



Maryland Lt. Gov. Anthony G. Brown talks about supporting Army Soldiers and government civilians in this "expanding Maryland community" during a ribbon cutting ceremony marking the completion of Phase I of the State Highway Administration's BRAC Intersection Improvements Project at Aberdeen Proving Ground Sept. 9.

Ceremony signals first BRAC roadway project completion

Story and photos by **YVONNE JOHNSON**

Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown joined Aberdeen Proving Ground leaders and local and state politicians to mark the ceremonial completion of the US Route 40 and MD 715 BRAC Intersection Improvements project – the first BRAC Roadway Project completed in Maryland – during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at APG Sept. 9.

APG Soldiers framed the background for Brown as he thanked post and local leaders for their leadership and commitment to APG Soldiers and civilians and their families. He said that when the state realized what the 2005 BRAC would mean to Maryland, he and Governor Martin O'Malley made a commitment to work with private sectors and local governments to make the necessary investments in infrastructure,

to receive, welcome and take advantage of the opportunities it presented. "We've done a real good job with the resources while going through difficult economic times," Brown said of the \$33 million investment. "These improvements will allow more residents to spend less time behind the wheel and more time with their families or on the job."

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CDC top priority children's safety

By **ADRIANE FOSS**
APG News

Officials at the APG child development centers say they are working hard to place wait-listed children in facilities. But they won't jeopardize the health and safety of the children to do it.

The wait for placement ranges from two months to two years, depending on the age group and center location.

"We understand that people really need care," said CDC Parent Outreach Director Myria Figueroa, "and we offer up slots as soon as they become available. We don't hold anything back, but we do have to work according to the priority list, and we will never risk safety by putting our children in an inappropriate environment."

PRIORITY LIST

The priority list as determined by the DoD is:

1. Single and dual active duty military and active duty military with a working or full time student spouses.
2. DoD civilians single and married with a working or full time student spouses.
3. Contractors working on APG, including single & dual employed contractors, contractors with working or full time student spouses.
4. All others to include Active Duty Military, DoD civilians and contractors with non-employed spouses.

"This is a military installation," said Ruth Strauss, CYSS Coordinator. "First priority is to our military members, then to DoD and contractors who are working to support our military, and finally to any other eligible patrons."

"This is child care for working families, and if a DoD or contract employee gets a slot before an unemployed military spouse, it is because priority goes to the working individuals. The bot-

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PEO C3T leadership changes hands

By **NANCY JONES-BONBREEST**
PEO C3T

The Army's tactical communications network – a top modernization priority – is in the hands of a new leader.

On Sept. 4 the Program Executive Office Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T) officially changed hands when outgoing Program Executive Officer Maj. Gen. N. Lee S. Price passed the organization's charter to the new PEO, Brig. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes.

Held at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Myer Auditorium and

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The PEO C3T and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T) officially changes hands as outgoing Program Executive Officer Maj. Gen. N. Lee S. Price (left) passes the organization's charter to the new PEO, Brig. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes (right). The Honorable Heidi Shyu (center), ASA (ALT) hosted the Change of Charter and retirement ceremonies.



R2C eyes readiness for APG Soldiers, civilians

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**

The Army launched the Ready and Resilient Campaign Plan, known as R2C, earlier this year. The purpose of the campaign is to establish an enduring cultural change that integrates resilience into our current daily duties therefore promoting readiness within the force.

"Installation programs and services are major components of the R2C plan", said Wendy LaRoche, APG Health Promotion Officer, and Community Health Promotion Council. "The Community Health Promotion Council is about ensuring that the programs and services that exist are serving the needs of the community and then ensuring that there is unity of efforts in caring for the community."

"A great example of this occurred with the recent furlough," LaRoche continued. "The camaraderie among the tenants was amazing. Financial institutions

partnered with religious services; there were fundraisers to help and community establishments that offered discounts. It explains why the CHPC is the appropriate venue for the R2C Plan".

The Community Health Promotion Council, chaired by Senior Mission Commander, Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, is the forum for the synchronizing of R2C activities.

According to Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin the Ready and Resilient Campaign integrates and synchronizes multiple efforts and programs to improve the readiness and resilience of the Army Family. "This is about making us an even stronger Army," Ervin said. "What is Ready? The ability to accomplish assigned tasks or missions through resilience, individual and collective team training and leadership."

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What is the greatest piece of advice you ever received?

My dad told me after high school graduation to always put God first and everything else will fall into place. I feel like this piece of advice has helped me make better decisions.



Melody Fears
Family member

Knowledge is power. Without an education you are very limited. I taught my children that to have a good and successful life you need to have an education.



Lucinda McDowell
CYSS

One of the hardest things in life to do is to be patient. If you give life a chance eventually it will turn around. I would give this piece of advice to anyone facing difficult times or contemplating suicide.



Mark Garcia
Veteran

Try to learn from other people's mistakes. Experience is the greatest teacher. I talk to others and try to learn from their mistakes, ask them what they would have done differently. Learning from other people's mistakes can save a lot of time and money. I also try to follow best practices.



Jeffrey Jackson
Veteran

Recognize signs of suicide

By **DR. KELLY L. FORYS-DONAHUE**
USAPHC

"What? Are you serious? So-and-so tried to kill himself?"

Unfortunately, at some time in your life, you may have heard these questions spoken in your circle of friends. Suicide is real. Most of us know someone whose life has been affected by suicidal behavior (a completed suicide or a suicide attempt), and the pain and stress of the suicidal behavior spreads like a ripple to Family, battle buddies, friends and co-workers. All of those individuals--including you--who could be impacted by suicidal behavior can help recognize risk factors and stressors and act to increase the chances of saving a life.

There is not one single factor or set of factors that indicate a person is thinking about suicide. Sometimes, we can look back at an incident of suicidal behavior and say, "Wow, we should've seen that coming," but other times, the behavior seems to happen out-of-the-blue. Noticing the signs and risk factors of suicidal behavior is not always easy. Risk factors for suicide vary from person to person and change over time in the same person. An individual can have one or multiple risk factors contributing to a suicidal behavior. Some of these risk factors include:

Relationship problems

If an argument with a significant other, does not necessarily mean that someone will hurt themselves. However, relationship problems such as the death of a loved one or friend, break-ups and divorces are very stressful and can be associated with suicidal behavior.

Substance use and abuse

Alcohol and drugs are often abused in a misguided attempt to help cope with stress. A sudden increase in substance use can signal a problem. Drug and alcohol use can increase the likelihood of risky behaviors, such as being careless or impulsive with weapons, which are associated with completed suicides.

Life stressors

Getting in trouble on the job, having civilian or military legal problems, and dealing with money issues or health problems are mentally and physically exhausting. Difficulty sleeping can add to the stress. Life stressors alone or coupled with other risk factors can lead to suicidal behaviors.

Behavioral health Issues

Stress can lead to behavioral health problems such as

depression, anxiety and adjustment issues. For some individuals, a terrifying event may lead to post-traumatic stress disorder, known as PTSD. Individuals who are feeling depressed or anxious might withdraw from social support, making it more difficult for them to deal with everyday stress. When a person is alone, he may begin to isolate from people making it more difficult for Family, battle buddies, friends and co-workers to see that he or she is struggling. Without support from people who care, individuals can feel hopeless about the future and may not ask for help.

Having one or more risk factors does not necessarily mean that a person is suicidal. However, the risk factors described above have been shown to be associated with suicidal behavior. If we can all look for those factors and talk to individuals experiencing those stressors about how they are doing, together we can make a difference and improve the health and well-being of our Family members, battle buddies, friends and co-workers.

Counselors treat thousands of people for relationship problems, substance abuse, depression, PTSD and stress each year. Trained therapists are available at behavioral health clinics on post, in the civilian community and in Veterans Administration clinics.

The best way to help prevent suicidal behavior is to pay attention to your loved ones, battle buddies, friends and co-workers and watch for changes in their behavior. Reach out to someone you trust in your organization or in your personal life. Remember ACE: Ask, Care, Escort. If you see changes, or if something just seems "off," say something. Ask if someone is thinking about hurting themselves. Show him or her that you care and take them to get help.

Call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Your actions could save a life. Locally, contact the Harford County Mobile Crisis Team at 410-638-5248 or APG's Suicide Prevention Program Manager Kenneth Gesch at 410-278-7779 or e-mail kenneth.a.gesch.civ@mail.mil.

The following suicide prevention awareness training will be offered during September:

Large group training at APG post theater (Bldg. 3245)

Sept. 13: 9 to 10:15 a.m., 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., 1 to 2:15 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.
Sept. 16: 9 to 10:15 a.m.

Large group training at APG South (Edgewood) chapel (Bldg. E4620)

Sept. 19: 9 to 10:15 a.m.

Screenings of the movie Ordinary People, will be provided in lieu of face-to-face training:

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USAPHC presents highest honorary award

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It isn't hard to find a technical expert within the U.S. Army Public Health Command, but experts like Kelsey McCoskey epitomize the best qualities of an Army medical professional.

McCoskey, an ergonomist and licensed occupational therapist in the USAPHC Occupational Health Sciences Portfolio, received the Joseph A. Lovell award during a ceremony Aug. 28 at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The Lovell award is the command's highest honorary award. It is given to a USAPHC civilian or military scientist, engineer, health professional or technician for exceptional initiative and creativity, innovative abilities, professional excellence and enhancement of the USAPHC's professional stature according to John Resta, USAPHC's Army Institute of Public Health director.

Lovell was the first career medical officer to serve as the Army surgeon general, and the USAPHC award honors both Lovell and the recipient of the award for their service to Army medicine.

"Lovell had an ability to use his expertise to accomplish a purpose, and Kelsey McCoskey demonstrates this same ability," said Resta, who also recognized seven previous Lovell award winners who were in attendance at the ceremony.

Col. Myrna Callison, occupational therapy consultant to the surgeon general and former Ergonomics Program manager, introduced McCoskey to the attendees and praised both her technical and interpersonal skills.

Michael Hodgson, physician and chief medical officer and director of the Office of Occupational Medicine at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, agreed with Resta. He spoke about McCoskey's work in the area of safe patient-handling.

"Kelsey was instrumental in ... the prevention of musculoskeletal injuries through her work with the safe patient-handling program within the VA and the

Army," he said. "Her dedication to this effort changed the standards of practice."

McCoskey's achievements include implementation of a safe patient-handling and mobility program at Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Wash., according to Callison. She authored and received approval for a joint incentive proposal to fund and implement the program at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. She also worked closely with the U.S. Army Health Facility Planning Agency to ensure safe patient-handling programs are incorporated into new and renovated Army healthcare facilities.

In addition McCoskey contributed to the vice chief of staff of the Army's Quality Work Environment initiative by developing an ergonomic checklist to assess conditions, functionality and safety at Army industrial base worksites. She has also worked on global and facility-specific projects in collaboration with government agencies and the civilian sector.

Maj. Gen. Dean G. Sienko, USAPHC commander, and Hodgson presented the award to McCoskey, who thanked her family and colleagues for their support during her career.

She explained that her work with safe patient-handling has been a lesson in perseverance. She spoke of long hours of data collection, briefings and implementation, and the importance of building partnerships and collaborating with others. Ultimately, she said that what she did was about people.

"Quantitatively, ergonomic injuries make up a quarter of all injuries and are high cost injuries; and qualitatively, the pain and discomfort (they cause) affect morale, productivity and ability to meet mission requirements," she explained.

McCoskey closed by saying she was fortunate to work at the USAPHC and to receive the award because it gave her the opportunity to thank the leadership and her mentors and colleagues and express her respect for the USAPHC.



In a demonstration of safe patient-handling techniques, Kelsey McCoskey, U.S. Army Public Health Command Joseph A. Lovell award winner, uses a repositioning sheet and ceiling lift to reposition a volunteer.

Photo by Christina Graber, USAPHC

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

First female PEO leaves remarkable legacy

By **NANCY JONES-BONBREST**
PEO C3T

When N. Lee S. Price joined the Army in 1975 it was rare to see a woman in management in private industry, let alone in the military.

As she retires from the service 38 years later, Price departs as a two-star general who delivered troops lifesaving capabilities and paved the way for hundreds of subordinates – male and female, in and out of uniform – to succeed.

“I joined the Army because I wanted to be part of the ground team charged with defending America’s freedom,” Price said. “The experience has far exceeded my expectations. The big surprise for me was what an impact that we can have on helping others achieve their dreams.”

In retiring and relinquishing leadership of the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T) during a Sept. 4 ceremony held at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Price closed a tenure marked by integrity, sound judgment and a shared vision.

“Credibility is about leading by example and always raising the bar,” said Price, who passed the organization’s charter to the new PEO, Brig. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes. “My experience has taught me that the best leaders are constantly looking for ways to improve themselves as well as their teammates. Though it is bittersweet to leave, I am so very proud of what we have accomplished at PEO C3T.”

Price enlisted as a private first class in the Alabama National Guard, then was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1977 and entered active duty in 1981. She became a two-star general in 2012. Along the way she broke barriers for women in leadership and left a lasting legacy of delivering groundbreaking technologies to U.S. forces.

Price became the first woman in the Army Acquisition Corps to be nominated to the rank of Brigadier General and was the first woman selected to be a general officer while serving in a special operations unit.

“General Price leaves a remarkable legacy of positive influence on people, processes, and communications capabilities for our Soldiers,” said the ceremony’s host, Heidi Shyu, Army Acquisition Executive and Assistant Secretary of

the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. “Her achievements are significant and lasting.”

PEO C3T develops and delivers tactical communications networks, radios, computer hardware and software and a variety of other communications systems to the Army. These systems empower commanders and Soldiers to make faster, better informed decisions and stay connected across vast, challenging terrain. As PEO C3T, Price oversaw critical upgrades to the tactical network, the Army’s top modernization priority, delivering communications capabilities to Soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and South Korea.

Price assumed leadership of PEO C3T in 2009, when the organization was in the early stages of a major Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) move to APG. Without hesitation, she planted her flag among the temporary buildings at APG, and during the next two years oversaw the relocation of 1,476 personnel positions and tens of thousands of pieces of equipment from Fort Monmouth, N.J., Fort Belvoir, Va., and Huntsville, Ala., to APG, while maintaining seamless support to the Warfighter.

“We deliver equipment to every unit as they prepare for deployment and provide 24/7 support to theater,” said Price, during a recent interview. “During BRAC we were able to continue that support uninterrupted. At the end of the day, those units never realized we had moved. So that, to me, was really touching.”

In the first year of Price’s tenure, PEO C3T won the David Packard Award for Acquisition Excellence, the highest acquisition award given by the Department of Defense.

A signature achievement during Price’s work at PEO C3T, which earned the organization the award, was partnering with PEO Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (IEW&S) to deliver coalition communications to Afghanistan. Their solution, fielded in 2010, enabled the 45-nation alliance in Operation Enduring Freedom to effectively communicate, establish situational awareness, share information and operate on a common security enclave.

Price addressed that challenge the way she did many others throughout her career – gathering information, building a team and encouraging them to innovate



Maj. Gen. N. Lee S. Price (left) receives her retirement pin from retired Col. Sam Leitz. Price broke many barriers for women in leadership during her 38 year career.

Photo by Chad Padgett, PEO C3T

with the resources available to meet Soldiers’ needs.

“She is very respected in the acquisition community for her ability to listen to the facts, ask the right questions and make a decision,” said William Sverapa, former Deputy PEO C3T. “You know what she wants and there is no question.”

Retired Lt. Col. Mike Devine, who worked with Price while she served as Project Manager, Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (PM DCATS), said Price was also the kind of senior leader who went the extra mile to counsel him and invest in his personal as well as professional success.

“Her concern for people’s well-being fosters a great deal of loyalty,” he said. “She can look back on her career and know that she made a difference, not just for the Army as institution but for the individuals, too.”

Price’s past assignments included company command of the 232nd Signal Company, where she oversaw 270 personnel across 19 sites providing 24/7 communications. Price deployed early in the first Gulf War and worked as part of a team that installed e-mail servers across Saudi Arabia. She later served at the Defense Information Systems Agency and established the first strategic communications office for the Army Chief Information Officer/G6.

During her tenure as PM DCATS, Price led an effort to build a \$300 million commercial communications network in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. Her team designed, procured and installed commercial communications that connected the Green Zone to all of the major

forward operating bases in Iraq. She also fielded the first-ever dedicated communications system for combat service support troops through linking satellite terminals with a wireless local area network. This technology was later used to help restore logistics communications to New Orleans, La., in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

For her efforts as PM DCATS, she received the 2004 Army Acquisition Excellence Project Manager of the Year Award – becoming the first woman to earn that recognition.

After her PM experience, Price became the Deputy Acquisition Executive for the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), where she was responsible for providing more than \$3 billion per year of specialized equipment for service-wide national and theater Special Operators.

The daughter of Homewood, Ala. resident Phyllis Sherk and the late Maurice D. Sherk, Price’s affinity for teamwork first surfaced while playing team sports as a child and has remained part of her lifelong philosophy. Upon retirement, Price plans to return to the Birmingham, Ala. area and spend more time with her family and friends. She plans to remain active in both the local and Army communities mentoring minorities and women.

“It has always been about the team,” Price said. “I can tell you that every general officer has this in common: It’s not about us, it’s about what we can do in our current position, the lives we can touch and how we enrich Soldiers’ lives so they can go on to greater service.”

Patrick receives national FEW award

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**

A U.S. Army Public Health Command civilian with a long record of assisting Equal Employment Opportunity programs and events on Aberdeen Proving Ground recently received a national award for her support of Federally Employed Women (FEW).



Linda Patrick, who also serves as FEW's National Credentials Chair and Registration Coordinator, was awarded the Presidential Award by FEW National President Michelle Crockett.

In a message to the FEW membership Crockett stated that the President's Award is presented to persons who are highly prominent in their work toward FEW goals. She said individuals selected have demonstrated efforts above and

beyond routine tasks and commended Patrick for having "the spirit of an angel and the courage of a lioness."

"She has supported FEW's National Training Programs for many years by working very long hours to ensure our attendees receive four-star treatment," Crockett said, adding that she was "moved to tears two years ago" when she observed Patrick working tirelessly at a registration table despite "battling cancer and receiving chemotherapy" at the time.

"She never let those challenges stop her from supporting FEW," Crockett said. "Whenever anyone encounters her, she has a smile on her face and [offers] a helping hand to provide whatever you need."

"She just continues to work very hard. Please join me in saluting Linda Patrick."

Sheryl Coleman, an Army Research Laboratory civilian, president of the FEW Maryland Tri-County Chapter, and FEW National Scholarship Chair, has worked with Patrick for several years.

She said the award comes as no surprise.

"Linda is one of the most dedicated members of FWP [the Federal Women's Program] and FEW," she said. "You can always find her giving back to the community as well as to members of both organizations. She is always trying to make a difference."

Patrick is the USAPHC EEO specialist with more than 20 years of government service. She belongs to the APG Executive Committee for Special Emphasis Programs (SEP), has helped coordinate more than 80 SEP events, helped finalize the Memorandum of Understanding for the Minority College Relations Program, was selected the APG Woman of the Year in 2002, and awarded EEO's Outstanding Achievement and Silver Award for Excellence in 2004.

Patrick said she was humbled to be awarded for something she loves doing.

"Receiving the Presidential Award was a total surprise. I'm a volunteer because it always feels good to give back," Patrick said.

She thanked her mother who taught her to put a smile on her face even when she felt bad, her husband and children for their support, and her sister Ann who helped her through her battle with breast cancer.

"I could not do all that I do without your continued love and support," she said.

Noting FEW's upcoming Women's Home Build event, supporting the Habitat For Humanity project Sept. 14 in Aberdeen, Patrick added that she tries to make volunteers out of everyone – Family and friends.

"I am proud to say that I work with a great group of successful women who fight for all federally-employed women. I would like to thank all my FEW sisters, friends and co-workers," she said. "I have made volunteers out of you all as well and I am loving it. Trust me when I say it feels good to give back."

For more information about the Women's Home Build event see Mark Your Calendar, page 6.

Hispanic American heritage celebration Sept. 19

STAFF REPORT

Team APG will host the National Hispanic American Heritage Month observance 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000 on Thursday, Sept. 19.

With the theme "Hispanics: Serving and Leading Our Nation with Pride and Honor," the event will include a cultural food tasting, educational performances and exhibits.

Master Sgt. Ryan Cole, Equal Opportunity Advisor for the 20th CBRNE Command, said a lot of planning has gone into this year's observance. Entertainment includes music by a local Mariachi band, Mariachi Sunrise and dances by the Devine Dancers of Aberdeen who will per-



form Hispanic folklore dances in traditional costumes. Personal and historic exhibits from figurines to clothing will be on display and a food tasting event, catered by the El Rodeo Restaurant of Edgewood will take place immediately after the program.

The guest speaker is Lawrence G. Romo, director of the Selective Service System, Washington, D.C. Ryan said planners were excited to land Romo, who came highly recommended by the National Director for the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Brent A. Wilkes, as the guest speaker.

"He has a great background," Cole said of Romo, "and he has a long and successful military and Department of Defense civilian career. He will have a lot to offer our listeners. I feel that he is a great reflection of what this year's theme represents."

Cole said that every year National Hispanic American Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 to recognize the contributions made and the

important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and to celebrate Hispanic heritage and culture.

"This special annual tribute assists all by learning about and celebrating the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society," he said.

Lawrence G. Romo

Romo was appointed as the twelfth Director of the Selective Service System by President Obama. Because of his dynamic and results-oriented leadership, the Selective Service System was presented the 2011 "Most Improved Small Federal Agency" award by the private Partnership for Public Service which ranks the "Best Places to Work in the Federal Government."

Previously, Romo served as the Soldier and Family Assistance Program Manager for the U.S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade where he was responsible for the Family

programs of seven Recruiting Battalions in a multi-state area.

Romo started his civil service career in 1987 serving until 1992 as an item manager for the Directorate of Special Weapons, and from 1992 through 1999 as a transition assistance program specialist at Kelly Air Force Base.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, Romo served in various U.S. Air Force assignments both on active duty and in the reserve. He retired from the Air Force Reserve as a lieutenant colonel after 29 years of service.

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FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 13 SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Mandatory suicide prevention training will be offered at the Aberdeen Post Theater 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. and on Monday, Sept. 16, 9 to 10:15 a.m. and in the APG South (Edgewood) chapel Thursday, Sept. 19 at 9 a.m. Certificates will be available after the presentations. For more information, call 410-278-7779.

VA MARYLAND TO HOST MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT

The VA Maryland Health Care System, which is committed to the health and well-being of the men and women who have served in uniform, treats complex human beings who are struggling to overcome invisible wounds such as conditions brought on by PTSD, depression and substance abuse.

In an effort to enhance access to care for veterans, VAMHCS will host a VA Community Mental Health Summit 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Donaldson Brown Conference Center, 200 Mount Ararat Farm Road, in Port Deposit.

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, various Veteran Service Organization representatives, and others will be among the participants. All veterans and their families are invited to attend. The VA recognizes that meeting the needs of veterans and their families requires collaboration and partnership between VA, other federal agencies and local communities. The mental health summit will help those involved in mental health services find new ways to overcome barriers to collaborations.

For more information, call 410-642-2411, EXT. 5407 visit the VA Maryland website at www.maryland.va.gov.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 14 WOMEN'S HOME BUILD

Due to rain delays, the Team APG Women's Home Build project has been rescheduled to 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 14. For more information, contact Linda Patrick, PHC, at 410-436-1023, linda.d.patrick.civ@mail.mil; Sheryl Coleman, ARL, at 410-278-5964, sheryl.l.coleman.civ@mail.mil; or Tracy Marshall, CECOM, at 443-861-4366, tracy.y.marshall.mil@mail.mil.

FAMILY DAY AT THE POST CHAPEL

Unlock 4,000 years of Godly wisdom in five memorable hours. Fun and interactive Family learning is planned from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch and refreshments will be provided; childcare is available. Registration forms are available at the Main Post Chapel, building 2485. To register, or for more information, call the chapel at 410-278-4333/2516.

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 16 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS (IAAP)

Administrative Professionals! How would you like to be on the cutting edge of your craft and enhance your promotion potential? The IAAP is looking for you! Our group represents various businesses and facilities within Harford County such as Battelle, Booz Allen Hamilton, SAIC, US Army, Harford Community College, Upper Chesapeake Hospital, Boeing, and more. Our meetings focus on enhancing your administrative education, training, leadership development, research, community outreach. We offer professional certifications which are recognized industry standards. The Harford Chapter meets every third Monday from 6 to 7:30 pm Harford Community College, Chesapeake Dining Room North. Please check us out at <http://www.harfordiaap.org> or on Facebook at IAAP-Harford Chapter. For questions, please contact the Harford County Chapter at IAAP.HC@gmail.com.

MONDAY AND THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 16 AND 19 ORDINARY PEOPLE SCREENING

The movie Ordinary People will be presented at the Aberdeen Post Theater at noon. Attendance at this presentation can be used in place of the face-to-face suicide prevention training. Certificates will be available after the movie. For more information, call 410-278-7779.

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 17 BALANCE AND MY ACHING FEET

The CECOM Wellness Program will host a Balance and My Aching Feet Informational Session at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000 from noon to 1 p.m.. The guest speaker, physical therapist Chris Brinton, will discuss practical ways to manage foot/heel pain, anatomy of the foot, foot mechanics and treatment options.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

The Fall 2013 American Sign Language class begins today and continues each Tuesday through Dec. 10. The class will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bldg. E3330-31, room 270 in APG South (Edgewood). The ASL class is free and open to anyone with a CAC or military ID card including spouses. The text book "ABC, A Basic Course in American Sign Language," can be purchased online [amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com] or at local book stores. To register, or for more information, contact BethAnn Cameron at 410-436-7175, bethann.cameron.civ@mail.mil; Pat Reeves at 410-436-2917, patricia.j.reeves6.civ@mail.mil; or Randy Weber at 410-436-8546, randy.k.weber.civ@mail.mil.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 17 & 18 BJ'S MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP

Save \$10 off the \$50 in-store membership fee for Inner Circle and \$20 off the \$100 in-store membership for the Rewards Program. Memberships are for 15 months instead of 12. All forms of payment accepted. Discounted memberships are only available at on-site signups – not in store or on line. Sign up at the APG South (Edgewood) Recreation Center, Bldg. E4140, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or at the APG North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 18 RESILIENCY HEALTH FAIR

The APG Community Health Promotion Council and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will host the second annual Resiliency Health Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center. The health fair will offer a variety of free screenings, health information, and giveaways and is a great way to consult with health professionals, assess your health status and take control of an overall health plan on the road to fitness.

For more information on the resiliency health fair, contact Sue Singh, KUSAHC Community Health Nurse, at 410-278-1771.

COLLEGE FAIR

Have you been thinking about earning a college degree? Maybe you only need a few more credit hours to complete your degree program. How about a career change? Education is the pathway to success. APG will be hosting a College Fair on Sept. 18 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center (Bldg. 3326). These programs are open to all active duty and retired Service members, Family members and civilian employees. Come out and see what we have to offer. For more information, call 410-306-2042.

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 19 NATIONAL HISPANIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Team APG will host the installation National Hispanic American Heritage Month observance 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000 on the C4ISR campus. Featured events include a cultural food tasting, educational performances and exhibits. The guest speaker is Lawrence G. Romo, director of the Selective Service System, Washington, D.C. The theme for the 2013 observance is "Hispanics: Serving and leading our nation with pride and honor."

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Ryan Cole, 20th CBRNE Command, 410-436-0320; Sgt. 1st Class Howard Norcross, Army Test and Evaluation Command, 443-861-9251; Linda Patrick, Public Health Command, 410-436-1023; Carmen Adrover, Chemical Materials Agency, 410-436-4186; Rose Satz, PEO C3T, 443-395-2940; or Tracy Marshall, CECOM/Installation EEO, 443-861-4366.

For disability related accommodations, call 410-436-0320.

U.S. ARMY WARRANT OFFICER ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association's Aberdeen-Edgewood "Silver" Chapter will hold its monthly meeting at the Aberdeen recreation center, Bldg. 3326, room 102. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will be held from noon to 12:45 p.m.

For additional information please contact retired CW4 Owen McNiff at omcniff@yahoo.com or 571-243-6561.

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 20 POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE 5K RUN/WALK

The Air Force Chem/Bio Booster Club is hosting a POW/MIA Remembrance 5K Run at 6:30 a.m. The run begins at Hoyle Gymnasium APG South (Edgewood) Bldg. E4630 and proceeds on the track around the airfield. T-Shirts may be purchased for \$10 and donations will be collected to benefit the Wounded Warriors Project.

For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Cindy Archambeau at 410-417-3248 or cynthia.l.archambeau.mil@mail.mil

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 21 VETERANS JOB FAIR

The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) will host its 7th Annual Welcome Home Information and Job Fair 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Community College of Baltimore County (CCCB) Catonsville Campus at the Barn, 800 South Rolling Road, Baltimore MD, 21228. Representatives from local employers and career assistance organizations will be available to assist veterans with employment opportunities and four-year colleges accepting the Post 9-11 GI Bill will be on hand to provide information about educational opportunities. Also, representatives from the VAMHCS, the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Benefits Administration and other community service organizations will provide information about health care services and benefits for returning veterans from Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn. Bring your DD214 to apply for VA health care services and bring plenty of resumes for potential employers. This event is free and open to all veterans.

For more information, call 410-605-7295 or e-mail VAMHCSPublicRelations@va.gov.

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 25 TAKING CONTROL OF FUTURE EVENTS THROUGH LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING

The CECOM Wellness Program will host a Long-Term Care Planning informational session where, GEBA representatives, will discuss the general information on preparing future Long-Term Care planning at the C4ISR campus, Bldg. 6008 (Mallette Mission Training Facility) in Room 4 from noon to 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 26 RAB MEETING

The next RAB meeting will be held 7 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center in Edgewood. The topic of discussion will be an update on Military Munitions Response Program. For more information, contact Karen Jobs at karen.w.jobs.civ@mail.mil.

SO YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT TALENT

Enjoy a night of great talent and fun as MWR and BOSS host the "So You Think You've Got Talent" variety show at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326 Erie Street. Doors open 5 p.m., show starts 7 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Participation is open to active duty military, civilians, contractors, retirees and Family members age 16 and older.

Categories are: Vocalist, Group Vocalist, Instrumentalist, Band (maximum five members), Dancers, Dancer, Spoken Word, Comedy and other novelties.

Awards: Active duty and civilian categories will be awarded:

- 1st Place - \$300
- 2nd Place - \$200
- 3rd Place - \$100.

People's Choice Award – 8.9-inch Kindle Fire
Most Talented Unit streamer
To register, contact the Leisure

Travel office in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Bldg. 3326, Erie Street, at 410-278-4011/4907, or visit the APG Morale, Welfare and Recreation website at www.apgmwr.com.

NDIA/WID LEADER LUNCHEON

The Joint NDIA/WID Leader Luncheon will be held at the Ruggles Golf Course clubhouse to discuss leading the future of Army communications systems. RSVP at <http://www.widmidatlantic.org/Events.html>. Cost is \$20. Guest speaker is Mary Woods of DPEO C3T.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 28 9TH ANNUAL "SUPPORT OUR HEROES" GALA

Tickets are now available for the 9th Annual Support Our Heroes Gala to be held 6 to 10 p.m. at Waters Edge Events Center, 4687 Millennium Drive, in Belcamp. Featured will be live and silent auctions; music and dancing, heavy hors d'oeuvres and carving station, cash bar. Proceeds benefit the Fisher House Foundation, supporting wounded warriors and their families.

Tickets on sale now. Sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, visit www.chesapeakeheroes.com

FRIDAY – SUNDAY

OCTOBER 11 - 13 OKTOBERFEST

Save the dates for the 2nd annual APG Oktoberfest celebration to be held at Shine Field Friday afternoon through Sunday. For more details, go to <http://apgmwr.com/SpecialPages/2013Oktoberfest.html>

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 19 MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

Save Oct. 19 for the APG Annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) to be held at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. Registration begins 8 a.m. with the program opening ceremony at 9 a.m. The guest speaker is Maryland State Senator Nancy Jacobs. More details will be released as they become available. For more information, contact Thomas Shumate at 410-306-2303 or thomas.s.shumate2.civ@mail.mil

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 25 3RD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SCHOLARSHIP GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Lt. Gen. Alfred J. Mallette Chapter and AFCEA Aberdeen Chapter present the 3rd Annual Halloween Scholarship Golf Scramble at Ruggles Golf Course. (Costumes Encouraged!) Three Club Limit, putters will be provided.

Shotgun Start at 9 a.m. Followed by Pig Roast Dinner at Ruggles and Final Fridays

Cost: Active Duty Officers- #35, Enlisted soldiers - \$15, All others - \$100; includes: Golf Cart, Green Fees, BBQ Sponsorships available. For more information or application, contact Kit Roache, P.O. 7376, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702; call 732-778-4005 or e-mail at kirroache@verizon.net

ONGOING OPENINGS AT YOUTH CENTERS

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.

FIREWOOD SALE

Firewood is now available at a cost of \$20 per level standard 8' pick-up truck, \$15 per level standard 6' pick-up truck, and \$5 per car trunk load. Permits to buy wood are good for ten days, or until an order is filled, whichever comes first. Permits will be issued on a first-come-first served basis in APG South (Edgewood), Bldg. E4630 Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call Kathy Thisse, 410-436-8789 or Scott English, 410-436-9804 for more information.



MORE ONLINE

More events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil/calendar.

2nd Annual event



“Hooah With Oompah”

Plans are coming together for the 2nd Annual APG Oktoberfest to be celebrated over three days, Friday, Oct. 11 to Sunday, Oct. 13 with events centered on toasting the camaraderie between the installation and local communities. Events are free and open to the public.

Planned events include nightly keg tapping ceremonies highlighting community partnerships with Team APG. Friday Oct. 11 will salute the Town of Bel Air and the City of Havre de Grace; Aberdeen and Edgewood will be honored Saturday, Oct. 12 and the Oktoberfest wraps up Oct. 13 with a tribute to Cecil County.

Events are still being planned but so far include genuine German Oompah bands and dancers in traditional garb; a Volksmarch, a car show, a Community Marketplace, a Kids Zone with Inflatables,

puppet shows, roving accordion players, local bands, fireworks, German foods from Prost Restaurant of Port Deposit, a Festhalle and of course, German beer.

In addition, on and off-post organizations will present displays highlighting their missions.

“This is a great time to come out and support your community while enjoying APG hospitality,” said APG HHC Garrison Commander Capt. Richard Mozeleski, co-lead of the APG Planning Team.

For more information about the 2nd Annual APG Oktoberfest, check the APG News, the APG website at www.apg.army.mil/, the APG MWR website at www.apgmwr.com or APG social media sites on Facebook, www.facebook.com/APGmd; and Twitter, <https://twitter.com/USAGAPG>.

VAMHCS Hosts Summit

By **MARGARET A. HORNBERGER**
VA Maryland Health Care System

The VA Maryland Health Care System does not just treat conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, or substance abuse.

The VA Maryland Health Care System, which is committed to the health and well-being of the men and women who have served in uniform, treats complex human beings who are struggling to overcome invisible wounds. To this end, the health care system will host a VA Community Mental Health Summit on Sept. 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Donaldson Brown Conference Center in Port Deposit, Md.

“Hosting these mental summits will allow staff from our medical centers a chance to sit at the same table with community partners—to listen to each other, learn from each other, and to build trust,” says Dr. Sarah Reading, director of the Mental Health Clinical Center at the VA Maryland Health Care System.

In an effort to break down existing silos in mental health treatment, more than 70 local community partners, who are key stakeholders in addressing the mental health needs of Veterans and their families, will gather with mental health professionals from the VA Maryland Health Care System to promote collaborations, generate mutually beneficial relationships, and discuss specific topics that will enhance the quality of mental health services for Veterans and their families in Cecil and Harford Counties. “We hope that the conversation at this summit is just the start of a dialogue and numerous collaborations between VA and the many community organizations that help our Veterans and their families successfully transition to their civilian roles,” Reading says. The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, various Veteran Service Organization representatives, Veterans and their families, and others will be among the participants at the mental health summit.

The VA recognizes that meeting the needs of Veterans and their families requires collaboration and partnership between VA, other federal agencies and local communities. The mental health summit will help those involved in mental health services find new ways to overcome barriers to collaborations. “These issues are urgent enough for us to focus on our shared mission and bring our combined and complementary resources to bear, which will allow us all to best serve the needs our nation’s Veterans and their families,” Reading adds.

Locally-driven VA mental summits across the country provide a well-established method to strengthen community partnerships, and they have also been successful in support of VA’s goal to end homelessness among Veterans.

VA Maryland Health Care System:

The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) provides a broad spectrum of medical, surgical, rehabilitative, mental health and outpatient care to veterans at two medical centers, one community living & rehabilitation center and six outpatient clinics located throughout the state. More than 52,000 veterans from various generations receive care from the VAMHCS annually. Nationally recognized for its state-of-the-art technology and quality patient care, the VAMHCS is proud of its reputation as a leader in veterans’ health care, research and education. It costs nothing for Veterans to enroll for health care with the VA Maryland Health Care System and it could be one of the more important things a Veteran can do. For information about VA health care eligibility and enrollment or how to apply for a VA medical care hardship to avoid future copayments for VA health care, interested Veterans are urged to call the Enrollment Center for the VA Maryland Health Care System, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 1-800-463-6295, ext. 7324 or visit www.maryland.va.gov.



Jean Flores

Military Retirements Specialist

Meet Jean Flores, a military retirements specialist with the APG Military Transition Assistance Program Services Office. Located on the first floor of Bldg. 4305, the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) ushers retiring and separating Soldiers through mandatory and optional classes/workshops presented by the Army Career & Alumni Program (ACAP), Veterans Administration (VA) and Department of Labor (DOL).

A SERCO contract employee and the spouse of an Army retiree, Flores has been assisting APG Soldiers since she started as an Enlisted Records clerk in 2000.

She said she encourages Soldiers to

take advantage of all training offered to them.

“This is a critical process because most of them have been Soldiers all of their adult lives and haven’t had to worry about employment,” Flores said. “And this doesn’t just affect the Soldiers but their families as well. I enjoy knowing I can make a difference.

“With this job, you have to care about what you do,” she added. “That’s not something that can be taught.”

The Transition Center hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 410-306-2323/2322/2345; FAX 410-306-2307; or e-mail usarmy.apg.imcom.mbs.imne-apg-hrm@mail.mil.

APG children win Grand Champion awards

Story and photos by
RACHEL PONDER

Two members of the APG South (Edgewood) youth center won Junior Champion awards this year at the Maryland State Fair.

Marisol Macias, 9, won the Junior Grand Champion award in the Fresh Herbs category for the thyme she grew at the APG South (Edgewood) youth center. Macias said she learned to garden at the youth center in kindergarten. She enjoys growing flowers, fruits, vegetables and herbs.

"It was the first time I ever entered anything in the fair," Macias said. "It was exciting."

APG South youth center Director Renee Main said the herbs were judged on their size, healthy appearance and lack of damage from bugs.

"I am very proud of Marisol winning the grand champion at the state fair," said her mother Maria Quiñones, a TK Services contractor. "Overall, the youth center has been a great learning experience for Marisol in many areas. She has come to learn many new and exciting things that she wouldn't be able to learn if she wasn't at the youth center."

Shyann Stolo, 10, won the Junior Champion award in the Science Education category and was interviewed by Fox 45 Morning News in a live segment about 4-H Clubs Military on Aug. 23.

Stolo said she was judged on the display that showed how she grew cotton at the center.

"I won first place before, but never Champion," Stolo said. "I was excited."

Stolo, who has attended the center for many years, grew cotton as part the youth center's on-going greenhouse project. The greenhouse, built in 2012, allows the children to grow herbs like sage and

oregano and vegetables like tomatoes, cucumbers, cabbage and celery.

"I think it's a great opportunity to have the chance to speak publicly about the project," said Stolo's mother, Naomi Stolo, an Aberdeen Test Center contractor. "I am proud to see what she can do when she tries. I want to thank Renee (Main) for getting the children involved in all kinds of activities. It makes them well-rounded children."

Main said the children who attend the center are responsible for watering the plants and herbs in the garden. Occasionally the center will cook dishes with vegetables and herbs that are grown in the garden.

"The garden teaches the children patience, how to be responsible and trustworthy," she said. "The children learn more than just gardening, they learn math skills, science, respect for the environment and how to work together as a team."

Main said Aug. 23 was 4-H Military Day at the fair. Children from the APG South youth center, APG North (Aberdeen) youth center and the Annapolis Naval Academy's youth center were treated to free admission, activities and food from 4-H.

"4-H Military Clubs provide much needed consistency for military children, who deal with frequent moves and deployed parents," Main said. "4-H Military Clubs are similar at every installation," she said.

Main added that she was proud of Macias, Stolo and all the youth center children who entered displays and projects in the Harford County Farm Fair and the Maryland State Fair.

"I encourage the children to share their talents with others and learn new things," she said.



(Left) Marisol Macias, 9, picks some thyme from the APG South (Edgewood) youth center garden. Macias won Junior Grand Champion in the Fresh Herbs Category at the Maryland State Fair for the thyme she planted at the center.



(Below) Shyann Stolo, 10, waters a cotton plant in the APG South (Edgewood) youth center garden. Stolo won Junior Grand Champion in the Science Education Category at the Maryland State Fair for her display that showed how she grew cotton at the center.

BRAC interchange project completed

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“As we look to the future,” he said, “we must remain committed to building a 21st century infrastructure to support our 21st century economies.”

Last week, the state took important steps toward that effort, Brown added, when it announced the beginning of weekend service on MARC trains along with \$75 million in road projects, \$43 million for Aberdeen alone.

“As we look to the future, we believe these investments will not only help create jobs, but support jobs and the growing economy in this expanding Maryland community,” Brown said, adding that he looks forward to returning to cut the ribbon on the next \$43 million infrastructure project.

APG senior leader Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, thanked Brown and Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary James T. Smith Jr. and the leadership of the State Highway Administration as well as Harford County Executive Roger Craig and Aberdeen Mayor Michael Brown who also were in attendance.

“We simply could not ask for a better partnership,” Ferrell said of the Harford County Council, adding that the installation partnership with the Aberdeen City Council “is stronger than ever.”

He additionally commended Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClint

on, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin, Karen Holt of the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor and the various designers, engineers and construction workers who made the project “a reality.”

Ferrell said the ceremony “represents the culmination of over five years of planning, coordination, funding, and plain old hard work,” that has resulted in faster, easier and safer access to the installation for the more than 8,700 vehicles that enter the gates each morning.

“This is a significant improvement to the quality of life for everyone connected to our APG Family,” he said. “We can also be very proud of the tremendous cooperation between the state, county, local communities and the Army that this project was completed on time.”

He said the coming years will be marked with other major transportation upgrades to include intersection repairs along MD 22 and changes involving the way APG team members commute to work. He noted the opening of the new Transportation Center located in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, which is dedicated to promoting mass transit, ride-sharing, and van pooling and was funded by a grant from the Harford County Office of Economic Development.

“Today’s ceremony not only com-



Maryland Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown, fourth from right, APG leaders, local politicians and State Highway administrators cut the ribbon signifying the end of the U.S. Route 40/MD 715 construction project; one of several roadway projects designed to ease access to the installation for thousands of APG Soldiers and civilians.

memorates the successful completion of a major transportation project, it commemorates the transparency of the great partnership between APG, the local community and the great state of Maryland,” Ferrell said. “To APG it’s only a gate – not a barrier to the continued great partnerships for all of us here today.”

BRAC Intersection Improvements
The event marked the close of Phase I of the BRAC Intersection Improve-

ments projects. Construction for Phase II, which involves improvements to the U.S. Route 40 at MD 7/MD 159 starts in the fall of 2015. Construction starts in early 2015 for the MD 22 at MD 462 (Paradise Road) project and in the summer of 2014 for improvements at MD 22 at Beards Hill Road. For more information, visit the Maryland Department of Transportation website at <http://mdot.maryland.gov/>.

Price transfers PEO C3T command to Hughes

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hosted by the Honorable Heidi Shyu, Army Acquisition Executive and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, the change of charter ceremony marked the official transition of leadership.

“The success achieved here at PEO Command, Control and Communications-Tactical is a testament to both a dynamic workforce and talented leadership,” Shyu said. “Leadership of this organization requires an incredible amount of commitment to meeting the communications needs of our Soldiers now and in the future. Both Lee Price and Dan Hughes exemplify these traits.”

The PEO for C3T guides a workforce of more than 1,600 personnel who develop, deliver and support more than 40

major Army programs that provide Soldiers with the communications networks, radios, satellite systems and other hardware and software they require to communicate on the battlefield.

Retiring after more than 38 years in uniform, Price assumed leadership of PEO C3T in November 2009, becoming the Army’s first female PEO.

“In public service you must ensure your heart is pure and your goals are common,” Price said. “Throughout my career, I have tried to lead by example and always raise the bar. I encourage initiative in my subordinates by empowering them with the latitude to make independent decisions, and I am astounded every day at their dedication and commitment.”

Hughes assumes his new assignment at a critical time, in light of fiscal constraints and the Army’s changing force

structure. A robust tactical communications network will support the Army’s transformation into a force that is smaller but still highly capable. In current and future decentralized operations, the network is critical to empowering leaders and Soldiers at all echelons with the right information, at the right time to make the decisions essential to mission success.

“It is an honor to be selected to lead an organization with such a critical mission,” Hughes said. “The professional workforce at PEO C3T provides our warfighters with the tools required to secure victory.”

Hughes takes the reins following a dual assignment as Commanding General of Natick Soldier Systems Center and Deputy Commanding General of the Army’s Research, Development and Engineering Command. He was a key

contributor to the Army’s network modernization progress during his previous assignment as Director of System of Systems Integration for the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology).

Hughes comes to PEO C3T with broad experience, having spent much of his career with the organization as a product and program manager. During Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, Hughes served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations for PEO C3T.

“It really is a homecoming for me,” Hughes said. “PEO C3T has a well-deserved reputation for getting the job done. With the foundation laid by MG Price and her predecessors, and our talented, dedicated staff, I am confident the PEO will continue its track record of excellence.”

R2C readiness for Soldiers, civilians

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What is resilient? The mental, physical, emotional and behavioral ability to face and cope with adversity, adapt to change, recover, learn and grow from setbacks.”

“Readiness is tied into resilience,” he said. Ervin said the Army’s R2C will make resilience training a key part of all professional military education. It will promote healthy lifestyles that are based on the triad of physical fitness, nutrition and sleep, and it will improve methods to help leaders understand high-risk behaviors that could lead to suicide. Finally, the campaign will strive to eliminate stigma that might keep Soldiers from seeking treatment for post-traumatic stress or brain injuries.

Another goal, he said, is to bring in key Army programs to reduce or eliminate sexual harassment and sexual assault, bullying and hazing, substance abuse, and domestic violence. “We want to make our Warriors stronger through resilience,” Ervin said. “It gives you standards and training that make you career ready. As leaders, we must make an effort to teach our Soldiers that it’s okay to reach out for help; this effort has to be a career-long process.” Ultimately, the R2C will seek to institutionalize education to promote resil-

ience and build it into professional military instruction at various levels of a Soldier’s career. It is important that civilians be included in this effort to obtain and then maintain a state of resilience, Ervin added.

“We are all one team. Our Families and civilians face challenges and stresses similar to those faced by Soldiers. Their sacrifices and their continued support to Soldiers demonstrates their remarkable strength and resilience, but the stress of more than a decade of combat has taken its toll on all of us and is a reminder that our national security comes at a cost shared by the Total Army.

Likewise, our civilians play a crucial role in supporting Soldiers and Families. When they are affected by setbacks, the Army as an institution suffers. Resilience is required across the Total Army in order for Soldiers to remain ready to perform their missions both on and off the battlefield.”

The end state for the campaign is achieved when the Army’s culture has embraced resilience as part of its profession and as a key and critical component to readiness.

For more information, visit the Army’s Ready and Resilient website at www.army.mil/readyandresilient/.

U.S. ARMY ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

The U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) has conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) for implementation of a Real Property Master Plan (RPMP), to respond to changing conditions at APG in compliance with Army Regulation (AR) 210-20, Real Property Master Planning for Army Installations. The RPMP is the installation commander’s plan for the orderly management and development of the real property assets of the installation, including land, facilities, and infrastructure, and documents the planning process.

A public meeting will be held to solicit comments on the EA and to identify issues or concerns to be addressed in the assessment. The Army will use the comments in preparing the final version of the EA.

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2013

[*Inclement Weather Date: Tuesday October 1, 2013]

Time: 6:30 p.m. – Informal Poster/Information Session

7:00 p.m. – Presentation

Place: Aberdeen Senior Center
7 Franklin St, Aberdeen, MD 21001

Phone: 410-273-5666

The meeting location is wheelchair accessible and an interpreter is available with 72-hours advance notice (1-800-APG-9998).

COPIES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE

Review copies of the Draft EA are available at the Edgewood and Aberdeen branches of the Harford County Public Library and the Kent County Library in Chestertown.

WRITTEN COMMENTS WELCOME

The 30-day public comment period on the proposed action extends from September 9, 2013 to October 9, 2013. Written comments postmarked by October 9, 2013 should be sent to: U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground

Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division

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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/>.

JCS WINS 2013 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

(From top, clockwise) Team JSC poses with the APG 2013 Intramural Softball Championship trophy after defeating AMSAA 9-8 to repeat as post champs in the APG competitive division Aug. 29.

Team WHAM (ECBC) members boost their momentum in a quick huddle as PHC team members take the field behind them in Edgewood Aug. 28. WHAM won the Edgewood competitive division 7-6 but had to forfeit its chance to win it all after failing to field a team to face JSC the next day.

AMSAA and JSC players congratulate each other after a tough game that saw JSC triumph once again as post champions Aug. 29.

Ashley Usilton of ATSS adds a single to left field during the first game of the teams' double-header versus AMSAA Aug. 27.

View more photos of the intramural softball postseason tournament on the APG Flickr site at www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/.



Photos by Yvonne Johnson



RSO HOSTS BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR

(Left photo, from left) Christian Rucker, 10, plays a hammer strength game while his father, Carlton Rucker, CECOM civilian, watches during the annual Back-to-School Fair hosted by the Religious Support Office Sept. 8 at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel. The fair featured food, fun and games for the whole Family.

(Right photo) Maribella Sanchez, 6, shows off the cat face painting she received during the Back-to-School Fair Sept. 8.

Photos by Rachel Ponder



CDC addresses priority wait list questions

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tom line is that this is a service, not an entitlement, and it is provided so service members, DoD civilians and contractors around the world are available to support and defend our nation."

OPTIONS

CYSS offers alternatives to facility care on post, including Family Child Care homes on and off the installation.

The government-regulated FCC Program is provided by military family and civilian providers who work as independent contractors in their own homes. The FCC experience is preferred by some for their flexible hours, comfortable family-like setting, keeping siblings together, and activities based on real life experiences in the home and neighborhood.

And like on-post facilities, FCC homes are regularly inspected and must meet health, fire and safety requirements. FCC providers must also pass stringent background checks.

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"We'd love to have the room and staff to place all of our kids, all of the time," said Figueroa, "but the reality is that we do have limited space and personnel, and we are not going to put a child in an inappropriate environment to meet a need."

"As part of their development, children have to be able to move around in the room. At the same time, you have to have cubbies, tables, chairs, toys and

cribs—all of which take up a lot of floor space," she explained.

Another example of an inappropriate environment is mixing age groups. Figueroa said parents on the wait list have asked, "Can you not just add one more child to a room?"

"The answer is no, because the regulations are specific—if we don't meet fire code, we get shut down."

"You can't mix 2-year-olds and 5-year-olds. You can't put babies in rooms with older children."

Figueroa said equipment and toys that are suitable and safe for older children are not suitable and safe for younger children.

"Their interests and needs are different," she said. "Infants need a lot of one-on-one time, bonding with the caregiver. They need to be held, talked to, sung to. Older children are more independent; they don't want to be held. They need to move around and explore."

Figueroa said there are immediate openings for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds who are not in school at the APG North CDC. There is also no wait list for school-age children (5-year-olds needing before and after-school care) at APG South, and there are immediate openings at the APG South and North youth centers for all school-age children, first grade through high school.

"Our whole purpose here is to take care of the children of APG Families," said Figueroa. "When one slot opens, we move a child on the wait list into that slot as quickly as possible. We just ask parents to understand that any delay at all is due to regulations and policies in place to keep our young ones safe and healthy."

For more information, call Parent Central Office at (410) 278-7175/7479.