



## Army seeks round of base closure, realignment for 2015

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ARNEWS

The Army says a round of base realignment and closure for fiscal year 2015 is necessary to save tax dollars, consolidate resources and adapt to force reductions.

With a smaller total force over the next years -- from a high of 570,000 in 2010 to 490,000 in 2017 -- the Army's need for facilities will also decrease, said Katherine Hammack, the Army's assistant secretary for Installations, Energy and Environment.

"The resulting force structure reduction will create excess capacity at several installations," she testified to the Senate Armed Services Committee, subcommittee on readiness and management support, April 24, 2013.

"With a reduced end-strength and force structure in the United States, now is the time to assess and right-size the supporting infrastructure," she said.

Hammack said the Army is already downsizing its infrastructure in Europe, and that it

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**A future round of base realignment and closure in the United States is essential to identify excess Army infrastructure and prudently align civilian staffing with reduced uniform force structure.**

**Katherine Hammack**

U.S. Army assistant secretary for Installations, Energy and Environment



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Mike Crapanzano from the CECOM Software Engineering Center and CECOM Commander Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell brief U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski on the Army's rapid reprogramming process during her visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground on April 29, 2013. CECOM provides 24/7 protection to the Warfighter by delivering vital threat software updates for all Army Aviation systems and platforms.

## Senator Mikulski given up-close view of Army TEAM APG innovations

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Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski visited Aberdeen Proving Ground on April 29 for an update on the installation's transformation after base realignment and to get a first-hand understanding of installation issues and accomplishments.

Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell and Col.

Gregory R. McClinton provided Mikulski with an overview of APG missions, commands and post-BRAC synergies as well as an update on the seven installation focus areas: Cyber, STEM Outreach, Workforce Development, Technical and Para-Professional Development and Education, System of Systems Engineering, Employee Wellness and Veterans Affairs. The visit also

showcased the Communities of Excellence that comprise Team APG which include Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives, Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Research Development and Evaluation, Testing and Evaluation, and Public Health.

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## APG celebrates Arbor/Earth Day

By **RACHEL PONDER**  
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Community members and local students attended Aberdeen Proving Ground's annual Arbor/Earth Day celebration at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center April 26.

The event highlighted the installation's stewardship to the environment in support of the principles of Arbor Day and Earth Day.

Narrator Celestine Beckett said that Arbor Day is observed across the nation to encourage the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers.

"Plants not only make the environment beautiful, they help to clean the air,

soil and water," she said.

The event's guest speaker, APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton, said that APG organizations work hard to preserve APG's 72,000 acres of land and water.

"Supporting our current mission requirements while at the same time managing natural resources that must sustain us into the future is a very delicate balance, but we strive hard to make it work," McClinton said. "There are a lot of people working at APG tirelessly to strike that balance."

McClinton commended the environ-

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CERDEC Photo

Chemical Engineer Cao Chung talks to students about how CERDEC's Renewable Energy for Distributed Under-Supplied Command Environments, or REDUCE, trailer provides power for Soldiers during the APG Earth Day and Arbor Day event at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center April 26.

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# STREET TALK

## What baseball team are you rooting for?

I'm an Orioles fan! I am from Baltimore, I have hometown pride. I bleed orange (for the Orioles) and purple (for the Ravens).



**Travis Johnson**  
CDC

I was born and raised in Philadelphia, so I am a life-long Phillies fan. When I was a kid I got autographs from (former Phillies baseball players) Steve Carlton, Mike Schmidt and Greg "The Bull" Luzinski. That got me hooked on the team.



**Ken Starnes**  
CHRA Northeast Region

I like watching Yankee games with my mom and dad; they are originally from New Jersey and are huge Yankees fans. And I love Derek Jeter!



**Christina Pagliaro**  
4th grader

I am an Orioles fan because I was born and raised here in the heart of Baltimore. My boyfriend and I have season tickets every year. What I like best about the team is that they can come from behind in a slump and win the game with a grand slam home run.



**Mary Beth Maahs**  
CPAC

# OPINION

## Families face common hurdles during moves

**Y**ou know what's awesome? Unpacking your boxes and realizing that not "all" of your boxes made it to your new home. Sometimes it's obvious what's missing—like your kid's bike. Other times, missing items will haunt you for years—like a boot or your mom's serving platter. Did you misplace it or was it never delivered? You may never know. \*Cue Twilight Zone music.\* Maybe some of my moving "epic fails" will help you prepare for your move better than I did for mine.

**Epic Fail Number One:** Letting the mover check off the box numbers during delivery. We discovered (after the driver left, of course) that all of my career clothes, all of Frick and Frack's toys, and half of the hubby's professional gear never made it.

**Solution:** Never let the movers check off the boxes as "delivered." You are the one who needs to ensure all the boxes that were loaded onto the truck are unloaded at your new home. Stand by the front door with a pen and your inventory sheet, and ask the movers to call out the box numbers as they enter the house. Check off the boxes as they go. Also, politely ask ALL the movers to use one door. A single point of entry will help avoid missing a box.

**Epic Fail Number Two:** Failure to organize miscellaneous parts effectively. Frick and Frack's bunk beds were delivered without a scratch, but when the time came to put them together, we discovered the screws never made it. We were left with a pile of without-a-scratch wooden planks. Super.

**Solution:** Whenever possible, ask the movers to keep the screws in their respective holes (secured tightly) for the move. When that isn't possible, plastic sandwich bags and permanent markers are your friends. Before moving day, hand write "bunk bed screws" on the plastic bag and ask the mover to

## Did you misplace it or was it never delivered? You may never know.

place the screws in the bag and tape it firmly to the bed planks. Why not have them place ALL the screws to ALL of your items in one box, you ask? What happens when they lose that box? Now you are stuck—screwless.

**Epic Fail Number Three:** Not knowing movers are required to handle disposal of packing materials. We asked the movers to unpack our belongings and they convinced us we were responsible for disposal of the packing material and boxes. When the time came for the trash man to take away the cardboard, they charged us forty bucks for a "bulk pickup."

**Solution:** Movers are required to take the packing materials with them if they unpack your household goods. If you choose to unpack your household goods yourself, at your own pace, you run the risk of never getting the movers to help you dispose of the boxes and packaging materials. Just sayin'.

**Epic Fail Number Four:** Not creating a First Day Box. We arrived happily at our new duty station and the movers finished unloading around 9 at night. At bedtime, we were surrounded by boxes and had no idea which one contained items we needed right away.

**Solution:** Set aside items you know you'll need the first night in your house—things like an air mattress, pillows, sheets, towels, a shower curtain (rings too), a few toys, etc. Before the movers pack ANYTHING, ask them for a large box and a roll of packing tape. Remember those permanent markers you set aside to mark the plastic baggies? Give them to your kids and have them create a First Day Box masterpiece—the louder and more obvious, the better. Fill the box with your must-

have items and ask the movers to load that box LAST. Why? Because it will be the first thing off the truck at your new duty station. It's a great way to have the things you need and to also be reminded of the creature comforts of home!

**Epic Fail Number Five:** Not properly separating our stuff and cleaning out before the movers arrive. The movers packed everything—even things we didn't want them to pack! During one move they packed a dirty diaper. I kid you not. During another move they packed trash. UGH. In another move (because apparently I'm a little thick and didn't get it after the first two times) they packed everything that was SUPPOSED to go in the car with us. By the time I returned from the gas station (I left the hubby in charge) all of our traveling road show stuff had disappeared into the abyss of boxes.

**Solution:** Before the movers arrive, pack your car! If you want stuff to stay with you, be sure it isn't within reach because movers will pack everything in sight! Never let the movers pack valuables such as wedding rings (again, I could tell you multiple horror stories) or personal papers such as wills, car titles, and powers of attorney. It's much safer to keep those items with you so they aren't lost in transit. Also, be sure to unload the dishwasher before the movers come. I was once left with a load of dishes after the moving truck pulled away. \*sigh\*

You know what, guys? You've TOTALLY got this. Moving is not an unmanageable monster. It's just... challenging.

**Guest blogger Cassie**  
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## Separation anxiety common to toddlers

**S**eparations are a part of every child's life. From putting kids down for an afternoon nap to dropping them off at a child care center as you head off to work, learning to be apart from each other is important for both your child and you. Teaching your child to say goodbye at a young age will make separations easier for both of you later on.

Your child needs to feel close to you in order to feel cared for and loved. This emotional closeness is what may make it difficult for your child to part with you. Children between the ages of 10 and 24 months tend to feel this separation anxiety the most. At this age, your child is learning to remember you when you are apart, but she might not always understand that you will come back. This fear may continue until your child is 3 or 4 years old, but you can take steps to help your young child cope with these emotions.

Start early. Teach your infant about goodbye to set a positive pattern for the future, even if your baby is too young to understand what you say. If you hesitate,

or don't clearly show that you're leaving, you may be showing your child that you aren't sure about leaving. Instead, assure your child that you'll be back soon, hug, wave goodbye and put your child in the arms of the care provider.

Use events to explain time. Your young child will understand, "I'll be back after you wake up from your nap," as opposed to "I'll be back at 4:00."

Allow your child to keep a comfort object. A special toy, picture of you or blanket can comfort your child during times of separation.

Allow your child to make choices for small events. When children try to take charge, saying things like, "I'm not going to child care," let them make decisions about what they'll wear to child care or what toy to bring in the car since they don't get to decide whether they're going to child care.

Say goodbye. It may seem easier to slip away while your child is busy, but it's hard once your child realizes you're gone. You may damage your child's trust, which can lead to more difficult

goodbyes in the future.

Be patient. Understand that acting out when you return is a sign that your child feels safe enough to unload the day's emotions. Let your child know you missed him or her and spend some quality time together to help your child calm down.

Introduce child care before the first day. Visit the child care center or introduce the babysitter before you leave your child first time. On the first day, confidently explain that you'll have to leave, but explain that you'll miss your child and you'll be back soon.

Don't hesitate to reach out for help. You can get support and information by contacting Military OneSource online or at (800) 342-9647, including non-medical counseling services provided at no cost for service members and families. Military and Family Life Counselors, available through installation Family Programs, can also provide non-medical counseling support for you and your child.

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# Cadets soar in Silver Wings program

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Every Maryland Freestate Challenge Academy class has the unique opportunity to learn about aviation from experienced pilots in the Silver Wings program.

Twenty-five cadets are selected from each class to participate in this program that is held on four Saturdays on Martin State Airport in Middle River, Md.

The cadets learn about the basics of flying and learn more about aviation careers. On the last Saturday of the program the cadets get to have the experience of flying in an airplane. After the completion of the program, they receive wings to put on their uniform, a certificate, and a Young Eagles Logbook, for recording their first flight and subsequent flights. In addition, they will also receive an access code to an online pilot training course free of charge.

During the program, cadets get a chance to visit an air traffic control tower, fly in a simulated plane, learn how to chart a course and tour the Maryland State Police Aviation Unit.

"About one thousand cadets have been through this program since it began in 1996," said Richard Knauer, a Freestate Challenge Academy staff member and pilot.

Knauer said that the Freestate Challenge Academy program, which is operated by Maryland National Guard, teaches students about different careers they can pursue after they graduate the program. Freestate Challenge Academy, located on APG South, gives youth who withdrew from traditional high school a second chance at an education.

"This is just one of the many opportunities that cadets can receive at Freestate," Knauer said. "There are many careers in the aviation industry. Flying is a wonderful feeling; it is like soaring with the angels."

Cadets are selected for the program based on interest and points accumulated. While enrolled in the academy, cadets earn points for good behavior and academic excellence. The more points a cadet has, the more opportunities they have to be selected for special programs.

"There are many careers in the aviation industry," Knauer said. "Flying is a



(From left) Maryland Freestate Challenge Academy Cadets Quaisean Darby, Adonis Gonzales, Marcus Ganey and Jackson Proctor (standing) learn how pilots chart a course using maps during the Silver Wings program held at Martin State Airport.

wonderful feeling; it is like soaring with the angels."

Cadet Kyle O'Dowd, who aspires to be a fighter pilot for the Marines, said that the Silver Wings program is an awesome opportunity.

"If you are doing everything you are supposed to (at Freestate Challenge Academy) you get to go out in the community and have these experiences," he said.

O'Dowd said that he thought it was

"pretty amazing" to see the police get a call to go on a mission while the cadets were touring the Maryland State Police Aviation Unit.

"We got to see what their job is really like, how they react under pressure," he said. "I want to have a job like that someday."

O'Dowd said he has been accepted into Fishburne Military Academy after he graduates from Freestate Challenge Academy.

Cadet Diamond Cheeks said that she wanted to participate in the program to conquer her fear of flying.

"It will be my first time flying," she said. "I am a little nervous but excited at the same time."

I feel fortunate to be able to give back to youngsters, help them develop an interest in aviation," said Jim Cooke, a Silver Wings volunteer, who noted that most Silver Wings volunteers are former and retired military.

# PEO C3T leader leaves legacy of improved communications capabilities

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When Robert Golden first entered government service, he wasn't sure it was the right move.

After all it was 1979, he had just graduated from New Jersey's Monmouth College and job offers for engineers were rolling in.

"My whole family was in Ocean County, N.J., and Fort Monmouth was hiring like crazy," said Golden, the director of operations for Program Executive Office Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T). "I had no experience working in the engineering field and I didn't really know what I wanted. I figured I'd give it three years to see if I liked it. Then I fell into project management and I loved it."

Now, as Golden retires from government service almost 34 years later, he said what he'll miss most are the people he worked with and their dedication to the mission of providing Soldiers with the integrated networks, radios, computers, servers and other hardware and software they require to communicate on the battlefield.

Golden began his career as a project lead for the Identification Friend or Foe program with the Army's Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM). Throughout his career, Golden has held 16 positions with six major Army commands and served three times as an Army board select project manager providing crucial improvements to communications capabilities for U.S. Warfighters.

It is perhaps his work as PM TRCS, under PEO C3T, from 2003 to 2006 that he will remember most fondly. It was during that time that Golden and his team led the acquisition, development,

production, fielding and sustainment of the Joint Network Node-Network (JNN-Network). Replacing the antiquated Mobile Subscriber Equipment (MSE), the JNN-Network was later named Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) Increment 1, which serves as the Army's current tactical communications network and enables high-speed, high-capacity communications down to the battalion level at-the-quick-halt.

In response to units' urgent operational needs in theater for beyond line-of-sight and on-the-move communications, PM TRCS partnered with the Signal Center at Fort Gordon, Ga., to replace the existing MSE with the JNN-Network. Once Army leadership agreed with the vision, the funding was provided to equip and train the 3rd Infantry Division (3ID) with the state-of-the-art JNN-Network.

The new system provided the tactical network for the battlefield based on commercial-off-the-shelf voice and data Internet Protocol network equipment installed in transit cases and tactical vehicles. This effort transformed the tactics, techniques and procedures for establishing networks and communications on the battlefield. During a two-year period, Golden successfully led a complex effort that replaced outdated information technology systems in 75 percent of the active Army and 25 percent of the reserve component.

"We spent a lot of energy up front



**“Just when you think it can't get any better, the next job is just as good as or even better than the one before.”**

**Robert Golden**

Director of operations for Program Executive Office Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T)

trying to convince Army leadership of what we could do and how good the JNN-Network could be," he said. "We delivered the first equipment to 3ID and saw how much they loved it and how it was such a substantial leap in technology over MSE. There was no stopping it after that."

For his efforts as PM TRCS, Golden was recognized as the Army's Project Manager of the Year in 2005.

Golden also served as Project Manager Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (PM DCATS), director of the Product Realization Directorate at the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC), and Project Manager Network Service Center (PM NSC) under PEO Enterprise Information Systems.

"I've had the fortune of working with tremendous leaders and with outstanding personnel throughout my entire career," said Golden. "Just when you think it can't get any better, the next job is just as good as or even better than the one before."

When Golden returned to PEO C3T in 2011 he first worked as the test director and later as the Technical Industrial Liaison Officer (TILO) and director of

PEO C3T Operations.

As director of operations he helped move PEO C3T in an efficient and effective direction during an era of decreasing budgets, ensuring the organization leveraged existing resources and instilled the philosophy of "doing more with less."

Golden's government career came to a close on April 25 during a retirement ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where he was honored for his service. He was also remembered for his humorous weather reports, his iPad full of musical hits and his appearance in a defibrillator awareness video that won first place in this year's U.S. Army Materiel Command's Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware Public Affairs competition. But it is his dedication to the Army and to advancing communications capabilities for U.S. Soldiers, that he will be best remembered.

As he moves to a new position as Director, Department of Defense Operations with Adams Communications & Engineering Technologies (ACET), located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, he will not leave that goal entirely behind.

"It's comforting that I know even when I leave government, I'll still be working to support the Warfighter," Golden said.



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# U.S. Army Soldier Show launches ‘Ready and Resilient’ tour

Story and photo by  
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The 2013 U.S. Army Soldier Show launched with three performances before capacity crowds at Fort Sam Houston Theatre in April.

The show, “Ready and Resilient,” soon will embark on a four-month tour of 27 installations across the nation, delivering messages to fellow troops that Army senior leaders consider essential.

The Soldier Show returns to APG with two free performances open to the public in June. General admission seating will be offered for the shows to be held 7 p.m., Sunday June 16 and 11:30 a.m., Monday, June 17 at the post theater.

The APG community is invited to come enjoy the family-friendly, high-energy, 90-minute live musical production. The tour features performances of today’s hits, yesterday’s classics and even original material. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

The effects of sequestration shortened this year’s tour, but Army senior leaders decided the Soldier Show must go on.

“Some may ask, ‘Why are we doing this?’” said Tom Higdon, Soldier Show executive producer. “The answer is quite simple: We have the unique ability to tell this Army message and this Army story in a way that nobody else can. And our communities, their Soldiers and families, they deserve to hear this message and they need to hear this message, quite frankly.

“We need to continue to drive home the importance of sponsorship and intramural sports and SHARP [the Army’s Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention program]. Even the finale, “Carry On,” touches on the realities of suicide prevention and post-traumatic stress disorder and how important it is that you reach out to the person on your left and your right, whether you’re in combat or back at home. ... Everything in this show has something to give to everyone in the audience, and it’s important that it’s out there.”

The Soldier Show features snippets of 30 to 40 songs packed into a production of rapidly changing song and dance representing nearly every genre of music.



**Spc. Kelly Gregg of Fort Bliss, Texas, plays guitar and leads the cast of the U.S. Army Soldier Show in a chorus of “Some Nights” during an April 21 performance at Fort Sam Houston Theatre on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Sgt. Craig Moton of Suwon Air Base, South Korea, and Sgt. Ena Torres of Fort Hood, Texas, flank Gregg on the front row. New Mexico Army National Guard Sgt. Quentin Dorn and Pvt. Alberth Madrigal of Fort Drum, N.Y., are in the backdrop.**

Higdon said the show has the “unique ability” to tell the Army story like no other Army program can.

“There’s something about Soldiers being on a stage and relating to an audience in a very personable and one-on-one way about what is important to the Army, what makes the Army and Soldiers special. It’s just different than anything else because it’s a dialogue that really happens between a performer and an audience in a way more so than any other branding or marketing aspect that the Army has, at least in my opinion.”

From the opening act of “Let’s Go/ Carry On,” songs by Ne-Yo and Calvin Harris, the Soldier-performers exhibit the resilient spirit of continuing to strive regardless of obstacles, of always moving forward and never looking back, of camaraderie, courage, independence and sponsorship, Higdon said.

Performances include a mixture of Broadway and Disney with “Part of Your World” from *The Little Mermaid*, “Step in Time” from *Mary Poppins*, “The Bells of Notre Dame” from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and “The Gospel Truth” from

*Hercules*. It takes listeners on a journey from Brad Paisley’s “Southern Comfort Zone” to “Dream On” by Aerosmith, then stands up for Army values and Gold and Blue Stars, with a touching rendition of “Bring Him Home” from *Les Miserables*.

The show deals with loss and sacrifice, all the while stressing that life goes on, and there will be time for R&R, Family and friends. It touches on Army intramurals and physical training – having the heart of a champion and mastering one’s own destiny, and covers 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.” Women in combat roles are saluted in the song “Freedom” by Anthony Hamilton and Elayna Boynton.

Tributes during the show include 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 goal of the show is to deliver the messages loudly, clearly, proudly, and in

entertaining fashion, Higdon said.

“It’s a challenge. Everybody has their own ideas of how to make it work. It’s very collaborative. It’s very give-and-take. It’s not just a one-person vision kind of thing. We throw all the crazy ideas out there and all the bad ideas out there and somehow sift through that and figure out the best way to present it.”

Higdon has been around the Soldier Show for 25 years – on the stage, behind the curtains, and in front of the house.

“This year, more so than ever, we were able to really take that guidance and put together something that the Army would be proud of,” he said. “That’s ultimately the task of this team. It’s not our show. It’s the Army’s show. We may have titles and we may have roles that we play in putting this thing together, but in no way do we have ownership of it. It’s the Army’s show and the Army’s message. The entire team just feels very privileged to have the honor to help put it together.”

“We were given the guidance and we met the challenge, and we’ve got a product the Army can be proud of.”

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## THURSDAY

### MAY 2 DINNER WITH THE ADMIRAL

The Susquehanna Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will feature Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., current president and CEO of MOAA National, as the guest speaker during a dinner at the Bellissimo Seafood & Grill, 510 Market Place Drive in Bel Air. Social hour begins 6 p.m.; dinner is served 7 p.m. Cost is \$28 per person. RSVP by April 25.

For more information, contact retired Maj. Brian Lantz at 410-939-0648; e-mail [brianlantz6@comcast.net](mailto:brianlantz6@comcast.net); or visit the MOAA website at [www.susquehannamoaa.com](http://www.susquehannamoaa.com).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY

### MAY 3-5 HAVRE DE GRACE HOSTS WAR OF 1812 EVENTS

The City of Havre de Grace will commemorate the War of 1812 invasion by British forces during a series of events over three days. Highlights include:

#### May 3

- 3 p.m., Arrival of Tall Ships (Pride of Baltimore II, Sultana)
- 5 to 10 p.m., Main Street 1812 Tribute for First Fridays
- 7 p.m., War of 1812 Dinner, Van-Diver Inn

#### May 4

- 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Full event reenactment throughout town featuring Fort McHenry Fife & Drums; Star-Spangled Banner flag-raising; British reenactors landing at Concord Point Lighthouse grounds; skirmishes throughout town ending at Lock House Grounds.
- 1 p.m., Tall Ships open for tours
- 3 p.m., Military march through town to lighthouse
- 7 p.m., Ceremony at lighthouse grounds followed by The Columbia Orchestra performance and fireworks

#### May 5

- 7 a.m., Red Coat Run 5K race
- 10 a.m., Kayak Poker Run, register 9 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m., circa 1800 service at St. Johns Church
- Noon, Tall ships open for tours.

For more information visit the Havre de Grace Tourism website at [www.hdgtourism.com](http://www.hdgtourism.com) or call 800-851-7756.

## THURSDAY

### MAY 9 WOMEN'S HEALTH

May 12-18 is National Women's Health Week. This national observance kicks off on Mother's Day each year and encourages individuals, families, communities, and others to work to help women learn how to achieve longer, healthier, and safer lives.

In preparation for National Women's Health Week, the CECOM Wellness Program invites you to attend our Women's Health Informational Session on 9 MAY 2013 where local health professionals will discuss topics such as osteoporosis, genetics, breast cancer, urinary incontinence, common prevention & treatment of physical injuries, and best stretches before & after pregnancy.

Location: Myer Auditorium, Building 6000 noon to 1:00 pm.

## THURSDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY

### MAY 9-11 MILITARY FLEA MARKET & VEHICLE RALLY

The Washington Area Collectors/Blue & Gray Military Vehicle Trust will present the 40th Annual East Coast Military Vehicle Rally and Flea Market 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Ripken Stadium, 873 Long Drive, off of Route 22 near the #85 Exit on I-95 in Aberdeen.

The vehicle rally and flea market typically draws huge crowds, and features hundreds of vendors and antique and present-day military vehicles and collectibles for display, swap and sale such as uniforms, boots, insignia, tents, tools, books, swords & sabers, gun parts, bayonets, repair parts, electronics, and much more. There will be a large vehicle display and a Friday night auction. The vehicle rally and flea market is held on a paved surface, is handicap accessible and is held rain or shine.

This event is open to the general public. It is especially popular with veterans, scouts, collectors, reenactors, modelers and history buffs. The rally is sponsored by the WAC/B&G MVT Chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association.

For more information, call 800-730-6621 or visit the MVT website at [www.militaryvehicleshows.com](http://www.militaryvehicleshows.com).

## MONDAY

### MAY 13 ARMED FORCES DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Attention Golfers! What can be better than honoring our Armed Forces and enjoying a day on the links? How about....doing both at the same time! Yes, you can enter the Armed Forces Day Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course on Monday, May 13, for only \$70. Activities and times are:

- 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. Golfer Registration in Pro Shop
  - 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast Sutherland Grill
  - 9:45 – 9 a.m. Participants Go To Assigned Carts for Welcome and Rules of the Day Brief
  - 9 a.m. Shotgun Start of Event
  - 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Golfing
  - 1 – 1:30 p.m. Complete & Turn-in Scorecards to Pro Shop
  - 1:30 – 2 p.m. Buffet Lunch on Sutherland Grill
  - 2 – 3 p.m. Presentations Honor/Awards and Remarks
- Rain date is May 14. For more information, or to register for the tournament, contact Rik Bond, Golf Course manager, at 410-278-4794

## MONDAY & TUESDAY

### MAY 13 & 14 SALT TOUR RETURNS TO APG

The Save A Life Tour (SALT) returns to APG to provide a realistic and sober perspective on the effects of driving while intoxicated. Through a drinking and driving simulator individuals can experience the effects of DWI without the consequences. Presentations, on-going videos and staff interactions will run 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the 22D Chemical Battalion bay in Bldg. E1942, in APG South (Edgewood) May 13 and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Mallette Mission Training Facility, Bldg. 6008 in APG North (Aberdeen) May 14.

Both events are open to the entire APG community. For more information contact Cindy Scott, Army Substance Abuse Program prevention specialist at 410-278-4013 or e-mail [cynthia.m.scott4.civ@mail.mil](mailto:cynthia.m.scott4.civ@mail.mil).

## WEDNESDAY

### MAY 15 ARMED FORCES DAY

Join in the Armed Forces Day celebration, hosted by MG Nancy Price, PEO-C3T, at Fanshaw Field on APG North (Aberdeen) as Team APG pays tribute to the men and women, past and present, who have served and are serving our Nation.

#### Planned Events

- 8 a.m., Veterans & Survivor Outreach Services Breakfast
- 10 a.m., Welcome Remarks, National Anthem, Invocation
- 10:10 a.m., Guest Speaker Remarks
- 10:25 a.m., CG Remarks, Future Soldiers/Recognition
- 10:40 a.m., America the Beautiful, Armed Forces Medley, Retire the Colors
- 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Display/Exhibits Opens
- 1 – 2 p.m., USMC Silent Drill Platoon and Drum and Bugle Corps
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., "The Volunteers" Concert

For more information on these events, contact APG Public Affairs at 410-278-8759.

## THURSDAY

### MAY 16 SAVINGS AND CHECKING MANAGEMENT

During these times of fiscal uncertainty, choosing the right banking options has become even more essential. Managing your checking and savings account properly is also very important.

The CECOM Wellness Program invites you to attend our Saving and Checking Management Information Session presented by the APG Federal Credit Union where Claudia Holman, Business Development Director, will discuss these topics, as well as give tips on other banking tools that can be used to improve your daily life. Location: Myer Auditorium, Building 6000 noon to 1:00 pm.

## MONDAY

### MAY 20 ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE OBSERVANCE

Team APG presents the Annual Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Observance starting 10:30 a.m. at the Myer Auditorium Bldg. 6000.

The guest speaker is Heidi Shyu, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology.

The 2013 theme is "Building Leadership: Embracing cultural values and inclusion. Events will include educational and informational displays and exhibits, entertainment and a food sampling. For more information, contact the following:

Tracy Marshall, Installation EOA, 410-861-4366; Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Cole, 20th Spt. Cmd., 410-436-0320; Sgt. 1st Class Howard Norcross, ATEC, 443-861-9251; David Xin, CERDEC, 443-395-8123; Sheryl Coleman, ARL, 410-278-5964; Shauna Mintz, ARL, 410-278-9020; or Linda Patrick, USAPHC, 410-436-1023.

## THURSDAY

### MAY 21 STRESS AND NUTRITION

The CECOM Wellness Program invites you to attend our Stress and Nutrition Informational Session where Dr. Jen Kordonski, Optimal Spine Chiropractic, will discuss the "secrets" to stress management as well as how stress and poor nutrition affect your overall health.

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

## DAU-SSCF GRADUATION

The Defense Acquisition University - Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF) announces the graduation ceremony for the 2012-2013 class. The ceremony will take place on May 21 at 11 a.m. in the Mallette Hall Auditorium, Bldg. 6008. The graduation ceremony marks the culmination of ten months of full-time, rigorous study focused on developing acquisition and leadership attributes. Each of the graduates completed additional academic studies and will be receiving a Master's Degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University. The Webster University work was undertaken and completed in concert with their SSCF curricular requirements. A short reception will follow. Please RSVP to James Oman at [James.Oman@dau.mil](mailto:James.Oman@dau.mil) or 410-272-9470.

## THURSDAY

### MAY 23 WOMEN AND INVESTING

The CECOM Wellness Program invites you to attend our Women and Investing Informational Session.

In this session, Michelle Rackey, ChFEBC, Executive Director, GEBA, will discuss the unique financial challenges that women face when trying to manage their finances. It can be difficult to establish your retirement plan in this type of economy. Getting the facts and education to make informed decisions is imperative to maximize your finances.

Location: Myer Auditorium, Building 6000, from noon to 1:00 pm.

## SUNDAY

### MAY 26 MCVET 10K RACE

The Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training will host the 18th Annual 5/10K races Memorial Day weekend, 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. starting from the War Memorial Building near City Hall in Baltimore. Award ceremony includes trophy and cash awards by age group. All registered runners receive a T-shirt; refreshments will be provided. Race entry fee is \$25; \$30 the day of the race. Register through Charm City Run event coordinator Kelly Dees at 410-308-1870 or [www.charmcityrun.com](http://www.charmcityrun.com) or through MCVET at [www.mcvet.org](http://www.mcvet.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MCVET.Baltimore](http://www.facebook.com/MCVET.Baltimore).

## THURSDAY

### MAY 30 READING FOOD LABELS

(LIMITED SEATING-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED)

The CECOM Wellness Program invites you to attend our Reading Food Labels Informational Session. Gale Sauer, BA RN FCN MSN-ATSS

ATEC Health & Wellness Coordinator, will discuss the importance of reading food labels, explain what each section of the label means in relation to health and nutrition, as well as provide tips on how to make better food choices by reading labels.

Location: APG, MD-Location TBA with Registration, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## FREE VISION SCREENINGS

The CECOM Wellness Program invites you to attend our Free Vision Screenings and Eye Health and Well-

ness Education Booth, sponsored UnitedHealthcare Vision.

The vision screening consists of 3 painless tests that will assess your color perception, visual acuity, and peripheral vision.

The participants will receive an Amsler Grid and instructions on how to test your vision at home. The Amsler Grid is a useful tool to detect certain visual disorders such as macular degeneration and glaucoma.

Additional Eye Health and Wellness information offered will include:

- At Risk Assessment Evaluation - Are you at Risk for Eye Disease?
- Simple Tips for Healthy Eyes
- Computer Vision Syndrome
- Heart Disease and Eyes
- Diabetes and Eyes
- Glaucoma
- UV Radiation and Your Eyes

Please Note: These vision screening procedures are NOT a complete professional examination and should not be taken as such. Only a comprehensive eye and vision examination can evaluate your overall eye health and vision status. The American Optometric Association recommends a dilated eye exam every two years for adults under 60 years of age; adults 61 and older, every year.

Location: MTF Auditorium Lobby, Building 6008, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## MAY & JUNE

### LISS GRANT WORKSHOPS

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Exceptional Family Member Program will hold LISS Grant Application Assistance Workshops in May and June. The workshops will be held 11:30a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, Bldg. E4140, May 21 and June 18. Additional workshops will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 104 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, May 29 and June 26.

Participants will be provided LISS applications and assistance in completing the forms and should bring evidence of Maryland residency (bills), and documentation of disability (medical or educational) with them.

Registration is required for participation. To reserve seating, contact Nancy Goucher of the Army Community Service EFMP, at 410 278-2420 or e-mail [nancy.e.goucher.civ@mail.mil](mailto:nancy.e.goucher.civ@mail.mil). All military and civilians with special needs Family members are encouraged to attend.

## ONGOING CYSS SURVEY

Parents who have children eligible for APG Child, Youth and School Services programs are encouraged to fill out a short online survey by May 13. Parents can take the survey by visiting [www.research.net/s/APGFMWR-CYSS-Programs2013](http://www.research.net/s/APGFMWR-CYSS-Programs2013). The survey, which is comprised of 20 questions, is designed to help CYSS better serve the needs of children and their Families through the Sports, SKIES Unlimited, EDGE, and Hired! program. "This survey will help us determine what the needs are in the APG community," said EDGE! Program Partner Specialist Conor Joyce, who helped create the survey. "It will help us develop new programs for CYSS." CYSS programs are available to children of active duty, civilians, retirees, DoD contractors who are Common Access Card (CAC) holders.

## 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.

The Master of Science in Administration (MSA) degree offered by CMU gives you a solid core of management skills and a choice of four concentrations: Human Resources, General Administration, Public Administration or Information Resource Management. Also available as graduate certificates.

Meet with CMU representatives on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Janet Barr Building, Bldg. 4305, Room 209.

Take advantage of our \$50 application fee waiver through May 30, 2013. Classes start Fall 2013.

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



**MORE  
ONLINE**

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

# Nine retire during April ceremony

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

The careers of three APG Soldiers and six civilians formally came to an end April 25 during the installation Retirement Ceremony at the Ball Conference Center.

The deputy commander of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE), Col. Kyle Nordmeyer presided over the event and presented awards to the honorees.

Nordmeyer hailed the retirees, whose combined service totaled more than 217, years as having “spent a life [time] in the arena.” Noting their individual achievements, he offered his personal thanks for their service as well as the thanks of local commands, the Army and the nation.

“I could not be more proud to host this ceremony,” he said. “We wish you all the best as you transition into new eras of success. And remember, even though you are now retirees, you are still part of the Army Family.”

The honorees included two Soldiers from the 20th Support Command (CBRNE), 1st Sgt. Jeffrey A. Schadow and Sgt. 1st Class Michael L. Williams, and Staff Sgt. Owen J. Cain from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Civilian retirees included three from the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command: Lori M. Hardy-Simo, Dennis R. LeBlanc and Charles P. Pscherer; Paul G. Schabdach from the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center; Laura T. Nesbitt of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Command and Ruth A. Golding of U.S. Army Garrison, APG.

## 1st Sgt. Jeffrey A. Schadow

Schadow was awarded the Army Meritorious Service Medal with orders signed by Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith, commander, 20th Spt. Cmd., a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama; a Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement signed by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno; and a U.S. flag and pin.



Schadow joined the Army in June 1992 as a cannon crewmember stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. Three years later he volunteered for Explosive Ordnance Disposal Duty. His previous assignments include Fort Rucker, Ala.; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Dix, N.J.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; one humanitarian deployment to Bosnia and three combat deployments to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Schadow, who is married with two children, retires Aug. 31 with 21 years of service.

## Sgt. 1st Class Michael L. Williams

Williams was awarded the Army Meritorious Service Medal with orders signed by Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith, commander, 20th Spt. Cmd., a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama; a Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement signed by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno; and a U.S. flag and coin. His previous assignments include Fort Lee, Va.; Hanau, Germany; Fort Hood, Texas; and Korea. He retires July 1 with more than 20 years of service.



## Staff Sgt. Owen J. Cain

Cain also received the Army Meritorious Service Medal signed by Col. Donald West, U.S. Army Medical Command; the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation and the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement as well as the U.S. flag and pin. His wife, Janet, received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.



A native of Atlanta, Ga., Cain enlisted in the Army in 1974 and first served as an automatic rifleman, Grenadier, Claymore mine specialist, M60 Machine gunner, and 90mm recoils rifleman. His past assignments include Hawaii, Guam, Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and APG. A break to National Guard and Reserve status included

deployments to Bosnia and to Fort Gordon, Ga. in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Cain and his wife have three children and six grandchildren. He retires June 30 with 26 years of service.

## Lori M. Hardy-Simo

After 37 years of government service, Hardy-Simo culminates her career as an information technology manager in the CECOM, Software Engineering Center. She retired April 3. Hardy-Simo was awarded the Army Commander's Award and the DA certificates of appreciation and retirement signed by Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell. Her husband Frank received the DA Certificate of Appreciation, also signed by Ferrell.



## Dennis R. LeBlanc

LeBlanc culminates his career as a logistics management specialist with CECOM. He retired April 3 with 47 years of combined military and civilian service. LeBlanc was awarded the Superior Civilian Service Award, DA certificates of retirement and appreciation, and a DA Certificate of Retirement went to his wife Meridith LeBlanc.



## Paul G. Schabdach

Recognized as an international subject matter expert on chemical and biological hazard sources, Schabdach culminates his career as the director of the Special Training Facility at ECBC. He retired March 31 with 42 years of service. Schabdach was awarded the Commander's Civilian Service Award and DA certificates of retirement and appreciation signed by Joseph D. Wienand, ECBC technical director, and his wife Kiyomi Schabdach received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.



ation signed by Dr. Carrie Poor, ECBC.

## Laura T. Nesbitt

Accompanied by her husband, Pete Sklarow, Nesbitt was awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service and DA certificates of retirement and appreciation signed by Jill Smith, director of CERDEC. Her husband received the DA Certificate of Appreciation signed by Smith Michael Skurla, director, Software Engineering Division. Nesbitt culminates her career as the Common Network Planning Software project lead at CERDEC. She retired April 1 with nearly 36 years of service.



## Ruth A. Golding

Golding began her federal career in the former Women's Army Corps, serving from 1974 to 1977 at the former Edgewood Arsenal. She ends her career as an environmental engineer with the Garrison's DPW. She retired Jan. 31 with more than 29 years of service. Golding was awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service and DA certificates of retirement and appreciation signed by Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton.



## Charles P. "Pat" Scherer

Scherer graduated from Harford Community College, served in the U.S. Navy and worked for the B&O Railroad before beginning his federal career. He retired March 30 with 15 years of service. He ends his career as a general accounting specialist with the CECOM G8. Scherer was awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service and DA certificates of retirement and appreciation.



# Music, exhibits and demos set for AFD events

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## AFD Golf Tournament

Monday, May 13  
After a 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. registration in the Pro Shop players will enjoy a continental breakfast in the Sutherland Grill followed by a welcome and rules brief at 8:45 and a 9 a.m. Shotgun start. Play concludes 1 p.m. with a buffet luncheon followed by the awards presentations 2 to 3 p.m. Cost for the tournament is \$70. Rain date is Tuesday, May 14. For more information or to register, contact Rik Bond, Golf Program manager, at 410-278-4794 or e-mail richard.j.bond.naf@mail.mil.

## APG Armed Forces Day

Wednesday, May 15  
The morning starts out with a Veterans and Survivor Outreach Services Breakfast at the Main Post Chapel for area veterans and survivors of fallen service members, including Gold Star Mothers. The breakfast is fashioned as a way to embrace the community's former service members while paying homage to the Survivors of the fallen. Scripture readings, Words of Comfort will highlight the ceremony along with remarks from MR Spencer from the Joint Program Executive Office-Chemical, Biological Defense which co-hosts the event along with the APG Religious Services Office and Survivor Outreach Services. For more information, contact Annette Sanders, SOS support coordinator at 410-278-2861/7572 or e-mail casandra.a.sanders-nash.civ@mail.mil.

The main event begins 10 a.m. at Fanshaw Field with Maj. Gen. Nancy Price, PEO-C3T hosting the Armed Forces Day opening ceremonies. Festivities include remarks by APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton and guest speaker Lt. Gen. Raymond Mason, from the Army G4 at the Pentagon. Featured will be patriotic musical selections from a local school and the Chapel Hill Singers from Perry Hall Middle School, a POW/MIA Remembrance ceremony as well as a “Welcome to the Army” for Future Soldiers from local recruiting stations. In addition, four Exceptional Service Awards, recognizing community members who have been of service to the APG community, will be awarded. Afterwards, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., visitors and guests can roam the many displays and exhibits set up by APG organizations and check out



File photo

Visitors enjoy the demonstrations and crowd at Aberdeen Proving Ground's 2012 Armed Forces Day event. For more information on this year's celebration visit [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil).

all the technological advancements coming from APG organizations that benefit the nation's warfighters and communities. Expect to see the latest innovations from tech-savvy units like the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command; Edgewood Chemical Biological Center; Army Test and Evaluation Command; Chemical Materials Agency; Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense; 1st Area Medical Laboratory; Army Research Laboratory; Research, Development and Engineering Command; Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives; 20th Support Command (CBRNE); and more.

The day's highlights include guest appearances by The Volunteers and the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon. The Volunteers – Soldier-musicians from the U.S. Army Field Band – perform from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The hugely popular band tells the Army story through

rock, pop, country and patriotic music. A performance by the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon follows from 1 to 2 p.m. Through discipline, precision, skill and intense practice, and without a single verbal command being spoken, members of the Silent Drill Platoon perform precise rifle drill movements flawlessly for audiences across America.

In the event of inclement weather, the APG 2013 Armed Forces Day events will move indoors to the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326 Erie Street.

For more information, contact the APG Public Affairs Office at 410-278-8759.

## Military Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, May 16  
The Military Appreciation Luncheon – the Harford County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee's

annual salute to APG's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Soldier of the Year and Military Family of the Year – concludes the annual observance. In addition a special Hero on the Homefront will be named. Featured will be remarks from APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton and guest speaker Dale Beatty, co-founder of Purple Heart Homes, a non-profit company that helps modify homes for disabled veterans. The luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood. Cost is \$20 and reservations are required. For more information, contact Karen Holt at 410-838-2020 or visit [www.harfordchamber.org](http://www.harfordchamber.org).

For more information check the APG News and APG social media sites at [www.facebook.com/APGmd](http://www.facebook.com/APGmd); [www.twitter.com/USAGAPG](http://www.twitter.com/USAGAPG); and [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil).

# Havre de Grace remembers War of 1812 raid this weekend

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

The City of Havre de Grace plans to go all out remembering the most tumultuous time in its history during the War of 1812 commemoration events that will take place throughout the downtown area this weekend, May 3-5.

The three days of family-friendly events include a reenactment of the invasion by British forces; tours of the Tall Ships "Pride of Baltimore" and "Sultana;" performances by the Fort McHenry Fife & Drum Corps; the Red Coat Run 5K Race; a ceremony at the Lighthouse grounds featuring the Columbia Orchestra; fireworks, plenty of food and souvenir vendors and much more. For more information, view the schedule below or visit the Havre de Grace Tourism website at [www.hdg tourism.com](http://www.hdg tourism.com) or call 800-851-7756.

## The British raid on Havre de Grace

British forces left a looted and burned Havre de Grace in its wake following a raid that began May 3, 1813. Led by Rear Adm. George Cockburn of the British Royal Navy, the raid resulted in just one American casualty but spread widespread hatred of Cockburn by the Americans, according to [wikipedia.com](http://wikipedia.com).

Cockburn had vowed to destroy any town that showed resistance to British rule and was spurred to action when he saw an American flag flying over the town.

The site further states: "The British looted the town and burned 40 of its 60 houses. They spared the Episcopal Church from being burned but they did vandalize it. Cockburn removed six cannons from the town and took Second



<http://hdg1812.wordpress.com/>

Lieutenant John O'Neill and two other Americans back to his flagship, the HMS Maidstone. However, Cockburn released O'Neill upon appeal from local magistrates. Cockburn reported only one injury: British Lt. George Augustus Westphal was shot in the hand.

After the raid on Havre de Grace, Cockburn sent troops up the Susquehanna River to destroy a depot and vessels there. Forces also navigated to nearby Principio Furnace, a large ironworks and cannon foundry, and destroyed its facilities.

Cockburn's account of the raid appeared in the London Gazette on July

6, 1813.

Jared Sparks—an educator, historian, and later president of Harvard University—who was tutoring the children of a local family also saw the attack. Sparks wrote an account of the attack that was published in 1817 in the North American Review and Miscellaneous Journal.

The raid was depicted in a near-contemporary etching by William Charles, a Scottish-born engraver who immigrated to the United States. The etching, Admiral Cockburn Burning & Plundering Havre de Grace, is now held by the Maryland Historical Society."

# AMRDEC employee recognized for proactive internal controls

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**  
RDECOM

The U.S. Army recently recognized an employee for his work to ensure the Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center's 9,000-strong workforce is secure, safe and fiscally responsible.

"We're trying to find problems before they become problems," said Tim McDowell, AMRDEC's internal control administrator and organizational inspection program coordinator since November 2011. "If we are proactive and can keep ourselves in check through self-discipline and self-management, it's much easier than waiting on an outside inspector or auditor to identify an issue."

Taking care of the Army's Soldiers, civilians and contractors through the managers' internal controls program and OIP is a major responsibility that covers financial and non-financial compliance, he said.

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, AMRDEC's parent organization, commended McDowell for his contributions.

McDowell compares training the workforce on management internal controls to driving a car or piloting a large ship.

"When you drive a car, you're using

internal controls all the time -- turn signals, lights, brakes, steering, and speedometer," he said. "You check your speed regularly. If you don't, you get an inspection by an external person, probably a state trooper. And if he has to correct a problem, it's usually expensive."

"It's much better to do it yourself. The same goes for controlling or steering organizations in the Army, like using a rudder or sonar on a big ship."

McDowell has worked for more than 25 years as an electronics engineer. His industry experience includes electric-vehicle manufacturing, nuclear-power generation and launch support for NASA. His Army work includes testing production night sights used with Bradley Fighting Vehicles and TOW missiles, as well as reliability testing of Hellfire missiles.

McDowell joined the Operations Division to support the center's current operations for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. As the war effort began to draw down, McDowell took on the roles of ICA and OIP coordinator.

Accountability, transparency and compliance are the key components of internal controls and are priorities in government, he said. His job as the OIP encompasses oversight of all types of outside inspections and audits, performed by inspectors general and auditors from all levels of government.

McDowell's dual role as the ICA gives him oversight over all internal AMRDEC audits and inspections. Financial accountability covers budget execution, travel, contracts, payroll and appropriation of funds. Non-financial

accountability includes safety, operational security, physical security, antiterrorism, force-protection and information assurance.

Internal controls keep the Army accountable and reduce the risk of fraud, waste, abuse or mismanagement while improving efficiency and managing risk.

"The intent of the internal controls program is to share lessons learned across Army and Department of Defense. When we find a problem and fix it, you share that with somebody," McDowell said. "The intent is to share lessons learned across organizations so everyone can gain from other's experiences and how they corrected problems."

McDowell applied his systems engineering and program management background as he assessed the situation, formed a plan with an aggressive schedule and implemented actions to allow AMRDEC to submit its annual statement of assurance on time with improved efficiency and reduced errors. His efforts helped keep the workforce apprised of changes in regulations and trends in compliance, and he used Lean Six Sigma techniques to control business processes and improve efficiencies.

McDowell earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama in electrical and computer engineering and a master's degree in business management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

AMRDEC Director Eric Edwards presented McDowell with a Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement, a personal note from RDECOM Director Dale A. Ormond and an AMRDEC director's coin on April 18.



McDowell



**Jody Owens** ASAP clinical social worker & clinical addiction counselor

suffer from addiction/alcoholism and felt it was my duty to help those I can."

Owens has a master's degree in social work from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and she is licensed as a clinical social worker and clinical addiction counselor and certified as a master addiction counselor and alcohol and drug abuse counselor.

"The thing I enjoy most about my job is the interaction I have with my

patients," she said. "Working in the field of addiction can be very challenging but knowing that I helped support someone in need keeps me going. I have been working in this field for 17 years and have learned the importance of healthy self care and supporting each other any way we can. I truly feel helping others is my life purpose."

"The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and

# Disability grants available July 1

By **NANCY GOUCHER**  
EFMP

Funding for the Maryland Department of Developmental Disabilities Administration's (DDA) Low Intensity Support Services (LISS) grant becomes available July 1. DDA/LISS grants are designed to help meet the needs of children or adults with disabilities who are living in the home, or support an adult with developmental disabilities living in the community.

This program provides funding up to \$3,000 per person per year; however, DDA may waive this cap depending on individual needs.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Exceptional Family Member Program will hold LISS Grant Application Assistance Workshops in May and June. The workshops will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, Bldg. E4140, May 21 and June 18. Additional workshops will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 104 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, May 29 and June 26.

Participants will be provided LISS applications and assistance in completing the forms and should bring evidence of Maryland residency (bills), and documentation of disability (medical or educational) with them. Registration is required for participation. To reserve seating, contact Nancy Goucher of the Army Community Service EFMP, at 410 278-2420 or e-mail [nancy.e.goucher.civ@mail.mil](mailto:nancy.e.goucher.civ@mail.mil). All military and civilians with special needs Family members are encouraged to attend.

## About LISS

LISS will not reimburse for expenses previously incurred and paid for prior to the request for funding. It is not once-in-a-lifetime, nor income based. Families can receive LISS services even if they have not applied to DDA. LISS may include, but are not limited to, support involving respite care, camp, individual and Family counseling, personal care, specialized equipment; housing adaptations, medical equipment purchase, rental, and repair, and more.

LISS forms and information can be found on the DDA Web site at [www.ddamaryland.org](http://www.ddamaryland.org).

## For more information, contact the following LISS providers:

■ Harford County - Humanim, Inc. Toll-Free: 1-877-230-4951, [www.humanim.com](http://www.humanim.com); Penn-Mar Human Services Toll Free: 1-877-282-8202, [www.penn-mar.org](http://www.penn-mar.org)

■ Cecil County - Epilepsy Association of Eastern Shore Telephone: 410-543-0665, [www.eaes.org](http://www.eaes.org)

■ Baltimore County - Humanim, Inc. Toll-Free: 1-877-230-4951, [www.humanim.com](http://www.humanim.com); Penn-Mar Human Services Toll Free: 1-877-282-8202, [www.penn-mar.org](http://www.penn-mar.org)

**Jody Owens** is a clinical social worker and clinical addiction counselor for the APG Army Substance Abuse Program. Owens provides quality comprehensive substance abuse treatment services to the APG workforce, providing outpatient services to address alcohol or substance related disorders to active duty service members, active duty service member dependents, retirees and DoD civilians and contractors.

Owens has worked at APG ASAP since June 2010. Prior to moving to Maryland she worked at the Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force as a Family Counselor for adolescents with substance abuse issues and also as a substance abuse counselor for the Illinois Department of Corrections.

"I have always had a desire to help others and found addictions as an interest to pursue when in college," she said. "I have had several people close to me

the day you find out why," Owens said. "This quote, by Mark Twain, sums up how I feel about my work."

Owens said that she is looking forward to the Save a Life Tour (SALT) coming to APG this May. This event allows individuals to experience the danger of driving under the influence without risk in a specially designed simulator. SALT will be held at the 22nd Chemical Battalion, Bldg. E-1942, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and at the Mallette Mission Training Facility, Bldg. 6008, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Owens works at Bldg. 2477 Chesapeake Avenue Monday-Wednesday and Friday. On Thursday, she works at the APG South medical clinic. Her duty hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call Owens at 410-278-1961. For more information about the APG ASAP call 410-278-3784 (DRUG).

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# Maryland's Senator Mikulski visits APG

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Presentations and exhibits held at the Myer Auditorium were provided by the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command, and the Army's Public Health Command. The exhibits highlighted how APG is a world-class center of innovation.

Mikulski got a hands-on, and up-close view of the latest software and

hardware products developed by Team APG. CECOM's Software Engineering Center briefed Mikulski on the Commander's Risk Reduction Dashboard, a program used to combat suicide among Soldiers. RDECOM featured their product upgrades on operational energy products, the Colorimetric Reconnaissance Explosives Squad Screening kit, and the enhanced combat helmet. The Army Pub-

lic Health command briefed their mission and role in supporting the Warfighter.

The senator remarked that APG "deploys ideas" to reflect the critical role the installation's commands play in developing the RDT&E to the Army and Joint Force of 2020 and beyond.

Mikulski said she has been a long time champion for both the Soldier and the Army's civilian employees. In her clos-

ing remarks to those in attendance, she spoke of her gratitude of their continued hard work and acknowledged the impacts of Sequestration. "I have thought about you every single day... You are valued for the work that you do. You are respected, you are needed... You are so smart and so dedicated. We want to thank you. You have stuck by us with everything that has been going on and I am going to stick with you."

# 2015 BRAC needed to ID excess infrastructure

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is working closely with the Office of the Secretary of Defense to examine whether there are additional cost-saving opportunities in Europe through joint or multi-service consolidation.

Infrastructure changes in Europe, while important, are not part of base realignment and closure, known as BRAC. The BRAC process -- including past rounds of BRAC and any future rounds of BRAC -- applies only to installations in the United States.

With a 45 percent reduction in force structure, Hammack said the Army is implementing a 51 percent reduction in infrastructure, a 58 percent reduction in civilian staffing, and a 57 percent reduction in base operating costs.

"A future round of base realignment and closure in the United States is essen-

tial to identify excess Army infrastructure and prudently align civilian staffing with reduced uniform force structure, just like we are doing in Europe," she said.

For fiscal year 2014, the Army requests \$2.4 billion for military construction, Army family housing and the Army's share of the Department of Defense base closure account, said Hammack. She said the request represents a 34 percent decrease from the fiscal year 2013 request.

Hammack said BRAC property conveyance, from prior rounds of BRAC, remains an Army priority.

"Putting excess property back into productive reuse can facilitate job creation, help communities building the local tax base and generate revenue," she said. "In total, the Army has conveyed almost 78 percent of the total pri-

or BRAC acreage."

Hammack said the Army also requests \$15.2 billion for installation energy and environmental programs, facility sustainment restoration and modernization and base operating support.

"With the fiscal challenges we are facing, the Army has closely reviewed the facility investments to determine the level of resources needed to support the force," Hammack said. "Supporting the force requires appropriate facilities, training ranges, maintenance and operations. And that's where we have focused."

Hammack said the most important aspect of the Army is its human element.

"The Army's strength is our Soldiers, families and Army civilians who support them," she said. "They are and will continue to be the centerpiece for the Army."

John Conger, the acting deputy under-secretary of defense for Installations and Environment, testified that a BRAC round is needed for fiscal year 2015, but it must be executed in a careful manner that does not affect the warfighter.

"The department is facing a serious problem created by the tension caused by declining budgets, reductions in force structure, and limited flexibility to adapt our infrastructure accordingly," he testified.

"Without question, installations are critical components of our ability to fight and win wars," he said. "However, we need to be cognizant that maintaining more infrastructure than we need taxes other resources that the warfighter needs -- from depot maintenance to training to bullets and bombs."

# Students attend APG Earth/Arbor Day celebration

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mental engineers and scientists that work on APG, noting that APG recently won the Environmental Restoration Installation award in the Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards Program competition.

"This is especially meaningful for APG team members who have worked hard for decades to mitigate the effects of past practices," he said.

McClinton welcomed the students in the audience, including the Aberdeen Middle School Band, which opened the event with the national anthem.

"I hope this event inspires the next generation of scientist and engineers," he said.

Wayne Merkel from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources presented the 2012 National Arbor Day Foundation and U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Tree City U.S.A award, the eighth consecutive year the installation has received the award. Merkel said that in 2012, more than 1,000 trees were planted at APG.

"Trees are the solution to water and air pollution," Merkel said. "One large tree can produce enough oxygen to support two people annually."

Merkel also presented the 2012 Tree City Growth Award to McClinton, Scott English and John Wrobel, from the Garrison Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division, for environmental

improvements that have been made on post. This is the sixth consecutive year APG has received the award.

Dan Davis, chairman of the Maryland Urban Community Forestry Program, presented the People Loving and Nurturing Trees (PLANT) award to McClinton, English and Wrobel. This award is given to communities that actively plant and conserve trees.

Winners of the annual APG Arbor/Earth Day poster contest also received awards. Students from Harford and Cecil County schools and APG Child and Youth Services participated in the contest. This year's theme was, "Trees... The Anchors of Earth."

The event also featured hands-on science demonstrations from APG and community organizations. About 500 students from local schools participated in the indoor and outdoor activities which included an eagle station, an interactive video on the field work conducted as part of the APG Bald Eagle Management Plan. Another popular attraction was a fish tank that displayed native fish and underwater grass that grows in the waters of APG. Children learned about how APG employees monitor water quality to maintain the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

The APG STEM Group, comprised of ARL, CERDEC, ECBC and RDECOM

scientists and engineers led a variety of activities for students. ECBC employees ran a water filtration session for students, and talked to the students about how water in lakes and rivers around the world often need to be filtered in order to be safe to drink. CERDEC employees led students in an activity that demonstrated how non-biodegradable items can be reused and repurposed. ARL employees discussed oil contamination in the environment, photosynthesis, environmental snap circuits and helped students make ultra violet bracelets. RDECOM employees discussed the Army Education Outreach opportunities and gave backpacks to attendees.

In addition, CERDEC's Renewable Energy for Distributed Under-Supplied Command Environments, or REDUCE, mobile trailer with its large solar panels and wind turbines, provided power to the APG Fire Department's fire safety demonstration trailer. The REDUCE mobile trailer can provide electrical power with combinations of rigid solar panels and fueled generators.

Other activities included a law enforcement working dog demonstration, recycling crafts and games. Scales & Tales, hosted by the Maryland Park Service, gave attendees an up close view of a Turkey Vulture a Great Horned Owl and other wildlife. Maryland Master Gardeners

from the University of Maryland program were also on hand to talk to attendees about eco-friendly gardening practices.

"This event was made possible because of the partnership that we have between local organizations," said APG Environmental Protection Specialist Kathy Thisse, who helped organize the event. "We are trying to bring awareness to the students; hopefully they will see the importance of protecting the environment and will make (eco-friendly practices) an actual part of their lives. We are also showing the students that the Army is taking proactive steps to protect the environment."

## APG Arbor/Earth Day Poster Contest Winners

Pre-K-2nd Grade: 1st Place-Samantha Fung, Child and Youth Services, 2nd Place- Gianna Dawson, Child and Youth Services; 3rd Place-Solika Phann, Child and Youth Services

3rd Grade-5th Grade: 1st Place-Emily Maria Day, North East Elementary, 2nd Place -Joe Holland, North East Elementary, 3rd Place- Selah Selah, North East Elementary

9th Grade-12th Grade: 1st Place-Reily Flores, Perryville High School; 2nd Place-Leah Skinner, Perryville High School; 3rd Place-Danielle Gore, Perryville High School

# APG SNAPSHOT

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



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## CRAFT TIME

(From left) Sgt. Trenise Porch, from MRICD, and James Sylvester II, 4, create a butterfly craft at the APG South Child Development Center April 25. The center hosted this activity in honor of Month of the Military Child.



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## BOOK FAIR AT CDC

(From left) Pete Long makes a book purchase from Lisanne Blake at the APG North (Aberdeen) Child Development Center, while Carson Dunmeyer looks on April 18. The book fair is one of several special events held at the APG CDCs and youth centers to celebrate the Month of the Military Child in April.



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## BINGO!

(From left) Marissa Bartol and Stephanie Brunnet play Bingo during an APG Military and Civilian Community Club luncheon at the Top of the Bay April 18. The event featured items for sale and prizes from local vendors. The APG Military and Civilian Community Club membership is open to active duty, civilian, contractors, retirees, volunteers, community members and their spouses. For more information, visit [www.apgmccc.org](http://www.apgmccc.org).



## FURRY FRIEND

(From left) Connor Vescovi, 3, and Victoria Thomas, 4, pet a Flemish Giant Rabbit with the help of Lauren Butkiewicz, from the Baltimore Zoo's Zoo Mobile, at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center April 29.

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