



## Making the holidays safe for pets

U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

Keeping pets safe and healthy during the holidays doesn't have to be challenging as long as pet owners remember the holiday season is full of dangers for Fido.

House plants, chemical salts used on icy walks, antifreeze and chocolate candy all pose hazards to man's best friend.

### Holiday dangers

Many popular house plants have poisonous leaves, stems, or berries, including dieffenbachia, holly, philodendron and poinsettia and should be kept out of reach of pets.

Halite, the chemical salt that melts ice on sidewalks, is also poisonous. Wipe Fido's feet with a damp cloth after walking on treated sidewalks.

Anti-freeze is a definite hazard. Highly toxic, anti-freeze has a

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## Shoe, Coat, Clothes Drive ends Nov. 30

The Sgt. Audie Murphy Club Shoe, Coat and Clothes Drive winds down this week.

Anyone who would like to donate gently-used or new items can drop them off by Saturday, Nov. 30 at the following collection points: Kirk, U.S. Army Health Clinic on APG North (Aberdeen); or the U.S. Army Public Health Command; 1st Area Medical Laboratory or 20th CBRNE Command on APG South (Edgewood).

Master Sgt. Keyana Washington, SAMC president, said donated items will be collected by a Delaware charity and distributed nationally and internationally. Last year, donations went to earthquake victims in Haiti and to Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.

This year, I'm sure many donations will find their way to the Philippines," Washington said, adding that most of the coats are bound for the VA Medical Center at Perry Point in Perryville, Md.

"We try to support locally as well," she said.

For more information, contact Washington at 410-278-1726 or email keyana.t.washington.mil@mail.mil.

# APG celebrates American Indian Heritage Month

Story and photo by RACHEL PONDER  
APG News

Members of the APG community learned more about American Indian Heritage through song and dance during a Team APG celebration hosted by the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater Nov. 20. The theme for the 2013 National American Indian Heritage Month observance is, "Guiding our Destiny with Heritage and Traditions."

Deirdre Sumpter, from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's Army Evaluation Center, greeted the audience. Sumpter said the month was set aside to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

"Throughout our history, American Indians and Alaskan Natives have been an integral part of the American character," Sumpter said. "Against the odds, America's first residents have endured. They remain a vital cultural, political, social and moral presence."

The guest speaker was Mark Wild Turkey Tayac, the 28th hereditary chief of the Piscataway Nation. Tayac is a direct descendant of Turkey Tayac who was a Piscataway Indian leader and herbal doctor. Today the Piscataway leader is Chief Billy Red Wing Tayac, the father of Mark Tayac.

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Eagle Boy Coe performs a dance that depicts a sport popular in American Indian culture called "stick ball" during the National American Indian Heritage Month celebration at the post theater Nov. 20



## Expo displays newest technologies

By RACHEL PONDER  
APG News

More than 480 people attended the 2013 Fall Technology Expo held at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Nov. 14. The event featured eye-catching displays showcasing the latest information technology and office innovations.

The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center/Corporate Information Office and Federal Direct Access Exhibitions co-host the bi-annual event. More than 90 companies were represented, mak-

Tech Expo is a twice yearly event. For more information, visit <https://fdaexpo.com/>.

ing this event one of the largest Tech Expos at APG to date.

"The APG community is very supportive of these events," said Donna Flemister of FDAE. "We help the APG workforce stay on the cutting edge of technology. These days, technology impacts everyone."

Flemister added that many products fea-

tured at the expo were designed with the Warfighter in mind. For instance, Getac Inc. displayed rugged mobile computers that are built to survive the harshest environmental conditions while offering the speed needed for intense applications. In addition to notebooks, Getac displayed the new F110 fully rugged tablet. This tablet has been engineered to protect against vibration, spills, drops, dust, liquid and more.

"This is a unique product," said Dante Conrad, from Getac. "There are not many

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## ATEC uncases HHC colors during ceremony

By RACHEL PONDER  
APG News

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command uncased the colors for its Headquarters and Headquarters Company during a Nov. 19 ceremony.

The ceremony included the uncasing of the HHC guidon, an assumption of command ceremony for company commander Capt. Robert McCormick and a change of responsibility ceremony between outgoing 1st Sgt. Linwood Parker and HHC 1st Sgt. Paul Cottrell. ATEC Commander Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley hosted the event.

Utley said the HHC will handle administrative functions and support all Soldiers assigned to ATEC Headquarters, the U.S. Army Evaluation Center and Aberdeen Test Center.

"In my thirty-one years of experience Headquarters and Headquarters companies are the lifeblood of any unit," he said. "They ensure Soldiers receive professional administrative support and leadership. Soldiering is the core of what we do in the Army, and every Soldier has a commander and a first sergeant who sets the standards and ensures the standards are met."



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Frank Holt (From left) ATEC Commander Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley and incoming HHC ATEC Commander Capt. Robert McCormick stand at attention during the HHC ATEC ceremony held in Bldg. 2202 Nov. 19.

Utley said being selected as a commander and a first sergeant is a great honor and that he is confident that McCormick and Cottrell are prepared for the responsibility. McCormick comes to HHC ATEC from AEC.

"I know he has the experience, leadership skills, and dedication to duty required of a commanding officer," Utley added. "He will take charge of HHC and lead it in meeting the Army standard."

Utley said Cottrell is tasked with supporting McCormick as a noncommissioned officer. Cottrell comes to HHC from ATEC's Joint Test Element.

"He has a gift for caring about Soldiers and ensuring they have what they need to be professional Soldiers in our formation. I have no doubt he is the best man to serve alongside Capt. McCormick," Utley said.

Utley thanked Parker for his service as AEC first sergeant. He said that over the course of two years, Parker worked with an education officer to ensure that 100 percent of his Soldiers' educational needs were met and enhanced their professional develop-

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## STREET TALK

### What are you thankful for?

I am thankful for my beautiful wife and future child. In a few weeks we will learn the gender of the baby, we are super excited!



**Kevin O'Neill**  
Veteran

I am thankful for my faith and my Family back in Nebraska. We are very close even though we live far away. I am thankful for the military community. Military Families are an inspiration to me. I am also thankful that I have had the opportunity to travel to 44 countries.



**Gerri Merkel**  
Religious Support Office

I am thankful for God, my Family, my health and that I live in a country that is free. I am thankful for every day that I am alive.



**Paulette Roberts**  
Veteran

I am thankful for my five children. They are good kids that stay out of trouble. I am really proud of all of them. I am also thankful that my wife is an amazing mother to my children.



**Patrick Baugh**  
Veteran

I am thankful that my Family was able to come together during a difficult time that we had this year.



**Sgt. Jessica Kendall**  
Veterinary Treatment Facility

I am also thankful for friends that are like Family.

# Safety message for Thanksgiving

For many of us here at Team APG the coming Thanksgiving Day holiday will be filled with Family, food, fun and football. Given all the challenges we have overcome during the last year, this holiday will be a very welcome opportunity to spend time with those we care most about and be thankful for the blessings we enjoy as citizens of a great nation and residents of a tremendous community.

Having the privilege to serve alongside the men and women of Team APG is something that I – and my fellow leaders all across this installation – are thankful for each and every day. In fact, many of the blessings Americans everywhere enjoy are preserved and defended through the hard work, skill, effort and ingenuity of the 22,000 men and women who make up our workforce. As a center of gravity for many of our Army and joint warfighters most critical mission areas – from CBRNE, to test and evaluation; public health; research, development and engineering; and C4ISR among many others, APG can not only take pride in its current achievements but will continue to play a vital role as we build the force of 2020 and beyond.

It is also important to remember that this is the 13th consecutive Thanksgiving holiday that service members and civilians have been deployed in combat. Although their service may not be featured in the news as often as in the past, I know that all of us here at APG will keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers as we celebrate here at home.

Finally, I want to encourage all of those who will be traveling over the weekend to make safety the first thing you con-



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sider when planning a trip. APG has a great safety program that can offer tips and hints for making travel, the holidays and the coming winter months safe for us all. Reach out to our APG Safety Manager, Ralph Cardenuto at 410-306-1100 or [ralph.a.cardenuto.civ@mail.mil](mailto:ralph.a.cardenuto.civ@mail.mil). Army Safe is Army Strong!

Monique and I want to wish you and your families an enjoyable and a very Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you for all you do and we look forward to seeing you back – safe and sound – next week.

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

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

## ASAP reminds APG: We are entering the most dangerous driving period of the year

By **CINDY SCOTT**  
ASAP

As APG community members prepare for the Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) reminds everyone that Thanksgiving eve and day are the busiest and one of the most dangerous driving periods of the year.

Police everywhere are implementing plans for enhancement of enforcement and visibility on all highways and roads across the nation. Specifically, drunk driving, aggressive driving and unsafe vehicle operation will be the primary focus.

**Motorists should remember:**

- Don't follow too close, slow down, stay off your cell phone while driving and report any suspected drunk drivers to police.
- Sleepy drivers may nod off at the wheel and are just as dangerous as drunk drivers.

- Don't text and drive. Taking your eyes off the road for just a second or two can have tragic consequences.

- Don't consume alcohol. Buzzed driving is the same as drunk driving.

- Unless you have hands free abilities on your cell phone, pull-off the road.

- Don't depend on caffeine or "energy drinks" to take the place of sleep. When they wear off, you will fall asleep.

Thanksgiving weekend is the most traveled holiday period of the year with almost 90 percent of those traveling doing so by car and, if previous year statistics hold true, this Thanksgiving weekend will also be the deadliest holiday period of the year. Be rested, slow down, don't drink alcohol, use caffeine sparingly, stay off electronic devices, watch out for the other drivers and BE SAFE! Arrive Alive, Don't Drink and Drive!

For more information contact Cindy Scott, at ASAP, 410-278-4013/DRUG, [Cynthia.M.Scott4.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Cynthia.M.Scott4.civ@mail.mil).

## CFC pledges inch closer to goal of \$650K

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

The installation Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) continues to inch toward the 2013 goal of \$650,000.00. As of Nov. 25, APG totaled 325 pledges for \$193,160.00 with individual pledges averaging \$594.34.

According to CFC chairperson Kristine Augustyniak, efforts were energized following the official CFC Kickoff held at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater Nov. 19.

Augustyniak and CFC key workers welcomed several vendors and guests to dual events held at the theater and at the Conference Center in APG South (Edgewood).

Guests included Gary Martin, deputy to the CECOM commander; Col. Jeremy Martin, Leadership Chair, CBACFC, and director of the Defense Information School at Fort Meade; Donna Talbert, CBACFC director; and Rose Logan-Lee, CBACFC loaned executive.

Augustyniak thanked guests, key workers and the Garrison's Directorate of Plans,

Training, Mobilization and Security for their support.

"Today is when people learn that CFC is a good thing and that it helps a lot of people; from babies to seniors," she said.

With more than 25 years of military service, Col. Martin said he's found CFC to be an efficient way to achieve compassionate giving. He said that over the years his choice of giving has coincided with the needs or illnesses of loved ones.

"The need to give will always be there," he said. "And Soldiers and federal employees have always served a cause greater than themselves."

He encouraged key workers to "do whatever needs to be done to ensure a healthy giving" within the final two months of the campaign.

"You must approach it individually, as if the entire campaign rests on your shoulders," he said. "We'll find cures for disease; homeless people will find shelters and families will have meals for the holidays."

Gary Martin echoed Col. Martin's sentiments, noting that the campaign would

not be possible without individual efforts. He said recent tornadoes in the Midwest and the typhoon in the Philippines demonstrates the ongoing need for giving and he shared his personal experience of watching his father struggle with Alzheimer's disease. A new medicine recently given to his father has helped restore abilities that had diminished over the past four years, Martin said.

"His quality of life is improving and that would not be possible without people who give of themselves," he said. "I wouldn't know how to begin helping folks in the Philippines but thankfully we can count on CFC organizations in place to assist those in need."

"There are over 3,000 charities in CFC," added Talbert. "There's gotta be something there that touches your heart."

For more information, contact your organization CFC key worker; call Augustyniak at 410-278-2830; email [kristine.s.augustyniak.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kristine.s.augustyniak.civ@mail.mil); or visit the CBACFC Nexus site at [https://www.cfcnexus.org/\\_chesapeake/](https://www.cfcnexus.org/_chesapeake/).

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# Pedestrians walk smart, drivers do your part

## Remember new Move Over law

By **RON KRAVITZ**  
Installation Safety Office

On several occasions drivers on Aberdeen Proving Ground have been observed leaving their high beams on when approaching pedestrians walking on the sides of roads with no sidewalks.

According to the Maryland MVA handbook, the section on High Beam Headlight Usage states that drivers should use high beams on open roads, which are not lighted by streetlights, in order to see persons or vehicles ahead. Additionally, because we're in an area heavily populated by deer, it is advisable to use high beams whenever they won't blind or distract another driver. Even with high beams on, drivers should drive slower than they would by day. It further states that drivers must change to low beams at least 500 feet before meeting oncoming vehicles or when following a vehicle at a distance of 300 feet or less.

So, it stands to reason that if we change to low beams to keep from blinding an oncoming driver that it's common courtesy to dim our headlights once we have sighted pedestrians walking towards us.

Pedestrians can help during these encounters by walking smart, especially during times of low visibility like after sundown or during fog conditions or inclement weather.

Stick to the following rules to stay safe on roads on and off post.

### Walk Smart

- Be predictable. Stay off freeways and restricted zones. Use sidewalks where provided. Cross or enter streets where it is legal to do so.

- Crosswalks and traffic lights don't stop cars. The WALK signal does not mean it is safe to cross. It only means it is your turn to cross. Check to make sure all traffic has stopped before crossing.

- Look before stepping past stopped vehicles to cross the street. Large vehicles can block your view of moving traffic.

- Try to make eye contact with the driver(s) to make sure they see that you intend to cross.

- Wear bright-colored clothing to add visibility day or night. At night, add reflective materials or carry a flashlight. On APG a reflective vest or belt is required while walking or running on roads with no sidewalks.

- Always walk on the sidewalk if one is present. If there is no sidewalk, always walk on the side of the road facing traffic.

- Alcohol and drugs can impair your ability to walk safely, just like they do a person's ability to drive.

- Wearing headphones while walking, running, roller skating or riding a bicycle on APG or any federal installation is prohibited.

Note that Title 23-503 of the Transportation code states that, "If pedestrian crosses a roadway at any point other than in a marked crosswalk or in an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, the pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle approaching on the roadway."



file photo

### New Move Over law

Be aware of the new traffic law that became effective Oct. 1 requiring drivers to 'move over,' if possible. The law is aimed at increasing safety for police, fire and emergency medical services personnel working on Maryland roadsides, as well as for riders of bicycles or scooters.

The new law requires drivers approaching from the rear, active emergency vehicles stopped on the highway, to, if possible, 'make a lane change into an available lane not immediately adjacent to the emergency vehicle.'

This movement should only be done if another lane in the same direction is available and the move can be made safely and without impeding other traffic. If moving to another lane away from the stopped emergency vehicle is not possible, the law requires drivers to 'slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions.'

The law does not say what a reasonable or prudent speed is but the recommendation I received after talking with several police officers is 'when you see the emergency vehicles in the distance slow down gradually to a speed that allows you to have complete control of the vehicle in the event an emergency stop is required.'

There is no law stating the distance a vehicle must maintain from a walking/jogging pedestrian or bicyclist. Like the move over law, we must pass at a prudent and safe distance. If it means slowing or stopping on a one-lane road that's what must be done.

From the National Highway Traffic Safety Council and the Maryland MVA Handbook.

### Interesting facts

National statistics show that in 2010, pedestrian deaths accounted for 13 percent of all traffic fatalities in motor vehicle traffic crashes.

For more information about staying safe on APG roads, call 410-278-1084.

# PEO ACWA chief of staff earns 'Order of the Dragon'

PEO ACWA Public Affairs

The Chemical Corps Regimental Association inducted Program Executive Office Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives Chief of Staff Robert Eldringhoff into the Honorable Order of the Dragon during a recent agency town hall.

"I've known Rob for a long time, and he's most deserving of this prestigious

award and honor," said U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity Director of Stockpile Operations Col. Darryl Briggs.

True to its name, the induction ceremony included the reading of a citation that recalls the legend of brave knights who bested fire-breathing dragons, and it compares those in the order to the knights who tamed the dangers of the dragon's elemental powers.

"Rob has clearly demonstrated all the criteria necessary for this award. He has demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character, an outstanding degree

of professional competence, and has contributed to the promotion of the Chemical Corps in numerous ways over the course of his career," Briggs said.

"I'm honored and humbled to have been inducted into the Order of the Dragon," Eldringhoff said. "I've had the privilege to work with some of the finest civilians and Soldiers during the last 13 years of service to the Chemical Corps."

The recognition comes to Eldringhoff after his 10 years at CMA where he was most recently the Deputy Director and

served in increasing levels of responsibility from 2003 until earlier this year. The organization was responsible for destroying nearly 90 percent of the nation's stockpile of chemical weapons. PEO ACWA, where Eldringhoff is now Chief of Staff, is charged with the destruction of remaining stockpiles at sites in Colorado and Kentucky.

"The mission of destroying the nation's stockpile of chemical weapons is a noble one, and I am extremely proud, every day, to serve this great cause," Eldringhoff said.

# Resource Day draws veterans, Soldiers, Families

Story and photo by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**

APG News

Knowing what resources are available to help you gain a foothold in life: Essential.

Having them all in one location on the same day: Priceless.

Employment, education and health information drew veterans, Soldiers and Family members to the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Nov. 13 for the Resource Showcase event highlighting organizations and programs in place on post and in the community to help improve their quality of life. The APG Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program hosted the event.

Along with several APG organizations, local vendors displayed programs and opportunities geared toward veterans and transitioning Soldiers.

On-post participants included Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic; the Army Substance Abuse Program; the Army Wellness Center; Chapel Programs; the Veterinary Treatment Facility; the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and the Education Center.

At the CPAC display, Linda Uniakowski and Angela Francis provided condensed briefings about obtaining federal employment, touching on Veterans Preference guidelines, the application process, spouse hiring and disability issues.

Spiritual wellness was the focus at the APG chapel display where Gerri Merkel, religious education coordinator, distributed pamphlets and information about chapel programs.

“Spiritual wellness is foundational and adds balance to your life,” Merkel said pointing out the chapel program’s compatibility with the Army Ready and Resilience (R2C) campaign for Soldier’s, civilians and Families.

“It enriches your life and helps you deal with an unsettled world,” she said.

Off-post vendors included the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; the Maryland Small Business & Technology Development Center; Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves; Hero2Hired; the Startup Partners Inc., Veterans Entrepreneur Program; Acet (Adams Communication & Engineering Technology); the Small Business & Technology Development Center Network; IKEA; First Com-

mand Financial Planning; Montgomery County Police; VET Center Harford County Outstation; Suppari Solutions; University of Maryland University College; Bellevue University; Stratford University; Central Michigan University; and the Florida Institute of Technology.

Attendees viewed current and future job openings with IKEA, Acet, H&R Block and the Montgomery County Police Department.

“This is a great part-time job for spouses,” said Marilyn Howard, ACS ERP manager, regarding the H&R Block display where recruiters interviewed for receptionist positions. “As the ERP manager, I make sure spouses know about these and other opportunities,” Howard said, noting that the company is hiring now for the upcoming tax season. Learn more at [www.hrblock.com/jobs](http://www.hrblock.com/jobs).

At the Acet display, Chad Sillery, program development support officer, said the current need is for software engineers and program managers with experience in the APG community. Job seekers should access the Acet website at [www.adamscomm.com](http://www.adamscomm.com) and fill out applications even if no positions are listed, Sillery said, to be included in the company database for future job openings.

Human resources generalist Lana Watters was looking to fill positions at the IKEA distribution center in Perryville, Md.

“The positions are in a warehouse environment and has great benefits,” Watters said, adding with the largest solar panels in Cecil County, the building is environmentally friendly.

“Plus, we’re a very diverse company,” she said.

Applicants can apply online at [www.IKEA.com](http://www.IKEA.com).

Carl Peters, Hero2Hired employment transition coordinator and regional manager, teamed with Dan Borleis of ESGR to talk about H2H program components like the Mobile Job Store, Facebook integration and nationwide hiring events as well as the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program in which H2H assists unemployed Reservists with job placement assistance.

“We don’t miss a chance to put out information and advice to folks about what we do,” said Borleis.

Small business entrepreneurs were not overlooked.



(Second from right) Regional Manager Carl Peters welcomes APG Soldiers to the Hero2Hired display in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center during the Resource Showcase Day for veterans, service members and Family members.

Albert Henry, senior business consultant, with the Maryland Small Business & Technology Business Center Network (SBTDC), said the organization assists in developing strategic methods and processes to help build businesses through helpful advice and proven results.

“We’re just here to let people know we provide this service,” he said. “It’s virtually cost free.”

The SBTDC has six regional offices; the nearest, Northern Region, covers Carroll, Cecil and Harford counties. Call 410-836-4237 or visit the website at [www.mdsbtcd.org](http://www.mdsbtcd.org).

Army retiree Michael Roberts and his wife, Paulette, were happy to show how the SPI Veterans Entrepreneur Program helped get their business up and running. They displayed their Squirrel Brand Oil products, which began as a series of flavorful treats for Family and friends and developed into a business with coaching from VEP. An intense, 10-week program designed to help maximize veteran’s success in the small business arena, the VEP offers courses with teachers, coaches, mentors and investors at the Battelle Eastern Science and Technology Center in Aberdeen.

“We define their target audience, ensure exposure to investors and address global market options,” said SPI president Angela Corrieri. “They put in the time and effort and now it’s paying off.”

To request an application, email [VEPapplication@startuppartersinc.org](mailto:VEPapplication@startuppartersinc.org). For more information, visit [www.startuppartersinc.org](http://www.startuppartersinc.org).

Every attendee had a reason for visiting the showcase.

Army Reservist Tom Bucci said he was looking to market himself for future

employment after leaving the service.

“I’m hoping to stay in management as an operations specialist but I’m also looking for opportunities in heating, air and electrical maintenance. I feel I have phenomenal skills,” he said.

While signing up for a health evaluation at the APG Army Wellness Center display, retiree spouse Emma Fenner said she was curious about new services for beneficiaries.

“I’ve been here most of my life and I appreciate APG facilities,” she said, “But I’ve never seen some of these things and I’m very impressed with the displays.”

Recently retired Army Capt. Sean Sullivan, a native of upstate New York, said he’s hoping to stay in the area.

“In terms of opportunity, this is the place to be,” Sullivan said, adding that support from the APG Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has been “phenomenal.”

He said CPAC personnel walked him through the process of applying for government jobs online at <https://www.usajobs.gov> and that he receives weekly emails and updates from the office about job fairs and openings.

“I came from Fort Stewart, Ga. where there is 10 times the population and 10 times the amount of Soldiers transitioning,” Sullivan said. “Here you get one-on-one assistance which is pretty amazing.”

“Overall, I think they do a really good job,” he said of the CPAC office. “I think you can always improve communications between employers and those in the job market, but still there are lots of opportunities for veterans in this area.”



## Holiday food sharing program has Soldiers helping Soldiers

(From left) Capt. Sean Palmer and Trenholm Rice from the 1st Area Medical Laboratory, bag groceries during the Holiday Food Sharing Program at the APG Commissary Nov. 25. The Religious Support Office distributed over 160 food vouchers to Soldiers, with the priority given to Soldiers E-5 and below with children. APG senior leaders gave back to their fellow Soldiers by bagging the groceries. Throughout the year, APG Catholic, Protestant and Gospel congregations collect offerings for Operation Helping Hand to help Soldiers and their Families during the holidays. For more information, call the APG North (Aberdeen) post chapel at 410-278-4333.

Photo by Rachel Ponder

# ASRC detachments support AMC commands

### CECOM Detachment 7

Supervisors, managers and other leaders in U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command should consider the U.S. Army Reserve Sustainment Command (ARSC), an Army Reserve unit which has been providing support to CECOM since 2009 additional support in CECOM offices or organizations.

The ARSC is headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., and consists of Army Reserve Soldiers who provide support to CECOM and other U.S. Army Mate-

riel Command commands and organizations, including CECOM, the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA), Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM), and Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM). The CECOM team, known as Detachment 7, is headed by Col. William Klaus, detachment chief. The detachment provides officer and enlisted personnel such as logisticians, signal officers, judge advocates, military intelligence officers, and other members in order to support CECOM staff sections.

ARSC Detachment 7's mission is to provide CECOM with an enduring, available, trained, and deployable Reserve Force that is integrated into the AMC structure for the purpose of enhancing the effectiveness of the CECOM mission. It is combined, cross-trained, modular and functionally deployable. It is a unique organization, focused on providing sustainment support to the Warfighter, and is in perfect keeping with the mission to transform the Army Reserve into an operational, functional reserve.

Teams in the ARSC Detachment 7 currently provide valuable support to various offices and staff sections in CECOM.

CECOM has always had Army Reserve Soldiers who have been assigned to support the command.

Another team, the CMA team, also known as Detachment 9, provides support to CMA in APG South (Edgewood).

Reservists interested in joining the ARSC unit should contact Lt. Col Arthur Kaffe at 571-256-2906.



## PWOC guest author speaks on spiritual fasting, prayer

Author Lisa E. Nelson shares her thoughts on spiritual fasting and prayer during an event hosted by the Protestant Women of the Chapel Nov. 21. Nelson, an Army veteran and a spouse of a military retiree, signed her book "A Woman's Guide to Fasting" after her presentation. Women from the Catholic and Gospel congregations also attended this special meeting. For more information about PWOC, call the APG North (Aberdeen) post chapel 410-278-4333.

Photo by Rachel Ponder

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## THANKSGIVING WEEK SPECIAL COMMISSARY HOURS

The APG Commissary will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday immediately following, Nov. 29, so employees can enjoy time with their Families.

## THURSDAY AND FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28 AND 29 SPECIAL EXCHANGE HOURS

The Exchange will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, and reopen on Friday at 4 a.m. so customers can begin their holiday shopping early.

Authorized shoppers can get a head start on special promotions, updated throughout the holiday season, by visiting the Exchange's "Sale Flyers" page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ExchangeStores/SalesFlyer.aspx>.

## MONDAY – FRIDAY DECEMBER 2 - 6

### ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND ADVANCE PLANNING BRIEFING FOR INDUSTRY

Team Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) will host its second annual, installation-wide Advance Planning Briefing for Industry (APBI) for interested parties. Team APG will provide networking opportunities and inform industry of potential contracting opportunities for the following mission areas:

Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR)

Research and Development/Testing and Evaluation (RDT&E)

Chemical/Biological Defense (CBD)

Corps of Engineers/APG Garrison Dates and Times:

Day 1, Dec. 6, 1 to 5 p.m.: APG Day/Corps of Engineers (travel morning), Evening Network Reception

Day 2, Dec. 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: C4ISR Day, Evening Network Reception

Day 3, Dec 8, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: RDTE Day, Evening Network Reception

Day 4 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.): CBRNE Day 1, Evening Network Reception

Day 5 (8 a.m.-12 p.m.): CBRNE Day 2 (travel afternoon)

\*\*\*Note: Registration will be on a per day basis. It is the participant's responsibility to ensure registration for each day participating.\*\*\*

Place: APG North (Aberdeen) post theater, Bldg. 3245. The APBI will be unclassified and open to all interested contractors, large and small businesses, and academia as well as other government stakeholders. The website link for event details including the agenda, directions, and registration will be provided by amendment to this notice.

All attendees must meet the requirements for admission to APG, to include: proper identification (i.e. driver's license and/or common access card), car registration, or a car rental agreement, and proof of insurance.

Registration is available at <http://www.missiontix.com>.

Questions about the APBI should be directed to Robert DiMichele, [robert.e.dimichele.civ@mail.mil](mailto:robert.e.dimichele.civ@mail.mil), 443-861-6757

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4 APG SOUTH (EDGEWOOD) FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING

The APG Fire Department Fire Prevention Branch will conduct Fire Marshal Training from 9 a.m. to noon at the Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 in APG South (Edgewood). The training will review what is required of fire marshals to ensure fire safety in on-post buildings and include conducting adequate monthly building and extinguisher inspections. APGFD will spend extra time explaining how to conduct a more detailed extinguisher inspection and the requirements per NFPA 10 that are applicable to their needs.

For more information, or to pre-register for the event, contact William Bond at [william.j.bond1.civ@mail.mil](mailto:william.j.bond1.civ@mail.mil)

## WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY DECEMBER 4-5 AFAP CONFERENCE SET FOR DECEMBER

Army Community Service will host the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference, a forum in which community members identify quality of life concerns to Army leadership, starting

8 a.m., at the Mallette Training Facility, Bldg. 6008. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Army-wide event. Issues raised are reviewed and prioritized for resolution at APG or forwarded to the next level. For more information, contact ACS at 410-278-7572 or email [usarmy.APG.imcom.list.apgrusag-acslend@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.APG.imcom.list.apgrusag-acslend@mail.mil).

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11 ARMY VS. NAVY BLOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE

You can help the Army defeat the Navy during the annual Army vs. Navy Blood Drive Challenge to be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

To schedule an appointment go to [www.militarydonor.com](http://www.militarydonor.com) and use the sponsor code: APGMD.

Walk-ins are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Armed Services Blood Program. For more information, go to [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil).

## ONGOING THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 THRIFT SHOP \$3 BAG SALE

The APG Thrift Shop, located in Bldg. 2458, behind the Main Post Chapel, will host a \$3 bag sale starting Nov. 1 and lasting the entire month. Patrons will be charged only \$3 for everything they can stuff in one bag. This applies only to items in the clearance area. For more information, contact the Thrift Shop Manager Fran Diantonio at 410-272-8572. Thrift Shop hours of operation are: Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignment hours are Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 ARMY DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The 2013 Army Digital Photography Contest will accept submissions through Nov. 30. Those eligible to participate in the Army-wide contest include active duty personnel and their family members, DA civilians, and retirees. The categories are Animals, Design Elements, Digital Darkroom, Military Life, Nature/Landscapes, People, and Still Life. Participants should complete the entry form and submit their photos online at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/apptracmain>. For more information or to register contact the APG Leisure Travel Office in Bldg. 3326 at 410-278-4011/4907.

## THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 COAT, CLOTHES & SHOE DRIVE

The APG Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is currently collecting coats, clothes and shoes for the Perry Point VA Medical Center in Perryville, Md. and a local charity for needy families. The drive will run through Nov. 30. Donors can drop off gently-used or new items to the various units supporting the drive. They include Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic; the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command; the U.S. Army Public Health Command; the 1st Area Medical Laboratory; the 22d Chemical Battalion (TE) and the 20th CBRNE Command.

For more information, contact SAMC President Master Sgt. Keyana Washington at 410-278-1726 or email [keyana.washington@us.army.mil](mailto:keyana.washington@us.army.mil).

## THROUGH DECEMBER 9 EMPTY STOCKING FUND COLLECTION

The Empty Stocking Fund is a local charity that collects new toys and books for underprivileged children in Harford County. Collection boxes have been placed at both doors of Bldg. 4305 and will be in place until noon, Dec. 8.

For more information, contact Donna Capparelli Hanley at [ghanley@fit.edu](mailto:ghanley@fit.edu) or 410-278-9016

## THROUGH JANUARY 20 ESGR ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR FREEDOM AWARD

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

ESGR Guardsmen, Reservists or Family members are encouraged to submit nominations at [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil) by Jan. 20, 2014. Up to

15 awardees will be recognized during a Washington, D.C. ceremony on a date to be announced.

For more information, contact Beth Sherman, ESGR Public Affairs, at 571-372-0705 or email [OSD.ESGR-PA@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.ESGR-PA@mail.mil).

## CORVIAS 2014 GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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

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

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

To apply, go to <http://corviasfoundation.org>. For more information, call 401-228-2836 or email [info@corviasfoundation.org](mailto:info@corviasfoundation.org)

## CATHOLIC MASS AND

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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

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

## APG BARBER SHOP REOPENS

The new APG Barber Shop, located in the Exchange mall, is open and under new management. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 410-272-7886.

## CPR, AED CLASSES SCHEDULED

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

Jan. 15, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel

Feb. 19, Edgewood Conference Center

March 19, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel

April 16, Edgewood Conference Center

May 21, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel

June 18, Edgewood Conference Center

July 16, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel

Aug. 20, Edgewood Conference Center

Sept. 17, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel

Oct. 15, Edgewood Conference Center

Nov. 19, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel

Dec. 17, Edgewood Conference Center

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

## UFOOD GRILLS CLOSED

Until further notice, the APG Ufood Grill restaurants, located in the Exchange lobby and inside Bldg. 6010, are closed. No further information is available at this time.

## CYSS PARTNERS WITH HOMESCHOOLERS

APG Child, Youth and School Services is trying to establish a partnership with authorized users who homeschool their children in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. CYSS is willing to open its facilities during the week so homeschooled children can have access to classrooms, the computer lab and gym on a scheduled basis. For more information, call 410-278-7571/7479.

## FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN RECREATION FOR TEENS

The APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center, Bldg 2522, invites all high school students out to its free Friday Night Open Recreation for Teens, every Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight. Teens are invited out to meet new friends, shoot some hoops or just play some

pool. Bring up to two non-DoD friends to join in the fun. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

## YOUTH CENTER OPENINGS

The Aberdeen and Edgewood programs currently have immediate openings for the 2013-2014 school year at their School Age & Youth Services facilities. Openings are available in both locations for eligible users. For more information, call 410-278-7571/7479.

## KEYSTONE CLUB

This free class for high school students meets every other Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center, Bldg 2522. This unique leadership development experience provides opportunities for young people ages 14 - 18. Youth participate in activities, both in and out of the club, in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. With the guidance of an adult advisor, Keystone Club aims to have a positive impact on members, the club and community. Participants may bring up to two non-DoD friends. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

## INSIDE APG

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

For previous interviews, follow these links: <http://youtu.be/a8vuM-dxmG50>; <http://youtu.be/se7hTkwn-b08>

## PIANO & GUITAR LESSONS

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

## REPORT POWER OUTAGES TO CORVIAS MILITARY LIVING

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

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

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

## READY & RESILIENT SURVEY

How can the Army become more Ready and Resilient? If you are an AKO user, log on now to take this survey to provide valuable feedback to the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs on how the Army communicates about Readiness and Resiliency. Visit <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/667030>

## APG THRIFT SHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

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

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



## MORE ONLINE

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

# ECBC scientists to improve methods of ricin detection, decontamination

ECBC Communications

An envelope laced with ricin intended for the president of the United States was intercepted in April 2013 by law enforcement officials when protocols established for mail screenings revealed the threat of a biological weapon.

Ricin is a highly toxic, naturally occurring protein found in the seeds of the castor oil plant. There is currently no antidote for the substance, which could be lethal if an average adult inhaled a dose the size of a few grains of salt.

Preventing the transport of materials laced with ricin is a priority for the national defense community, but in the event of an unknown attack, scientists at the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center are researching effective decontamination methods for the deadly substance.

A request from the Centers for Disease Control, CDC, to Dr. Jason Edmonds who serves as the ECBC branch chief for Aerosol Sciences in the Research and Technology Directorate, asked him to conduct studies to identify methodologies for fully decontaminating ricin from a surface and to determine whether residual ricin remains on a surface after it has been decontaminated.

"Right now the biggest problem the CDC faces is determining if an exposed surface still has trace amounts of ricin on it," Edmonds said. "In the case of the U.S. Postal Service, it would be from the point it was put in the mailbox to the point it was identified in the sorting facility."

Edmonds said the CDC also wants to explore techniques for complete decontamination of an exposed surface area.

"It's important to remember that when it comes to deadly toxins like ricin, you cannot just clean up 99 percent of the surface, it must be decontaminated 100 percent in order to guarantee that someone will not be affected," he said.

The CDC approached Edmonds because he is one of the few people who



Emergency responders in a training course sample for the possible detection of the biological material ricin. Courtesy photo

published a paper on evaluating technologies for the sampling of ricin off of different surfaces.

The paper, "Surface Sampling of a Dry Aerosol Deposited Ricin," examines swab materials commonly used to sample biological threat agents from surfaces. The paper documents Edmonds' studies, which demonstrate the need for accurate dissemination techniques to effectively evaluate sampling technologies in an environment mimicking the "real-world" environment where the toxin may be present.

To complete the studies, Edmonds and his team will work with the actual substance rather than a simulant.

"Due to the nature of its toxicity, most studies are conducted using a ricin-like

protein, but the problem there is that they are not exactly the same as ricin. It doesn't act like ricin, doesn't look like ricin, but since the simulant is a biological protein, people try to make that connection," Edmonds said.

Edmonds and his team will use specialized chambers in buildings approved for handling hazardous material at ECBC, which are designed to safely assess chemical and biological materials, including ricin. The team will produce a methodology for evenly distributing the ricin powder over individual testing materials that represent a variety of surfaces such as glass and steel.

To study decontamination, the team will aerosolize the powder across the test

materials, apply a decontamination technique and repeat the same extraction process for the CDC.

According to Edmonds, the CDC is finalizing the preferred decontamination methodology for ECBC to utilize. This project is a collaborative effort across Edmonds' team in the Aerosol Sciences Branch, and the Chemistry and BioSciences divisions.

"This will be an exclusive partnership between ECBC and the CDC," Edmonds said. "We're excited for the opportunity to work with them again and to be one of the first to study ricin in this way. The potential outcome of this study could lead to some incredible solutions to protect our nation from toxin attacks."

## ACC sweeps ChalleNGe Academy to win flag football post championship

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

The Army Contracting Command flag football team swept a thrilling double-header to outlast a group of talented Freestate ChalleNGe Academy cadets and win the intramural flag football post championship on a chilly night at Shine Sports Field Nov. 20.

Coach Stephen Winkler of ACC couldn't say enough about his team which had to claw its way through four games in the loser's bracket and then beat Freestate twice.

"This was a great team victory," Winkler said. We were missing three guys but everybody stayed calm and composed even though we had to make adjustments defensively in the second game. That was a great team we played. We played earlier in the season

and we won but we also knew we'd have to face them again."

Freestate Coach Kelvin Chandler, who twice before took teams to the championship, said that despite the loss, the team was the best the academy has ever fielded.

"They came together after we lost our first four games and decided they would work hard, practice hard and play even harder and we've been on a winning streak ever since," he said. "These guys play better together than any team I've coached. It's disappointing we're not taking home the championship trophy even though they played like champions."

View more photos of the intramural football playoffs and championship game on the APG Flickr site at [www.flickr.com/photos/usagapp](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapp).



(From right) Army Contracting Command Coach Stephen Winkler scrambles away from Coach Marcus James of the 20th CBRNE Command during the intramural flag football semi-final game at Shine Sports Field Nov. 18.



## At your service

### Sgt. 1st Class Howard Norcross ATEC Equal Opportunity Program Manager

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command relies on Sgt. 1st Class Howard Norcross to oversee its entire Equal Opportunity program. This includes Army Evaluation Center, Aberdeen Test Center and HHC ATEC located on Aberdeen Proving Ground as well as test sites in Utah, Arizona, Texas, Alabama and New Mexico, encompassing more than 600 Soldiers and 9,000 Department of the Army civilians and contractors.

Norcross' responsibilities include advising the ATEC commander, Maj. Gen. Peter Utley, on issues dealing with EO programs; assisting in team-building exercises; coordinating training requirements. Because he attended the EEO Counselor course he can assist civilians as well as active duty Soldiers.

Norcross said he chose EO over Inspector General training after he was slotted as excess at a previous duty station and he's glad he did.

"Just knowing you've helped someone - whether it's because they feel discriminated against or if they just need advice - they're

always grateful and I feel good about that," he said.

He works closely with Dr. Victoria Dixon, ATEC Human Resources/EEO Officer, and Tracy Marshall, installation EEO Officer.

Currently, Norcross is putting together an ATEC theater group that will present vignettes and scenarios dealing with sexual harassment for SHARP - Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention - training slated for January and April.

"We're taking volunteers from AEC, ATEC and HHC ATEC, getting roles assigned and planning shows around the second or third week of January," he said, adding that the vignettes are designed as an additional tool to help identify SHARP-related situations and where to go for help.

Norcross is located on the first floor of Bldg. 2202. His hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For more information, contact Norcross at 443-861-9251 or email [howard.j.norcross@mail.mil](mailto:howard.j.norcross@mail.mil).

How are we doing? E-mail comments and suggestions for the APG News to [usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil)



## Kicking the habit

Kelly Albright, personal trainer from Bootcamps By Kelly, leads a cardiovascular and strength-training session in the APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center during the “Smoke Break” for Lung Cancer and Diabetes Awareness Month hosted by Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and the Community Health Promotion Council Nov. 20. The event was held in conjunction with the annual Great American Smokeout Day, held every year on the third Thursday of November. “The “Smoke Break” was a way to encourage people to take a break from smoking and unhealthy eating habits,” said 1st Lt. Joanna Moore, KUSAHC public health chief.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson

# Piscataway founder teaches art of the dance

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Tayac is the founder of the Piscataway Indian Nation Singers and Dancers, a group that has traveled throughout the country and the world, teaching about American Indian culture. The dances they perform have been passed down from generation to generation. He also works with American Indian youth, teaching them the value of their culture.

Tayac said many people have formed incorrect perceptions of the American Indian culture through old westerns, cartoons and sport team mascots. He said the goal of the Piscataway Indian Nation Singers and Dancers is to change incorrect images that the media has created. He beat a drum as he spoke, remarking that to native people, the drum represents the heartbeat of life.

“Our elders have always taught us, as long as you keep the drum alive the beauty of our culture will carry on for our children,” he said. “It also teaches us no matter what ethnic background you come from, what religion you believe in, whether you are an infant or an elder; we’re all members of that human family. We all have the same heart.”

After their opening dance, Tayac’s group performed a series of dances depicting important aspects of the American Indian culture. One of the dances portrayed a sport that was popular in American Indian culture for hundreds of years, called “stick ball.” Today, this popular sport is called lacrosse. A war dance depicted hunting, an important aspect of the American Indian culture.

The group also performed a grass dance, which originated from the art of flattening grass to set up an area for an encampment. Tayac said that an important aspect of this dance is that for every left turn there is a right turn to show balance and harmony.

“This dance teaches many of our young native youth to walk in harmony, to walk in balance,” he said. “And [demonstrates] the responsibilities they



Naiche Tayac, from the Piscataway Indian Nation Singers and Dancers, readies himself for a cultural dance during the National American Indian Heritage Month celebration at the post theater Nov. 19.

Photo by Molly Blossie

have for their communities, to their Families.”

Before the closing dance, Tayac remarked that his people prefer to be called “American Indian.”

“We are the only people with the word American first, it shows our special relationship to this land, to this country,” he said.

The program included the national anthem sung by Bobbi Buchman of CECOM and the invocation from ATEC Chaplain Assistant Sgt. 1st Class William Benjamin. ATEC Chief Counsel Jeff Hatch introduced the guest speaker and the ATEC Executive Technical Director and Deputy Commander Robert

Carter delivered closing remarks.

After the program, attendees viewed cultural displays and sampled buffalo chili, vegetarian chili, Osage turkey stew with fall root vegetables and Indian fry bread with honey.

Event organizer Sgt. 1st Class Howard Norcross of ATEC thanked members of the Team APG Observance Committee, ATEC Graphic Designer Stephanie Aguiar and the Garrison’s Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security and Visual Information Services Center for their support.

View more photos on the APG Flickr website at [www.flickr.com/photos/usagagg](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagagg).



Photo by Rachel Ponder

Guest speaker Mark Wild Turkey Tayac explains the significance of drums in American Indian traditions during the National American Indian Heritage Month celebration at the post theater Nov. 19.



## Winter bazaar features customized gifts

Yvonne Phillips of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command thumbs through a catalog of custom plaques and signs featuring designs by owner and Master Sgt. David Henderson of the 20th CBRNE Command. Dozens of local vendors and small business owners participated in the two-day event at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. The event is held twice a year in the spring and at the start of the winter gift-buying season. View more photos on the APG Flickr site at [www.flickr.com/photos/usagagg](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagagg).

Photo by Yvonne Johnson

## DID YOU KNOW?

Abraham Lincoln issued a ‘Thanksgiving Proclamation’ Oct. 3, 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving. Whereas earlier, the presidents used to make an annual proclamation to specify the day when Thanksgiving was to be held. Congress passed an official proclamation in 1941 and declared that now onwards Thanksgiving will be observed as a legal holiday on the fourth Thursday of November every year.



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

# McCormick, Cottrell take reins of ATEC HHC

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ment opportunities. He also increased ATEC's medical readiness rate from 65 percent to 90-plus percent to ensure Soldiers remained mission ready, and he worked with members of the community and staff to plan Thanksgiving for more than 200 Soldiers and their Families.

"It is actions like these that make 1st Sgt. Parker a living example of what every NCO should strive to be: dynamic, versatile, caring, and compassionate," Utley said.

McCormick thanked Parker for his leadership and noted that during his time at APG, Parker was involved in many community outreach initiatives including the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, and the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers program.

"His dedication and hard work have set this company up for success," he said. "1st Sgt. Parker has been the standard bearer."

Parker welcomed McCormick, Cottrell and their Families, and thanked the ATEC workforce for their constant support.

"Testing and evaluation are your business, and you are good at what you do," he said. "You are responsible for getting the best systems and equipment into the hands of the best trained Soldiers the world has ever known, the American Soldier."



Photo by Rachel Ponder  
(From left) Capt. Robert McCormick accepts the Headquarters and Headquarters Company U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command guidon from 1st Sgt. Paul Cottrell during the unit uncasing ceremony at ATEC headquarters Nov. 19.

# APG workforce explores new technologies at expo

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fully rugged Windows 8 tablets on the market."

Bill Hottman, an account representative for HCGI Hartford, said the Tech Expo is a key venue for small businesses. HCGI Hartford specializes in IT products like computers, printers and servers.

"The Tech Expo is a great networking opportunity, because it allows us to meet with potential customers face-to-face," Hottman said.

Linda Holmes from the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Center said she attends the event every year to stay current on the latest technologies, so she can pass on information to co-workers and for personal use.

"This year I was interested in wireless speakers that I can use in my car, so I can talk on my phone hands-free," she said.

The next Tech Expo will be held in April, on a date to be determined. Check the APG New and APG social media outlets for updates. For more information, visit <https://fdaexpo.com/>.



Members of the APG workforce attended the 2013 Fall Technology Expo held at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Nov. 14. The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center/Corporate Information Office and Federal Direct Access Exhibitions co-host the bi-annual event. More than 90 companies were represented, making this event one of the largest Tech Expos at APG to date.

Courtesy photo

# Tips to ensure pet safety during holiday season

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sweet taste that appeals to cats and dogs and can be deadly in doses as small as a teaspoon. Spilled anti-freeze should be flushed from driveways to avoid eventy puddles that pets could lick.

## Holiday treats

Many dogs have a sweet tooth, but candy can be deadly. Chocolate contains theobromine, an alkaloid similar to caffeine that can cause nerve damage and even death in dogs. Different types of chocolate can contain varying amounts of theobromine so it's best to keep any and all chocolates out of pet's reach.

Follow the "Seven Holiday Pet Don'ts" list to help ensure your pet sur-

**Highly toxic, anti-freeze has a sweet taste that appeals to cats and dogs and can be deadly in doses as small as a teaspoon.**

vives the holidays.

This list is compiled from recommendations by the American Veterinary Medical Association

- Keep people food out of the reach of your pet and ask your guests to do the same.
- Make sure your pet doesn't have

access to treats, especially those containing chocolate, Xylitol, grapes/raisins, onions or other toxic foods

- Don't leave your pet alone in a room with lit candles, a decorated tree or potpourri.
- Keep holiday plants (especially holly, mistletoe and lilies) out of reach

of pets.

- Consider leaving the tinsel off the tree if you have a cat.

- Secure your Christmas tree to keep it from falling over if the dog bumps into it or if the cat climbs it; hanging lemonscented car air fresheners in the tree may deter the cat.

If your pet is excitable or scared when you have company, consider putting it in another room with some toys and a comfortable bed or provide a safe place to escape the excitement such as a kennel, crate, perching place, scratching post shelf or hiding place.

*Editor's Note: Sgt. Jessica Kendall, Veterinary Treatment Facility, contributed to this article.*

# Leave Donations Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For info, contact Cathy Davis at 410-306-0152 or [cathy.a.davis4.civ@mail.mil](mailto:cathy.a.davis4.civ@mail.mil).

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# 2013 Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

ACTIVITY	THU Nov. 28	FRI Nov. 29	SAT Nov. 30	SUN Dec. 1
AA ATHLETIC CENTER	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
AA Health & Fitness Ctr (302)	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
EA HOYLE GYM/FITNESS CTR	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
ARMY COMMUNITY SVS	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES*	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
AA RECREATION CENTER	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
EA RECREATION CENTER	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
BOWLING & SNACK BAR	CLOSED	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.	3 p.m. - 8 p.m.	1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
AUTO SKILLS SHOP	CLOSED	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
ODR & EQUIPMENT CENTER	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
LIBRARY	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
MWR LEISURE TRAVEL	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
NORTH SIDE GRILL/1SG BBQ	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
SOUTH SIDE GRILL	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
TOP OF THE BAY	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
BOWLING'S STRIKE FORCE CAFÉ	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
SUTHERLAND GRILLE	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
EXTON	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
DONNA'S PIT BEEF	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Closed Dec. 2 - 6 for APBI (event held in AA Theater)				
RUGGLES GOLF COURSE	CLOSED	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
EXTON GOLF COURSE	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Commissary	CLOSED Mon, Nov. 25 open 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.	CLOSED	Regular Hours Mon, Dec. 23 open 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Regular Hours
MAIN EXCHANGE	CLOSED	4 a.m. - 6 p.m.	6 a.m. - 4 p.m.	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
GNC	CLOSED	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
BARBER SHOP	CLOSED	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
OPTICAL	CLOSED	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	CLOSED
Laundry/Dry Cleaners	CLOSED	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	CLOSED
Kirk Clinc	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
DENTAC	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
SJA / LEGAL	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Human Resources	CLOSED	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Ufood Grill	Out of Business			
Melvins Auto	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
APG Express (Shoppette)	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	6 a.m. - 7 p.m.	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
APG Shoppette Subway	CLOSED	7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tim Hortons bldg 6002	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tim Hortons bldg 6008	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Subway Bldg 6008 C4ISR	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Subway EA	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Pure Imagination EA	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Burger King	CLOSED	6 a.m. - 5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Edgewood Express (Shoppette)	CLOSED	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
LRC-ABERDEEN	CLOSED	OPERATIONAL	CLOSED	CLOSED
Property Book Office	CLOSED	CLOSED (RDO)	CLOSED	CLOSED
Property Book Warehouse	CLOSED	CLOSED (RDO)	CLOSED	CLOSED
CIF	CLOSED	7 a.m. - 3 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Installation ASP	CLOSED	CLOSED (RDO)	CLOSED	CLOSED
SSA / CRP	CLOSED	CLOSED (RDO)	CLOSED	CLOSED
DOL Fuel Station	CLOSED	7a.m. - 3 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
TMP	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
PPPO	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Passenger Travel	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Freight Office	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>GATES</b>				
AA Rt 22	CLOSED	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED
AA Rt 715 / Vistor Center	Open / CLOSED	Open / 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Open / 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Open / 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.
AA Aberdeen	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
EA Wise Rd	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
EA Rt 24 / Vistor Center	Open / CLOSED	Open / CLOSED	Open / CLOSED	Open / CLOSED
EA Magnolia	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

\*CYSS Facilities are: Child Development Centers, Youth Centers/School-Age Services Programs & Family Child Care Homes

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\*\*\*For support services call 913-271-4245. For Army Emergency Relief, call Red Cross at 1-877-272-7337

## Notice

The Army has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with the construction and operation of a Red Phosphorus laboratory and associated support buildings in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. The Draft EA and FNSI are available to review at

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

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