to fruition," McClinton said, adding that ASAP intervention is critical, particularly during periods of increased stress, such as this year's furloughs and sequestration.

APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell said Knox is a hands-on leader who supports many installation-wide events.

"It is no surprise to me that he would be recognized at the Army level," Ferrell said.

Knox said the award is a team effort. "My goal at the beginning was to put APG on the map for the Army Substance Abuse Program," he said. "Next year, I hope we win the (ASAP) community award."

He added that ASAP focuses on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, intervention, deterrence, and treatment.

Knox became the APG ADCO in 2010. He supervises 10 employees and ensures that ASAP meets month-

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## Register now for the Garrison Slim Down Challenge

By RACHEL PONDER  
APG News

Need help reaching your weight loss goals? Get healthy in 2014 by participating in the Garrison Slim Down Challenge.

Company commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Garrison, Capt. Richard Mozeski said the challenge is not limited to only garrison employees. Anyone with a Common Access Card is welcome to register for the challenge by Jan. 16. The Garrison Team will be competing with other organizations on post that are hosting slim down challenges. The organization with the largest weight loss percentage will be recognized during an installation ceremony April 16.

The first weigh-in day and general information session will be held Jan. 8 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Garrison Conference Room, Bldg. 305. The event

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## 123 cadets complete ChalleNGe Class 41

Story and photo by YVONNE JOHNSON  
APG News

The Freestate ChalleNGe Academy presented 123 cadets who completed its five-month course to Family, friends, distinguished guests and members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground leadership during the Completion Ceremony for Class #41 at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater Dec. 14.

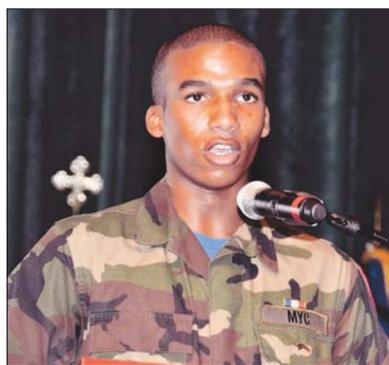
Led by Director Charles Rose, the cadets received completion certificates during the high school graduation-like event. Several also received monetary awards and scholarships from supporting organizations and educational institutions.

Guests included Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, Maryland Adjutant General; Glenn Wait, deputy to the APG Garrison Commander; and Dr. Ricky C. Godbolt, guest speaker and director of the Center for Trades and Energy at the College of Southern Maryland.

Godbolt also presented the invocation and benediction. The Maryland Defense Force Band presented the program's music.

"After 22 weeks, I'm happy to say our mission is accomplished," said Rose. "You are returning to the real world to do things you have never done before," he told the cadets. "Cling

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Cadet Mark Pollard shares his story of achievement as one of two class speakers during the Completion Ceremony for Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Class #41 at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater Dec. 14. Cadet Vanessa Marroquin was the other class speaker.

## Maryland Food Bank distributes tomorrow

Don't miss the Maryland Food Bank distribution of fresh fruit and vegetables for members of Team APG Dec. 20. Doors open 11 a.m. at the APG BOSS Bldg. 2407, next to the APG Exchange. This event is open to active duty service members and their spouses who are assigned to APG and Department of Defense civilians and contractors who work on APG. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Keyana Washington, 410-278-1726 or Sgt. Eric Jimenez, 410-417-0149.

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# OPINION

## STREET TALK

**What are you looking forward to in 2014?**

I will be traveling overseas for the first time. Most of my relatives live in Germany; I will be visiting them.



**Lance Lehmann**  
Civilian Family member

I look forward to more Family trips. We have many places we want to go; I hope we travel to a few on our list.



**Rodney Thomas**  
Army veteran

I will be starting my senior year at SMA (Aberdeen High School's Science and Mathematics Academy) in the fall. I am looking forward to starting my capstone project and working with a mentor. The project will be a lot of work, but it will be worth it. It will prepare me for college and internships.



**Peter Sheu**  
Civilian Family member

I look forward to spending quality time with all my grandchildren. I enjoy reading and playing with them.



**Shariese Demby**  
CMA

My entire extended Family will take a vacation to the Outer Banks in North Carolina. We are renting a big beach house and staying for a week. This will be our first vacation together.



**Jennifer Hirn**  
CECOM

## Senior Commander's holiday message

To everyone at Team APG – along with your wonderful families - 'Happy Holidays' and 'Thank You' for your hard-work and dedication to APG and to our Army. As I have said many times before, 2013 turned out to be one mighty demanding year for the men and women of APG and I am extraordinarily proud of how you pulled together and overcame the very tough challenges associated with hiring freezes, sequestration, furloughs and limited resources. You confronted each of these issues with confidence, resilience and exactly the kind of tremendous professionalism that our Army civilians and Soldiers are well known for.

Over the holidays and New Year, I hope each of you has time to share with your Family, friends and those closest to you, and to celebrate your own faith. Balancing our work and Family responsibilities is never easy, but the coming weeks are an especially important time to remember that 'The Strength of our Soldiers – and our Army civilians – truly is our Families.'

In fact, I hope many of you will have the chance to travel to see your Families, or will welcome them to your homes as they travel to see you. Wherever your holiday takes you, as always, I ask that you keep your safety and the safety of those you love as your top priority. The Army Combat Readiness Safety Center has a great website for trip planning and seasonal tips at <https://safety.army.mil/> - please take some time to check it out before you or your Family travel this year. In addition, you can keep up with all the coming events at APG this season at our installation website: <http://www.apg.army.mil/> - and our



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FMWR homepage: <http://www.apgmwr.com/>

I also know you will never forget our deployed service members and civilians who are working long hours under the most difficult and dangerous conditions imaginable. They are far away from their own Families this season serving our nation and I ask you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers – pray for their success and their safe return home.

Once again -- from Monique and I- to every one of you and your families - Happy Holidays, and have a joyous and safe New Year.

**Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell**

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

## A new year, a new beginning

This edition of the APG News is the last of the year. We won't be publishing again until Jan. 9.

We usually do a "Year in Review" edition as the first edition of the New Year. This year, however, it will be totally different.

Look for a new appearance to the paper. We're redesigning the nameplate of the paper – we're dumping the 70s-style font for something bolder and more worthy of belonging on an Army publication.

We're also going to be doing a tabloid-style paper for the first edition of the New Year, similar in size and format to the Military Appreciation Week papers we publish every May. After that, we'll resume our regular full-size paper and we may even add a couple of pages here and there.

We've had a couple of staff changes. Our former layout artist, Nick Pentz, left us earlier this year to take a job with a comic book company – EVERY young man's dream. We were very sad to see him go and, of course, wished him well.

However, we were delighted to have Molly Blossie join our team as our new layout designer and photographer. She's proven to be a great asset to the team and we look forward to working with her for a long time to come.

Yvonne Johnson was promoted from Photojournalist to

Assistant Editor – a job she was born to do! She jumped in with both feet and is making a big difference to the paper.

We are interviewing and will hire a new photojournalist. We expect to have him (or her) onboard sometime in January.

Of course, you can continue to look for some of the same stuff you've come to appreciate over the years. We'll have commentaries from our senior staff members as often as they can provide them. We'll continue with our regular features including Mark Your Calendar, Healthy Living, the photo page and other items. We're going to try adding a couple of small things – specifically a word of the week and a crossword puzzle. You'll need to read the paper in order to solve the puzzle.

Please let us know how you like the changes and if there's anything you'd like to see in the paper.

Otherwise, the paper is pretty much the same, so from the staff of the APG News – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Pat Beauchamp**

APG News Editor

## Holiday worship schedule

### AA CHAPEL (Aberdeen Area)

#### CATHOLIC MASS

Sun, 22 Dec.....4th Sunday of Advent 8:45 a.m.

Tues, 24 Dec.....Christmas Caroling 10:30 p.m.

Tues, 24 Dec .....Christmas Vigil Mass 11 p.m.

Sun, 29 Dec ..Feast of the Holy Family 8:45 p.m.

Tues, 31 Dec .....Mary, Mother of God 5:30 p.m.

#### PROTESTANT WORSHIP

Sun, 22, Dec ...4th Sunday of Advent 10:15 a.m.

#### GOSPEL WORSHIP

Sun, 22 Dec .....4th Sunday of Advent 10:15 a.m.

### EA CHAPEL (Edgewood Area)

#### CATHOLIC MASS

Sun, 22 Dec....4th Sunday of Advent 10:45 a.m.

Wed, 25 Dec....Christmas Day Mass 10:45 a.m.

Sun, 29 Dec ..Feast of the Holy Family 10:45 a.m.

Wed, 01 Jan ....Mary, Mother of God 11:45 a.m.

#### PROTESTANT WORSHIP

Sun, 22 Dec .....4th Sunday of Advent 0915

#### Combined Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Cantata

**Tues, 24 Dec. 7 p.m., at AA Chapel**

**Join us for refreshments afterwards!**

### CORRECTION



#### Winona Ogunlana

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

In the Dec. 12 issue of the APG News, a photo of Dorris Tisdale was incorrectly identified as Winona Ogunlana. The APG News regrets the error.

See more photos from events around APG <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>

## APG SEVEN DAY FORECAST

Thurs



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# Avoid impaired driving to arrive safely

Army Substance Abuse Program

What does the expression “impaired driving” mean? An impaired driver is an individual who is driving without the normal capabilities that drivers are expected to have.

According to the APG Army Substance Abuse Program there are eight basic causes of impaired driving: alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription and over-the-counter medications, emotion stress such as anger or rage, inexperience, fatigue, and advancing age.

Many drivers are unaware of how alcohol affects driving. Many think that for driving to be affected they have to have trouble seeing or be unable to walk straight. Being unaware of how vision is affected by alcohol contributes to impaired judgment. Drivers might think they are fine when they are not.

Besides vision, alcohol in the blood and brain affects motor reactions. Often drivers do not feel drunk; they can actually feel quite awake and energetic. Yet, reaction times are slowed. If a driver ordinarily needs a quarter of a second to hit the brake, with alcohol in the blood-

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Alcohol affects vision, reaction time, and mental judgment. The fact is that alcohol disrupts normal thinking patterns and reduces the ability to adjust for that. Therefore, errors in judgment, thinking, reasoning and the ability to figure out what is going on and what action should be taken are impaired.

Alcohol in the brain causes the mind to magnify certain things and minimize other things, so essential facts are distorted. Drivers will even talk themselves into thinking they are an exception since “they can hold their liquor” so it is alright to drive. Or they may convince themselves it is okay

to drive since the streets are empty and they won’t run into traffic. This is impaired reasoning. All of these factors combine to increase the probability of a fatal accident due to the consumption of alcohol and driving under its influence.

Fatigue is another major concern. Judgment becomes extremely impaired when driving while fatigued. Increasingly, people are functioning on less sleep and this impairs driver performance, reaction time and response time especially on long stretches of highway.

Driver fatigue due to sleep deprivation is both physical and mental. The biochemical composition of the blood and brain fluids creates an over-

whelming desire to close the eyes and fall asleep. The sleep deprived driver may be even more dangerous than the drunk driver. Drivers are often poor judges of their own levels of fatigue. Telltale signs of driver fatigue and the related impaired driving include: heavy eyelids; day dreaming; varying speeds with no apparent reason; overtaking vehicles causing alarm response in the driver; continual yawning; rash decisions; impatience; vehicle wandering, and misjudging situations or over-correcting/reacting. Taking frequent breaks when driving on lengthy trips; avoiding alcohol, illegal drugs, or any medications that impair alertness, and traveling in a well ventilated vehicle increase drivers’ ability. The most responsible action to take is to find a rest stop or hotel or pull safely off the road and get some rest. The best prevention for driver fatigue is to get adequate sleep and reduce energy draining stress before driving. For more information contact Cindy Scott at (410) 278-4013/DRUG or cynthia.m.scott4.civ@mail.mil

## Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus



**Newsman Francis Pharcellus Church wrote The Sun’s response to Virginia**  
Courtesy Photo

Eight-year-old Virginia O’Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York’s Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history’s most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies, and other editorials, and on posters and stamps.

“DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.

“Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

“Papa says, ‘If you see it in THE SUN it’s so.’

“Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?”

“VIRGINIA O’HANLON.  
“115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET.”

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men’s or children’s, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa

Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did

you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that’s no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby’s rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

# Former leader of WIN-T mobile network promoted

By **AMY WALKER**  
PEO C3T

Known for his leadership in providing the Army with the mobile tactical communications network backbone at work in Afghanistan today, Robert Collins has received a promotion to the rank of colonel, reflecting his dedication and steadfast belief in the importance of fielding these critical capabilities.

“We’re modernizing the Army’s network and transforming our information systems by adding on-the-move capabilities and providing them to the lowest echelons,” Collins said. “Seeing how our systems are enhancing Army operations by delivering unprecedented reliability and flexibility for command and control is very gratifying.”

For the past four years, until relinquishing the charter in July, Collins served as the product manager for Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) Increment 2, the Army’s newly deployed mobile communications network. His promotion ceremony took place at APG on Dec. 6 and was hosted by Brig. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes, Program Executive Officer for Command, Control, Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T), to which Project Manger (PM) WIN-T is assigned.

“Rob Collins’ promotion to colonel is testament to his exemplary acquisition, technical and leadership skills,” said Col. Ed Swanson, PM for WIN-T. “He and the WIN-T Increment 2 team were instrumental in delivering the Army’s initial on-the-move communications capability and modernizing the tactical backbone network.”

The Army began fielding the first increment of WIN-T in 2004 to support operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. WIN-T Increment 2, first fielded in 2012 under Collins’ direction, improves upon these capabilities by equipping Soldiers with high-speed, high-capacity voice, data and video communications on the move down to the company level for the first time. Its network-equipped vehicles provide the mobile communications and situational awareness that commanders need to lead from anywhere on the battlefield. Additionally, the advanced suite of Network Operations tools provided by WIN-T Increment 2 helps communications officers manage the network more effectively to

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**Col. Ed Swanson**  
Project Manager for WIN-T

help keep vital signal links connected, even in the harsh terrain of Afghanistan. Both increments are deployed today as part of the Army’s interoperable tactical communications network architecture.

In a two year period, Collins led the extensive pre-testing, preparation and execution of two of the largest operational tests in Army history, involving more than 6,200 Soldiers spread over 2,000 miles. As a result of these operational tests and the Army’s implementation of the capability set fielding and Network Integration Evaluation processes, WIN-T Increment 2 has become the cornerstone for Capability Set 13 (CS 13) and future capability sets. Because of his leadership, the WIN-T Increment 2 program is successfully executing in the field today and within schedule and cost requirements.

The advanced integrated, interoperable communications capabilities of the Army’s capability sets provide connectivity across the entire brigade combat team formation from the stationary Command Post to the commander on-the-move all the way down to the dismounted Soldier. WIN-T Increment 2 is the mobile tactical communications network backbone of these capability sets. As they were being developed, Collins spearheaded a significant portion of the initial capability set fielding strategy.

Under Collins’ direction, fielding and training of WIN-T Increment 2 was completed to deployed and deploying units as part of CS 13. The 4th Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), which

deployed to Afghanistan this past summer, is the first unit to utilize CS13 in theater, and 3/10 joined them in the fall. The 101st Airborne Division Headquarters also uses WIN-T Increment 2 elements in that theater. Meanwhile, the 2nd and 3rd BCTs of the 101st Airborne Division are undergoing CS13/WIN-T Increment 2 fielding and training operations. Deployed BCTs armed with CS 13 capabilities are serving as Security Forces Advise and Assist Teams, who work with Afghan National Security Forces to improve their capability and help the Afghans secure their country as coalition forces reduce their presence. The network mobility provided by WIN-T Increment 2 is an essential element to the success of this mission. It increases the pace of combat operations, improves mission command and extends the operational distances units can cover.

Collins’ exceptional acquisition and

technical expertise are well known throughout the Army, as is his reputation for balancing the completion of all assigned missions with the ability to take care of and lead his workforce, said Mike Hedley, deputy for PM WIN-T.

“He takes the time to counsel, mentor and train junior acquisition officers and peers, ensuring they are tactically and technically proficient and well prepared for future assignments,” Hedley said.

Since relinquishing the WIN-T Increment 2 charter, Collins has been attending Senior Service College. His next assignment will find him back at APG with PEO Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors serving as the PM for Distributed Common Ground System – Army, an intelligence capability that enables decision makers to gather, analyze and share intelligence information on a common system.

Collins said that one of the most rewarding parts of his job continues to be working with the “driven and motivated” civilian and Soldier workforce in the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) community at APG. But above all, he said, he keeps the troops that he serves at the forefront of his mind.

“At its core, our military and civil service is about maintaining national security, to enable a global peace where all can prosper,” Collins said. “Our Soldiers are deployed around the world to achieve that mission and we at APG are chartered to develop and procure C4ISR systems to make our Soldiers successful. Our mission is of vital importance and we should all be proud of our contribution.”



**(From left) Brig. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes, Program Executive Officer for Command, Control, Communications-Tactical, stands at attention with newly promoted Col. Robert Collins, former product manager for Warfighter Information Network-Tactical Increment 2, during Collins’ Dec. 6 promotion ceremony.**  
Photo by Lynn Harkins

# Brock heads Harford Veterans Commission

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News



**Brock**

The chairperson of the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs has a proactive agenda for veterans as well as ties to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Annie S. Brock has served on APG's former Community Action Council and Military and Civilian Spouses' Club. The former Army officer and native Marylander is the first female to lead the commission which offers support and resources to all Harford County veterans and their families.

Brock served in the Army more than nine years in three different corps – Signal, Adjutant General and Medical – before leaving the military to focus on Family. She enlisted in 1979 during the height of the “Be All You Can Be” era when females were entering the military in unprecedented numbers, and serving in units and slots typically held by men. Brock served first as a communications specialist but it was during her time at Fort Bragg, N.C. serving as a 71 Lima battalion legal clerk that her career took a sharp turn upward.

Brock had done so well on the military entrance exams she was told she could serve in the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of her choice. While assigned to her battalion headquarters at Bragg, battalion leaders encouraged her to attend leadership courses and apply for a direct commission. While attending Jumpmaster School, Brock applied for and received her commission in the Medical Service Corps as a hospital administrator.

“When they asked who wanted to go to Jump, Air Assault and then Flight school I raised my hand for flight and was accepted,” she said.

She trained at Fort Rucker, Ala. From Alabama she went to Germany and then returned to Rucker for transitional training when the corps switched from the Hueys to Blackhawks.

Brock gets misty when recalling notable tragedies during her service, like the 1988 air show disaster at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, during which a member of her former medevac unit was killed on the ground.

She left the military not long after that.



Courtesy photo  
**In this undated photo, Annie S. Brock, Chair of the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs, poses next to a Bell UH-1 (Huey) helicopter. Brock served from 1979 to 1988 and transitioned from enlisted to officer in the Army Medical Corps, serving mainly in medical evacuation (Dustoff) units for the majority of her career.**

Brock and her husband, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Jeff Brock are members of the Susquehanna Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. She previously served on the Harford County Commission for Women and her name was submitted for consideration for the Veteran Commission chair when the previous chair resigned. Brock was selected by Harford County Executive David Craig.

She said her goal is to achieve a thriving organization with a membership reflective of the population.

“We are one of the few veterans’ commissions left in the state of Maryland,” she said, adding that because veterans served in an ethnically-mixed military she would like to see an ethnically-mixed commission, representative of the people of Harford County.

She called her first meeting of county Veteran Service Organizations small, drawing just seven participants, but promising.

“People are enthusiastic,” she said. “They want a proactive commission. They know we are tasked to ensure services are available and that veterans and their families know how to access them.”

Brock’s priorities include increasing communication between local VSOs so they can work together and linking unaffiliated veterans to the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA outreach centers and hospitals and other programs and resources.

She said she’d like to focus on homeless veterans as well as those who did three or four years and don’t realize their benefits.

“No one should slip through the cracks,” she said. “I can’t help but think there is a segment out there that needs taking care of; be it pride or stubbornness.”

Included on her agenda is Chapter 70 of the Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association; located in Aberdeen, the chapter is the only branch of the national organization, which was founded by members of the former Women’s Army Corps, in the state.

“We’re losing members of this generation of ground-breaking women every day and I’d like to recognize them in some way while there’s still time,” Brock said.

Other projects on her short list include a Welcome Home for Vietnam veterans in the spring; linking veterans to a used furniture program sponsored by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce military affairs committee; and assisting veterans needing to request online copies of their service record (DD Form 214). She also plans to reach out to APG’s large veteran population of civilians and contractors as well as separating Soldiers and Wounded Warriors.

“I would like for the commission to become known as a group that is there to serve; not just in name, but as a resource,” Brock said. “Collectively, we have the knowledge and experience to help solve issues or we at least know who to send them to.”

“Together, we can help fellow veterans at every level by keeping the flow of information going, and that’s what it’s all about.”

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## TODAY 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](http://www.same.org/chesapeake)

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8

### GARRISON SLIM DOWN CHALLENGE

Need help reaching your weight loss goals? Get healthy in 2014 by participating in the Garrison Slim Down Challenge. The first weigh-in day and general information session will be held Jan. 8 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Garrison Conference Room, Bldg. 305. The event includes a pot luck lunch and attendees are encouraged to come share their favorite healthy dish. The challenge is not limited to only garrison employees. Anyone with a Common Access Card is welcome to register by Jan. 16. To register for the Garrison Slim Down Challenge contact Mozeleski at 410-278-3000 or email: [richard.d.mozeleski2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:richard.d.mozeleski2.civ@mail.mil).

## 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 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](http://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](mailto:OSD.ESGR-PA@mail.mil).

### THROUGH FEBRUARY 28 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY CHILDREN PROGRAM

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, nonprofit, 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@scholarship-managers.com](mailto:militaryscholar@scholarship-managers.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://corviasfoundation.org>. For more information, call 401-228-2836 or email [info@corviasfoundation.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 homeschool 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/a8vuMdxmG50>; <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](mailto:lauren.e.kateley.naf@mail.mil) or call 410-278-4589.

### REPORT POWER OUTAGES TO CORVIAS MILITARY LIVING

During severe weather, all residential power outages should be reported to the Neighborhood Office at 410-305-1076. This will allow staff to determine if the outage is widespread or specific to the home and coordinate the responsible provider to restore power.

In the event a neighborhood office loses power, the phone system may also be affected. If the office cannot be reached, residents should call the following toll-free numbers to report outages and maintenance emergencies. Calls to the toll-free number will directly connect residents to the emergency on-call service.

APG: 1-866-958-5412  
Patriot Village: 1-866-871-6257  
NH Office: 410-305-1076

### APG THRIFT SHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

With just two hours a week to spare, you can serve your community as a volunteer at the APG Thrift Store. Located in Bldg. 2458 behind the Main Post Chapel, the Thrift Shop offers quality, gently-used items featuring clothing for babies to adults including military uniforms, appliances, electronics, furniture, luggage, kitchenware, toys, knick knacks, books, jewelry and collectibles. And its dollars go right back into the community. So come spend an hour or a day, making new friends while helping your community.

For more information, or to volunteer, call the Thrift Shop during business hours at 410-272-8572.

### MORE ONLINE

More events can be seen at [www.apgnews.app.army.mil/calendar](http://www.apgnews.app.army.mil/calendar).



## Clayton Maas

Healthcare Administrative Specialist

As the healthcare administrative specialist for the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, Clayton Maas is responsible for managing the academy's health clinic and ensuring cadets meet health requirements for enrollment throughout their stay at Aberdeen Proving Ground. A retired Air Force chief master sergeant, Maas has been with the academy eight years and said he absolutely loves it.

"What I get out of it is a sense of fulfillment," he said. "I'm the oldest of five from Baltimore City so I know the challenges of the street. When those kids come here they don't even realize they can learn and when they leave it's like watching a flower open. They've got drive, they've got spirit and most important, they know that they can achieve."

Maas said he's grateful to Director Charles Rose who allowed him to develop health and hygiene-related training – such as anti-gang and bullying; drug and alcohol abuse and sexually-transmitted disease classes – for the cadets as well as host his second Completion Ceremony.

"Now comes the hard part," Maas said after the ceremony. "But every one of these kids is already a walking success story."

To learn more about the National Guard Youth Corps Program's Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, visit [www.ngycp.org](http://www.ngycp.org).

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Army has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with the construction and use of two sites for the operational exercise of the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System (JLENS) at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Md. for a three-year period, from 2014 through 2017. A Public Hearing will be held 7 p.m. on Jan. 16, at The Community College of Baltimore County in Essex, Md. Additional details about the hearing can be found in the Public Notice.

The Draft EA and Public Notice are available for review at:

<http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/directorates/dp/index.cfm>

Comments will be accepted until Jan. 31 and can be addressed to:

USAGAPG, ATTN: Arnold O'Sullivan

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# PEO IEW&S welcomes back former leaders

By **BRANDON POLLACHEK**  
PEO IEW&S PAO

The Program Executive Office for Electronic Warfare & Sensors (PEO IEW&S) took an opportunity to bring together a group of former program executive officers along with the organization's current leadership for a Senior Strategic Meeting, on Dec 4.

Returning to PEO IEW&S for a day long visit were retired Lt. Gen. William Campbell, retired Maj. Gen. David Gust, retired Brig. Gen. Thomas Cole and Edward Bair. All previously served as PEOs during the organization's more than 25 years of existence.

The meeting served as an opportunity for current PEO leaders to highlight the organization's current portfolio as well as plan for how they will continue to support Soldier's in the future. In turn there was a strategy session that allowed for the former leaders to call upon their experiences in the organization to assist PEO IEW&S' strategies for the future.

"It was an honor to host the past leaders from PEO IEW&S who all had a significant role in developing PEO IEW&S into the team we are now. They put into motion many of the concepts and technologies that our Soldiers are utilizing every day to ensure they have a complete understanding of their operating environment," said Stephen Kreider, PEO IEW&S. "Having them come back and share their experiences with our current team was a tremendous opportunity for us to leverage their knowledge as we structure our path forward for years to come."

After briefings and discussions with each of the current Project Managers, the former PEOs received a tour of the Joint Test Integration Facility, where they were able to see firsthand how the Army is collaborating with industry to develop highly technological solutions in the most efficient manner possible.

In addition to the strategy session and tour, each of the attending former PEOs was honored for the work PEO IEW&S accomplished during their tenures. Conference rooms throughout the C4ISR campus were dedicated in their names.

Each room contains a plaque highlighting the accomplishments of the room's namesake and will include a pic-



Photo by William Schofield  
Former Program Executive Officer's for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare & Sensors gathered for a strategy meeting and conference room dedications on Dec 4. (From left) Retired Brig. Gen. Thomas Cole, retired Lt. Gen. William Campbell, Stephen Kreider (current PEO), retired Maj. Gen. David Gust and Edward Bair.

torial history of systems fielded during the various time periods. The following are excerpts highlighting those accomplishments.

#### **Retired Lt. Gen. William Campbell**

During his time at the helm of the recently formed PEO IEW&S (Oct 1987-April 1992), Campbell finalized the organization's structure and led the PEO through Operation Desert Storm by supporting the ISR requirements during the war. He played a significant role in advancing the Army's ability to 'own the night' through the fielding of night vision goggles.

#### **Retired Maj. Gen. David Gust**

Seizing the ability to provide aerial surveillance through an unmanned plat-

form was among the major accomplishments of PEO IEW&S during Gust's tenure (July 1995 – November 1999), with the initiation of the Shadow UAV program. Due to his vision, ground forces are currently utilizing numerous capabilities initiated and fielded under his watch, including the Prophet system and Ground Moving Target Indicator/Synthetic Aperture Radar on the Airborne Reconnaissance Low.

#### **Edward Bair**

As the longest tenured PEO for IEW&S (November 1999-November 2007), Bair led the organization through the early phases of OEF and OIF to include fielding of Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Device (RCIED) systems that curbed the effect of enemy IEDs.

Additionally, under his leadership, the organization established the Army's premier intelligence enterprise with the Distributed Common System-Army as well as fielding aerostats to provide greater situational awareness for ground forces.

#### **Retired Brig. Gen. Thomas Cole**

As Soldiers faced intense threats from mortars on the ground and man portable air defense systems in the air, Cole led the PEO IEW&S team (November 2007-September 2010) in developing and fielding the Advanced Threat Infrared Counter-Measure, EQ 36 Radar and Light Weight Counter Mortar Radar to provide warning and protection against the prevalent threats of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

# ECBC, APG South host annual Food, Toy, Gift Drive

By **CRYSTAL MAYNARD**  
ECBC

The excitement and thrill of waking up as a child on Christmas morning to see what Santa left under the tree is a memory that reverberates in the hearts of many. As part of the 26th Annual Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Edgewood Food, Toy and Gift Drive the workforce community sponsored the wish lists of 21 military families from two APG Army commands ensuring that those less fortunate will also have that same thrilling memory this holiday season. The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) and other APG organizations hosted the annual Food, Toy and Gift Drive on Dec. 12.

In a moving welcome, ECBC Engineering Director Alvin D. Thornton thanked those that were able to donate and volunteer in this year's drive.

"Despite the troubles we have experienced on APG this year, our community workforce is always willing to step up," said Thornton. "It is better to give than receive, and we are making a difference in someone's life."

The center and the other commands located on APG South (Edgewood), came together to celebrate the spirit of giving. In addition to the U.S. Army 20th CBRNE Command and the 22d Chemical Battalion

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**Marlyn Gambrill**

APG South (Edgewood) Food, Toy and Gift Drive co-founder

(TE) toy and food donations also go to two local charities. The center's Berger Auditorium was overflowing with the spirit of giving and holiday cheer in the form of shiny new toys. During the ceremony, the donated toys were given to an organization that provides after school and summer programs for the youth in the communities surrounding APG including Edgewood, Joppatowne and Havre de Grace.

"A toy is a tool that opens doors to families and provides us the opportunity to build a relationship with them," said co-founder Marlyn Gambrill. "Without the donations and support, we would not be able to reach out and help rewrite a child's story."

Volunteers worked tirelessly collecting the items for this year's drive. ECBC employees spearheading the collection included Beth Hirsh, Stella Lee and Janna Madren-Whalley. They said the children were the reason they participate in the drive and that no matter how much or how little is collected, it still helps someone and that is enough for them. Lee, who has been participating in the drive since she was hired as an ECBC intern in 1991, said she was raised in a giving family and that she hopes to instill that value into her own children.

"Once my siblings and I were older, my mom suggested instead of buying each other presents that we adopt a family and

give to them instead," she said. "I hope and pray my children will always be generous and experience the joy of giving."

Many like Lee in the APG South (Edgewood) community embrace the spirit of generosity the season brings and were able to donate food and toys to a non-profit coalition of churches that reaches out to citizens in need by serving a hot meal and providing a bag of groceries to each family.

"The ECBC donations will help supply the meals and groceries we provide to families in the community," said Andy Roach, organization secretary. "At our Christmas dinners, we will let each child pick one toy, and then the parents can come through and pick one or two toys for them to put under the tree for the child on Christmas morning."

Participating organizations included ECBC; members of the Directorate of Emergency Services; the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense; the Program Executive Office, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives; and the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity.

View additional photos on the ECBC Flickr site at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/edgewoodchembiocenter/sets/72157638616047004/>.



## **Team APG supports Army/ Navy Blood drive**

HN1 Randall Johnson draws blood during the Army Navy Blood Drive at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Dec. 11. The event was themed for the Dec. 14 Army-Navy game. Donors voted for the winning team and received t-shirts, mugs and ice scrapers with Army-Navy Game logos. Ninety members of Team APG pre-registered for the event which is held by the Armed Services Blood Program and benefits Soldiers and Family members worldwide.

Photo by Molly Blossie

# Knox named ASAP ADCO of the Year

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ly, quarterly and annual requirements set at the DA level. In addition to alcohol and drug abuse screening and counseling, ASAP services include the Employee Assistance Program, which provides assessments and referrals to mental health professionals on and off post for Soldiers, civilians, retirees and their Family members. This year ASAP

began providing clinical services on APG South on an as-needed basis, making ASAP services more accessible.

“What I like most about my job is the mission,” Knox said. “ASAP impacts the health and safety of the entire APG community.”

He said that putting ASAP’s clinical and prevention programs in one building has resulted in faster, more effective communication within the ASAP team.

The reintegration follows the Installation Management Command’s Public Health Model. PHM takes a holistic approach and focuses on three components: the host, (the individual affected by the health problem), the environment (the conditions that promote the health problem) and the agent (the catalyst, substance or organism that causes the health problem).

Knox said to stay current, he believes

in frequent training for himself and his staff members. Last summer he attended the three-week Civilian Education System Intermediate Course at the Army Management Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He also is active in the local community, as a Big Brother with the George G. Lisby Elementary School in Aberdeen and as a coach for APG’s Child Youth and School Services sports program.

# ChalleNGe Class 41 graduates 123 cadets

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to the skills you’ve learned and you will be successful.”

Godbolt said that within each cadet beats the heart of a champion. Borrowing from patriotic songs and sayings, he said the “dawn’s early light” was indicative of the academy bringing up cadets to what is right and the sound of rolling thunder is heard at the Freestate ChalleNGe academy where “truth is marching on.”

“We hold these truths to be self evident that at Freestate ChalleNGe Academy you can be anything you want to be,” he said.

“Most importantly, the academy’s cadets learned that if you want success in this world you have to earn it,” he said.

“You control your own destiny and the only one who can hold you back is yourself.”

Class speakers Mark Pollard and Vanessa Marroquin shared their stories of achievement before the presentation of awards and certificates, led by Rose, Adkins, Godbolt and 1st Sgt. Job Stringfellow.

### **Scholarships and awards**

The top awards for Class #41 graduates went to the following:

- Cadet of the Cycle, \$200 award, Jennifer Contreras
- Most Improved Cadet, \$200 award, Mark Pollard and Trinisia Reese
- Commandant Award for Leadership, \$200 award, Angelica Ayling
- FCA Academic Excellence Award, \$200 award, Zequan German
- FCA Physical Fitness Award, \$200 award, Kameron Harris and Tanae Molden
- Rotary Club of Towson, \$1,000 scholarship, Deandre Fugham
- Mrs. Nancy H. Sevier award, \$1,000 scholarship, Vanessa Marroquin

- Maryland National Guard Foundation, \$1,000 scholarship, Kameron Johnson
- PEDRO 66 Award, \$1,000 scholarship, Robert Smalls
- Edward St. John Foundation/Four \$1,000 scholarships, Brenda Vasquez, Mark Pollard, Lawrence Robinson and John Meyer
- National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Foundation/Four \$1,000 scholarships, Zequan German, Bryan Medina, John Mitchell and Jaasiel Headley
- Harford Community College, \$5,000 scholarship, Ashley Garcia

# Scanning to aid 21st century commissary benefit

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along with customer demographics that does not identify specific personal data of an individual. This will eventually help the agency identify shopping needs and preferences -- information that is essential in today’s retail business environment. It will also allow more accurate reporting to military services on commissary usage.

The demographic information DeCA will use is strictly limited to card ID number, rank, military status, branch of service, age, household size and ZIP codes of residence and duty station. DeCA will not be using any personal information such as names, addresses or phone numbers.

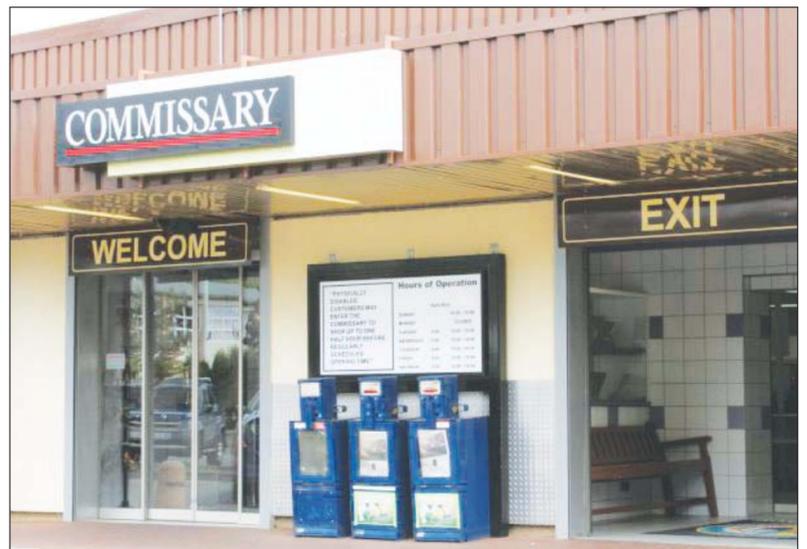
“The methods, processes and information we’ll use will not compromise

our customers’ privacy, they can be sure of that,” Jeu said. “We’re putting technology to work to better understand our customers and ensure the commissary benefit continues to remain relevant to them now and in the future.”

For more information on ID card scanning, visit DeCA’s Frequently Asked Questions page on ID card scanning.

**Commissaries will soon begin scanning customers’ Department of Defense ID cards at checkouts. The Schweinfurt Commissary at Askren Manor began scanning ID cards in November, and the roll-out should be complete for every other commissary by mid-January 2014. Both commissaries at U.S. Army garrisons Ansbach and Bamberg will also begin scanning ID cards, Nov. 19.**

U.S. Army Courtesy photo



# 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/>.

## YOUTH CENTER HOSTS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Left: Chye Taylor, 7, puts the finishing touches on a gingerbread house she made during the APG South (Edgewood) youth center's Family Fun Night Dec. 13. The center provided all the materials the Families needed to make creative gingerbread houses.

Below: (From left) Lakiesha Turner, a civilian Family member, helps her son Kiyen Alexander, 5, decorate a gingerbread house.

Photos by Rachel Ponder



## HOUSING ENGINE 1213

On Dec. 13, 2013, Aberdeen Proving Ground firefighters received the new Fire Engine 2013 and housed it in the APG South (Edgewood) firehouse. Firefighters customarily push new apparatus into the firehouse in recognition of a tradition born in the 1830s when horse-drawn equipment had to be manually backed into the building.

Photo by Matthew Bannon



## War College professor talks Millennials, future of Army

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**  
CERDEC Public Affairs

An Army research professor lectured engineers on the link between generational differences and the Army's readiness to develop leaders in accordance with the Army core doctrine of Mission Command, Dec. 3.

Dr. Leonard Wong, a retired lieutenant colonel and research professor at the Strategic Studies Institute at the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., was invited to speak at APG by the Research, Development and Engineering Command's communications-electronics center, known as CERDEC, which develops new mission command technologies for the Army.

After hearing Wong speak at a previous event, John Willison, the director of CERDEC's Command, Power and Integration Directorate, invited Wong to speak at APG. The lecture explored Army culture, societal generations and mission command while referencing historical and current events, parenting styles and common stereotypes to keep audience members engaged, regardless of age.

"I knew the message would resonate with our workforce," said Willison. "It is directly relevant to the work that we do and thought provoking, both professionally and personally. It is good for our employees to hear other perspectives and to challenge them to think and to act on what they learned."

The current warfighting philosophy within the Army and the Department of Defense is Mission Command. There was a deliberate shift away from Command and Control which gave Soldiers specific

orders and directives with little room to deviate. Mission Command empowers Soldiers to operate more dynamically based on broad commander intent and trust, rather than the traditional top-down hierarchical command structure, said Willison.

According to a white paper published by Gen. Martin Dempsey, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, future leaders must be adaptive, comfortable with uncertainty and given room to exercise judgment as the future operating environment becomes increasingly complex and asymmetrical.

However, generational differences coupled with the traditionally rigid Army structure and a lag between society and Army culture can make Mission Command and developing adaptive leaders a challenge, Wong said.

In order to fully outline the problem, Wong explained his research about the human and organizational structure of the Army, including the positive and negative characteristics of the Baby Boomers, Generation X and the Millennials.

Within the Army construct, the Baby Boomers, born shortly after WWII, are now senior leaders and general officers who came into the Army in the late seventies, at a time of complete reorganization. They turned the Army around and brought in major systems like the Blackhawk helicopter and the Abrams tank that earned them praise, Wong said.

Members of Generation X, born in the sixties and seventies, are now lieutenant colonels, colonels and majors who entered in the early nineties during a peri-

od of large downsizing after the end of the Cold War. They experienced little to change their generation's less than favorable outlook toward authority, Wong said.

The Millennials, born during the eighties and nineties, are now captains who will soon enter leadership positions and are often touted as incapable of making decisions on their own, he said.

"The Millennials show up [in the Army]...and we ask 'are they going to be able to lead the Army in the future?'" Wong said. "But who does the thinking for them? We do. We removed all the uncertainty because we felt it was our job as parents and a society to make life better for this generation."

Wong's lecture also explored how the current Army culture, reinforced by older generations, complicates the problem for young Soldiers moving into leadership roles and the successful execution of the Mission Command Philosophy.

"We have a culture [in the Army] that loves to tell people what to do and how to do it - we can't help it, it's just the way we think," Wong said. "And this is the type of leader we create in the Army. They're very good at doing what we tell them to do."

Mission Command, however, demands the exact opposite. This shift to mission command came as Soldiers were increasingly asked to operate in dynamic, fast moving environments that require adaptability, Willison said.

The lecture ended with discussion and advice from Wong regarding small steps toward changing the Army culture in favor of developing the next generation of leaders. Wong urged both Soldier and

civilian members of the Baby Boomers generation and Generation X to create opportunities for younger individuals to lead, rather than leading for them.

"Dr. Wong's message cleverly appealed to the entire audience by enlightening existing leaders to delegate responsibility to the younger generation, while encouraging the younger generation to proactively take on that responsibility," said Ray Schulze, a CERDEC CP&I branch chief.

The implementation of Mission Command, as pointed out by Wong, poses challenges. Engineers at CERDEC CP&I develop new Mission Command technologies for the Army, and in order to do so effectively they must understand who Soldiers are, what they do and how they do it - including the cultural complexities within the Army, Willison said.

"My hope is that our employees walked away having looked at the problem differently and having a deeper appreciation for the challenges we face in developing capabilities for our Soldiers," Willison said.

Maj. Shane Sims, a former Military Deputy for CERDEC CP&I and one of only a handful of Soldiers in the predominantly civilian audience, reiterated the need to connect technology developers to the true reality Soldiers operate within.

"I tell our developers all the time that we have to understand our customers. This lecture was all about our customers, the officers who command and lead our forces through mission command. Any event which allows us to understand our users better is extremely valuable," Sims said.

## Slim Down Challenge to feature free metabolic testing

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includes a potluck lunch and attendees are encouraged to come share their favorite healthy dish.

During the challenge, team members will weigh in every other Wednesday at APG Garrison Headquarters and Headquarters Company, located in Bldg. 305. The challenge will include Lunch-and-Learn sessions featuring

nutrition and weight loss information and Commander's Run/Walks. These events are optional for participants.

Mozeleski said he encourages team members to share what works for them and to motivate each other. He plans to blog his own experiences and share information about garrison and installation-wide slim down events. Team members can follow his blog and gather other information at [www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/2014-apg-installation-slim-down-challenge](http://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/2014-apg-installation-slim-down-challenge).

"This will be a one-stop shop for information," he said.

In addition to assisting with weigh-ins, the Army Wellness Center will provide free metabolic testing for all slim down challenge participants. With this test, the AWC staff will be able to determine how many calories a participant should consume a day to lose

weight safely. During the visit, AWC health educators will help participants set goals for realistic and safe weight loss.

For more information and to register for the Garrison Slim Down Challenge contact Mozeleski at 410-278-3000 or email: [richard.d.mozeleski2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:richard.d.mozeleski2.civ@mail.mil). To learn more about AWC contact 410-306-1024, or email [maria.c.sorrells.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:maria.c.sorrells.ctr@mail.mil).