



## Three Soldiers retire during June ceremony

By **RACHEL PONDER**

The careers of three APG Soldiers from the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) formally came to an end during the Installation Retirement Ceremony at the Ball Conference Center June 27.

The honorees included Lt. Col. Christopher O. Foye, Lt. Col. Donald C. Kemp, and Sgt. Marta Harrington. The retirees had a combined total time in service of over 72 years.

The Director of Civilian Human Resources Agency Barbara P. Panther presided over the event and presented awards to the honorees.

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# APG welcomes Zinnante, bids farewell to Daly

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground community gathered at Top of the Bay June 26 to bid farewell to one leader and welcome another during the change of command ceremony for Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

Outgoing Commander Lt. Col. Ellen S. Daly relinquished command of the organization to Incoming Commander Lt. Col. David R. Zinnante.

Guests included APG Commander Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell; Installation Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent; Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin.

The reviewing officer, Col. Danny B.N. Jaghab, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Activity, Fort Meade, Md., led the passing of the unit colors signifying the change in leadership from Daly to Zinnante, and was assisted by KUSAHC senior clin-

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Photo by Sean Kief  
Incoming Commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Lt. Col. David Zinnante accepts the guidon from the Commander of Fort George G. Meade U.S. Army Medical Activity and Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center Col. Danny B.N. Jaghab during the June 26 change of command ceremony at the Top of the Bay.

# Defense general visits C4ISR Center of Excellence, explores opportunities for cross-service collaboration

By **ANDRICKA THOMAS**,  
CECOM Public Affairs

In times of lower financial resources and operating in a joint service environment, it's imperative to identify opportunities for collaboration and teaming, according to one general at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Chief Information Office.

Maj. Gen. Robert E. Wheeler, deputy chief information officer for Command, Control, Communications and Computers (C4) and Information Infrastructure

Capabilities (DCIO for C4IIC) on the Secretary of Defense staff, visited the C4ISR Center of Excellence at Aberdeen Proving Ground, June 21, to explore the depth of capabilities across the C4ISR domain and identify ways to leverage capabilities across services.

Wheeler and his team were looking for opportunities to exploit cross-service capacities in specialty areas and find efficiencies for the good of all services, Wheeler said.

Wheeler was welcomed by the C4I

Surveillance and Reconnaissance, C4ISR, community here, each sharing their mission, capabilities, special projects, customers and relationships within DoD's C4ISR industry.

"The intent is to build relationships and raise awareness within the defense community of the capabilities available to them here at Team APG," said Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command and APG senior mission commander. "The technology and syn-

ergy that exist here is incredible. C4ISR capabilities are conceptualized, developed, tested, integrated, managed and fielded right here from APG. We're looking forward to identifying opportunities to strengthen and grow our relationships with our DoD partners."

The C4ISR Center of Excellence campus is comprised of the Army Materiel Command's CECOM, Communications-Electronics Research, Development and

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# Federal Exec Board honors 95 APG civilians

## Eight awarded FEB gold

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground civilians and Soldiers enhanced the installation's reputation as a center of excellence in technical as well as non-technical arenas during the annual Excellence in Federal Career awards program held in Baltimore in May.

Hosted by the Baltimore Federal Executive Board (FEB), the annual event - held during national Public Service Recognition Week - highlights extraordinary contributions made by service members and government civilians during the past year. Supervisors from federal agencies around the region submit nominations weeks in advance and a Blue Ribbon Panel of judges determine if the nominees' actions warrant bronze, silver or gold awards.

Of 241 total nominations, APG civilians brought home 95 awards in 15 cat-

egories; 56 bronze, 31 silver and 8 gold. The awardees hailed from 14 different APG organizations.

Richard H. Howell, executive director of the Baltimore FEB hosted the event which featured music by the Baltimore Area U.S. Coast Guard color guard.

"The federal employees and military service members whom we honor today are indeed the best of the best," said Dr. Reginald F. Wells, FEB chair and deputy commissioner of Human Resources with the Social Security Administration in his welcome message. "We are proud of the extraordinary contributions of each one of our gold, silver and bronze award winners. They are the pride of their agencies, their communities and the nation, [and] we are truly honored to recognize their unique contributions."

For more information about the Baltimore Federal Executive Board Excellence in Federal Career Awards, visit the Baltimore FEB website at <http://www.baltimorefeb.us/>

Gold awardees from APG included



Photo by Darrell Jenson, MRICD

Members of the MRICD Molecular Pathology Team pose together after winning the Gold Award in the Technical, Scientific and Program Support -Team category during the Baltimore Federal Executive Board Excellence in Federal Career awards luncheon at Martin's West in Baltimore in May.

Dr. Peter Emanuel, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center; Dawn K. Beeghley, U.S. Army Evaluation Command (Aberdeen Test Center); Molecular Pathology Team, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense; Doris

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# STREET TALK

## Do you have a Family Fourth of July tradition?

Every year, we start the day by going to the annual pancake breakfast at Bel Air High School, hosted by the Bel Air Lions Club. This year we are breaking tradition and going to the beach.



**Phillip Belfiori**  
CYSS

My Family buys fireworks for our own show. My favorite fireworks are Magic Whips, Black Snakes and sparklers.



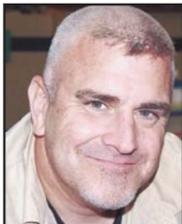
**Anton Tumalian**  
Student

My extended Family gets together and we have a big dinner. Afterward we shoot potato guns and ride four wheelers.



**Katie Swim**  
Student

I enjoy the chance to get together with my Family for a picnic. We also go to the Bel Air parade.



**Brad Pratt**  
DPTMS

# OPINION

## Fourth of July - more than "pomp and parades"

On the 3rd of July, 1776, John Adams, one of our nation's founders, wrote a letter to his wife Abigail. Knowing that the signing of the Declaration of Independence would be a truly historic day, remembered for decades to come, Adams advised his wife that the occasion should be celebrated with "...pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports... and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more."

As all are aware, we have followed Mr. Adams' wise advice for the last 237 consecutive years as our nation pauses every Fourth of July to commemorate the anniversary of our independence and honor the freedoms and liberties we enjoy as Americans.

Over the next week, chances are when you look up at the night sky, you'll see exactly the kind of illuminations John Adams was talking about. In addition, there will be a number of Independence Day parades right here in the local area to include Cecil County (July 2), Kingsville and Bel Air (July 4), and in Havre de Grace and Edgewood-Joppatown (July 6). I encourage everyone to check the APG News, local papers and the web for times and locations, so you can come out and show your Fourth of July spirit.

As we all celebrate this coming week with cookouts, fireworks, "shows, games, sports" and time with Family and friends—I would ask that you also take a moment and remember the sacrifices made by so many over the last 237 years which have preserved our nation's



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freedom.

On this Fourth of July, tens of thousands of our fellow U.S. service members and Department of Defense civilians remain deployed all around the globe. From Afghanistan to Korea – they continue to do the hard work that helps keep our Nation secure.

Right here at APG, our talented and professional team members are doing everything from researching and developing the next generation of warfighting technology, to sustaining the C4ISR mission of our Joint Force, to protecting the public health of our service members, to defending us against chemical, biological and nuclear threats.

No matter what they do or where they work, every man and woman in uniform, along with all of our DoD civilians, is a proud volunteer who has dedicated themselves to serving our nation under some of the most challenging circumstances imaginable. The Fourth of July is a perfect day for all who serve to take

pride in the mission that Team APG and our armed forces perform.

I also know that many will travel over the holiday to spend time at the beach, on the water, at fireworks displays or with Family and friends at a backyard barbecue. Please ensure that safety is a part of all your Fourth of July plans and commit to making this holiday a safe one for yourselves, your families and your fellow APG Team members.

I want to thank you once again for the hard work you do each and every day. My family and I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Fourth of July and a great - and safe - summer season.

Happy Birthday USA and Army Strong!

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

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

## Have a safe and sane Fourth of July

July 4th is a time of social activities and celebrations with family and friends, but it is not without an increased risk of accidents. Safety remains a #1 priority and I ask your help in ensuring a safe holiday for employees and family members while you're having fun.

Fireworks can be extremely dangerous and cause serious burns and eye injuries. I encourage everyone to attend public fireworks displays and avoid potential mishaps. If fireworks are legal in your area and you decide to use them on your own, be sure to always read and

follow label directions and follow local laws. Never give fireworks to small children. Never throw or point fireworks in the direction of anyone. Know fire extinguisher location and operation, and always keep water handy – you never know when you will need it. Always remember – alcohol and fireworks don't mix.

If you decide to take advantage of warmer temperatures by engaging in water activities, please swim in supervised areas only. Be sure to obey all rules and posted signs. Pay attention to

local weather conditions and forecasts and stop swimming at the first indication of bad weather. Children and inexperienced swimmers should always use personal flotation devices.

Everyone can make a difference this holiday period. When you practice safety and inform others about safety, you are saving lives. Remember, accidents don't take a holiday. Always maintain an awareness of the potential hazards around you.

**APG Garrison Safety Office**

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# Army Post-9/11 GI Bill transfer policy to take effect Aug. 1

By **C. TODD LOPEZ**  
*Army New Service*

Beginning Aug. 1, 2013, every Soldier who elects to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to a family member will incur an additional four years in the Army, without regard to their time in service.

“This policy was drafted in 2009 and takes effect Aug. 1, 2013. It is important that we inform Soldiers of this existing policy regarding the Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits,” said Lt. Col. Mark Viney, chief of the Enlisted Professional Development Branch, Army G-1.

That news comes in a message to military personnel, dated April 15, 2013.

The rule largely affects senior officers and enlisted Soldiers who are retirement-eligible. As of now, these Soldiers may be able to transfer benefits to their loved ones with anywhere from zero to three years of additional service.

Soldiers who are not retirement eligible, electing to transfer their GI Bill benefits to a family member means re-upping for an additional four years.

Come Aug. 1, that rule will apply to all Soldiers, whether they are retirement-eligible or not.

“The Post-9/11 GI Bill Soldiers are entitled to the benefit for their own use, but to transfer to dependents: that is used as a recruiting and retention tool,” said Lt. Col. Mark Viney, chief of the Enlisted Professional Development Branch, Army G-1.

Viney also serves as the policy proponent for the Army’s Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Education Benefits Program.

“We want Soldiers to be informed of

the impact of this policy,” Viney said. “This is going to impact their decisions and their families, and whether or not they are going to have this money available to fund their dependent’s education.”

Veterans Affairs, or VA, also has eligibility requirements for transferability. A Soldier must have six years of active duty in order to transfer his GI Bill benefits.

In some cases, if a Soldier has incurred additional time in service in order to transfer GI Bill benefits to a family member, and is afterward unable to serve that additional time in service, he or she may be required to pay back those benefits.

Viney said that as the Army draws down, some Soldiers will be involuntarily separated under force-shaping initiatives. Soldiers who are separated early under such circumstances and who had previously transferred their Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to their dependents may retain the transferred benefits, without needing to repay them to the VA.

Soldiers who were retirement eligible after August 1, 2009 and before August 1, 2012 and who are considering transferring their benefits to their dependents should review their service obligation before doing so. All Soldiers will incur a four-year service obligation after August 1, 2013 if they transfer their benefits to their dependents.

Soldiers with questions about transferring their Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to their dependents should contact their approving official.

## Stormwater reminder

*DPW*

While it is not unusual to hear about devastating storms and tornados in the central portion of the country around this time each year, it seems that we are once again dealing with powerful spring time thunderstorms in our area. Recent storms have caused damaging winds, flooding, and have even spawned a few minor tornados.

While sometimes there is little anyone can do to be fully prepared for the most violent forces of nature, there is a great deal that can be done to mitigate the effects of more common rain and thunderstorms such as localized flooding.

While tending to our yards and gardens this summer it’s always good to inspect any stormwater management structures, such as gutters, roof drains, storm drains, culverts, swales and ponds that may be on or near your property.

Be sure to check each structure for damage, such as broken concrete walls, crushed pipes, or signs of water flowing around the structure.

Remove any accumulated debris to ensure that these structures are able to function as effectively as possible.

It is important to remember that yard debris such as grass clippings and leaves should never be washed down storm drains while performing yard work, as they can accumulate and create blockages resulting in reduced flow.

Improper care and maintenance of stormwater structures can lead to premature flooding, excessive erosion and sedimentation, and damage to property.

Any action you can take to ensure that stormwater structures are properly functioning will go a long way toward advance preparedness in the event of a significant storm and may save effort, money and a big headache down the road.

If you notice that a publicly-owned structure located near your home is damaged and in need of repair, you will need to notify the appropriate local or state government agency. If you notice a damaged stormwater structure while at APG, please notify the Directorate of Public Works at 410-436-3102.

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# Tech Escort unit changes leadership

By **LT. COL. CAROL MCCLELLAND**  
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Summertime for Soldiers often means a leadership change. Such was the case June 25 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. when Lt. Col. Eric Towns replaced Lt. Col. Andrew Miltner as the new commander of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort).

The presiding official, Col. Maria Zumwalt, 48th Chemical Brigade commander, welcomed attendees then began with a quote from Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher living in 500 B.C. "He said, 'out of every 100 men or women, 10 should not even be here, eighty are just targets, nine are the real fighters, and we are lucky to have them, for they make the battle. But one, only one of them is a warrior, and he will bring the others back,'" she quoted. "Make no mistake about it; the Guardian Battalion is comprised of Warriors that are trained and ready to accomplish the mission of countering CBRNE threats."

Miltner honored his wife, Sonmi, and daughter, Joanna, with flowers at the ceremony. He returns to a location he knows well--U.S. Forces Korea, where he's had multiple tours.

He thanked his Soldiers and reminded the audience of their importance. "On any given day and at any hour, Technical Escort Soldiers are executing their mission to counter-weapons of mass destruction within the United States and around the world. While you're preparing to go home for the weekend or on vacation or sleeping in your beds, America's Guardians are responding to any number of live chemical ordnance discovered in any number of indiscriminate locations across the Continental U.S., U.S. Territories, Alaska, Hawaii or overseas military installations," Miltner said.

Incoming commander Towns, who was most recently the deputy commander of 3rd Chemical Brigade, gave his first order immediately after assuming command. He told the Soldiers standing in the formation in 92 degree heat on the field to "shake it out" followed by his next order, "Alright, tighten it back up." He kept it short promising to "energetically carry on the proud legacy of those who have come before me," then announced, "Guardian 6 reporting for duty" before stepping away from the microphone and essentially ending the ceremony.



Luke, 5, hugs his dad, Lt. Col. Eric Towns, shortly after a ceremony in which his father took command of the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) June 25 at APG.

## Environmental assessment for the U.S. Army Reserve Proposed Military Construction Project at APG

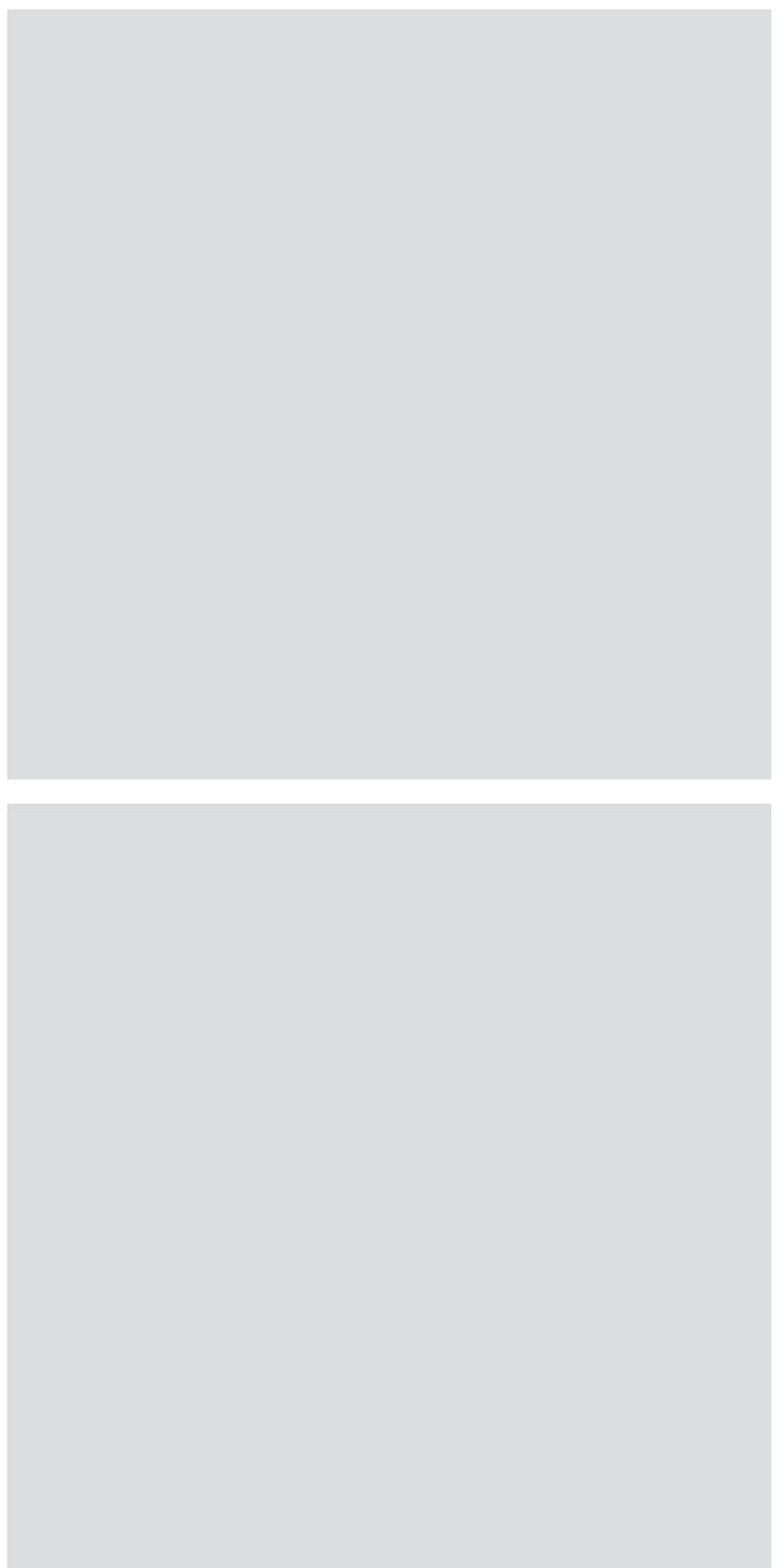
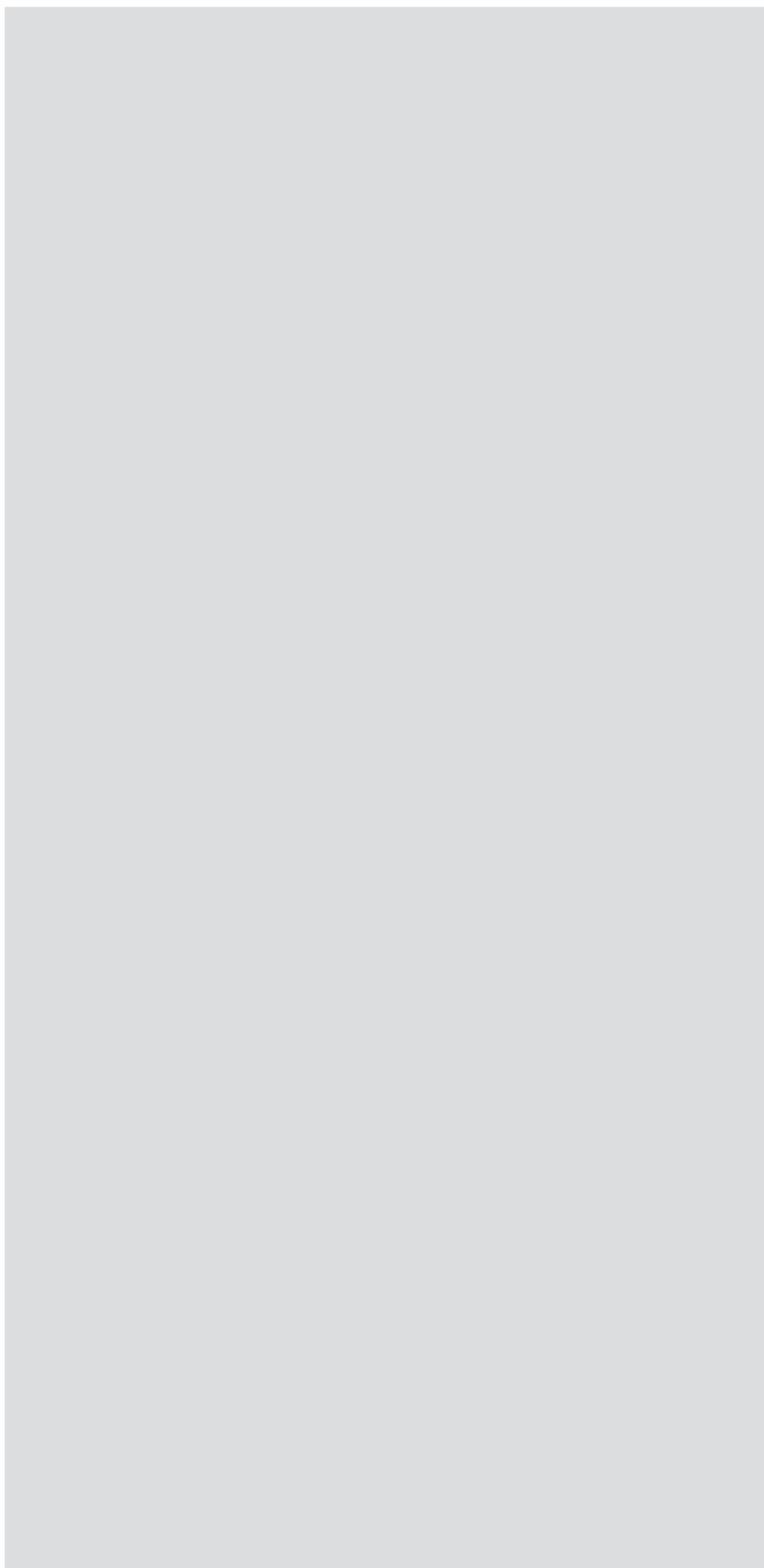
By **JESSICA BELFIT**  
*DPW Environmental Division*

The U.S. Army proposes to construct and operate a U.S. Army Reserve Center (USARC) in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG-EA). The USARC would provide properly equipped and secured training facilities for approximately 500 U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers. The U.S. Army has prepared a Draft EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) to evaluate and document the potential environmental and human health effects associated with con-

struction and operation activities of the USARC at the APG-EA proposed location.

The Draft EA and FNSI are available for review at <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/directories/dpw/> until July 20th, 2013.

Written comments should be submitted to Ms. Amanda Murphy at U.S. Army Reserve, 99th Regional Support Command, DPW, Environmental Division, 5231 South Scott Plaza, Fort Dix, New Jersey 08640-5000, or by email at [amanda.w.murphy.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:amanda.w.murphy.ctr@mail.mil).



# Army engineers develop new decontamination guidance

ECBC Communications

Response from medical and emergency personnel during the recent Boston Marathon attacks has been heralded as one of the best because of the planning and practice of first responders and hospitals who handle mass casualty situations.

In mass casualty decontamination efforts, experts from the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center partner with industry and medical professionals to ensure that if the worst does occur, everyone is ready and able to handle the conditions, especially in situations involving the accidental release of hazardous materials and terrorist events involving weapons of mass destruction.

Pete Schulze, from the U.S. Army Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear School partnered with Bill Lake and Stephen Divarco, Ph.D., both of ECBC, and Robert Gougelet, M.D., from the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth University, to revise an ECBC Special Report featuring new guidance on Mass Casualty Decontamination during hazardous material and weapon of mass destruction incidents.

With from community responders, Army responders, Department Of Defense and DoD chemical-biological technical experts, officials completed the report in May 2013. The public learned the results at the 2013 International Association of Fire Chiefs International HazMat Conference in Baltimore, Md., in June 2013.

The U.S. Army CBRN School develops training standards for Army personnel, equipment and units assigned to support civil authorities during a CBRN incident. A key element of any military training product or standard designed to support civil authorities is to ensure that it complements on-going civilian first responder processes and procedures.

CBRN school officials looked to ECBC to recommend and publish best practices for first responders.

“Life safety, especially in the event of a mass casualty situation like the recent Boston Marathon bombing incident, is always the highest priority,” Lake said. “Mass casualty decontamination requires timely response, gaining rapid control of victims, and applying proven, life saving decontamination techniques in an efficient and timely manner. The guidelines presented in the revised ECBC Special Report provide first responders with consistent means to countermeasure the after effects of mass casualty incidents.”

Lake also stressed that, “the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Incident Management System identifies concepts and principles that first responders can use to manage emergencies from preparedness to recovery, regardless of their cause, size, location or complexity.

Much like NIMS, the revised ECBC report provides a consistent approach

and vocabulary for first responders, multiple agencies, and/or jurisdictions to work together to deliver the core capabilities needed to achieve mass casualty decontamination.”

Lake, a division chief, first collaborated with Schulze and Gougelet in April 2009 to publish guidelines for “Mass Casualty Decontamination during a HazMat/Weapon of Mass Destruction Incident, Volumes I and II (ECBC-SP-024),” which was an update of two, nearly eight year-old reports.

Because of recent international research and recommendations by the Mass Casualty Decontamination Integrated Project Team, ECBC was again tasked by the Army CBRN School to update to the original 2009 report, focusing on the decontamination of chemical, biological, radiological and unknown hazards based on new empirical data and technical information.

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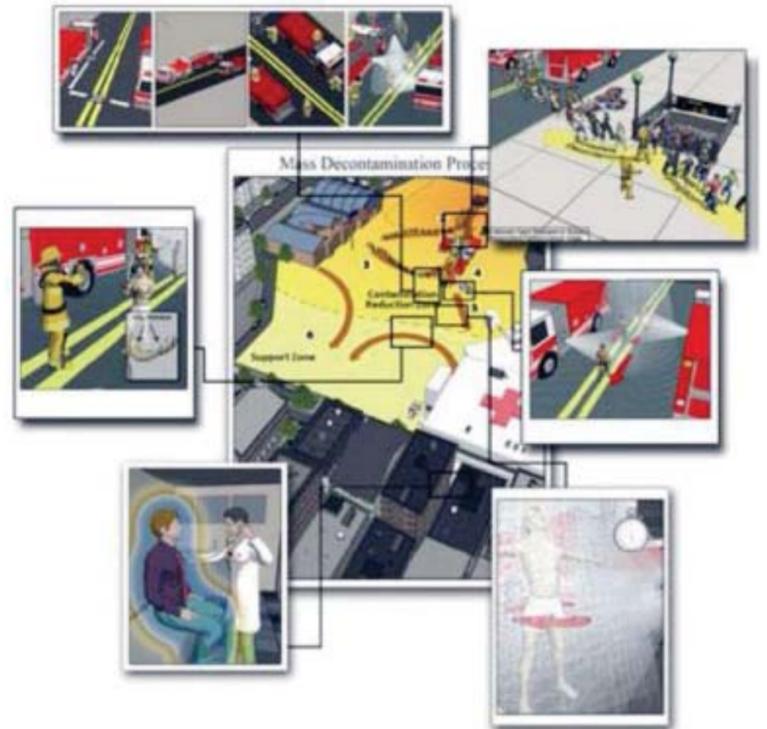
**Stephen Divarco, Ph.D**  
ECBC

Divarco leads the ECBC effort as the organizational chief systems engineer. His previous private sector experience as a first responder and safety engineer, combined with his government decontamination engineering experience, provided critical expertise the team needed to complete the updated report.

The team has also collaborated with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, who are publishing a higher level national report, “Patient Decontamination in a Mass Chemical Exposure Incident: National Planning Guidance for Communities.”

This federal level document and the ECBC report can be viewed as companion products that support both local planning and response actions for mass casualty incidents.

The team took a four-step, 360-degree approach to create the guidelines for the report incorporating scientific research and feedback from first responders. The approach consisted of think tanks with state, local and DoD first responders; research for new decontamination scientific advances/studies; latest best practices and ideas from the first responder



ECBC partnered with industry and academia to revise decontamination guidelines for HazMat/WMD mass casualty incidents. The upgraded report was presented at the 2013 International Association of Fire Chiefs International HazMat Conference in Baltimore.

community and a responder knowledge base review. Divarco said that despite being written by mass casualty decontamination experts, “The revised ECBC report was developed for field application by first responders. It was designed to provide technical information and suggested procedures for mass casualty decontamination following a hazardous material/WMD attack. Because of the combination of theoretical information, the inclusion of more recent findings from our international partners on the subject, and potential best practice practical applications offered, it was critical to involve a diverse group of individuals in the development and review of the revised report in order to produce a meaningful product.”

“While there is no perfect solution to mass casualty decontamination and there is no single process or method that can account for all variables such as hazard, time, number of victims, environmental conditions, resource availability, etc., the information presented in Volume I and II of the revised Report provides a means to help identify a simple, consistent mass casualty decontamination process that can be applied with reasonable effectiveness to any HAZMAT/WMD incident,” Lake said.

The updated guidelines include redesigning Volume I to be a quick reference book with short, concise descriptions of procedures and checklists to set up and execute mass casualty decontamination. Volume II has been revised to include an in-depth discussion of HAZMAT and WMD mass casualty decontami-

nation and additional reasoning behind guidelines presented in Volume I. Both volumes now include high resolution graphics developed for emergency reference and follow-on training in multi-lingual communities.

“The key to successful mass casualty decontamination is to use the fastest approach that will cause the least harm and do the most good for the majority of the people. Coordination of initial assessment, decontamination, and subsequent observation procedures is critical to ensure that the health needs of victims continue to be met as the incident response evolves,” Divarco wrote in a presentation for the IAFC Conference.

“The fire service is a critical resource for mass casualty decontamination and one of the purposes of this revised report is to bring them on board with the early minutes of decontamination and get their buy in on the final product,” Gougelet said.

“The original ECBC special report was accepted and put into practice by nationally recognized and private fire-fighting organizations. Inclusion of the new information in the revised report represents the latest evolution in the approach to mass casualty decontamination and validates early HAZMAT and WMD mass casualty decontamination incident strategies,” Divarco said. “It is our intent to again ensure widest dissemination of the revised report and to ensure our first responders have the best available information to use in mass casualty decontamination situations.”

# APG employees honored with FEB awards

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Read their stories below.

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### Category 1A-Outstanding supervisor, GS-13 and above



**Dr. Peter Emanuel, ECBC**

Emanuel leads the biological research laboratories at ECBC in the areas of biological detection and decontamination. As BioSciences Division Chief, he is as equally concerned about the work environment as the research products they produce. Aimed to help fuel and promote a creative, happy and healthy work environment for his division, as a supervisor, he has conducted frequent climate surveys, implemented scientific journal clubs, community bulletin boards, fitness challenges, and an annual scientific colloquium called Coffee with Colleagues, which gives young researchers a first opportunity to present posters in a low stress setting. Emanuel's focus on innovation and invention has garnered numerous awards and his dedication to the mission, commitment to innovation and long history of technical contributions are a credit to the Department of Defense and serves as an example to those working alongside him protecting the nation through the application of science and engineering.

Emanuel said he was "truly honored to be recognized."

"The credit really goes to the talented group of scientists I work with every day, who help make my job that much easier," he said. "I knew when I returned from Washington D.C. to the labs at Edgewood it would be important to try new ways to motivate and lead that would resonate with the new workforce. To continue to be forward-thinking we must try new things and take risks, and our Technical Director, Joe Wienand, has nurtured an environment in which our staff is encouraged to be innovative.

"[This] is the kind of place where great ideas and exceptional work thrive and I think that is why you see such high-quality work coming out of ECBC. As I approach my twenty-year mark as a federal employee I'm also thankful for the opportunities to learn, create and mentor that I have been offered as a scientist for the Army. I'm so lucky to have a job that I truly love, and that I get to come to work every day with such talented individuals. I'm proud to be serving such an important mission."

### Category 2B-Outstanding Professional (Administrative Management & Specialist)



**Dawn K. Beeghley, ATC**

As a budget analyst for ATEC's Aberdeen Test Center, Beeghley has demonstrated outstanding technical aptitude towards fiscal law, budget operations and procedures.

In April 2012, ATC implemented the Army's new financial system, General Funds Enterprise Business System (GFEBs). As the GFEBs lead for ATC, Beeghley had the primary responsibility to communicate, train and lead the entire organization during deployment activities.

This included but was not limited to: organizing and assigning roles to more than 600 contractor and civilian employees; leading efforts to track and monitor

training efforts; communicating to personnel at directorate and command-level meetings; organizing teams to discuss and implement business process changes; providing support and organizing Test Officer hands-on training; implementing transition activities to move all activities from the legacy financial system to GFEBs; developing approval workflows for purchasing; trouble shooting system and training issues; developing job aides for the command; and all other aspects of implementing the new financial system.

### Category 3C-Outstanding Para-professional (Non-supervisory) Administrative Management Analyst, GS-8 & above



**Doris A. Lowe, AMSAA**

As an AMSAA budget analyst, Lowe made significant technical contributions and achievements in budget and finance which supported numerous organizational challenges. Lowe is recognized for her sustained, exceptional performance as AMSAA's technical lead for the transition from the Legacy Standard Operation and Maintenance Army Research and Development System finance and accounting system to the Army's new General Fund enterprise Business System (GFEBs). Her outstanding technical leadership cut across the full breadth and depth of GFEBs to include: overall implementation and operating strategy; determination and tracking of GFEBs functional roles and training requirements; organizational financial/funds structure; Cost Center and Work Breakdown Structure setup; and extensive research to address numerous system errors since GFEBs was not optimized for financial operations within the Army's research and development community. Lowe kept AMSAA in the forefront of GFEBs fielding by asking questions, raising issues and solving problems; this led to better implementation for all R&D organizations. She is also recognized for her extensive contributions with numerous financial adjustments associated with AMSAA's realignment as a Separate Reporting Activity under the Army Materiel Command within the same timeframe. Lowe's efforts led the way for AMSAA's financial system transition and realignment action throughout 2012.

Lowe said she was "very surprised and honored to be chosen."

"I think the best part is knowing that my superiors thought highly enough of my work and efforts to take the time out of their busy schedules to nominate me," she said. "So many times, we struggle through challenging times - and the GFEBs conversion was definitely one of those - and feel that our efforts [go] unnoticed.

"Even though I was the lead on the GFEBs conversion for AMSAA, I could not have accomplished the transition without the help of my coworkers. We work well as a team and they deserve a lot of the credit."

### Category 4B-Outstanding Administrative Work, Group or Team Molecular Pathology Team, MRICD

The Molecular Pathology Team is a unique collaboration of scientists and technicians who are DA civilians and Soldiers. Through synergistic technical interactions, they have been able to make great strides in the characterization of nerve agent poisoning. These insights have resulted in multiple successful grant submissions and have begun to identify multiple therapeutic targets for pharmacological development. Further development may yield therapies to help protect Soldiers and civilians from the deleterious effects of nerve agents. The team has a strong commitment to mentoring and fostering future scientific leaders. With their diverse yet complimentary backgrounds, this group has taken a co-mentoring approach to broaden the educational experience and provide multi-disciplinary training for Soldiers, students and post-doctoral associates.

According to MRICD public affairs, Drs. Robert Kan, Heidi Hoard-Fruchey and Erik Johnson lead the Molecular Pathology Team. Team members include Catherine Braue, Cristin Rothwell, Thy

Dao, Sgt. Stacey Swayze, Specs. Wei Nie and Kevin Laitapaya; post-doctoral associate Dr. Echechumba Yego; and Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) interns Jessica Leuschner, Shane Kaski, Darryl Glotfelty, James Irwin, Chris Hofmann and Michelle Guignet.

The award recognizes the group's contributions and accomplishments in understanding nerve agent toxicity, pathology progression and potential treatment mechanisms, their mentorship of future scientific leaders and their community service.

On behalf of the team, Dr. Johnson stated that they were "honored to be recognized for our continued research efforts into nerve agent poisoning, therapeutic development and mentorship of our young scientists."

"None of this would have been possible without the ongoing support of our military leadership and scientific colleagues," he said. "We are especially grateful for our ORISE interns for their hard work and dedication to the mission. [They] help keep the Molecular Pathology team highly productive and innovative."

### Category 8A-Volunteer Service, Individual



**Henderson E. Mitchell III, AMSAA**

An AMSAA electrical engineer, Mitchell has made significant contributions in community service. This includes [providing] mentoring, tutoring and life skills development through local partnerships established with Edgewood High School; the Omega Psi Phi organization; the Edgewood Windsor Valley Community Center; and the Maryland National Guard's Freestate Challenge Academy. Mitchell has made outstanding contributions, not only in support of the AMSAA technical mission, but as a significant and vital contributor to organizational outreach efforts to the local minority community. These efforts include being a founding member of a number of outreach initiatives and providing the opportunity for minority Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) talent to join the organization. More importantly, he has directly mentored other minority youth to develop goals, define futures, and pursue careers that they would otherwise consider unattainable. By conservative estimates, Mitchell has influenced more than 600 youth during the past 20 years. His impact is evidenced by the large percentage of his mentees who remain in school and pursue follow-on higher education, technical training or entrepreneurial endeavors.

Mitchell said he learned early on about "the haves and the have nots" while growing up in rural North Carolina where neighbors always helped neighbors in need.

"We were simply doing what we felt our neighbors would do if the roles were reversed," he said. "The desire to help whomever with whatever talent I possess was instilled in me through my parents and my church and now that mindset consumes me.

"It would be blasphemy for me not to help those in need of help when I can be an asset. I feel my greatest asset lies in tutoring and mentoring and I know that math and growing up is hard to do. I'm not paying it forward and I don't [do it] to win awards."

### Category 10B-Rookie Employee of the Year; Technical, Scientific & Program Support

**Dr. Tamara C. Otto, MRICD**

Otto is a dedicated, highly engaged and extremely productive scientist and role model. In her first year as a federally-employed research scientist, she has made major contributions to the research efforts and social framework of MRICD. She has obtained funding in excess of \$5 million from multiple sources to support her research which engages her in projects supported by external collaborators from industry and other DOD agencies. By completing multiple self-development courses, Otto has demonstrated a long-term commitment to expanding her role to encompass management and



**Dr. Tamara C. Otto, MRICD**

leadership responsibilities in addition to her duties as a research scientist. She is committed to help educate and train the next generation of scientists by mentoring high school and undergraduate students. She was additionally commended for supporting STEM education and for mentoring two seniors from the Aberdeen High School Science and Mathematics Academy during their Capstone research projects.

Otto said she was humbled by the award.

"I was honored to be nominated and it was a complete surprise to be awarded the gold medal," she said. "I take great pride in serving my country and was grateful to be recognized with all of the other federal award winners. I would also like to acknowledge The Baltimore Federal Executive Board for hosting such a wonderful luncheon. In our current fiscal climate, I know that a lot of time and effort was put into identifying funds so that the awards ceremony could occur."

### Category 6-Workforce Diversity/Equal Employment Opportunity Service



**Jody B. Jackson, ATEC**

Jackson's conscientious and timeless work ethic has earned him a reputation as someone who will always get the job done in an exemplary manner. He is a critical member of the ATEC commander's Directorate of Equal Opportunity (EEO) and Diversity programs. Jackson wears two hats: he is the EEO manager and the Sexual Harassment and Assault Response Program (SHARP) manager for ATEC. His outstanding performance, dedication to duty and aggressive can-do attitude has been very instrumental in contributing to ATEC's EEO Diversity office being recognized by Headquarters DA's Diversity & Leadership Offices and DOD's Equal Opportunity Office as a "Best Practice" office on numerous occasions.

(Mr. Jackson was unavailable for comment).

### Category 9-Distinguished Public Service Career



**Jesse L. Meerdink, ATC**

Meerdink retired from ATC in December 2012 after 32 years of service. He was an outstanding employee who distinguished himself through his exceptional work and commitment to the Warfighter during the testing of Army materiel and the design, construction and management of test facilities. Meerdink played a lead role in many first-ever test events for the Army. His career included the first tests to be conducted on Army vehicles that used anthropomorphic test dummies to help assess crew survivability. He was designated as the lead electronics technician responsible for the successful instrumentation thrust in support of Con-

gressionally-mandated Bradley Live Fire testing, standing up a digital instrumentation capability at ATC and training a new team of technicians. He continued to support technology advancement by increasing data acquisition capability to 60 channels during the first-ever

live missile shot into the M1 Abrams tank. His efforts helped to lay the foundation for the 400 data channel tests that routinely are conducted today at ATC. Additionally, he helped design and construct the AA5 Vulnerability Range and he was directly responsible for incor-

porating new instrumentation and data acquisition capabilities into the range. He also helped pioneer vehicle vulnerability instrumentation techniques; and aided in the design and construction of the AA5 Range and the Depleted Uranium Containment Facility known as

“Superbox” where he served as the facility manager. The AA5 is recognized as DOD’s premiere test site for vehicle vulnerability and survivability testing.

(Mr. Meerdink was unavailable for comment).

## 2013 Excellence in Federal Career Awards APG winners and organizations

### Category 1A - Outstanding Supervisor, GS-13 and above

**Gold**  
Dr. Peter Emanuel, ECBC  
**Silver**  
Mark A Gaydos, ATEC  
Lt. Col. Craig D. Gehrels, PHC  
**Bronze**  
Bruce E. Amrein, ARL  
Bryan Small, ATC  
Kenneth M. Snyder, MRICD  
John G. Thomas, AMSAA  
Clyde V. Webster, AEC

### Category 1B - Outstanding Supervisor, Grade 12 and below

**Silver**  
Louise V. Beyer, ATC  
Capt. Baishali Kanjilal, MRICD

### Category 2A - Outstanding Professional (non-supervisory) Technical, Scientific & Program Support

**Silver**  
Dr. Terrill Atwater, CERDEC  
Douglas M. Cerasoli, MRICD  
Dr. Betsy M. Rice, ARL  
Christopher J. Weir, PHC  
**Bronze**  
Thomas R. Adams Jr., USAGAPG  
Casey R. Cramer, ATC  
Dominique Edwards, ATEC  
Angel A. Falcon, AEC  
Shawn M. Funk, ECBC  
Christopher Hernandez, 20th SUPCOM  
James Herrell, AMSAA  
Brad L. Kinzy, RDECOM  
Nicholas J. Kurlick, CMA

### Category 2B-Outstanding Professional (Administrative Management & Specialist)

**Gold**  
Dawn K. Beeghley, ATC  
**Silver**  
Lawrence W. Burton, ARL  
Derry M. Petitfrere, 20th SUPCOM  
**Bronze**  
George W. Bryant, ATEC

Karen Foley, PEO IEW&S  
Valaria R. Johnson, CMA  
Debra Mentzer, AMSAA  
Karen C. White, RDECOM

### Category 3A-Outstanding Para-professional (non-supervisory) Technical, Scientific & Program Support

**Silver**  
Tami D. Atkins, CMA  
Donald J. Little, ARL  
Jessica Maxwell, 20th SUPCOM  
**Bronze**  
Jason R. Heiger, ATEC  
Christi C. Peterson, USAGAPG  
Susan M. Schulz, MRICD  
Laurie M. VanDyke, ATC  
David Zebbron, AEC

### Category 3B - Outstanding Para-professional (non-supervisory) Technical, Scientific & Program Support -Team

**Gold**  
Molecular Pathology Team, MRICD  
**Bronze**  
Systems Team for Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, AEC  
ARL PAO and Application Management & Development Branch, ARL  
ARL Multi-disciplined Security Division Team, RDECOM  
Protective Equipment Division Helmets Team, ATC  
Continuous Process Improvement Team Lean Six Sigma (LSS) ATEC

### Category 3C-Outstanding Para-professional (non-supervisory) Administrative Management Analyst, G-8 & above

**Gold**  
Doris A. Lowe, AMSAA  
**Silver**  
Daniel E. Boehm, MRICD  
**Bronze**  
Teressa, Doonan, ATC  
Mary D. McEntee, PEO IEW&S  
Troy L. Nellans, AEC

Melissa Sampson, ATEC  
Curtis W. Thompson, Sr., CMA

### Category 4A-Outstanding Administrative Assistance/Management Assistant

**Silver**  
Amy D. Durkin, ATC  
Ellen M. Wadsworth, RDECOM  
**Bronze**  
Shondria V. Boon, ATEC  
Barbara L. Hagerich, AMSAA  
Dana McVey, AEC  
Samantha Venetz, PEO IEW&S  
Wanda L. Waldon, MRICD  
Deborah A. Welsh, ARL

### Category 4B-Outstanding Administrative Work Group or Team

**Silver**  
Budget and Contracts Team, ATC  
General Fund Enterprise System Implementation Team, CMA  
Testing & Evaluation & Customer Service Team, ATEC  
ARL Weapons and Materials Research Directorate Administrative Team, ARL  
**Bronze**  
Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention Victim Advocate Team, MRICD

### Category 6-Workforce Diversity/Equal Employment Opportunity Service

**Gold**  
Jody B. Jackson, ATEC  
**Silver**  
Barbara Hawk, ECBC  
**Bronze**  
Fred A. Brewington, RDECOM  
Shariese Demby, CMA

### Category 7B-Heroism, Group Heroic Act

**Silver**  
DES Firefighters & Paramedics Emergency Response Team, USAGAPG

### Category 8A-Volunteer Service, Individual Award

**Gold**  
Henderson E. Mitchell III, AMSAA  
**Silver**  
Paul W. Crise, AEC  
**Bronze**  
Regina Burston-Valley, ATEC  
Robert J. Lepito, RDECOM

### Category 9- Distinguished Public Service Career

**Gold**  
Jesse L. Meerdink, ATC  
**Silver**  
William P. Clay, AMSAA  
Cynthia McMullen, ATEC  
William J. Smith, MRICD  
Dr. William P. Walters, ARL  
**Bronze**  
Edward Budnick, USAGAPG  
Dr. Michael J. Cushing, AEC  
Edward M. Harding, PHC  
John Kovac, 20th SUPCOM  
Michael E. Madden, PEO IEW&S

### Category 10A-Rookie Employee of the Year, Administrative/Management Analyst

**Silver**  
Nicole Tester, ATEC  
Rachel Tomlinson, PEO IEW&S  
**Bronze**  
Jason Adekoya, CMA

### Category 10B-Rookie Employee of the Year, Technical Scientific and Program Support

**Gold**  
Tamara C. Otto, MRICD  
**Silver**  
Owen Griffith, 20th SUPCOM  
James D. Wright Jr., ECBC  
**Bronze**  
Dr. Tariq Ahmido, PHC  
Candace Berry, CMA  
Amy M. Dagro, ARL  
Christopher G. Rinaldi, AMSAA  
Holly S. Travers, ATEC  
David Will, ATC

# Freedom Bike Ride begins at Arlington National Cemetery

By **C. TODD LOPEZ**

Around 25 bicyclists and hand cyclists, including Soldiers and wounded warriors, rode out of Arlington National Cemetery, June 25, to begin the 3rd Annual Freedom Bike Ride.

The five-day ride begins in the nation’s capital and culminates in Lewisburg, Pa., during the Union County Fourth of July parade there.

Sgt. Maj. Kevin Bittenbender, organizer of the event, said the annual ride began three years ago, when participants rode from Factoryville, Pa., to Lewisburg in order to honor Christy Mathewson, both a veteran of World War I and a MLB hall-of-fame inductee.

Last year, participants of the Freedom Bike Ride departed from the Vietnam War memorial to honor Vietnam veterans.

“This year, we picked a starting location that I consider to be the most hallowed ground in the United States,” Bittenbender said. “And that’s Arlington National Cemetery.”

Before the participants departed around 9 a.m., Bittenbender spoke to them about how the first day of riding would be dedicated to Spc. Christopher Horton, who was killed in 2011 while serving in Afghanistan.

This year the ride will pass through

Gettysburg, Pa., to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The participants will also meet up with Ronald E. Rosser, Medal of Honor recipient and Korean War Veteran, who is being honored at the Lewisburg parade.

Kevin Connolly, renowned photographer, author, and host of the Travel Channel show “Armed & Ready,” is a participant in this year’s race and says his admiration for the military made him nervous about being one of the only civilian participants.

“I have a beard,” Connolly said, laughing when recalling his initial thoughts about participating. “Is that going to be all right?”

Connolly, like several of the wounded warriors participating, rides a hand cycle because he was born without legs. He says that doesn’t get in the way of his motivation to push himself physically.

Freddie de los Santos, a Soldier who had a leg amputated after an incident in Afghanistan, says his disability has made him even more competitive and increased his desire to be active.

“Sometimes I feel like this is the best thing that’s happened to me,” Santos said.

Santos is one of the top-rated U.S. hand cyclists, and hopes to compete in the Olympics.



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Bittenbender said the Freedom Bike Ride is not a race, but more of a “therapy ride,” focused on camaraderie and enjoyment for the participants.

Graham Showalter, a former Soldier, serves as director of the Lewisburg, Pa., memorial events surrounding and

including the parade, June 28. He says the parade has been a tradition now for 19 years. This year, the parade will feature around 20 bands and a float made by inmates at the Lewisburg Penitentiary.

“It’s going to be a knock-your-socks-off parade,” Showalter said.

## Aberdeen Area Gate Hours and Visitor Center Operations During Furlough

Gate	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Federal Holiday
RT 715	24 Hrs							
RT 22	Closed	Closed	0600-1800	0600-1800	0600-1800	Closed	Closed	Closed
Aberdeen	Closed							
Visitor Control Center	0700-1600	0600-1600	0600-1600	0600-1600	0600-1600	0600-1600	0700-1600	0700-1600
Badge Office	Closed	0800-1600	0800-1600	0800-1600	0800-1600	0800-1600	Closed	Closed

## Edgewood Area Gate Hours and Visitor Center Operations During Furlough

Gate	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Federal Holiday
RT 24	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs
Wise Road	Closed	Closed	0600-1800	0600-1800	0600-1800	Closed	Closed	Closed
Magnolia	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Visitor Control Center	Closed	0500-1600	0500-1600	0500-1600	0500-1600	0500-1600	Closed	Closed
Badge Office	Closed	0800-1600	0800-1600	0800-1600	0800-1600	Closed	Closed	Closed

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## JULY 8-12 SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

Challenger Sports is partnering with British Soccer Camps. Challenger coaches study the game at all levels and have identified the key techniques and skills players need to master to reach their true potential.

The camp will be held at the APG soccer fields. For more information or to sign up, contact Gary Hodgson at [ghodgson@challengersports.com](mailto:ghodgson@challengersports.com) or call 443-552-0509.

## TUESDAY JULY 9 CARE FIRST BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD VISIT

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield to visit APG on Tuesday, July 9. The representative will be available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 314, Room 151E to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. The representative will be available from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. E4516 (CDTF). No appointment is necessary.

Point of contact for this information is Teri Wright, 410-278-4331 or [Teresa.l.wright28.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Teresa.l.wright28.civ@mail.mil), Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

## BUYING AND SELLING A HOME INFO SESSION

Finding a home that suits your needs is like any other shopping expedition. Having a solid game plan has been proven to help narrow your home buying search, in order to find the best home for you and your family. With the vast majority of employees still commuting from all different areas and looking for/ or trying to sell their homes this is a perfect opportunity to seek advice from an expert.

The CECOM Wellness Program invites you to attend our Buying and Selling a Home Informational Session where Mary Dann, Licensed settlement officer, sponsored by APGFUCU, will discuss the general basic information regarding buying and/or selling a home.

Location: Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000 at 12:00 -1:00pm

## WEDNESDAY JULY 17 MY MONEY, MY CHOICE CLASS FOR TEENS

Free class for youth ages 13 through 18. In this fun and interactive session, you will learn how to have a winning high school and college life by making wise choices with your money, understanding how credit works and how to achieve your goals with a budget. Class is held from noon to 2 p.m. in the Army Community Service building (behind the Aberdeen Youth Center); Bldg. 2503. Space is limited. To enroll, contact ACS at 410-278-9669/7572.

## THURSDAY JULY 18 C4ISR HEALTH FAIR

The CECOM Wellness Program and the C4ISR Wellness Committee invites you to attend our summer

C4ISR Health Fair at the mallette mission Training Facility, Bldg. 6008 from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.. We will be offering, vision, blood Pressure, bone density, and body fat analysis screenings, as well as featuring massage therapists, health care providers, local chiropractor, weight management professionals, nutrition specialists, tobacco cessation counselors, and various other vendors!

You will be entered to win a door prize if you participate in our Health Fair survey located at the registration table.

The fair is open to civilians, contractors, military and Families.

Please follow this link to view the flyer: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/40527507>

For more information, contact Keosha Pointer, (443) 861-7915, [keosha.l.pointer.civ@mail.mil](mailto:keosha.l.pointer.civ@mail.mil) or Tiffany Grimes, (443) 861-7910, [tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil).

## FRIDAY JULY 19 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Corvias Military Living will host a Family Movie Night at 2727 Chesapeake Boulevard. Join Corvias Military Living for free ice cream, popcorn and drinks. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. The Kilby Cream ice cream truck will be open from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and the movie begins 8:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY JULY 23 PENSION MAXIMIZATION AND LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY- CSRS/FERS INFO SESSION

The CECOM Wellness Program invites you to attend our informational session of Pension Maximization and Leaving a Lasting Legacy on Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), where representatives of the Government Employees' Benefit Association, GEBA, will discuss how to maximize your government sponsored benefits before retirement, FEGLI, CSRS retirement, Voluntary Contribution Account (VCA), and Federal Annuity Survivor Benefits and legacy planning.

This session will take place on Tuesday, July 23 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000.

RSVP to GEBA at (301) 688-7912 or (800) 826-1126 or via e-mail [geba@geba.com](mailto:geba@geba.com). When RSVPing via e-mail be sure that you specify what seminar you will be attending (FERS or CSRS) along with your name, contact number and e-mail address.

## THURSDAY JULY 25 OLYMPIC SPORTS DAY CANCELLED

Team APG Olympic sports Day, which was scheduled to take place on July 25 at APG North (Aberdeen) has been cancelled.

## PENSION MAXIMIZATION AND LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY- FERS INFORMATIONAL SESSION

The CECOM Wellness Program invites you to attend our informational

## APG News Survey

The Garrison Public Affairs Office would like your help in improving the installation's command information newspaper, the APG News. Visit <https://www.research.net/s/2013APG-News> through July 25 to fill out a short survey, which will help us ensure we are providing you with the information you need and want.

**ABOUT THE APG NEWS:** The APG News is a 12-page broadsheet printed 51 times a year with a weekly circulation of 8,900. It is distributed at Aberdeen Proving Ground North (Aberdeen) and South (Edgewood). Baltimore Sun Media Group, holds the civilian enterprise contract to print and distribute the APG News. Our readership includes approximately 13,000 Department of Defense civilians, 6,000 contractors, 2,800 troops and more than 17,000 retirees throughout the region. The APG News supports the installation command through coverage that is thorough, informative and entertaining. While the installation's civilian and contractor population outnumbers troop strength nearly 7 to 1, the APG News recognizes that the civilian-contractor population is here solely to support our Warfighters and we strive to cover stories that matter to both populations. For more information on the APG News, visit <http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil/> or call Editor Pat Beauchamp at 410-278-7274.

session of Pension Maximization and Leaving a Lasting Legacy on Federal Service Retirement System (FERS), where representatives of the Government Employees' Benefit Association, GEBA, will discuss retirement plans that provides basic Survivor Benefit plan, FEGLI, Social Security, and Thrift Savings Plan (TSP).

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## SATURDAY AUGUST 3 WOMEN'S HOME BUILD

The Federal Women's Program committee, along with the Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women, and the Women in Defense, Mid-Atlantic Chapter continue to seek team members for: A Women's Only Home Build. The project, which is led by Harford Habitat for Humanity, has been moved to Saturday, Aug. 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All volunteers must attend a mandatory safety class which is online and a part of the registration process. Access online registration at [www.habitatsusq.org/volunteer/construction-volunteers](http://www.habitatsusq.org/volunteer/construction-volunteers). Registration consists of three parts:

- 1) Create a User Account
- 2) Sign a Waiver of Liability
- 3) Safety Training

Register by June 17. For more information, contact one of the following for more information:

Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023; Tracy Marshall, 443-861-4366; Sheryl Coleman, 410-278-5964; Teresa Rudd, 410-436-5501; SGT Shavonne Frank, 410-4417-2374; CPT Maritzabel Mustafaa, 410-278-3000, or Diane Siler, 443-243-7344.

## WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21 VENTURING IS COMING TO APG!

If you're 14 to 21 years old and ready to test your limits, meet new friends, and make a difference - VENTURING IS FOR YOU. Our Venturing Crew meets twice monthly, starting in August. Join us for an open house BBQ, 5 – 6:30 p.m. at 3801A Veteran Court in Patriot Village, APG North (Aberdeen). For more information on the program, contact Alex Hutton at [ahutton@baltimorebsa.org](mailto:ahutton@baltimorebsa.org) or call 410-278-5798. Begin your adventure at [www.scouting.org/venturing](http://www.scouting.org/venturing).

## MONDAY AUGUST 26 WOMEN IN DEFENSE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of Women in Defense annual APG Golf Tournament has been rescheduled to Aug. 26, starting at 8 a.m. Male and female golfers may register for the event which includes breakfast, a four-person best ball golf tournament, awards ceremony, happy hour and dinner. Proceeds benefit local science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and scholarships.

For more information, visit the WID Mid-Atlantic website at [www.apggolf.com](http://www.apggolf.com).

## ONGOING

### 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION SEARCHING FOR MEMBERS

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who ever served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the national association and the annual reunion in Columbus, Ga. Sept. 17 - 21, contact secretary-treasurer, Bob Haynes, at [2idahq@comcast.net](mailto:2idahq@comcast.net) or 224-225-1202.

### NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NFFE), LOCAL 178 HAS RELOCATED

For many years, Bldg. E-4415 served as the union office for members represented by NFFE, Local 178. The office recently relocated to Bldg. E-4445. For directions and hours of operation, please call 410-436-3942.

### PICNIC RESERVATIONS

Reserve your picnic dates now! The three APG Picnic Areas (Shore Park, Woodpecker Point in Aberdeen, and Skippers Point in Edgewood) may be reserved for outings by all ID cardholders. Prime dates are going fast, so make your reservations now. For more information call 278-5789/4124.

### 10 MINUTES WITH CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

If you want to increase your earning power, enhance your job performance and take advantage of an exceptional educational opportunity at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Central Michigan University is here for you.

Meet with CMU representatives on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Janet Barr Building, Bldg. 4305, Room 209.

Contact Barbara Jenkins at 410-272-1532 or by e-mail at [aberdeen.center@cmich.edu](mailto:aberdeen.center@cmich.edu) for more information

### BUILD COMMUNICATION & LEADERSHIP SKILLS WITH TOASTMASTERS

The Gunpowder Toastmasters Club is now accepting new members! Visit a meeting and discover how this supportive, all-inclusive group can help you:

Meetings are held the first, third and fifth Monday of each month from 11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m., normally in Bldg. E4516 (Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility), APG South (Edgewood). Visit the website below to confirm location and for directions to the building.

Membership is open to all individuals age 18 and older. Affiliation with Aberdeen Proving Ground not required.

For additional information, visit <http://2562.toastmastersclubs.org/> or [www.facebook.com/pages/Gunpowder-Toastmasters/356397067713760](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Gunpowder-Toastmasters/356397067713760)

### OBEY SPEED LIMITS

APG motorists are urged to obey the speed limit. Drivers should be especially cautious during physical fitness training hours as Soldiers exercise outdoors and conduct PT tests.



## Chaplain (Maj.) Young Kim

CECOM Command Chaplain

Chaplain (Maj.) Young Kim is the command chaplain for the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command. He is directly responsible to the APG and CECOM Commander, Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, in supporting more than 15,000 active-duty military, Department of the Army civilians and Family members worldwide in five directorate/command level centers.

Kim said that along with providing staff authority and technical supervision for the commander's religious program, he strives to foster a climate within the command in which all faith groups are respected. In addition, he supports the U.S. Army Materiel Command chaplain's goals and visions, provides religious support to the APG garrison command chaplain, and supervises and mentors fellow chaplains and chaplain assistants within the command.

He said everyone is welcome to attend the quarterly C4ISR Prayer Luncheon and that personal interactions are what makes his job so rewarding.

"I'm a people person and I love the pastoral care and ministry part of what I do," he said.

Kim is located in Bldg. 6001, Combat Drive. His hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 443-861-4353 or e-mail [young.d.kim6.mil@mail.mil](mailto:young.d.kim6.mil@mail.mil).



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# Soldiers retire with more than 72 years experience

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Panther thanked the Soldiers for their dedication to the mission and congratulated them on their achievements, and also thanked the Families of the retirees. "We could not have their service if it was not for the support you provided and we thank you for that," she said.

Panther said the retirees' military service and training will help them in the years to come.

"Don't sacrifice the values that you hold dear," she said. "As you move into the next phase of your life, those are the values that will enable you to meet and deal with, and overcome the challenges you face. You are better prepared than you realize. Remember your Army Family; we are still here for you."

## Lt. Col. Christopher Foye 20th Support Command (CBRNE)

Foye culminated his military career as the assistant chief of staff, G4, assigned to the 20th Support Command (CBRNE). He will retire on Oct. 31, 2013, with 28 years of honorable service. Foye was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry Corps on July 23, 1985 after graduating from Campbell University in North Carolina. His previous assignments include Germany, Korea,



and Iraq.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Merit, Iraq Campaign Medal/Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal.

Foye received the Legion of Merit award signed by Acting Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command, Lt. Gen. William Garrett III; the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama; the Certificate of Retirement signed by the Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno; and a United States flag and pin. Foye's wife, Angela received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

## Lt. Col. Donald Kemp 20th Support Command (CBRNE)

Kemp culminates his career as a weapon of mass destruction coordination element team chief assigned to the 20th Support Command (CBRNE). He will retire on Oct. 31, 2013, with 23 years of honorable service. Kemp was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps on Dec. 2, 1989



after graduating from North Georgia College. His combat tours include Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom. In 2002 Kemp was assigned to the 82nd (XVIII Airborne Corps) Headquarters where he deployed with the command.

Kemp was awarded the U.S. Meritorious Service Medal signed by the former Commanding General of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) Maj. Gen. Leslie C. Smith; the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama; the Certificate of Retirement signed by the Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno; and a United States flag and pin. Kemp's wife, Jennifer received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

Kemp said he plans to move closer to his family, and pursue a career in environmental management.

## Sgt. Marta Harrington 20th Support Command (CBRNE)

Harrington culminates her military career as the G4 property book noncommissioned officer assigned to the 20th



Support Command (CBRNE). She will retire on Sept. 30, 2013, with 20 years of honorable service after a 15-year break in service. Harrington, a native of Panama, joined the

Army in 1978. She signed up for Aviation Maintenance training and became a helicopter maintenance repairer working on Bell UH-1 (Huey Helicopter). Her previous assignments include Alaska, Korea, Germany and Iraq. Her military awards include the National Defense Medal, the Korea Defense Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Medal.

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# Senior leaders meet, discuss cross-service collaboration

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Engineering Center; and Army Contracting Command-APG; and the Assistance Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology's Program Executive Office for Command, Control, Communications—Tactical, PEO for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, PEO for Enterprise Information Systems and the System of Systems Engineering and Integration Directorate.

During the visit, Wheeler met with Ferrell, Maj. Gen. N. Lee S. Price, program executive officer of PEO C3T, and other C4ISR campus senior leader representatives to learn about what the C4ISR Center of Excellence has to offer, covering topics such as post-production software support; expanding radio communications; cloud.mil as a Platform As A Service; renewable power sources for expeditionary communications; electronic warfare; cyber security; and plans to support the future force structure and providing field support.

Wheeler toured lab spaces on the campus, including CECOM's Joint On-Demand Interoperability Network, Enterprise Solutions Directorate, and Army Reprogramming Analysis Team ISR Lab. The tour also covered the Joint Technical Integration Facility; Joint Satellite Engineering Center; CERDEC's Communications Systems Integration Lab, Cyber Security and Information Assurance Lab; PEO C3T's WIN-T Lab; among others.

For example, the JOIN, provides DoD organizations a Common Operating Environment to test and integrate network systems before certification, working to eliminate interoperability issues in order to validate operational readiness, perform risk reduction and mitigation activities in a tactical environment before deployment, according to John Kahler, JOIN chief. Available 24/7, JOIN serves as an information grid capability, pro-



Photo by Andricka Thomas  
Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, Aberdeen Proving Ground senior commander, walks with Maj. Gen. Robert Wheeler, deputy chief information officer for Command, Control, Communications and Computers (C4) and Information Infrastructure Capabilities (DCIO for C4IIC) on the Secretary of Defense staff, and OSD CIO team members June 21 during a visit to the C4ISR Center of Excellence.

viding the full range of Defense Information Systems Network services and unites the APG C4ISR community with remote sites across the globe, under one Common Operating Environment in support of the Combatant Commands, U.S. Armed Forces, interagency and multinational partners.

The C-SIL also provides an integrated lab environment, capable of tactical network configuration, integration and interoperability, routing protocol, radio

configuration, network operations, security assessments and Mission Command/Battle Command applications.

"The labs are physical manifestations of the teaming that occurs on the campus. One organization can't do it alone," said Ferrell. "That's why this campus is so pivotal...it provides collaborative, integrated, seamless support to C4ISR systems. I want to thank Maj. Gen. Wheeler for taking time to visit Team APG. This was tremendously valuable

for all involved and I look forward to teaming with our DoD counterparts to deliver our servicemembers superior, cost-effective C4ISR support services."

While planning to support the future Joint Force, Wheeler looks ahead, considering the possibilities the APG C4ISR community.

Wheeler said he looks forward to further exploring and leveraging the technologies and capabilities he saw during the visit.

# New KUSAHC commander promises continued world-class care

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ical NCO, Sgt. 1st Class Keyana T. Washington.

Noting that Daly is promotable and will advance to the rank of colonel in the near future, Jaghab said it was his pleasure to oversee the event and celebrate Daly's service to APG over the past two years.

He said that Daly "relentlessly pursued" the dream of a Wellness Center and while the one at APG has only been open five months, it is already one of the leading centers in the MEDCOM. Crediting her with the successful establishment of APG's Health Promotion Council, he said KUSAHC experienced record numbers in improving overall health of the community; namely helping more than 1,500 customers improve and better manage their help as Daly oversaw a \$15 million renovation to the

facility. He lauded her positive relationships with the on and off post communities despite budget cuts and staffing shortages.

"She and her staff are testimony to being the backbone of a fine medical department," Jaghab said, "that delivered world class service."

Jaghab welcomed Zinnante adding, that KUSAHC is being handed over to "a strong and capable leader."

Zinnante thanked APG leaders for their trust and confidence in him, Daly and the KUSAHC staff for the smooth transition for him and his family and God for allowing him "to continue to serve this great nation."

"I promise to work hard," he said. "You have my pledge that Kirk will continue to provide world class care."

At the ceremony's conclusion Zinnante and Ferrell signed the Army Medicine Healthcare Covenants.



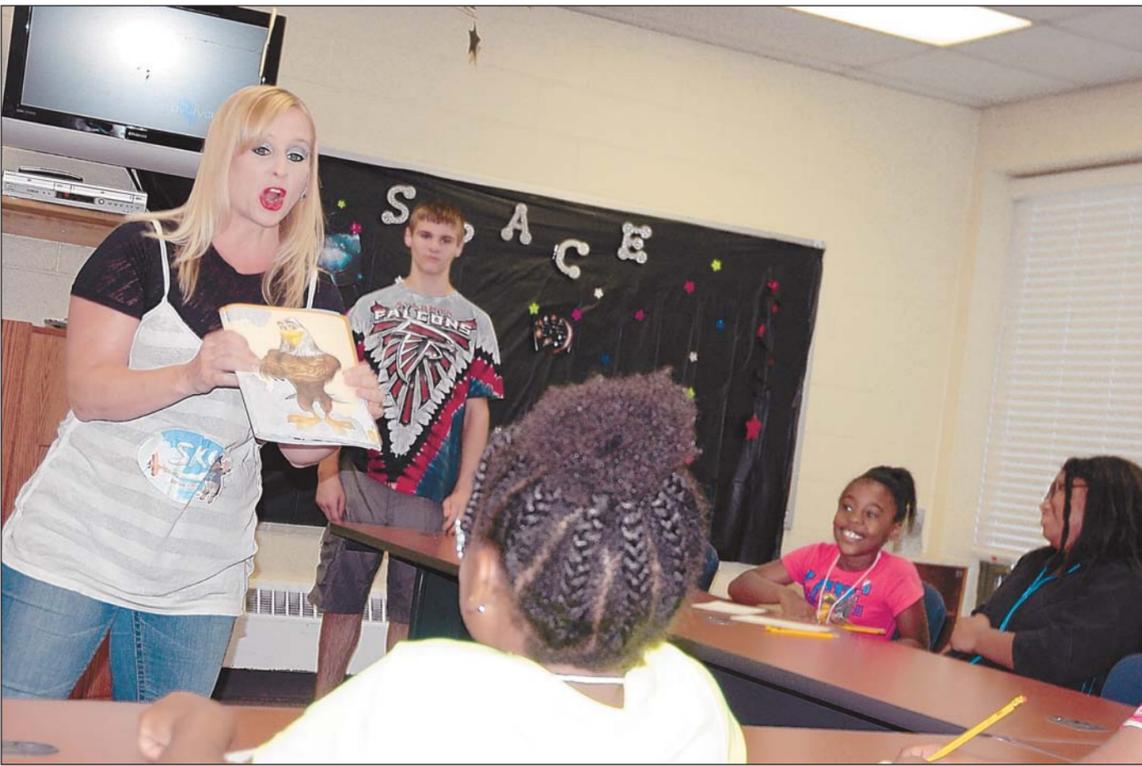
Lt. Col. David R. Zinnante offers remarks after assuming command of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic during the change of command ceremony at Top of the Bay June 26.

## Lt. Col. David R. Zinnante

A native of Wharton, Texas, Zinnante enlisted in the Army in 1991 and was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Medical Corps in 1997. He holds a bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master's in Environmental Management from the University of Maryland University College.

His past assignments include Fort Meade, Md., Fort Bragg N.C., Fort Hood, Texas; and Fort Sam Houston, Texas as well as deployments to Honduras, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Zinnante's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign medals; and Combat Action, Combat Medical, Army Jumpmaster and Air Assault badges.



## Vacation Bible School

Volunteer Stacie Dorris tells a story about "Scout the Eagle" during the APG Main Post Chapel's Ecumenical Vacation Bible School June 26. The theme this year was "Sky: Everything is Possible with God." VBS, which ran from June 24-28, included snacks, crafts, drama, games and more. For more information about religious education opportunities contact Gerri Merkel at 410-278-2516 or caroline.j.merkel.civ@mail.mil.

Photo by Rachel Ponder

# USACE repairing Sandy - damaged coastline

USACE Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is in the process of placing more than 26 million cubic yards of sand along the coastline throughout the northeastern United States to repair and restore coastal storm risk reduction projects previously built by the Corps that were severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

The bulk of the sand, roughly 23 million cubic yards, will be placed in New York and New Jersey, but sand will also be used to restore previously constructed projects in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.

The work, some of which has already started, will be accomplished through a number of contracts with sand being obtained from different sources, including navigation channels and offshore borrow areas. While exact costs for every contract are not available since not all have been awarded yet, the entire near-term coastal restoration effort is expected to total more than \$600 million. This cost will be 100 percent federally funded.

"The primary purpose of coastal restoration projects is to reduce risk," said Brig. Gen. Kent Savre, commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division. "Strong interagency and intergovernmental teamwork is critical to meet the challenges that face us. Together with our partners, we are developing, maintaining and applying the best national and regional expertise in science and engineering to restore and enhance the resilience of our coastlines."

The Division's New England, New York, Norfolk, Philadelphia, and Balti-

more districts will execute the coastal restoration projects. New York District is managing projects in New York State and New Jersey north of Manasquan Inlet. Philadelphia District is managing projects in Delaware as well as projects in New Jersey south of the inlet. Baltimore District is managing projects in Maryland. New England District is managing projects in Connecticut. Norfolk District is managing projects in Virginia.

More than 7 million cubic yards of sand will be placed in New York, with about 4 million cubic yards of that placed in the New York City area. The majority of that -- about 3 million cubic yards -- will be placed along Rockaway Beach in Queens and about 600,000 cubic yards will be placed on Coney Island in Brooklyn. The remaining approximate 3 million cubic yards of sand will be placed on constructed coastal storm risk reduction projects on barrier islands along the South Shore of Long Island.

In New Jersey, about 16 million cubic yards will be placed along the coast. About 15 million cubic yards will be placed along the Atlantic coast of New Jersey with the remaining 875,000 cubic yards being placed along the south shore of Raritan Bay in the area of Keansburg, N.J.

In Delaware, the Corps will place approximately 2 million cubic yards of sand at five separate projects. In Maryland, the Corps will place 850,000 cubic yards of sand at Ocean City. In Connecticut, the Corps will place 99,000 cubic yards of sand along the coast. Finally, in Virginia, the Corps will place 325,000 cubic yards of sand in two separate projects.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District pumped 667,000 cubic yards of sand onto the beach at Brigantine, N.J. Work was completed in February of 2013.

In the months since Hurricane Sandy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers personnel have been assessing impacts, performing engineering and design work to prepare for the upcoming coastal work, and working with federal, state, local and industry partners to award contracts for the placement of sand as well as the dredging of federal navigation channels.

More information about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects where sand is being placed as part of the post-Sandy coastal restoration efforts is available at <http://www.nad.usace.army.mil/Sandy>.

For more information on project status in your local area, please contact the public affairs representatives at the following districts:

USACE Baltimore District  
410-962-3787  
USACE New England District  
978-318-8657  
USACE New York District  
917-790-8007  
USACE Norfolk District  
757-201-7673  
USACE Philadelphia District  
215-656-6515

# Foreign Military Sales Road Show provides Army Security Assistance Enterprise overview

By **MARISSA ANDERSON**

CECOM Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Frank D. Turner III, Commander of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., recently served as the keynote speaker at the United States Army Security Assistance Enterprise Foreign Military Sales Road Show, held at Aberdeen Proving Ground on the C4ISR Center of Excellence campus.

The ASAE Road Show showcased an in-depth overview of the ASAE and the importance of its mission success. It provided the "unfamiliar FMS audience" a knowledge base of the business partners, how the FMS process works, and initiatives that improved how FMS operates, explained Corrina Panduri, deputy director for the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command's Security Assistance Management Directorate.

The FMS mission includes maintaining national security interests while providing total program management to international customers, providing technical expertise required to develop C4ISR architectural solutions to meet customer demands, and continuing partnerships with industry. The ASAE workforce supports 145 countries, with a current Army program value at \$138

billion in sales of equipment and services, said Panduri.

The success of the FMS mission rests directly on how well the "business partners" work a coordinated, synchronized, competent and deliberate process. The FMS process involves a collaboration of more than 50 organizations including Congress, Department of Commerce, State Department, the National Security Agency, Defense Technology Security Administration, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology team members, USASAC, Army Contracting Command, Life Cycle Management Commands, and CECOM.

Additional "ASAE Road Show" speakers were; Sandy Long, director, Policy and Resources Office of the Deputy Assistance Secretary of the Army for Defense Exports and Cooperation; Janet Phillips from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; John Baer representing the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; Douglas Tamilio from Program Executive Office for Command, Control, Computers—Tactical; and James Meredith, director, U.S. CECOM SAMD.



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(Major General Frank D. Turner III, Commander of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, was the keynote speaker during the U.S. Army Security Assistance Enterprise Foreign Military Sales Road Show.)