



## APG COMMANDER RECEIVES MILITARY LEADER OF YEAR AWARD ON CAPITOL HILL

By **BOB DIMICHELE**  
CECOM Public Affairs Office

The senior commander at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell, recently was presented with the "Military Leader of the Year" award from the Association of Defense Communities during a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Ferrell, commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, received the award during a breakfast event in the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill. He was one of 10 award recipients from across the country honored by the association. The Association of Defense Communities is a national membership organization which represents 200 communities, states and regions with a significant military presence, and partner organizations.

"This award recognizes an individual from the military whose outstanding leadership has been essential in building and sustaining partnerships with defense communities," said Tim Ford, chief executive officer of the association.

Harford County Executive David Craig, nominated Ferrell.

"He has led a number of initiatives to foster and continue to build the relationships between the installation and the local communities," Craig said. "By focusing on teamwork and transparency, the boundary between installation



Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell, senior commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground, expresses his appreciation to Association of Defense Communities members as his wife, Monique, looks on after accepting the organization's Military Leadership Award during a breakfast on Capitol Hill June 13.

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## Mozeleski assumes command of Headquarters, Headquarters Co

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

The leadership of the Garrison's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, APG changed hands during a Change of Command ceremony at Top of the Bay June 12 when outgoing Command-

er Capt. Maritzabel Mustafaa ceded leadership of the unit to Capt. Richard Mozeleski, a former intelligence officer with the 20th Support Command (CBRNE).

Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton presided over the ceremony and led the passing of the colors from Mustafaa to Mozeleski assist-

ed by HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Paula Adams.

McClinton commended program organizers and Soldiers, and noted that the HHC Garrison is unique in its support of garrison, installation and tenant challenges, all of which were

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## ChalleNGe Academy graduates 102 cadets

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

Military and community leaders, Family members, cadre and guests gathered to honor the 102 young men and women from Class 40 who successfully completed 22 weeks of rigorous training during the Maryland National Guard's (MDNG) Military Youth Corps Freestate ChalleNGe Academy commencement ceremony at the APG post theater June 15.

During the five-month, quasi-military residential program, cadets learn self-discipline and leadership skills while they prepare for the General Educational Development Test. The Freestate ChalleNGe Academy is endorsed by the state of Maryland in a cooperative agreement between the MDNG and the National Guard Bureau.

"Our mission was quite simple: to intervene in and reclaim the lives of 16-to-18 year old high school dropouts, producing program graduates with the values, life skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens," said Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Direc-

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## Installation Town Hall set June 24

Cathy Towne, an APG South (Edgewood) resident, asks a question about furloughs during the March 5 town hall meeting. The next Installation Town Hall will be held 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the post theater June 24. Attendees on APG South (Edgewood) can join via a VTC connection at the JPEO CBD Conference Room (Bldg. E2800). The meeting will address SHARP, sequestration impacts, summer safety, MWR activities and more. At the end of the meeting attendees will have a chance to ask questions and provide feedback to APG senior leaders as well as participate in a raffle drawing for door prizes.

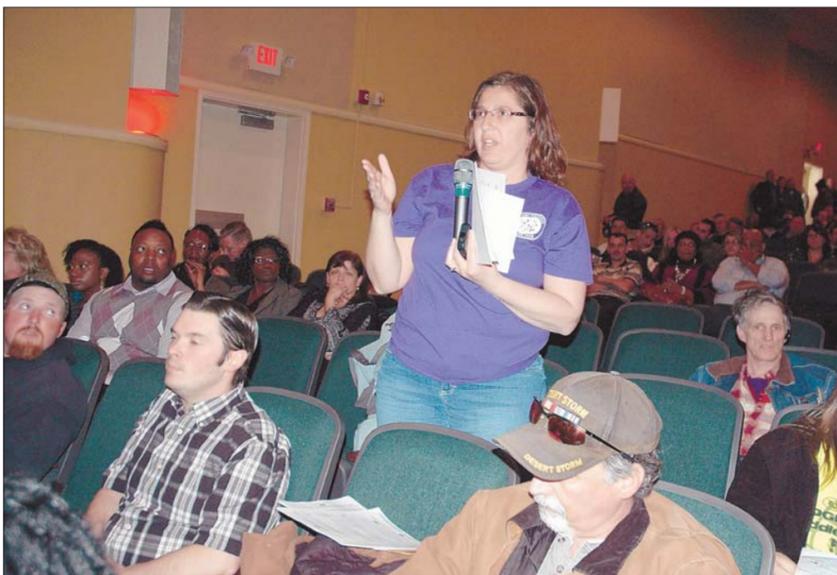


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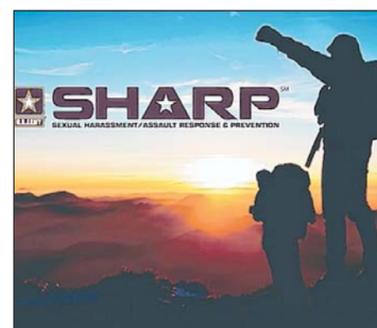
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## STREET TALK

### What was your first job?

I worked at the Old Country Buffet in high school. I liked talking to the customers and it was easy because I didn't have to serve food, but got some good tips.



**Julie Shick**  
Military spouse

When I lived in Panama I demonstrated hair products in a store similar to WalMart. It was easy and I liked meeting new people.



**Rosaura Troxler**  
Military spouse

When I was 14 I worked at a print shop in North Carolina. I worked there for a month and was fired when the boss found out how old I was. It was against child labor laws to work at a printing shop at 14.



**Ben Wiggins**  
Retired Navy

I worked on my neighbor's farm before and after school. I milked cows, fed them, plowed the land. In eleventh grade I got a job working as a custodian after school. The pay was much better.



**Pete Jones**  
ARL

# SMA on sexual assault: Commitment to 'Army profession' required

Story by **DAVID VERGUN**  
ARNews

"We have challenges when it comes to sexual assault, because from my perspective, we're not really sure what the Army profession, character and commitment is all about," said the Army's top enlisted Soldier.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler spoke during the sixth annual Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention summit, June 11.

"Character is what you're doing when no one is looking," Chandler said, explaining one aspect of the Army profession. "Commitment is looking out for your fellow Soldier and doing what the Army says you're supposed to do."

Chandler said when he conducts town hall meetings with Soldiers, he usually asks them if they know what the Army profession is about. He said in most cases he gets just a few responses to his question from every hundred or so Soldiers in attendance.

"We need to focus on [the Army profession] across the force," he said. "Our Soldiers generally don't get it, or are not even aware of it."

Chandler explained how he helps Soldiers in the town hall meetings "get it" by using a simple analogy.

"I ask them have you ever had something stolen from you in the barracks?" he said.

Hundreds of Soldiers raise their hands, he said. He asks them how they feel about having something stolen from them, knowing that in most cases the thief was a fellow Soldier.

Chandler said Soldiers at the town hall express anger at the thefts they



experienced. A typical reply, he said, is that Soldiers say they "lost trust" in their fellow Soldiers. He also said Soldiers report a loss of trust in their leadership as well, because they say their leadership inevitably "didn't do anything about it" once a theft was reported.

Chandler then follows up with another question that gets to the heart of sexual assault.

"Why aren't you furious that someone's dignity and respect, which you can't buy back, were taken away?"

Chandler said when he asks that question, he sees Soldiers' faces light up with understanding.

Chandler said the Army needs to put sexual assault into terms that Soldiers can understand.

"They need to hear from each and every one of us personally, out of the office and in small groups, what this means to be a professional and why sexual assault is such a bad thing," he said.

For years, the Army and the other services have studied sexual assault, have held classes, and have used slide presentations to illustrate why it must be eliminated. But those tactics have not worked, Chandler said, saying the problem goes even deeper.

Delegating the responsibility to squad leaders and junior noncommissioned officers also isn't enough, while addressing the audience of some 200 sergeants major and senior officers.

"Soldiers say 'look, we don't see senior-level involvement. We know something happened but from our perspective, that (sexual assault that occurred) has just faded away.'"

Chandler said senior leaders must have the courage to say that a sexual assault happened and that it was investigated. They must also explain the outcome.

"We don't have to destroy someone's dignity to do this," he said. "But we owe it to our Soldiers to say this is what happened and here's what we did."

Chandler said Soldiers need leadership involvement behind the issue as a way to illustrate how important it is.

"At the end of the day, those young Soldiers want leadership, purpose, direction, motivation, and understanding that we love them and we're committed to them," he said. "It takes an Army of action, and a non-commissioned officer corps willing to do its part."

In conclusion, Chandler said the Army is held to a higher standard by American society. If Soldiers are unwilling to make the culture shift, he said, Congress will do it for them.

## CYSS fees could be reduced during furlough

APG CYS

Employees registered with CYSS can present their furlough letters to APG's Parent Central, which will adjust their Total Family Income (TFI) by applying a 20 percent reduction to the furloughed parent's salary. The reduction will only apply during the 5-1/2 pay periods the employees are affected by the furlough.

If the 20 percent reduction to the patron's salary changes category, the patron will then be moved to the correct category and thereby receive a discount for the appropriate service—full or part-time day care, summer camp, and before- and after-school care in September.

Reductions do not apply to Family Child Care (FCC), SKIES, sports, hourly care or community based programs.

All patrons in CAT 1 should present their furlough letters to receive an automatic 20 percent reduction in fees, as the reduction in salary cannot impact their CAT 1 fee; i.e., \$226 full day care will be lowered to \$181. A similar adjustment to School Age Services (SAS) fees will also be calculated.

Any impact to fees due to furlough will only be implemented during the furlough period.

Parents will continue to have access to child care five days a week during the furlough.

### Guidance Parent Information

Department of the Army civilians will be furloughed up to 11 days. SY 12-13 Army Child & Youth Fee Policy, Annex B, Part 3, states patron fees can be adjusted when:

- The Family moves to a new Total Family Income (TFI) category
- Children transition between programs with different fees
- Army Fee Policy directs a fee change
- A financial hardship waiver is approved
- The Family relocates to another installation with different fees

### General Rules:

- Any applicable fee reductions will apply only to children in regularly scheduled Full Day, Part Day and Part Time programs. Fee adjustments will be effective only during furlough period (not to exceed 11 days).
- Fee reductions will not apply to SKIES, Sports, Hourly Care, Family Child Care or Community Based programs.
- Multiple Child Reductions (MCR) will continue.
- If a family is already receiving an authorized fee reduction (AFC, Hardship, etc.), any furlough adjustments will be applied to the already discounted rate.
- Patrons must provide a copy of an official document verifying furlough status and duration (SF 50, letter, etc)

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• If furlough causes an undue hardship, patron may apply for a Financial Hardship Waiver. Waivers are not retro-active.

• Patrons will continue to have access to child care five days a week during the furlough period. If garrison normally operates under a four day work week patrons will continue to have access to child care four days per week during the furlough period.

### Income Category 2-9:

Upon presentation of a furlough document, CYSS staff will re-evaluate the household's TFI by applying a 20 percent reduction to the salary of the furloughed parent(s) for the number of furloughed pay periods. If the TFI adjustment moves household to a lower fee category, the family will be charged the lower category rate for the duration of their individual furlough period. If the TFI adjustment has no impact on the fee category, the family will remain at their current rate.

### Income Category 1:

Upon presentation of a furlough document, CYSS staff will grant all Category 1 patrons an automatic 20 percent reduction in fees as the reduction in salary cannot move them to a lower category.

For more information Myria Figueroa 410-278-7576

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# Army considers civilian victim advocates

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The Army is considering doing away with uniformed victim advocates and hiring civilians in their place, said the general in charge of the Army's personnel policy.

Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg, Army G-1, said civilian victim advocates are under consideration as the Army moves forward with addressing sexual harassment and sexual assault in the ranks.

"I think we have to go back and rethink the role of the uniformed victim advocate, and how we pick that victim advocate," Bromberg told reporters during the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, or SHARP, summit, held June 10-11, at Joint Base Andrews, Md.

"Maybe we need to do it better than what we're doing," he said.

"One of the options we are looking at seriously is maybe the victim advocate should only be a civilian," Bromberg said.

The general said another area of consideration is eliminating the rank requirement for the uniformed advocate, saying that perhaps the advocate could be any member of the Army if that person is the right fit.

Whether the victim advocate is a military member or a civilian, Bromberg said, the person has to fight for the

victim.

"It's got to be someone who doesn't inhibit you from coming to them, but at the same time is not afraid to push against the chain of command," Bromberg said. "That's where we are going to have to strike the balance."

Army Surgeon General, Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, said the priority for the Army is to make sure the right policies are in place to prevent sexual harassment and sexual abuse, and to ensure the best medical capabilities are available to protect and care for victims.

"We have to be able to focus our efforts on prevention, for this not occurring at all," Horoho told reporters at the SHARP summit.

She said sexual abuse will never be eliminated.

"You'll never be 100 percent in anything that you do," she explained.

However, she said there are ways leaders can provide a safer environment and Soldiers can protect themselves by knowing the "red flags."

That protective environment is especially important for Soldiers in transition, since a lot of cases of sexual abuse occur when a service members is new to a unit, said Horoho.

She said it is important members are aware of how predators operate and for Soldiers to look out for each other.

"These young service members feel

uncomfortable challenging rank structure, and so having the cohesiveness and battle buddy support is very, very important," she said.

She said another key is leadership. "They set the tone within their units of an environment where people feel

comfortable coming forward with any concerns," Horoho said.

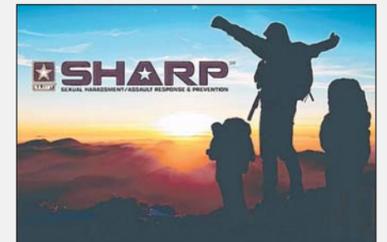
It is important for leaders to eliminate tolerance of sexual harassment, she said, so that the harassment "does not lead to the next step, which is sexual assault."

## APG SHARP ON POINT

Are you a victim of sexual harassment, assault or rape or do you need to report an incident? These numbers will immediately link you to a Victim Advocate.

APG Sexual Assault 24/7 Hotline: 410-322-7154  
DODSAFEHelpline: 877-995-5247

APG Organization Representatives:  
Garrison SHARP Victim Advocate: 1st Lt. Raisa Velez, 410-306-2813  
Garrison SHARP SARC: Roxanne Conley, 410-278-4764  
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# APG Aberdeen/Edgewood Reduced Gate Hours And Visitor Center Operations During Furlough

| Aberdeen Area Access Control Point<br>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 Access Control Point<br>And Visitor Center Operations During Furlough |        |           |           |           |           |           |        |                 |
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| Wise Road   | Closed | Closed    | 0600-1800 | 0600-1800 | 0600-1800 | Closed    | Closed | Closed          |
| Magnolia  | Closed | Closed    | Closed    | Closed    | Closed    | Closed    | Closed | Closed          |
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CP&I's Matthew Golden helps lower Julie Douglas to Alex Johah as Dan Weinman looks on during a Leadership Reaction Course mission at the Gunpowder Military Reservation.

## CERDEC interns get "greened"

By **REBECCA S. ROBINSON,**  
CERDEC

CERDEC Command, Power & Integration (CP&I) Directorate hosted its inaugural Greening Course June 3-7 at designated Aberdeen Proving Ground training areas and Gunpowder Military Reservation.

The class of 30 CP&I interns participated in training events designed to familiarize civilians with "day to day" military training.

During the week-long event, the emphasis was placed on sharing the Soldiers' experience and training, and to remind the class that the Soldier is their end customer.

"Our mission is to make sure Soldiers have the latest, greatest equipment. To do that you have to understand their needs," said John Willison, Director of CP&I during the final After Action Review and a member of the Senior Executive Service.

"I would encourage you to get up and get out, to talk to Soldiers on a regular basis."

The theme of sharing a Soldier's experience was carried throughout the week in the events and exercises of the greening class.

On day one, class participants received team and squad assignments for the rest of the week. The class was introduced to how a squad moves while on patrol, and gained firsthand experience on how difficult it can be to move in formation, through the woods while keeping quiet.

The rest of the week was spent between the Gunpowder Military Reservation and U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center (ATC) with a final after action review and wrap up on Friday. The class participated in a Leadership Reaction Course (LRC), visited training facilities for live fire room clearing, navigated an obstacle course, participated in a Land Navigation (LandNav) course competition, toured ATC's facilities, and experienced driving several mine resistant ambush protected (MRAP) vehicles at the Munson Test Area.

The LRC is a mission-based training course designed to promote teambuilding and leadership skills. Each team had 20

minutes to complete a station that consisted of a mission objective and the parameters for completing the objective. Teams rotated through eight stations.

"It was fun and challenging to take part in a training activity that Soldiers actually experience," said Lauren Marzocca, an intern in CP&I's Power Division. "One of the goals of the week was to get us to think like a soldier, and for me, the immersive events were the most successful at realizing that goal."

The LandNav course required participants to locate land markers using nothing but eight-digit grid coordinates, a map, protractor, and compass. No technology was allowed in the morning session. During the afternoon session, the teams were allowed to use smartphones and a Defense Advanced GPS Receiver, or DAGR, along with the map to find the land markers.

"It was quite the humbling experience. It also gave me an appreciation for how difficult navigating the woods without technology can be," said Dan Weinman, a Positioning, Navigation and Timing intern in CP&I's Computing Platforms Division.

Participants said the week was a great success and will have a lasting impact on them and their careers.

"It is conversations and experiences with active duty soldiers that renew our inspiration, ignite our creativity, and reawaken our drive. They are our customers and our job is to ease their burden," said Beverly Pepper, CP&I's Prototype, Test and Integration Division.

"Having the opportunity to experience this event will continue to remind me every day throughout my career that everything we do has an impact on the mission and how important it is that we continue to become better at developing technologies to meet the needs of the Warfighter," added David Zeigler, CP&I's Strategic Initiatives Office.

The Greening Course has been briefed to the current APG Cohort Class and will be the basis for developing an APG wide greening initiative as one of their community based projects.

The next CP&I greening week is planned for September 2013.

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# AMC names AMSAA weapon system reliability chief 2012 Dellamonica Award winner

By **KIM HANSON**

*AMC Public Affairs*

The U.S. Army Materiel Command prides itself on providing the equipment and materiel Soldiers require to accomplish their mission -- anytime, anyplace in the world. It's those Soldiers -- the men and women in uniform -- that motivate one exceptional AMC employee to excel.

"Every day [Soldiers] place themselves in harm's way. We, across AMC, have a tremendous ability and responsibility to improve the systems, technology, and support that all our Soldiers need," expressed Dr. David Mortin, chief of the Reliability Branch at the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA) at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

One of 16 AMC 2012 Louis Dellamonica Award winners, Mortin was recognized as a top employee out of 70,000 across the command.

Mortin is responsible for identifying improvements that will result in increased Army and Department of Defense weapon system reliability. Mortin's branch is the lead for the Army's Physics-of-Failure Program, co-lead for the Army's Center for Reliability Growth, and Department of the Army Executive Agent for Reliability and Maintainability Standardization.

"At AMSAA, I'm surrounded with some of the most talented technical professionals you will ever come across," Mortin said. "In any given month, I have the ability to work with leading mathematicians, analysts, and engineers. One day we are providing calculations for the AMC G-3/4 leadership to address detailed cost issues for Performance Based Logistics and Integrated Prime Vendor implementations. The next day, we are providing test design insights and engineering analyses to program managers. These rapid-response



**Dr. David Mortin**

efforts where you can see design changes to equipment that the Soldiers really need, test reductions that free up money for the larger Army, and true efficiencies being implemented that you can touch and feel are enough to keep me motivated for a long time to come."

Mortin's ability to multi-task and his broad vision are reasons his supervisor nominated him for the prestigious award.

"Dr. Mortin is highly effective in achieving results," said Clarke Fox, chief of the Logistics Analysis Division at AMSAA. "He accomplishes this through his skills as a communicator and a consensus builder. He is very adept at working with multiple organizations across the Army and DOD to plan and implement policies that save dollars and improve capabilities for the Soldier."

Beyond his technical expertise, honed over his 25-year career with AMC and his extensive education which includes a Ph.D. in Reliability Engineering, Fox described Mortin as a great mentor and role model.

"He establishes a work environment that challenges his employees and allows them

**I am proud that I am a part of a growing capability that identifies efficiencies, has proven returns on investment, and can directly link throughput to benefits for the Soldier**

**Dr. David Mortin**

Chief of the Reliability Branch, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity

to reach their full potential. He is widely recognized throughout the Army and DOD for his technical expertise and leadership," Fox said.

Out of his storied career, Mortin said he is most proud of being a part of, and helping create, a robust reliability engineering capability that has resulted in improvements to Army and DOD systems.

"A very large portion of our Army dollars are spent on sustainment," he explained. "A 10 percent improvement in reliability for a major system equates to more than a billion dollars in savings over the life cycle. I am proud that I am a part of a growing capability that identifies efficiencies, has proven returns on investment, and can directly link throughput to benefits for the Soldier."

Mortin's future still looks bright, even after two and a half decades and all the accolades he's received.

"There are many opportunities at AMSAA and AMC to do really good things for the Soldier," said Mortin. In my career, I have never seen the larger Army community of reliability experts work so well together." "These are the people that can effectively reduce support costs and

enable faster fielding of equipment. If you couple that with the fact that I can internally reach out across AMSAA and link sustainment efficiencies to acquisition lessons learned, risk assessments, and real-life Soldier field failure reports, I think I'm going to be productively supporting our Army in the area of reliability improvement for a while yet."

Mortin said he feels appreciative and flattered to be recognized as a Dellamonica Award winner.

"I have the opportunity to routinely work with the many talented and professional people across AMC on a regular basis," he said. "To be selected for this award out of the large population of remarkable people in the command is a real honor."

The Louis Dellamonica Award is presented annually to those who have significantly contributed to AMC's mission and overarching goals and objectives for the year. The award is presented in honor of Louis Dellamonica, a general engineer who worked at the Hawthorne Army Depot for 65 years. His career exemplifies integrity, innovation, leadership, and outstanding dedication to AMC's mission.

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# Drinking water safe according to latest quality testing

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## About This Report

Once again, we are proud to present to you our annual drinking water quality report. This is annual report concerning the quality of water delivered to the Edgewood Area of U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 (except where noted). Under the Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), community water systems are required to report this water quality information to the consuming public. Presented in this report is information regarding the source of our water, its constituents and the health risks associated with any contaminants detected in quantities exceeding a drinking water regulatory maximum contaminant level (MCL), action level (AL) or treatment techniques (TT).

## How Can Impurities Get in the Water Supply?

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can occur naturally or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may occur from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for bottled water, which

must provide the same protection for public health.

Consumers should be aware that drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

## Monitoring of Your Drinking Water

The drinking water being delivered to you is pumped from Winters Run and treated by the Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant located at Building E-6110 on Route 755 (Edgewood Road), Edgewood, MD 21040. A source water assessment was completed in 2005 for our source (Winters Run) by the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE). The study found that our source, like most surface water sources in Maryland, is potentially most susceptible to non-point pollution from agricultural activities and urban stormwater runoff. The source water assessment report is available from MDE's Water Supply Program webpage under Source Water Protection ([www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Water/Water\\_Supply](http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Water/Water_Supply)).

Our water system uses only EPA-approved laboratory methods to analyze your drinking water. Our personnel collect water samples from the distribution system and from the Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant. Samples are then shipped to the accredited laboratory where a full spectrum of water quality analyses is performed. The results are reported to MDE. In the Edgewood Area, we monitor for the contaminant groups listed in Table 1 using EPA-approved methods. Table 1 also lists the monitoring frequencies for these contaminant groups.

TABLE 1 Contaminant Groups and Monitoring Frequency

| Contaminant Group                 | Monitoring Frequency |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Disinfection By-Products (DBP)    | Quarterly            |
| DBP Precursors (DBPP)             | Monthly              |
| Inorganic Contaminants (IOC)      | Once Per Year        |
| Lead and Copper (L&C)             | Once Every 3 Years   |
| Microorganisms & Turbidity (M&T)  | Daily                |
| Radionuclides (RAD)               | Once Every 3 Years   |
| Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC) | Twice Per Year       |
| Unregulated Contaminants (UNREG)  | Once Every 5 Years   |
| Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)  | Once Per Year        |

This was not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria, which are naturally occurring in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful bacteria may be present.

This MCL violation was corrected by the following actions:

- Drinking water notices were properly posted at the affected buildings in the distribution system.
- The main where the total coliform violation occurred was flushed continuously until an automatic flush was installed.
- Bottled water was provided to the affected buildings.
- Resampling at the affected buildings was performed in April 2012. All resampling results were negative for total coliform.

Therefore, in April 2012 the water system was restored to compliance for this MCL violation.

## Monitoring Violation - Edgewood Area System

Our water system violated the MCL for total coliform in March 2012. Four of thirteen samples collected in March showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. Only one sample may do so per month. Buildings affected included E6810, E6811, E6812, E6814, E6830, E6832, E6833, E6836, E6881, and E6882. The likely cause of the presence of total coliform in this area of the system was that the 3-inch distribution main from the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute to the National Guard Facility (Building E6814) was replaced in December 2011 with a larger 8-inch main. Low water usage at Building E6814 likely allowed the chlorine residual to dissipate in the new larger main before the samples were collected, as supported by little to no chlorine residual measured in water samples from Building E6814 in January, February, and March 2012.

## APG – Edgewood Area Water Quality Data (Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant)

Table 2 lists the only contaminants detected in the Edgewood Area drinking water distribution system during calendar year 2012 or, in some cases, during the most recent sampling period. We routinely monitor for a number of contaminants in the water supply to meet regulatory drinking water compliance requirements. Table 2 lists only those contaminants that had some level of detection. Your drinking water has been analyzed for many other contaminants as well, but they were not detected in the Edgewood Area drinking water distribution system during 2012 or the most recent sampling period.

TABLE 2. Contaminants Detected in Edgewood Area Drinking Water during 2012

| Substances We Detected (Units)                             | Group | Level Detected | What's Allowed? (MCL) | Did We Exceed the Limit? | Range Detected   | What's the Goal? (MCLG) | Typical Source of Contaminant                |
|--|-------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| TTHM (ppb) <sup>1</sup>                                    | DBP   | 67.40          | 80                    | NO                       | 39.2 – 82.5      | N/A                     | By-product of drinking water chlorination    |
| HAA5 (ppb) <sup>1</sup>                                    | DBP   | 51.95          | 60                    | NO                       | 10.0 – 84.8      | N/A                     | By-product of drinking water chlorination    |
| TOC (removal ratio) <sup>2</sup>                           | DBPP  | 1.00           | TT                    | NO                       | 1.00 – 1.00      | TT                      | Naturally present in the environment         |
| Barium (ppm) <sup>3</sup>                                  | IOC   | 0.031          | 2                     | NO                       | N/A              | 2                       | Erosion of natural deposits                  |
| Fluoride (ppm) <sup>3</sup>                                | IOC   | 0.12           | 4                     | NO                       | N/A              | 4                       | Water additive to promote strong teeth       |
| Nickel (ppm) <sup>3</sup>                                  | IOC   | 0.0006         | N/A                   | N/A                      | N/A              | N/A                     | Leaching from metal in plumbing systems.     |
| Nitrate (ppm) <sup>3</sup>                                 | IOC   | 2.5            | 10                    | NO                       | N/A              | 10                      | Runoff from fertilizer use; natural deposits |
| Lead (ppb) <sup>4</sup>                                    | L&C   | 14             | 15 (AL)               | NO                       | < 2 - 67         | 0                       | Corrosion of household plumbing systems      |
| Copper (ppm) <sup>4</sup>                                  | L&C   | 0.52           | 1.3 (AL)              | NO                       | 0.01 – 2.8       | 1.3                     | Corrosion of household plumbing systems      |
| Total Coliform (presence) <sup>5</sup>                     | M&T   | 5.3%           | 5%                    | YES <sup>5</sup>         | absent - present | 0                       | Naturally present in the environment.        |
| Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Bacteria (presence) <sup>5</sup> | M&T   | 0%             | 5%                    | NO                       | 0%               | 0                       | Naturally present in the environment         |
| Turbidity (NTU) <sup>6</sup>                               | M&T   | 100%           | TT                    | NO                       | 0.01 - 0.19      | TT                      | Soil runoff                                  |
| Gross Alpha (pCi/L) <sup>7</sup>                           | RAD   | 1.5            | 15                    | NO                       | N/A              | 0                       | Erosion of natural deposits                  |
| Radium 228 (pCi/L) <sup>7</sup>                            | RAD   | 0.2            | 5                     | NO                       | N/A              | 0                       | Erosion of natural deposits                  |
| Chlorine (ppm) <sup>9</sup>                                | VOC   | 0.7            | 4                     | NO                       | 0.01 - 3.5       | 4                       | Water additive to control microbes           |

<sup>1</sup> The highest running annual average detected during 2012 is reported in the "Level Detected" column and the range of individual results is presented in the "Range Detected" column.

<sup>2</sup> Removal of DBPP is monitored by measuring Total Organic Carbon (TOC) before and after treatment and computing a removal ratio. The running annual average ratios for both the Edgewood Area and Harford County systems were in compliance with this Treatment Technique for TOC during all of Calendar Year 2012.

<sup>3</sup> The detected level of these inorganic contaminants (IOC) is presented in the "Level Detected" column. The range of detected levels is presented in the "Range Detected" column (the range of detection is not applicable (N/A) for the Edgewood Area System because IOCs are monitored once per year).

<sup>4</sup> Compliance for these parameters is demonstrated by comparing the 90th percentile of results to the regulatory Action Level for each parameter. This 90th percentile value is reported to you in the "Level Detected" column. This value represents the concentration that ninety percent of the sites (not values) were below during the most recent round of monitoring (2012 for both systems). The range of values detected is presented in the "Range Detected" column.

<sup>5</sup> Compliance for this parameter is demonstrated by not having greater than 5% positive samples for the month. Whenever a positive sample occurs, appropriate actions including recollection of samples are taken until the concern is addressed. Edgewood Area System: in 2012 there were 7 positive results out of 133 samples collected. As a result, an MCL violation for total coliform occurred in March 2012 only. Compliance was restored in April 2012. See the detailed explanation of this MCL violation in the following section of this report. Harford County System: in 2012 there was 1 positive result out of 1250 samples collected. Retests were negative.

<sup>6</sup> Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. Turbidity levels must be below 0.3 NTU in at least 95% of samples collected to achieve compliance. For both the Edgewood Area and Harford County systems the percentages reported to you in the "Level Detected" column are greater than 95%. The range of turbidity levels in NTU units is presented in the "Range Detected" column.

<sup>7</sup> The level of these radiological contaminants (RAD) is presented in the "Level Detected" column and the range of individual results is presented in the "Range Detected" column. For the Edgewood Area System, because these contaminants are monitored once every three years (last in 2010), the range of detections is not applicable.

<sup>8</sup> The annual average for the detected VOCs and SOCs are presented in the "Level Detected" column, with the range of detected levels presented in the "Range Detected" column.

<sup>9</sup> Chlorine is added to our drinking water to control the presence of microorganisms. The standard by which compliance with chlorine levels is determined is called the Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL). The MRDL is the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. The annual average chlorine level is presented in the "Level Detected" column with the range of detected concentrations presented in the "Range Detected" column. The Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) is the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

<sup>10</sup> The detected level of these unregulated contaminants (UNREG) is presented in the "Level Detected" column and the range of detected levels is presented in the "Range Detected" column.

## Acronyms used throughout this report:

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| AL.....    | Action Level                           |
| APG.....   | Aberdeen Proving Ground                |
| DBP.....   | Disinfection By-Products               |
| DBPP.....  | DBP Precursors                         |
| EPA.....   | Environmental Protection Agency        |
| HAA5.....  | Haloacetic Acids                       |
| IOC.....   | Inorganic Contaminants                 |
| L&C.....   | Lead and Copper                        |
| M&T.....   | Microorganisms & Turbidity             |
| MCL.....   | Maximum Contaminant Level              |
| MCLG.....  | Maximum Contaminant Level Goal         |
| MDE.....   | Maryland Department of the Environment |
| N/A.....   | Not Applicable                         |
| ND.....    | None Detected                          |
| NTU.....   | Nephelometric Turbidity Unit           |
| pCi/L..... | picocuries per liter                   |
| ppb.....   | parts per billion                      |
| ppm.....   | parts per million                      |
| RAD.....   | Radionuclides                          |
| SDWA.....  | Safe Drinking Water Act                |
| SOC.....   | Synthetic Organic Compounds            |
| TOC.....   | Total Organic Carbon                   |
| TT.....    | Treatment Technique                    |
| TTHM.....  | Total Trihalomethanes                  |
| UNREG..... | Unregulated Compounds                  |
| VOC.....   | Volatile Organic Compounds             |

## Definitions

■ **Action Level (AL)** - The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

■ **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available treatment technology. Contaminants in drinking water, if detected, must be present in levels below the MCLs in order for the system to be in compliance with state and federal regulations.

■ **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. Note that MCLGs are goals and not regulatory limits. Public drinking water systems are not required to meet MCLGs.

■ **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

■ **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

■ **Treatment Technique (TT)** - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

## Contact Information:

Questions regarding the information contained in this report may be directed to the following:

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■ Public Works Service Desk  
410-306-1400

■ Military Housing, Picerne  
410-305-1706

■ Adrienne Foss, Public Affairs Office –  
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## Additional notes:

■ Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue-baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

■ If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. APG is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

■ Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

TABLE 3: Contaminants Detected in Harford County Drinking Water During Calendar Year 2012

| Substances We Detected (Units)                             | Group | Level Detected | What's Allowed? (MCL) | Did We Exceed the Limit? | Range Detected | What's the Goal? (MCLG) | Typical Source of Contaminant                             |
|--|-------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|
| TTHM (ppb) <sup>1</sup>                                    | DBP   | 27             | 80                    | NO                       | 4 - 62         | N/A                     | By-product of drinking water chlorination                 |
| HAA5 (ppb) <sup>1</sup>                                    | DBP   | 39             | 60                    | NO                       | 6 - 54         | N/A                     | By-product of drinking water chlorination                 |
| TOC (removal ratio) <sup>2</sup>                           | DBPP  | 1.9            | TT                    | NO                       | 0.5 - 2.6      | TT                      | Naturally present in the environment                      |
| Antimony (ppm)   | IOC   | 0.05           | 6                     | NO                       | ND - 0.09      | 6                       | Discharge from petroleum refineries; electronics          |
| Arsenic (ppb)  | IOC   | 0.2            | 10                    | NO                       | ND - 0.7       | 0                       | Erosion. Runoff from orchards.                            |
| Barium (ppm) <sup>3</sup>                                  | IOC   | 0.06           | 2                     | NO                       | 0.03 - 0.1     | 2                       | Erosion. Drilling waste & metal refineries.               |
| Chromium (ppb) <sup>3</sup>                                | IOC   | 1.1            | 100                   | NO                       | ND - 2.5       | 100                     | Erosion. Discharge from steel & pulp mills.               |
| Fluoride (ppm) <sup>3</sup>                                | IOC   | 1.3            | 4                     | NO                       | 0.1 - 1.3      | 4                       | Erosion. Water treatment additive (avg = 0.5)             |
| Mercury (ppb)  | IOC   | 0.17           | 2                     | NO                       | 0.15 - 0.18    | 2                       | Erosion. Discharge from factories & refineries.           |
| Nitrate (ppm) <sup>3</sup>                                 | IOC   | 5.2            | 10                    | NO                       | 1.3 - 5.2      | 10                      | Runoff from fertilizer use; natural deposits              |
| Selenium (ppb)   | IOC   | 0.5            | 50                    | NO                       | ND - 0.8       | 50                      | Erosion. Discharge from petroleum refineries.             |
| Thallium (ppb)   | IOC   | 0.03           | 2                     | NO                       | ND - 0.1       | 0.5                     | Leaching from ore-processing sites.                       |
| Lead (ppb) <sup>4</sup>                                    | L&C   | 0.1            | 15 (AL)               | NO                       | N/A            | 0                       | Corrosion of household plumbing systems                   |
| Copper (ppm) <sup>4</sup>                                  | L&C   | ND             | 1.3                   | NO                       | N/A            | 0                       | Corrosion of household plumbing systems                   |
| Total Coliform (presence) <sup>5</sup>                     | M&T   | < 1%           | 5%                    | NO                       | 0% - < 1%      | 0                       | Naturally present in the environment.                     |
| Fecal Coliform or E. coli Bacteria (presence) <sup>5</sup> | M&T   | 0%             | 5%                    | NO                       | 0%             | 0                       | Naturally present in the environment                      |
| Turbidity (NTU) <sup>6</sup>                               | M&T   | 100%           | TT                    | NO                       | 0.03 - 0.17    | TT                      | Soil runoff   |
| Gross Alpha (pCi/L) <sup>7</sup>                           | RAD   | 7.5            | 15                    | NO                       | 7.5            | 0                       | Erosion of natural deposits                               |
| Gross Beta (pCi/L) <sup>7</sup>                            | RAD   | 7              | 50                    | NO                       | 7              | 0                       | Decay of natural and man-made deposits                    |
| Radium-226, 228 (pCi/L) <sup>7</sup>                       | RAD   | 1.5            | 5                     | NO                       | 1.5            | 0                       | Erosion of natural deposits                               |
| Atrazine (ppb)   | SOC   | 0.05           | 3                     | NO                       | ND - 0.2       | 3                       | Runoff from herbicide used on row crops                   |
| Di(ethylhexyl) phthalate (ppb) <sup>8</sup>                | SOC   | 0.14           | 6                     | NO                       | ND - 0.52      | 0                       | Discharge from rubber & chemical factories                |
| Simazine (ppb)   | SOC   | 0.04           | 4                     | NO                       | ND - 0.11      | 4                       | Herbicide runoff  |
| Chlorine (ppm) <sup>9</sup>                                | VOC   | 2.6            | 4                     | NO                       | 0.5 - 2.6      | 4                       | Water additive to control microbes (avg = 1.6)            |
| Di-n-butylphthalate (ppb) <sup>10</sup>                    | UNREG | 0.08           | N/A                   | NO                       | ND - 0.24      | N/A                     | Discharge from plastics factories                         |
| Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (ppb)                          | UNREG | 0.04           | N/A                   | NO                       | ND - 0.2       | N/A                     | Gasoline additive   |
| Metolachlor (ppb)  | UNREG | 0.04           | N/A                   | NO                       | ND - 0.13      | N/A                     | Runoff from herbicide used on crops                       |
| Naphthalene (ppb)  | UNREG | 0.03           | N/A                   | NO                       | ND - 0.13      | N/A                     | Discharge from coal tar production & petroleum refineries |
| Nickel (ppb)   | UNREG | 1.3            | N/A                   | NO                       | ND - 2.6       | N/A                     | Erosion of natural deposits                               |
| Phenanthrene (ppt)   | UNREG | 5              | N/A                   | NO                       | ND - 15        | N/A                     | Used in manufacturing of dyes, plastics, pesticides       |

Notes from TABLE 2 also apply to TABLE 3

# APG WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK

As you can see by the tables in this report, some contaminants were detected in the water provided to you by APG and by Harford County. Your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state drinking water health standards during Calendar Year 2012, except for the MCL violation for total coliform in March 2012 as described on previous page.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

### JUNE 20 MILITARY TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Department of Defense, with the assistance from U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), is now offering the "Entrepreneurship" Goals, Plans, Success Track to all service members and their spouses transitioning from active duty. This two-day workshop is scheduled for June 19 - 20 and August 21 - 22 and will be offered on a quarterly basis thereafter. The SBA will provide the business fundamentals that set the foundation for Entrepreneurship. To register for either workshop contact the installation transition staff at 410-306-2322/2323/2345.

## THURSDAY

### JUNE 20 AVOIDING BANKRUPTCY

The CECOM Wellness Program will host a Bankruptcy Informational Session noon to 1 p.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000. Michael Ches, Financial Education Supervisor, APG Federal Credit Union, will discuss various ways to avoid bankruptcy through budgeting, and provide financial strategies and tips.

## MONDAY

### JUNE 24 APPLYING FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP

Army Community Service, in partnership with the Susquehanna Workforce Network is presenting a free workshop entitled Applying for Federal Employment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the ACS building, 2503 Highpoint Road, APG North (Aberdeen). The workshop

will offer Ways to Expand your Knowledge and Skills In:

- The Federal job search and application process
- Matching your core competencies to a job description
- Analyzing key words to apply to your resume
- Approach KSA and assessment questionnaires with confidence
- Tracking and following up on your application
- Interviewing for the job

To enroll or for questions, call Army Community Service, 410-278-9669/7572

### June 24-28 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children in pre-school (age 5) through 6th grade are invited to Vacation Bible School at the post chapel at APG North June 24-28 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Sky: Everything is Possible with God." Enjoy memorable Bible studies, catchy songs, Christian crafts, snacks and games. Registration forms are in the chapel lobby. For information, contact the Director of Religious Education Gerri Merkel at 410-278-2516 or caroline.j.merkel.civ@mail.mil.

## TUESDAY

### JUNE 25 ARE YOU READY FOR WARM WEATHER?

The CECOM Wellness Program will host a Warm Weather Informational Session, noon to 1 p.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000. Representatives from the APG Army Substance Abuse Program ATI Therapy and will discuss various summer heat-related topics such as the importance

## APG News Survey

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of hydration, injury prevention for cycling and running, and substances in warm weather.

### 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.

## 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 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.

## 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

### THRIFT SHOP 5-CENT SALE IN JUNE

The Post Thrift Shop will host a \$.05 sale in the clearance room next month starting June 5 and lasting until everything is sold. The Thrift Shop is located in Bldg. 2458. Hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-8572.

### 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.



## Anthony Dorsey,

Plans & Operations specialist, DPTMS

As a plans and operations specialist with the Garrison's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, Anthony Dorsey and his coworkers logistically manage official installation programs such as town hall meetings, retirement ceremonies, and changes of command, and events such as last year's Oktoberfest celebration.

The job includes the coordination of military honors for deceased veterans and retirees. APG serves Harford, Cecil and Queen Annes counties as well as Delaware. Requests may call for a flag or a flag detail or even the presence of a senior officer or noncommissioned officer. Funeral requests come through the Fort Meade Casualty Assistance Office and after action reports, down to the last detail, are submitted into the Department of Defense central database through the Meade office.

A retired Army first sergeant, Dorsey was the last Commandant of the Ordnance Center and Schools Noncommissioned Officer Academy before its relocation to Fort Lee, Va., in 2010. He retired the same year and has been with the Garrison ever since.

Dorsey said he appreciates the constantly changing challenges of his job as well as the positive feedback the office receives from supported tenant organizations.

"I like the fact that we have an office full of retired personnel and that our new chief doesn't have to micromanage. He allows us to plan and see our missions through. He [DPTMS Director Douglas Atwater] takes care of his personnel. That and the freedom to complete the mission is why I'm still here."

Organizations, personnel, veterans, or guests requesting Plans & Operations Division services can contact the office through the APG Garrison website at <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/index.cfm>.



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# APG marks Army's 238th birthday with morning run, cake cutting

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

The voices of Soldiers and civilians singing the new extended version of the Army Song floated over Fanshaw Field in the early morning hours of June 13 as APG marked the 238th birthday of the United States Army with a Birthday Run and cake cutting. The installation celebrated the Army's birthday, which falls on June 14, one day early.

Maj. Gen. Dean G. Sienko, commander of the U.S. Army Public Health Command, led the run, filling in for APG senior leader Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell. Sienko was joined by Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton; installation Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent; Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin and USAPHC Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Ecker.

A large group of runners turned out for the event despite a 6:30 a.m. start and looming thunderstorm and flash flood warnings.

Sienko thanked all participants and planners and said that the event fit into the Army "performance triad" - a balance of three things to build and sustain health - sleep, activity and nutrition.



(From left) Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin and CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent join Maj. Gen. Dean Sienko, commander of the U. S. Army Public Health Command, Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton, APG's youngest Soldier and USAPHC Command Sgt. Gerald Ecker for the traditional cake cutting after the Army Birthday Run at Fanshaw Field June 13.

# Ferrell named Military Leader of the Year

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functions and community stakeholders' interests disappears so that both sides can see the issues as clearly as possible."

Craig also cited Ferrell's emphasis on science, technology engineering and math STEM education.

"He recognizes the importance of these competencies to the future of APG, the Army, and the nation. So, he has taken the initiative to inspire growth in STEM within our local community."

Next month's opening of the Army STEM Education Outreach Center at APG represents the installation leadership's most recent initiative to further science and technology education throughout the Chesapeake Corridor. Previously, a partnering agreement with Harford County Schools expanded collaboration between the proving ground and the school system to increase educational outreach efforts. Through all of

its STEM programs, the post has reached more than 10,000 students in the past year.

In multiple areas — including STEM K-12 outreach, veterans' affairs, workforce development and wellness — APG's commander has helped to erase the front gate when it comes to community interaction. To improve the education of its workforce, APG has continued to expand its partnerships with a variety of universities to offer classes on post for advanced engineering and business degrees. Ferrell has made his deputy, Gary Martin, the installation's lead for workforce development to ensure those efforts remain a core focus at the installation.

Ferrell's efforts to foster a closer relationship between APG and its neighboring communities have extended beyond education. The commander directed the first installation-wide Advance Planning Briefing for Industry, a three-day event

outlining business opportunities available in each of the installation's five program areas. More than 1,000 business and economic development representatives attended the event to learn about APG's 180-plus potential contracts worth an estimated \$19.5 billion.

The post held its inaugural Oktoberfest to recognize its neighboring communities and their 95 years of continuous support. During the event, APG and community leaders held a ceremony to sign the Army Community Covenant.

Ford said Ferrell earned the award "for fostering a team-oriented approach at APG to sustain community partnerships vital to the installation's long-term needs in innovation and technology."

At the ceremony, Ferrell thanked all in attendance for their support of service members, Department of Defense civilians and their families. He added his thanks and praise for the community

leaders and residents of the entire Aberdeen region.

"We couldn't ask for better partners and teammates than we have in the region that surrounds Aberdeen Proving Ground," said Ferrell. "It is a truly tremendous community and we rely on them to help us accomplish our APG mission. I am incredibly humbled to receive this award and it really reflects the hard work and support of our APG team members and the many dedicated community leaders who, working together, make APG such a special place to live and to serve."

Other awardees included Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas, Congresswoman Niki Tsongas of Massachusetts, and Congressman Rob Wittman of Virginia, as well as Fred Meurer, the city manager of Monterey, Calif.

# Mustafaa relinquishes command to Mozelewski

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easily surmounted by Mustafaa. He welcomed Mozeleski and his family, commenting, "I expect nothing but your best and have confidence that you will continue to raise the bar of excellence."

Mustafaa called the day bittersweet and thanked God and the "extraordinary people" around her for seeing her through. She expressed special thanks to APG senior Leader, Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, former Garrison Commander, Col. Orlando Ortiz; and to McClinton, "for his leadership, mentorship, trust and support."

"I knew I had a leader who would let me fail but not let me be a failure," she said.

Mustafaa credited her successful tenure to the support of HHC Garrison Soldiers and civilians, her "Battle Buddy,"

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Outgoing Commander HHC

Adams, the installation's command sergeants major and organization chiefs of staff as well as to her husband's "daily inspiration." She summed it up with her favorite catch phrase: "One team, one fight."

"Without this great Garrison team, this mission would not happen," she said.

Mozeleski thanked McClinton for the opportunity to lead the unit and promised tenant organizations he would do all in his power to support their missions.

"My door will always be open and my cell phone will always be on," he said.

**Capt. Richard Mozeleski**  
**Commander, HHC Garrison**

Capt. Richard Mozeleski was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Pennsylvania National Guard in 2006. He transitioned to active duty in 2009. His past assignments include the 3/4 Infantry, 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Baumholder, Germany; Consolidated Fielding Center S-2, and SEC-FOR Platoon Leader, Camp Blackhorse, Afghanistan; executive officer, Company C, 3/4 Infantry and battalion S-4, Bagram Air Force Base, Afghanistan; and WMD intelligence officer, 20th Support Command (CBRNE), APG Md.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the



(From left) Capt. Maritzabel Mustafaa looks on as incoming commander Capt. Richard Mozeleski passes the HHC Garrison colors to 1st Sgt. Paula Adams during the unit change of command ceremony at Top of the Bay June 12.

Afghanistan Campaign and Global War on Terrorism Service medals.

Mozeleski's military education includes the National Intelligence Familiarization Course; Joint Combating WMD Planning Course; Military Intelligence Captain Career Course; Military

Intelligence Officer Transition Course; Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course; Mechanized Leader Course and Stryker Leader Course.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Pennsylvania State University-University Park.

# Army Soldier Show returns to APG

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

The U.S. Army Soldier Show, produced by DFMWR's Army Entertainment, features entertainment for Soldiers, by Soldiers, performed for the APG community June 16-17 at the post theater.

This year's production, "Ready and Resilient: At Your Service" explores what it means to be Ready and Resilient in today's Army as Soldiers, Family members, retirees, DoD civilians with Family friendly, high-energy songs and dance numbers. The show will tour 27 installations across the nation during a four-month tour.

During opening remarks, Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge Sgt. 1st Class Henry Slaughter said Soldiers have been entertaining other Soldiers since the beginning of the Army, where they would sit by the campfire telling stories and singing songs to relieve stress. This year marks the 30th year of the modern-day U.S. Army Soldier Show, which began in 1984.

"We are able to continue to tour and do our mission during these challenging budgetary times for one simple reason, to take advantage of this unique opportunity, to tell the Army's story in a way that has been proven to be effective, inspiring and entertaining," Slaughter said.

The show addressed the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program with Aretha Franklin's "Think" and "R.E.S.P.E.C.T." and the Temptations' "Treat her Like a Lady."

Tributes during the show included the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 75th anniversary of "God Bless America," the 60th anniversary of the Korean War armistice, and the 50th anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War.

The show also honored Gold and Blue Star Families with "Bring Him Home" and "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables" from Les Misérables and "When I Was Your Man" by Bruno Mars. During "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables," pic-



Photo by Rachel Ponder

(From left) U.S. Army Soldier Show Cast Member Spc. Reuben Eldridge shakes Grace Callwood's hand after the June 17 performance at the post theater. This year's production "Ready and Resilient: At Your Service" explores what it means to be Ready and Resilient in today's Army as a Soldier, Family member, survivor, retiree, and DoD civilian.

tures of fallen Soldiers were shown in the background.

"That is my favorite part of the show," said cast member Sgt. Quentin Dorn. "It's surreal. I am honored and overwhelmed that I have the opportunity to pay tribute to these Soldiers and their Families. I think that during the show we addressed issues in a way that is entertaining and compassionate."

The beginning of the show also paid tribute to the former President of the Gold Star Mothers Maryland Chapter Carol Roddy, who passed away June 9.

Sgt. Ena Torres said she decided to audition when she saw the show at Fort Hood, Texas, two years ago. She said the songs are chosen after the cast is

selected.

"I sent in my audition tape while I was deployed last year," she said. "I couldn't believe that I got picked. I never thought that I would have the opportunity to perform on a tour when I joined the Army. I like the songs they picked this year; I think they work well with the "Ready and Resilient" theme."

Army veteran Charlie Hopewood said he found the show is an uplifting way to share the Army's story with the public. "I appreciate and respect all the hard work that these Soldiers put into the show," he said.

Lt. Col. James Coffin, from ATEC, said that the show can be enjoyed by the whole Family.

"My daughter, Tara, was very impressed," he said. "She is taking ballet and wants to be a dancer."

Army Entertainment is seeking technicians and performers for the 2014 U.S. Army Soldier Show and Army Concert Tour. For more information visit [http://www.armymwr.com/recreation/entertainment/experience\\_army\\_entertainment.aspx](http://www.armymwr.com/recreation/entertainment/experience_army_entertainment.aspx). Auditions are open to all Soldiers - Active, Reserve and Guard - and all nominees must have a minimum of 90 days time in service remaining after completion of 2014 tour (on or about 30 November 2014). Nominees must be deployable worldwide as Army Entertainment will tour to overseas areas.

# Graduates look to future with pride

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tor Charles Rose.

Special guests in attendance included the Adjutant General of the Maryland National Guard Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins and APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton.

The keynote speaker Maryland Senator Nathaniel McFadden, congratulated the cadets on their achievements. McFadden said despite being disadvantaged, his parents believed in him just like members of the audience believe in the graduates.

"It is only the beginning," he said. "You serve as an example and role models. I know you have learned a lesson. You know when to say no and when to say yes. It has been instilled in you in a military fashion."

McFadden challenged the graduates to take the high road, even when it isn't easy.

"There is a rainbow at the end, if you are true to your values you learned at the Freestate Challenge Academy," he said.

Class spokespersons Cadet Nancy Tapia-Loza and Cadet David Farrell Jr., shared how the academy changed their lives.

Tapia-Loza said she was homesick during the first weeks of the program and missed her Family, including her 1 year old son.

"A mother makes many sacrifices just so their child can have a better future for them and a better lifestyle," Tapia-Loza said about her decision to stay in the program. "Being away from him was very difficult for me. I sacrificed so much so I could get an education and bright future."

Tapia-Loza said that she plans to go to Prince George's Community College and earn a bachelor's degree.

"I am proud of the person Freestate has helped me turn into, I know I will go a long way," she said.

During Farrell's remarks he said he has a new outlook on life and has a set of skills that will help him become a future leader. Farrell said while at the academy he learned study skills, and would volunteer his time helping other cadets learn.

"I saw them progressing and having a sense of pride," he said. "Being able to give back is a good feeling."

Farrell said community service made a big impact on him during the program. All cadets are required to complete 40 hours of community service before graduating.

"Even something as little as cleaning trash out of a residential area, you notice how much of an impact you really caused."

Farrell said that he plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Maryland and eventually become an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Top Challenge Academy awards and \$500 in scholarships went to the following:

- Cadet of the Cycle, Cadet Gerson Avelar
- Most Improved Cadet, Cadet Gene Caldwell and Whitney Stuart
- Leadership, Cadet Erick Tyler
- Continuing Education, Cadet Shaniya Mease

- Scholarships:
- Maryland Chapter of the Silver Wings for Youth, awarded flight training to Cadets Marcus Ganey, Quaisean Darby, and Joseph Winter
  - Rotary Club of Towson Scholarship, \$1,000 awarded to Cadet Ikea Green
  - Nancy H. Sevier Scholarship, \$1,000 awarded to Cadet Nancy Tapia-Loza

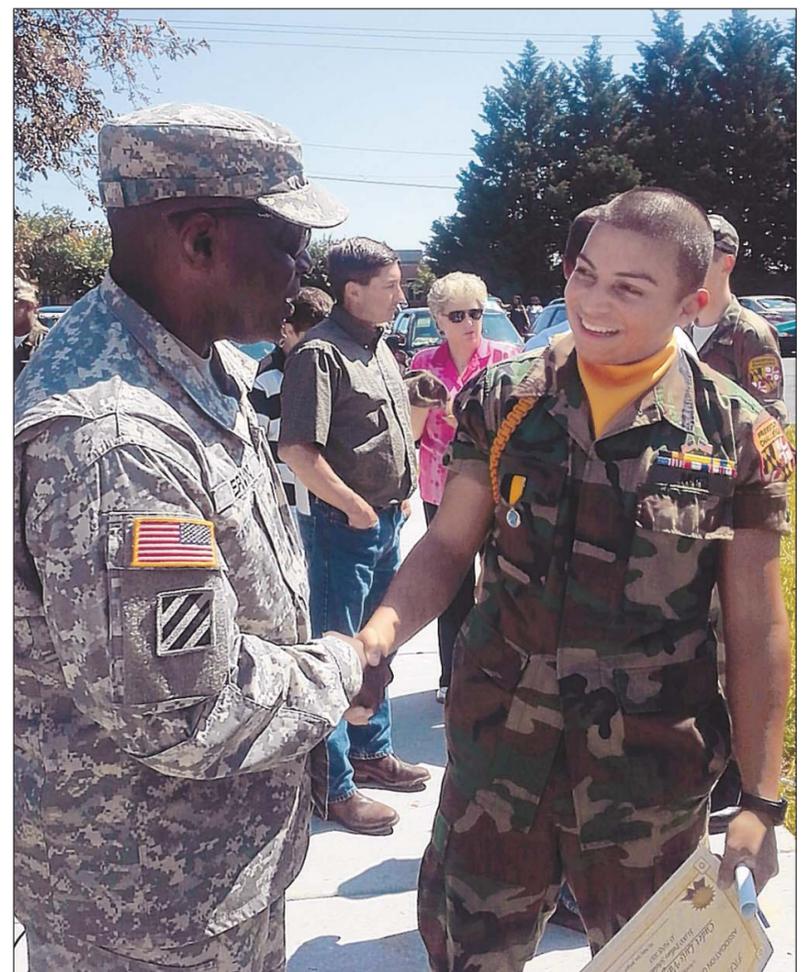


Photo by Rachel Ponder

(From left) APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin congratulates Cadet Luis Vargas Archila after the Maryland National Guard's (MDNG) Military Youth Corps Freestate Challenge Academy commencement ceremony at the post theater June 15.

- Maryland National Guard Foundation Scholarship, \$1,000 awarded to Cadet Gerson Avelar
- Pedro 66 Scholarship, \$1,000 awarded to Cadet Joseph Vicars
- Edward Saint John Foundation, Inc., \$1,000 awarded to Cadet Fatima Vela
- The Aberdeen Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, \$1,000 awarded to Cadets Marcus Ganey and

- Luis Vargas Archila
- Maryland National Guard Youth Foundation, 1,000 awarded to Cadets Kyle O'Dowd, David Farrell Jr., Joshua Wilcox and Marcus Williams
- Harford Community College Scholarship 5,000 awarded to Chastin Kotapski
- Lincoln College of Technology 10,000 scholarships awarded to Darrontay Wilson and Donita Boyd.

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