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## APG, community mark Sept. 11 anniversary



Col. Fred Hughes, G3/5/7 Operations Officer for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, speaks to children from St. Joan of Arc School as part of the 9/11 ceremony honoring local police and fire department personnel in Aberdeen.

### Community commemoration

Story and photo by DENNIS NEAL  
RDECOM

The city of Aberdeen, the St. Joan of Arc STEM school and the U.S. Army commemorated the 12th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, with a Freedom Walk and ceremony just outside the gates of Aberdeen Proving Ground. The walk started at the school at 230 S. Law St. and ended at Festival Park.

"Seeing all the children today is very motivating and encouraging," said Col. Fred Hughes, G3/5/7 Operations Officer for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. Hughes spoke to about 75 children as part of the ceremony honoring local police and fire department personnel.

"These men and women up here that wear these uniforms keep our communities safe so we should always think about that when we see them and thank them for what they [do]," Hughes told the children.

"On that day of September 11th, those firemen in New York City went into a building that was on fire and eventually fell down. And hundreds of them died," he said. "They went up those steps in that building to help people get out, fully knowing that it might fall down. That takes a lot of bravery and it takes a lot of love of country and that's what patriotism is all about."

Students sang patriotic songs, and three were selected to read essays they had written about heroes. Aberdeen Mayor Michael Bennett also spoke to the children and conducted a groundbreaking ceremony for a 9/11 Memorial to be built at Festival Park.

Hughes said an event like this is important.

"It allows us to get the children thinking about what September 11th is and the greater principles of being good citizens and supporting the freedoms and justices and liberties that we have in this country," he said. "This is a good opportunity...to kind of push what they need to be doing for service to our country going forward, specifically working on those sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics skills that we need for our country to remain vibrant and to have a strong technological base in the future to keep our Army strong and our country strong."

### So You Think You've Got Talent returns to APG

Story by YVONNE JOHNSON

Auditions are complete and the scene is being set for the talent event of the year as APG Soldiers and civilians get ready to roll out their best stuff for the "So You Think You've Got Talent" variety show set for Thursday, Sept. 26 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. Doors open 5 p.m. and the show starts 7 p.m.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS), has teamed with Morale, Welfare and Recreation to showcase APG's most talented performing artists and musicians.

BOSS will offer dinners featuring Jerk chicken, burgers, hot dogs, fries, popcorn and other

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### MD 22 Gate to remain closed weekends

STORY BY YVONNE JOHNSON

Many installation residents would like to see the MD 22/Harford Boulevard gate open at night and on weekends. The gate currently is open 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday; closed Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays.

Director of Emergency Services, Christopher Ferris, said the amount of vehicle traffic, based on a previous survey and current traffic entering and exiting the MD 715 Gate does not meet the threshold to open additional gates or lanes and is not significant enough to justify overtime hours in this fiscally constrained environment.

The first consideration, Ferris said, is that the number of available police and guards on installations has reduced over the years which mean DES has to prudently manage its human resources to meet peak commuter traffic times.

Another consideration is that the MD 715 gate is the only gate capable of handling commercial

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APG Soldiers, civilians, family members and Challenge Academy cadets serve themselves during a breakfast in the Main Post Chapel Fellowship Hall after the 2013 Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony.

### APG remembers Patriot Day

Story and photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

The APG community marked the 12th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks during the 2013 Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony at the Main Post Chapel Sept. 11.

The guest speaker, APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell reminded listeners of the nearly 3,000 service members, emergency responders and private citizens "whose lives and dreams were cut short by a terrible act of terrorism" that day.

"Today is a day to honor their memory and to remember what each of their lives meant to their families, their friends and their communities," Ferrell said.

He praised the heroes of 9/11 as well as the thousands of service men and women who have served the nation since then, adding, "Every one of them [is] a volunteer."

Ferrell reminded listeners of the thousands in harm's way, serving the nation on point in Afghanistan and other hot spots.

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## National Suicide Prevention Month observed worldwide

By VALECIA L. DUNBAR  
Army Medicine Public Affairs

September is Suicide Prevention Month and the Department of the Army joined the nation and the world in observing National Suicide Prevention Week, Sept. 8-14, in the U.S. and the World Health Organization's World Suicide Prevention Day, Sept. 10, as part of efforts to promote awareness

about suicide and empower individuals and communities to intervene and save lives by understanding the risk factors, warning signs, and protective measures, and to take appropriate intervention actions when needed.

The Army's leadership role in the fight to prevent suicide is to increase awareness of the Army's suicide prevention resources,

and continued efforts to educate, empower, and equip Soldiers, families and DA civilians to seek help for life stressors and intervene to aid others who display at-risk behaviors.

The end state is a more informed and resilient Army Family.

"We call on each of you to act, know your Soldier, and know the existing pre-

vention resources," said Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, Army surgeon general and commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command. "These tools are key to self care and sustainment of our Army Family."

In March 2009, in response to a growing number of Army suicides, the vice chief of

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# STREET TALK

## Why is suicide prevention awareness training important?

“Suicide prevention awareness is emphasized at all levels in the Army and that encourages Soldiers to seek help if they need it. The Army has many resources to build strong individuals and strong Families. Military OneSource ([www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil)) is a good resource that helps Soldiers and Families cope with the challenges of military life.



**Spc. Sean McCarthy**  
203rd MI Battalion

“Having training reduces the stigma of seeking help. I wish that suicide prevention awareness was emphasized when I was in the Army. When I served as a senior non-commissioned officer, I witnessed many young Soldiers that struggled with the military lifestyle and were depressed. I also noticed that it was frowned upon to get help if you were a leader in the Army.



**Randolph Eastmond**  
Military retiree

“People need to be aware of the warning signs of suicide and the symptoms of depression. Everyone should take suicide prevention awareness training. If you become aware of someone that needs help, you need to know what to do and what to say to guide them toward seeking help.



**Joy Cox**  
Military spouse

“The Army has a high rate of suicide and we need to do everything we can to prevent more suicides from happening. Losing a loved one to suicide is very painful. We need to support our chapels, because they provide spiritual care and emotional support for our Soldiers.



**Marian Frankenhauser**  
Gold Star Wife

# National Hispanic Heritage Month

The strength and success of both our Aberdeen Proving Ground Team and our armed forces is built by bringing together the talents and abilities of those from every part of this diverse nation.

Each year, from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, we commemorate National Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the tremendous historical and cultural contributions of Hispanic Americans. The unique commemorative period, stretching across both September and October, coincides with a wide range of independence celebrations for many Latin American countries.

The theme for this year's 2013 commemoration is "Hispanics: Serving and Leading Our Nation with Honor." All across the Army community we can take great pride in the extraordinary courage and dedication demonstrated by Hispanic Americans who serve in our Army Profession.

Today, the ranks of Army senior leaders include the Honorable Dr. Joseph Westphal, Under Secretary of the Army, who was born in Santiago, Chile and who immigrated to our country at the age of six.

In addition, our Army's Assistant Secretary for Financial Management and Comptroller is the Honorable Dr. Mary Sally Matiella, whose grandmother was born in Mexico. Dr. Matiella is responsible for the formulation of our Army Budget - during one of the most challenging fiscal environments in the history of our service. We were proud to host both Dr. Westphal and Dr. Matiella here at APG earlier this year.

Moreover, throughout our history, 44 Hispanic Americans have been awarded the Medal of Honor to include Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Petry, an Army Ranger who received the MOH in 2011 for exceptional heroism during a fire-fight in the Paktiya Province of Afghanistan. Although wounded and maneuvering under intense automatic weapons fire, Petry unhesitatingly picked up an enemy grenade that had landed only a few feet from his position and threw it away in order to save the lives of his fellow Rangers. As he released the grenade, it detonated, amputating his right-hand. Despite the severity of his injury, Petry applied a tourniquet to his own arm and continued to coordinate support for himself and his fellow Rangers. Sgt 1st Class Petry's actions are an inspiration and they truly exemplify the highest traditions of military service.

Here at Aberdeen Proving Ground, we are also blessed to have so many Hispanic American Team Members and leaders who help us accomplish our demanding missions. David Jimenez is the Director of ATEC's U.S. Army Evaluation Center (AEC) and is responsible for the evaluation of mission critical Army and Joint weapons systems. Maria Esparraguera is the Chief Counsel for the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) and leads a staff of more than 50 attorneys. She is the final legal authority for a global command of nearly 8,000 Soldiers



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**Hispanic-Americans have made – and are making – to our Army, our communities and our Nation.**

and Civilians.

Other dedicated Team APG Hispanic-Americans include Col. Orlando Ortiz, who is a Director of the AEC's Intelligence Division and is also APG's former Garrison Commander; along with Liz Miranda, who is the director of CECOM's G8 Division, responsible for the execution of CECOM's budget and fiscal requirements.

I am also very proud that each year, many Hispanic American APG Team members and professionals all around our Army, are recognized for their stellar service and accomplishments by organizations like Great Minds in STEM, a non-profit which is the gateway for Hispanics in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

These are just a few of the Hispanic American Soldiers and civilians who are leading our installation and force now and into the future. Today, Hispanic Americans make up more than 12 percent of our Army and there are over 1.2 million Hispanic American military veterans across our country. As our nation becomes even more diverse in the coming years, it will remain vital that we recruit, retain and develop an Army Profession that is fully representative of all our citizens. As a result, I encourage everyone to take time in the coming month to recognize the unique contributions Hispanic Americans have made – and are making – to our Army, our communities and our nation.

APG will host a Hispanic Heritage Month Ceremony, Sept. 19, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Myer Auditorium. There will be cultural displays, food-tasting and our guest speaker will be Lawrence Romo, Director of the Selective Service System.

To our Hispanic American Teammates and to everyone at APG – thanks once again for all you do for our Army!

### Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell

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

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# Army swears in first woman as JAG

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ARNEWS

For the first time in the 236-year-old history of the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, or JAG, a woman has been selected as the service's top lawyer. She will lead the nearly 2,000 full-time judge advocates and civilian attorneys who provide legal services to the Army.

In a Sept. 4 ceremony at the Pentagon, Brig. Gen. Flora D. Darpino's shoulder boards were switched out from those of a one-star brigadier general to those of a three-star lieutenant general. Her husband, mother and two daughters did the honors. Moments later, she raised her right hand and was sworn in as the 39th Army Judge Advocate General by Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno.

Odierno opened the ceremony by telling the standing-room-only audience that he's known Darpino for 12 years and that she served as his staff judge advocate in the 4th Infantry Division.

"It was during that time I got to understand who Flora Darpino is," Odierno said. "She is a brilliant, dedicated, tough judge advocate general who understands the law, understands how to support commanders, [and] understands how to use her responsibility in interpreting the law to ensure we can do our job in the right way ... that's all you can ever ask of your judge advocate general. She has incredible judgment, she gives incredible advice and she will do it at the right time, so I'm very pleased."

After the promotion and swearing in, Darpino thanked the senior leadership, peers, warrant officers and noncommissioned officers who guided her through



**Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno administers the oath of office to newly promoted Lt. Gen. Flora D. Darpino who became the Army's first woman to serve as Judge Advocate General of the Army. Darpino was promoted and administered the oath during a Sept. 4 ceremony at the Pentagon.**

the Army and made her a better Soldier.

"When I came into the Army and throughout all that time, there's been demonstrated commitment that if I worked hard, and I gave it my very, very best, no opportunity would be withheld from me," the 26-year veteran said. "That's been a commitment of my

Army ... an incredible institution. We are brothers and sisters. And, instead of your peers wanting to tear you down in a competitive meritocracy, they have continued to make me better and help me on my path; so thank you my buddies."

The Army JAG Corps was founded by George Washington, July 29, 1775.

The corps was initially composed of Army officers who were lawyers and could provide legal services to the Army at all levels of command. Today, the corps consists of judge advocates, legal administrators, paralegal noncommissioned officers, along with junior enlisted personnel and civilian employees.

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# Resources for PCSing service members



by **CONNER HAMMETT**

*Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs*

To men and women serving in the U.S. military, a permanent change of station (PCS) can be costly and stressful. On average, service members PCSing spend \$1,725 on non-reimbursable expenses.

However, the Army & Air Force

Exchange Service is making the transition more affordable for those who protect American freedoms at home and abroad.

The Exchange's "PCS Headquarters" website, located at [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com), features several resources to help Soldiers and Airmen make a move as stress-free as possible.

The site's Get Connected function gives families a preview of local TV, Internet and telephone services available at their new installations.

PCS Headquarters also connects families with Military OneSource, a place to find resources including childcare, personal finance, emotional support during deployments and relocation services.

In addition, Military Homefront's "Plan My Move" <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving>

provides families with information on entitlements and benefits, checklists and planning tools, as well as information on employment and education.

As an added bonus, PCS Headquarters offers downloadable, region-specific coupon books including discounts such as \$50 off furniture purchases of at least \$500 and \$100 off any LED, LCD or plasma television valued at \$1,000 or more. Other discounts on home appliances, housewares and other essentials are also included.

"Every military family knows how stressful PCSing can be," said the Exchange's Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Tony Pearson. "This is why the Exchange offers this 'one-stop shop' to ensure families have as smooth of a move as possible. Serv-

ing those who serve is what we are all about."

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# Iron Man Stars in Fifteenth Free Exchange-Exclusive Marvel Comic Book

By **CONNER HAMMETT**

*Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs*

Iron Man, the world-famous Armored Avenger, joins the U.S. Military to defend America from the dastardly dragon Fin Fang Foom in Marvel Comics' fifteenth free, military-exclusive comic book <http://www.flickr.com/photos/aafes-pa/9725216619/sizes/o/in/photostream/>, available only at Army & Air Force Exchange Service locations worldwide.

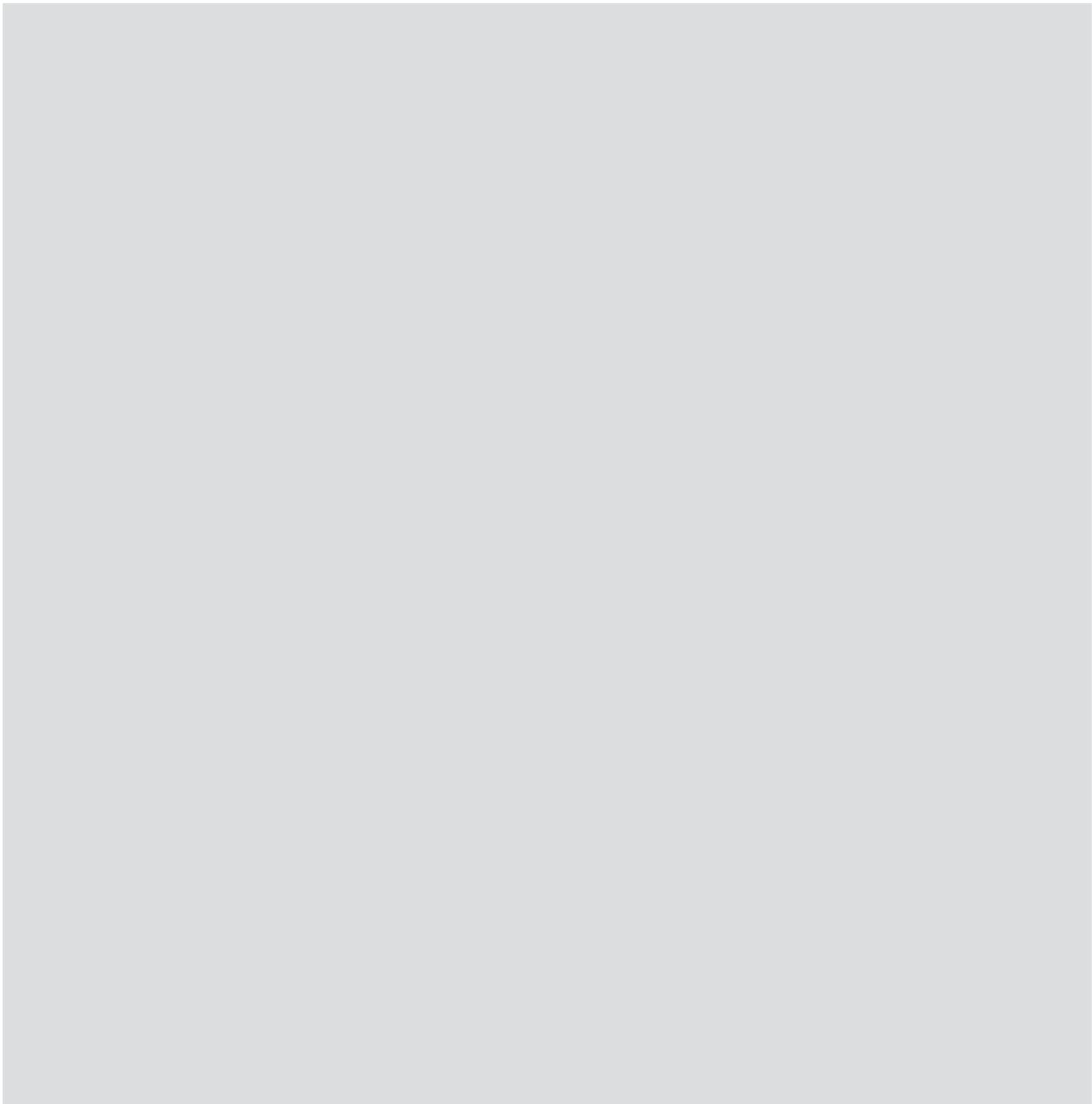
In the all-new 36-page comic, an evil energy conglomerate awakens the ancient beast while illegally drilling in the Alaskan ocean. When the enraged creature makes its way to Seattle to wreak havoc on the citizenry, it's up to Iron Man, the U.S. military and Tony Stark's allies Pepper Potts and Col. James Rhodes – also known as Iron Patriot – to stop the monster's path of destruction.

The issue, created by the team of writer William Harms, penciler Tom Grummett, inker Cory Hamscher, colorist Chris Sotomayor, letterer Joe Sabino and cov-

er artist Adi Granov, will be the first Iron Man title in the series, which began in 2005. One million comics will be distributed to Exchanges worldwide.

"We are excited to bring the fifteenth military-exclusive Marvel comic book to service members and military families worldwide," said the Exchange's Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Tony Pearson. "It's hard to believe this partnership started eight years ago, but if the reception to the prior comics is any indication, we should have another winner with this latest, action-packed publication."

"A 100-foot tall, rampaging dragon! Not one but two armored heroes! This one has it all!" said Marvel Custom Solutions Editor Bill Rosemann. "Everyone here at Marvel truly appreciates the men and women of the U.S. military, so we pulled out all the stops to top ourselves and deliver an action-packed adventure starring the world's most popular movie star! Who will win the Battle for Seattle? Stop into your local Exchange and find out!"



# First Lego League team now forming

Story and photos by  
**RACHEL PONDER**

Back to school means new learning opportunities. Children ages 9 to 14 who are interested in robotics can join the APG South (Edgewood) youth center's FIRST Lego League team, the Eagle Botz.

The FIRST Lego League (FLL) is an international science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM program. FLL teams build robots using Legos and use a basic computer program called Lego Mindstorm, to control the robot. For upcoming competitions, the team will build an autonomous robot to score points on a thematic playing surface.

In addition to building robots with Legos, FLL teams are challenged to use their creativity to design a solution, modify an existing solution, or solve a real-world problem. The 2013 challenge is called Nature's Furry. Teams are asked to study a natural disaster and find ways to prepare, stay safe and rebuild. These challenges teach children about real-world problems.

Eagle Botz Coach Chad Devorak is a parent volunteer and an engineer technician with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. Devorak said children who participate in FLL learn valuable lessons and skills while having fun.

"I like volunteering with FIRST Lego League because children are so creative, they see endless possibilities," Devorak said. "FIRST Lego League shows children that math is not just a subject you learn in school, it is something you use in real life.

Hopefully their involvement in FLL will spark an interest in the STEM subjects."

Devorak added that during local competitions teams are judged on their robot, their project, and how well the team demonstrates the FLL Core Values, which emphasize professionalism, respect and teamwork. The children also learn public speaking skills by making presentations.

Devorak said FLL encourages children to solve problems through brainstorming and trial and error. Those who wish to join FLL should have a desire to learn and want to contribute to the success of the team.

"I think this is a fabulous program," said Susan Byers, who has two sons, Henry 13, and John, 10, on the team this year.

"They have always loved Legos and have picked up on building the robots so fast. I think this program will definitely benefit them."

There is no cost for children to join the club. The Eagle Botz team is sponsored by ECBC, Child, Youth and School Services, the APG South Parent Advisory Committee, and through a National Defense Education Program grant. Last year, SAIC donated the Lego kits.

Devorak said the team plans to take several field trips, including visiting a meteorologist. Parents are welcome to participate with their children during meetings, and more volunteers are needed. Children who wish to participate in Eagle Botz are required to be registered with CYSS. For more information contact the APG South youth center at 410-436-2862/2890.

(Right photo-from left) Rodney Williams and Kayleigh Devorak work together to create a robot during a FIRST Lego League Eagle Botz team meeting. In FLL, children are taught the FLL Core Values which emphasize the importance of teamwork and respect.



(Left photo) Henry Byers, 13, assembles a robot using Legos during a FIRST Lego League Eagle Botz meeting at the APG South (Edgewood) youth center Sept. 10. The Eagle Botz team will compete in several local competitions this year.



## 2nd Annual APG Oktoberfest: "All Are Willkommen!"

The sights, sounds and smells of Germany return to APG soon as the 2nd Annual APG Oktoberfest kicks off at 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 11. The 3-day event continues all day Saturday, Oct. 12 and from noon to 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 13.

German dancers in traditional costumes, Oompah bands playing fest music and the smell of Bratwurst and sauerkraut will

make you think you're back in Bavaria. German entertainment includes the Enzian Volkstanz Gruppe Dancers and the Die Immergruten Musikanten (Band).

Inflatable rides and attractions in the Kidz Corner will offer plenty of fun for kids to enjoy throughout the Oktoberfest. For teenagers, numerous fun and engaging activities will be held all weekend at

the Teen Zone, to include performances by local high schools and a video game booth.

Special events include a Volksmarch to be held 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 and a Community Marketplace or Marktplatze with local vendors selling trinkets and other wares Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Roving accordion players, puppet shows, jugglers, stilt walkers and more will add to the festival atmosphere. And each evening will feature 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. The ceremonies start 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

On Saturday, the Cab Calloway Jivers Jazz Band will headline the night's entertainment at 8:30 pm. The night will end with a bang following their performance, as fireworks light up the night sky at 9:30 pm.

Come out and toast the camaraderie between the installation and local communities.

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

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## 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 Adover, 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.

### SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS MEETING

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post September 2013 meeting will be at the Wetlands Golf Club in Aberdeen at 11:30 a.m. This month's featured speakers are John Wrobel and Devon Rust from the APG Directorate of Public Works. Their presentation is titled, "APG-Net Zero Water Program."

Register online at [www.same.org](http://www.same.org), [chesapeake.org](http://www.chesapeake.org) or for more information call 410-638-9699.

## 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](mailto: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 Coun-

ty (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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
For more information, 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](http://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. The guest speaker is Mary Woods of DPEO C3T. RSVP at <http://www.widmidatlantic.org/Events.html>. Cost is \$20.

## SATURDAY

### SEPTEMBER 28 9TH ANNUAL "SUPPORT OUR HEROES" GALA

Tickets are 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.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, visit [www.chesapeakeheroes.com](http://www.chesapeakeheroes.com)

## INSIDE YARD SALE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Mt. Royal Ave., Aberdeen, is holding an inside yard sale in their Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Proceeds will benefit St. Paul's Outreach Ministry Operation Christmas Child. 10 x 10 ft spaces are available for rent. Contact St. Paul's (Eva) @ 410-272-3111 to register or for more information.

## 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>

## THURSDAY

### OCTOBER 17 HALLOWEEN BLOOD DRIVE

Give the treat of live this Halloween. Follow the blood drop signs to the ASBP Blood Drive at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Armed Services Blood Program can provide blood and blood products to injured service members, a child undergoing cancer treatments or a Family member in need of heart surgery. There always is a need for this priceless gift. Donors can register online at <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/Donors/> or walk-in 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Sgt. Eric Jimenez, U.S. Army Public Health Command, at [eric.jimenez3@us.army.mil](mailto:eric.jimenez3@us.army.mil) or call 410-417-0149.

## 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](mailto: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, N.J. 07702; call 732-778-4005 or e-mail [kitroache@verizon.net](mailto:kitroache@verizon.net)

## WEDNESDAY

### NOVEMBER 13 APG RESOURCE SHOWCASE

## DAY

APG has something for everyone. Join us on 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center to view programs at APG and in the local community that are available to service members, veterans, and Family members. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

### 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. Call Kathy Thisse, 410-436-8789 or Scott English, 410-436-9804 for more information.

### 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 their 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.

### SUMMER NIGHTS UNDER THE LIGHTS

Hop a ride on the CYSS bus and catch Friday Night O's home games, all summer long.

The bus departs the APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center at 5 p.m.; bus departs APG South (Edgewood) Youth Center at 5:30 p.m. Return times will vary.

CYSS members ages 9-18 are eligible to participate. Cost is \$28/game. Must be registered by COB Tuesday preceding each game date (3 DAYS PRIOR TO EACH GAME). For more information, contact Conor Joyce, [conor.j.joyce.naf@mail.mil](mailto:conor.j.joyce.naf@mail.mil) or call 410-278-1399.

### 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.

### 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.

### DARTMOUTH COLLEGE RESEARCH STUDY

Geisel College of Medicine at Dartmouth is sponsoring a research study for post-deployment veterans. If you are a recent veteran experiencing difficulty adjusting to life post-deployment and need help accessing or deciding whether to seek mental health treatment, please call Meissa at Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth at 603-448-0263 ext. 135. You will be asked questions as a way to screen potential subjects for a DOD-funded research study. Everything is done by phone and is completely confidential. Eligible Veterans will receive compensation for their time.



## Capt. Richard Mozeleski

HHC Garrison Company Commander

As company commander of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, APG Garrison, Capt. Richard Mozeleski wears two hats. First, he is responsible for the Soldiers of the HHC Garrison. This includes normal company commander duties from Physical Training to overseeing UCJM actions. Secondly he is tasked to take the lead for many Garrison and installation events – like the upcoming Oktoberfest celebration set for Oct. 11-13 - from planning to execution. This makes for many long days, lots of meetings and lots of coordination with Garrison-supported organizations. Mozeleski, who has held the

position since June, says he is up to the task.

"The best part about this job is that I can come in every morning and expect something new. There's something different going on every day," Mozeleski said. He added that he relies on the assistance of his able right hand, 1st Sgt. Paula Adams.

A native Philadelphian, Mozeleski enjoys watching sports in his spare time. He is a huge Eagles fan and a Phillies season ticket holder.

To inquire about events or for more information, call 410-278-3000 or e-mail [richard.d.mozeleski2.mil@mail.mil](mailto:richard.d.mozeleski2.mil@mail.mil).



### MORE ONLINE

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

# APG Veterinary clinic expands hours

Story and photo by  
**RACHEL PONDER**

The APG veterinary treatment facility is now open on Fridays for patrons to purchase over-the-counter medicine, ask questions and to schedule appointments from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The clinic is open for appointments Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cats and dogs owned by Soldiers, retirees and their Families and Reservists or National Guard on Active Duty 30 days or more are eligible to receive care at this facility. The clinic's services include vaccines, microchipping, health certificates and minor sick call. Some services are not offered at the clinic, to include surgery, radiology, dental work and emergency care.

The VTF's Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Sgt. Jessica Kendall, said the staff is committed to providing the best service possible for their patients. She noted that pets can help improve a person's emotional and physical well-being. For instance, medical studies have shown that having a pet can lower a person's blood pressure and reduce stress.

"Pets are a big part of our lives," Kendall said. "They are our furry family members."

Besides being conveniently located on post, the clinic's prices for vaccinations and other services are often cheaper than off-post facilities.

"Being able to use the vet clinic is a benefit, like using the commissary," said Dr. Carol Bossone, the clinic's veterinarian. "For instance, we only charge \$25 to microchip a pet which includes registration with the company. Off-post, that service can cost \$65 or more."

Kendall said it is the responsibility of APG residents to follow the regulations regarding pet ownership. For instance, owners with cats or dogs that are older



**Veterinarian Dr. Carol Bossone gives a pet an annual check-up at the Veterinary Treatment Facility.**

than 90 days must provide immunization records to the VTF within 10 days of arrival or acquisition, and residents may own no more than two dogs or cats, in any combination per household.

The VTF uses the Home Again microchipping system. Microchipping is mandatory for all pets living on APG and includes the initial registration of the microchip. After the chip has been implanted it is the responsibility of the owner to update the information with the Microchip database. This can be done with a simple telephone call to the company or by visiting the company's website; updates to the information are free of charge.

In addition to microchipping, pets liv-

ing on the installation must have an annual checkup and stay current with all shots. Rabies vaccinations must be updated every three years and pets must wear a current APG rabies tag at all times.

In addition to required vaccinations, certain vaccines are recommended but not required. For instance, there have been recent reports of canine influenza in Maryland and the clinic is strongly recommending dogs receive the vaccination, especially if the animal will be around other dogs.

Kendall said that Lyme disease is also a big concern in this area, and the VTF has recently seen an increase in Lyme disease positive patients.

"We recommend that pets receive the Lyme disease vaccination, especially if the pet spends significant time outside or in wooded areas," Kendall said.

She said due to feedback from pet owners, the VTF now carries Advantix to help repel and kill disease-carrying fleas, ticks, mosquitoes and lice. The clinic also prescribes heartworm medicine.

Kendall added that it is against the law in Maryland for pets to be left unattended in vehicles, for any period of time. People who violate the law can receive a fine.

"This law helps protect pets," she said. "Cars can get hot quickly, even on cooler days."

On APG it is also against post regulations to leave a pet unattended outside, even if the owner has a fenced in yard. Cats and dogs must be kept under control at all times and kept on a leash when outside. Pets are not permitted in any post recreation areas, including playgrounds, at any time.

"APG has a large wild animal population that can harm or even kill dogs and cats," Bossone said. "These regulations were created to keep pets safe."

Kendall added that all animal bites or scratch incidents to humans should be reported to the nearest medical facility, the police and the VTF. The offending animal will be subject to a physical examination, quarantine and possible expulsion from post, depending on the severity of the case.

For questions about on-post pet regulations, residents should contact Corvias Military Living at 410-305-1076 or obtain a copy of the Picernie Resident Responsibility Guide for the full list of regulations.

For more information on services or to make an appointment, call 410-278-4604. The clinic is located on APG North across the street from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic at Bldg. 2479 on Oakington Street.

## Healthy Living

[www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/](http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/) click on Well Being

### What men should know about prostate screening

Story by **WAYNE COMBS, PH.D.**

Community Health Nurse

U.S. Army Public Health Command

Did you know that the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force does not recommend prostate cancer screening for all men? If you don't know the latest information about prostate cancer screening, you are not alone. Many men don't. This article will help you understand more about the latest information on prostate cancer screening and help you discuss this issue with your healthcare provider.

#### **What are the latest recommendations for prostate cancer screening?**

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is currently no scientific agreement on the best ways to prevent prostate cancer and not enough supporting evidence to recommend screening in all men. The USPSTF has concluded that the current medical evidence is insufficient to compare the benefits and harms of prostate cancer screening in men younger than age 75 years. The USPSTF also recommends against screening for prostate cancer in men age 75 years or older.

#### **What is prostate cancer?**

Prostate cancer is made up of cells that do not grow normally. The cells divide and create new cells that the body does not need, forming a mass of tissue called a tumor. These abnormal cells can sometimes spread to other parts of the body, multiply and cause death.

#### **What causes prostate cancer?**

As with many types of cancers, medical experts do not know what causes prostate cancer. They are studying several possible causes.

#### **Who is at increased risk for prostate cancer?**

While all men are at risk for prostate cancer, some factors increase risk:

- Family history. Men with a father or brother who has had prostate cancer are at greater risk for developing it themselves.

- Race. Prostate cancer is more common in some racial and ethnic groups than in others, but medical experts do not know why. Prostate cancer is more common in African-American men than in white men. And, African-American men with prostate cancer are more likely to

die from the disease than white men. It is less common in Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander and Native American men than in white men.

- Age. The prevalence of prostate cancer increases rapidly after age 40.

#### **Can prostate cancer be prevented?**

Medical experts do not know how to prevent prostate cancer. But they are studying many factors. They do know that not smoking, maintaining a healthy diet, staying physically active and seeing your doctor regularly contribute to overall good health.

#### **What does "screening" mean?**

Screening means looking for signs of disease in people who have no symptoms. Screening for prostate cancer means looking for early-stage disease. The main screening tools for prostate cancer are the digital rectal examination and the prostate specific antigen blood test. However, the DRE and PSA test cannot tell if you have cancer; they can only suggest the need for further tests. Many factors such as age, race, certain medical procedures, an enlarged prostate or a prostate infection can affect PSA levels.

Because of the uncertainty about prostate cancer screening, the CDC recommends that men discuss prostate screening with their healthcare provider. Every man needs balanced information about prostate cancer to help him make an informed decision about screening.

For more information on prostate cancer, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

[http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/informed\\_decision\\_making.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/informed_decision_making.htm)

<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/pdf/prosguide.pdf>

*The U.S. Army Public Health Command focuses on promoting health and preventing disease, injury and disability in Soldiers and military retirees, their families, and Army civilian employees. As well, the USAPHC is responsible for effective execution of full-spectrum veterinary services throughout the DOD. The USAPHC was created from the merger of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the U.S. Army Veterinary Command.*

#### CORRECTION

In the Sept. 12 issue of the APG News, Harford County Executive David Craig and Aberdeen Mayor Michael Bennett were incorrectly identified as Roger Craig and Michael Brown respectively. The APG News regrets the error.

# DCGS-A partners with industry to talk innovation, future of Army Intelligence and support to Soldiers

Story by **JESS SMITH**  
PM DCGS-A PAO

The Distributed Common Ground System – Army (DCGS-A) support to the Army Intelligence Corps relies on strong industry partnerships, their ingenuity and dedication to Soldiers.

Representatives from small and large businesses from across the country gathered together at Aberdeen Proving Ground on Aug. 29, to align efforts with the DCGS-A team to discuss technology integration opportunities.

The DCGS-A Innovation Showcase started with an overview of the future of Army Intelligence, DCGS-A program's schedule, technology focus areas and discussion of how industry can become an active member of the DCGS-A industry partner team. Discussion topics also included Army Intelligence 2020, Persistent Surveillance and the Intelligence Enterprise, and overviews of the Information and Intelligence Directorate (I2WD) and Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) laboratory efforts.

"DCGS-A is the Army Intelligence Analysts' weapon system, much like the tank is to a tank Soldier. It provides them with the linkage from space to mud – send, receive, query data, and the collaboration ability to do their job," Lt. Gen. Mary Lege-re, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2 explained. "We have responsibilities not only to the Army, DCGS-A is the intelligence foundation for Combatant Commanders who rely on our data and enterprise. Without DCGS-A, we can't provide the full battle-field picture to operational commanders to make critical decisions. Our industry team makes that intelligence fusion possible."

More than 500 people attended the Innovation Showcase which also featured



Photo courtesy dcgsa.apg.army.mil

approximately 50 industry displays during the afternoon technology exhibition. This venue offered industry an opportunity to lay out new and emerging technology that may be the right fit to align with the DCGS-A technology.

"Our industry partners have contributed directly to our ability to provide the best intelligence to our Soldiers. This Innovation Showcase gives us an opportunity to see firsthand some of the new technology, capabilities and solutions industry has to offer. We get a chance to interact with industry teams who are already contributing to our mission and with those who bring some new 'out of the box' technology that could make our program even stronger," said Col. Charles Wells, DCGS-A project manager.

The conversations and networking between industry and the DCGS-A government team is crucial to the agile product development model aligning within the acquisition strategy. The government team has already partnered with many commercial companies from Silicon Valley, [and] small and large businesses across the country. The DCGS-A team is continually looking for new, innovative technology capabilities to continue enhancing the DCGS-A program.

Some specific technology focus areas discussed included Ease of Use, Streamlined Workflow Based on Analytical Processes, Training (Computer-Based, Embedded), Actionable Intelligence to the Edge and Knowledge Management.

"We are always searching for innova-

tive technology to support our Soldiers. We meet with users, gather their insight, understand their critical requirements and collect feedback about the program then we tailor our requirements and focus to meet their needs," Col. Edward F. Riehle, Director for TRADOC Capability Manager – Sensor Processing said.

Industry involvement in the Innovation Showcase highlighted opportunities where companies with new, innovative ideas submitted a white paper; participated in previous Innovation Showcase events and then started working in the lab to test out their ability to support the mission.

For more information and to obtain a copy of the briefings go to <http://dcgsa.apg.army.mil> and <https://www.facebook.com/dcgsa>.

# Commander praises Army, APG workforce

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He said that Patriot Day was a day to take pride in the great relationship Team APG has with surrounding communities, including veterans groups, teachers and educators and local law enforcement, firefighters and emergency responders.

"We simply could not ask for a more supportive community than the one we have right here in this region," he said. "Thank you for all the hard work you do for Team APG, for this community and for our nation."

"I would also like to remind everyone that we still have more than 100,000 service members and civilians deployed to Afghanistan and in harm's

way across the globe," he added. "I ask that you keep them and their Families in your thoughts and prayers. God speed. Army Strong. And never forget."

The program included music by the U.S. Army Field Band quartet from Fort Meade and prayers by Installation Chaplain (Lt. Col) Jerry Owens and CECOM Chaplain (Maj.) Young Kim. A breakfast in the chapel Fellowship Hall followed the ceremony. Some attendees remarked about what Patriot Day means to them.

Roxanne Conley, a program manager with the Garrison's Equal Employment Opportunity Office said she lost an uncle, who was a captain in the New York City Fire Department when the

World Trade Center towers collapsed. She said she was working for NATO in the Czech Republic at the time. Her son called her from his school after administrators called in the American students to show them what was happening in New York and Washington, D.C.

"We called home but nobody knew where anybody was," Conley said. "We didn't know anything for five days."

"It's important that we take time to remember that day," she added. "Because it's been so long [ago] we tend to forget and take so much for granted."

Spc. Christopher Collins, an RDECOM chaplain's assistant, said he'll never forget 9/11. An 18-year-old high

school senior at the time, Collins said he was struck by the sight of people jumping from the burning twin towers. A strange quietness settled over his school that day, Collins said.

"It was a strange feeling. No one had hit us since Pearl Harbor so my generation hadn't experienced real patriotism, so it was shocking," he said.

Though he didn't join the Army until age 25, Collins said he felt he was carrying on the tradition of his father and grandfather who also served.

"Today, when I think about 9/11 I think about my combat unit in Afghanistan. We all know each other and we all take the time to remember those who fell in Afghanistan. We never forget."

# Family talent show free and open to public

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refreshments during the show.

"We're very excited to be a part of this event," said BOSS President SGT. Eric Jimenez of the U.S. Army Public Health Command. "This is a group effort with MWR," he added noting that proceeds will pay for food purchases and go to future BOSS programs.

The audience can expect a wide variety of special performances, according to Earlene Allen, MWR special events coordinator.

Allen said a host of new talent along with some returning performers will combine to make it a night to remember.

"It takes a lot of nerve to get up and lay it on the line in front of your fellow Sol-

diers or co-workers," Allen said, "so come out, give them some support and show your pride. This will be a great Family event."

## Awards

A three-judge format will be used for the event. In addition, the audience can vote for the winner of the People's Choice Award. Active duty military and civilian categories will be awarded: 1st Place: \$300, 2nd Place: \$200, 3rd Place: \$100. The People's Choice Award is an 8.9-inch Kindle Fire and the final military award is the "Most Talented Unit" streamer.

For more information, stop by the Leisure Travel Office, Bldg. 3326, call 410-278-4011/4907 or visit the APG Morale, Welfare and Recreation website at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

## Rachel Acevedo

One returning performer is vocalist Rachel Acevedo, a human resources assistant with the Civilian Human Resources Agency. Acevedo has performed in several APG productions and in local churches in the three years she's been at APG. A songwriter as well, she is working on a contemporary Christian CD due to be released in October.

"This is a big step for me," Acevedo said of the CD's pending debut. "I'm just trying to get out there and become known."

With a hard-working producer that she has collaborated on some songs with, Acevedo said she draws inspiration from the new Riverside Community Church which she recently joined and is helping get a

choir started.

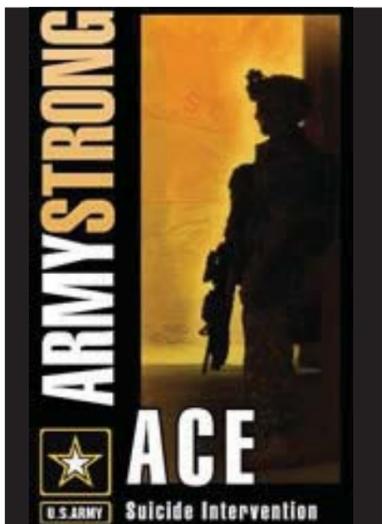
"Even though I have my own independent ministry, this is something I want to be a part of to learn and grow," she said, adding that her music is strong in meaning and geared toward the contemporary audience.

"I really want to reach today's young generation with significant words," she said.

She added that simply participating in the "So You Think You've Got Talent" contest is more important than winning it.

"My whole intention is to show my musical ministry," she said. "What's important is that I will be presenting myself to a mass of people with a positive message. "I just want to sing."

# Suicide prevention pressing issue for Army



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staff of the Army released the Army Campaign Plan for Health Promotion, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention, and chartered the Army Suicide Prevention Task Force and the Army Suicide Prevention Council. Since that time, the Army has invested tremendous effort in investigating the causes of suicide within its ranks and in implementing policies and programs whose sole purpose is to promote resilience, prevent suicides, and enhance the readiness of the force. One such program is the Performance Triad, which focuses on monitoring one's activity, nutrition and sleep as a means of fortifying Soldiers' readiness and resilience.

In 2012, the Army doubled its efforts toward reducing the stigma associated with seeking behavioral healthcare. To address the problem, the Army has instituted a multi-disciplinary, holistic approach to health promotion, risk reduction, and suicide prevention that addresses the many challenges Soldiers, families, and Army civilians face.

"From our individual Soldiers and civil-

ians to our units and families, we must be committed to investing in building enduring strength in a holistic way," said John M. McHugh, secretary of the Army.

On Sept. 27, 2012, the U.S. Army conducted phase one (awareness and education) of an Army-wide suicide prevention stand down to empower leaders, Soldiers, families and civilians. During phase one, leaders conducted discussions with Soldiers and used the Leader Risk Reduction Tool (specifically developed for this purpose), conducted community and family-oriented events, and identified local programs, and resiliency training. The resources developed and utilized during the stand down are housed on the website of the Army Human Resources Group (Army G-1). The following day, phase two (training and sustainment) of the stand down began and will continue indefinitely.

Suicide prevention continues to be one of the most pressing 'Health of the Force' issues. Army leaders are committed to maintaining a supportive environment that improves the physical, emotional, and psychological resiliency of Soldiers, Families, civilians and individual/unit readiness. With the implementation of the 2020 Army Strategy for Suicide Prevention, the Army will attempt to shift its culture by increasing the emphasis on leader involvement to protect and promote life.

"Each suicide is a tragic loss for the Army Family and America," said Horoho. "As leaders it is our responsibility to end hazing, harassment, discrimination, and any behavior that runs counter to Army values. Empower those you lead to always intervene and act to save lives."

She said that over the past several years there has been a decrease in the percentage of Soldiers with views that prevent them from seeking help. At the same time, the number of Soldiers who are using treatment programs such as behavioral health and substance abuse has steadily increased which indicates that Soldiers are overcom-

ing stigma barriers.

"It will take time to change this culture, but through actions and example, Army leaders are beginning that transformation," she said.

"Defeating suicide will take active involvement from everyone. Everyone can get involved and engage those struggling with setbacks and challenges."

For more information on the Army Suicide Prevention Program and a list of resources: <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide/default.asp>

For current and historical information on Army partnerships and program initiatives to prevent suicide, access the 2020 Army Strategy for Suicide Prevention: <http://t.co/xEYQTx0TP>

For assistance, Soldiers and Family members can contact The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255) and Military Crisis Line, 1-800-273-8255.

## Crisis Intervention/Emergency resources available to everyone

The following is a local listing of Suicide Prevention and other intervention resources on and off post. For more information, contact Army Community Service at 410-278-7572; the APG Suicide Prevention Manager, Kenneth Gesch at 410-278-7779 or e-mail [kenneth.a.gesch.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kenneth.a.gesch.civ@mail.mil); or the Military Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255.

## APG Area Suicide Response Resources

For Emergencies Dial 911  
Harford County Crisis Team, 410- 638-5248; Pager 410-588-1017

**Crisis Center**  
42 North Main Street, Suite 204, Bel Air, MD 21014

Mobile Crisis Services available  
8 a.m. - midnight (Monday-Friday)  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (weekends)

Mobile services are provided to anyone located in Harford County. The person does not have to be a resident of Harford County. The mobile crisis team may provide services where the individual is located, including the individual's home, in the community, and at emergency departments in hospitals.

## Overnight and after-hours Crisis Services (Psychiatric Screenings):

Upper Chesapeake Medical Center  
500 Upper Chesapeake Drive  
Bel Air, MD 21014

**Harford Memorial Hospital**  
501 South Union Ave  
Havre de Grace, MD 21078

**Suicide Prevention Resources**  
APG On-Call Chaplain (After Duty Hours)

(Available to active duty military, Family members, and government civilians)  
Call Staff Duty Officer at 410-306-4736 and ask for the On-Call Duty Chaplain

**Army Community Services**  
Bldg. 2503  
410-278-7572

**Army Emergency Relief**, 410-278-2508  
(Available to active duty military, retir-

ees, and Family members)  
**Family Advocacy Program**, 410-278-7572

(Available to active duty military and Family members)

**Financial Readiness**, 410-278-2450  
(Available to active duty military)

**Family Advocacy Program/Victim Advocate Program**, 410-278-7478/2435  
(Available to active duty military and Family members)

**Exceptional Family Member Program**, 410-278-2420

(Available to active duty military and Family members)

**Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program**, 410-278-2500

(Available to active duty military, Family members and government civilians)

**Chaplain**  
(Chaplain resources are available to active duty military, Family members and government civilians)

Garrison Chapel  
Bldg. 2485  
410-278-4333

**Unit Chaplains**  
Kirk US Army Health Clinic (KUSAHC)

(All KUSAHC resources available to active duty military and Family members)

**Behavioral Health**, 410-278-1715

**Army Wellness Center**, 410-306-1024

**Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP)**, 410-278-3784

(Available to active duty military, Family members and government civilians)

Bldg 2477 Chesapeake Ave  
**ASAP Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**, 410-278-5319

(Available to Family members and government civilians)

**Suicide Prevention Program**, 410-278-7779

(Information resource available to active duty military, Family members and government civilians)

**Veterans Administration (VA) Resources**

(All VA resources available to veterans)

**Veterans Crisis Line**, 1-800-273-8255, Press "1"

[VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net) (Confidential Chat) or text "838255"

**Aberdeen Vet Center Outstation**  
223 W. Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen MD 21001

410-272-6771; 877-927-8387

**Perry Point VA Medical Center**  
Perryville, MD 21902

410-642-2411

**Hotlines**  
**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**, 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

(Available to Everyone. Veterans Press "1")

**National Suicide Hotline**, 1-800-SUICIDE, 1-800-784-2433

(Available to Everyone)

**Military Once Source**, 1-800-342-9647 /

[www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil)

(Available to active duty, National Guard and Reserve, and their families)

## Some South Dakota veterans eligible for bonus

COURTESY OF SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

South Dakota is paying a bonus to members of the Armed Forces who were legal residents of the state for no less than six months immediately preceding their period of active duty and who served on active duty during one or more of the following periods.

- August 2, 1990 to March 3, 1991 – All active service counts for payment.
- March 4, 1991 to December 31, 1992 – Only service in a hostile area qualifying for the Southwest Asia Service Medal counts for payment.
- January 1, 1993 to September 10, 2001 – Only service in a hostile area qualifying for any United States campaign or service medal awarded for combat operations against hostile forces counts for payment.
- September 11, 2001 to a date to be determined – All active service counts for payment.
- Veterans with qualifying service before Dec 31, 1992 [Desert Storm] and after Jan 1, 1993 [Operation Iraqi Freedom] may receive two separate bonuses of up to \$500.00 each!

Applicants living outside of South Dakota may obtain an application by email at [john.fette@state.sd.us](mailto:john.fette@state.sd.us). Please include your branch of the military and dates of service. If you do not have email you may request an application and instructions by writing SD Veterans Bonus, 425 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5070 or by calling 605-773-7251.

Applicants living in South Dakota may apply through the nearest County or Tribal Veterans Service Officer.

# APG SNAPSHOT

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



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## CELEBRATING PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY

Devita Hampton, social services assistant with the Garrison's Army Substance Abuse Program, gives a presentation to guests during the organization's celebration of National Recovery Month in Bldg. 2477 Sept. 17. The event included a buffet luncheon, an opening prayer from Installation Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jerry Owens, presentations from ASAP Counselor Patricia Coburn and Case Manager Tonya Mason from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, and personal testimonies from members of the recovering community.

This was a small way of celebrating recoveries within our community," Hampton said. She added that the 2013 theme celebrated the three aspects of recovery: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective and People Recover. For more information about behavioral and substance abuse recovery services and resources, contact Hampton at [devita.d.hampton.civ@mail.mil](mailto:devita.d.hampton.civ@mail.mil) or call 410-278-3784.

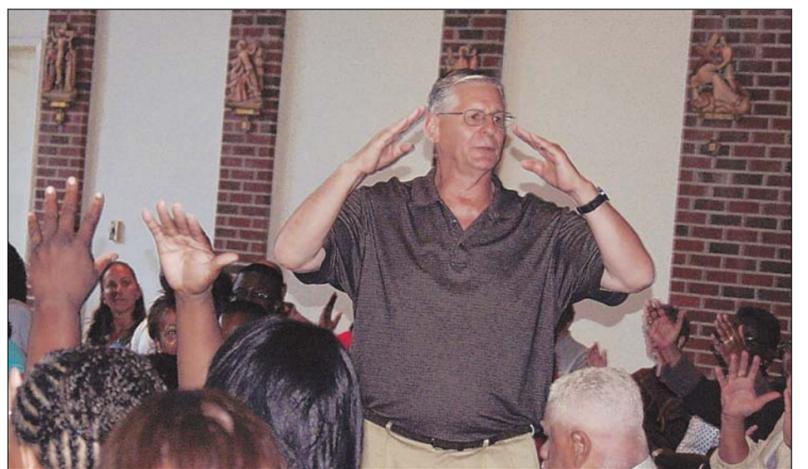


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## TEENS LEARN TO DRESS FOR SUCCESS

(Left photo, from left) APG's HIRED! Coordinator Jay McKinney watches as Maria Hernandez Lopez picks out an outfit she would wear to a job interview during the HIRED! Dress for Success for Teens training session held at the CYSS Conference Room Sept. 12. The HIRED! program offers apprenticeships and career prep enrichment workshops for teens ages 15-18.

(Right photo) Ellie Calloway looks for a professional outfit during the HIRED! Dress for Success for Teens training session held at the CYSS Conference Room Sept. 12. For more information about the HIRED! program contact Jay McKinney at [jay.a.mckinney.naf@mail.mil](mailto:jay.a.mckinney.naf@mail.mil), or call 410-278-3250.



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## TAKING A WALK THRU THE OLD TESTAMENT

(Left photo, from left) Staff Sgt. Trenise Porch from MRICD and Allison Badger, the Family member of a military retiree, use the Walk Thru the Bible hand signs memory system at the APG North (Aberdeen) main post chapel Sept. 14. Walk Thru the Bible live events are designed to teach people about the Bible in a way that is fun, interactive and easy to understand. During the day-long event more than 160 adults, teens and children learned about the Old Testament.

(Right photo) Walk Thru the Bible Instructor Peter Hook shows participants how to use the hand signs memory system at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Sept. 14. For more information about chapel events and religious education opportunities call 410-278-4333.

# APG could transition to AIE System

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vehicles, visitors and ID card holders as well. "We realize the inconvenience and we're working on a solution but it will take time," he said, noting one eventual goal is to secure the MD 715 gate so it can actually be closed and make the MD 22 gate a 24-hour gate. Traffic Division Chief Joseph Davis said the survey numbers were well below what is needed to justify putting two police officers on the gate. For example a typical 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday to Sunday, inbound vehicles numbered 268 Friday, 214 Saturday and 146 Sunday, while outbound vehicles numbered 259 Friday, 150 Saturday and 114

Sunday. Davis said more than 425 vehicles per hour would have to move through the gate to meet the requirement for an additional lane to be opened, not even an additional gate. "To keep one lane open requires two people but there's not enough traffic for one, let alone two," Davis said.

Still, according to Ferris, all is not lost. The third consideration is in fact to close MD 715 and move everything – Visitor Center and commercial vehicle inspections – to the MD 22 gate. Ferris said the idea is being considered by the garrison commander in conjunction with the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works. With the construction that will be required that option will take some time, Ferris added. Also in the discussion phase, howev-

er, is a plan to transition to the Automated Installation Entry (AIE) system, already in use at some Department of Defense sites like Fort Campbell, Ky. and Fort Gordon, Ga. In fact, five installations use the AIE which is slated to go Army wide.

The mission of the AIE is to enhance security at installation access control points by automating authentication of authorized and registered personnel entering the installation. The AIE is designed to enable adaptation of increased authentication requirements at threat levels and increase guard force effectiveness while maintaining or increasing personnel and vehicle throughput.

If the AIE becomes a reality at APG, the new system may seem an inconven-

ience at first as it will require construction to install the card readers, barrier arm gates and computer software at the access control point lanes as well as mandatory on-post vehicle registrations for all ID card holders. In addition, the AIE provides real-time vetting of credentials against authoritative databases, and its architecture is scalable to accommodate additional security features, which means it will free up police officers to do more to improve the overall security of the installation.

The AIE system is currently being briefed to the Garrison commander. Look for updates about this and other access control point issues in future editions of the *APG News*.