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APG remembers fallen leader

Maj. Gen. Harold J. Greene killed in 'Green on Blue' attack in Afghanistan

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**
RDECOM

The U.S. Army and APG community is mourning the loss of Maj. Gen. Harold J. Greene, who was killed Aug. 5 during an attack in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Greene had been serving as the deputy commanding general of the Combined Security Transition Command since January 2014.

Fellow Soldiers, colleagues and friends remembered Greene as an outstanding officer and a family man.

Dale A. Ormond, director of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, expressed his condolences in a message to the workforce.

"Many of you that knew and served with him know the impact he had on this command and its people. The loss of General Greene is certainly felt across the Army and this Enterprise," he said. "He dutifully served the people of this great nation and dedicated his time at this command making sure Soldiers came first.

"We will remember General Greene as a great Soldier, officer, and member of our family. He was a man of uncommon and exemplary professionalism, competence, and candor, in the most profound way."

Greene served as the RDECOM deputy

commanding general from May 2009 to May 2011.

Tom Faulkner, RDECOM chief of visual information, knew Greene since his arrival at the command and photographed him for his official brigadier general portrait.

"After 33 years working here at APG I've met some wonderful people, but few were cut from the same cloth as Maj. Gen. Harry Greene," Faulkner said. "He was easy going, had an excellent sense of humor, never condescending and always made everyone feel welcome.

"The Army lost a great Soldier who was full of compassion, extremely intelligent and witty and one that made a lasting impression with everyone he came in contact with."

Mark Flaherty, with RDECOM G-6, echoed those comments.

"He was a great guy, inspirational and very approachable. He was always there for us," Flaherty said.

Michele Curry, information management officer at the Army's Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center on APG, provided direct information technology support to the command suite during her time at RDECOM.

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Army pushes GAT 2.0 to military spouses, civilians

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Now through October, the Army's Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness (CSF2) program is conducting a campaign to encourage Army spouses to take the Global Assessment Tool (GAT 2.0). At the same time, Army civilians and contractors are encouraged to take advantage of the self-assessment program to improve their overall health.

The GAT 2.0 is a confidential, online, self-assessment tool that pro-

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ECBC Advanced Chem Lab opens



Story and photos by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
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A host of dignitaries including post leaders and elected officials attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opening the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biolog-

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(From left) Suzanne Milchling, ECBC director of Program Integration; Dale Ormond, director of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski; Doug Bryce, deputy Joint Program Executive Officer-Chemical and Biological Defense; and Col. Trey Jordan, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, cut the ribbon officially opening the new Advanced Chemistry Laboratory at Aberdeen Proving Ground South (Edgewood) Aug. 5.

Soldiers walk to support local Wounded Warrior

Story and photos by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
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Captain Robert McCormick can't march with a rucksack any more due to bulging disks in his back but that won't stop him from throwing his full support behind two fellow Soldiers who are planning a 100-mile walk for a local Wounded Warrior.

McCormick, the commander of the Army Test and Evaluation Command's Headquarters and Headquarters Company will provide escort and relief to HHC 1st Sgt. Paul Cottrell and Sgt. Taylor Sykes of the 22d Chemical Battalion on a 100-mile road march from Aberdeen Proving Ground to Delaware and back.

The trio has been busy gathering sponsors and soliciting donations to support the effort called "Walking For Our Wounded - 100

miles in 2 days." The focus of the venture is retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. Joseph P. Pugh, a Wounded Warrior who lives in Aberdeen.

Cottrell said he and former ATEC civilian Kelly Keck formulated the idea together before Keck's death in April. Cottrell could

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(From left) Retired Air Force Tech Sgt. and Wounded Warrior Joseph Pugh of Aberdeen and 1st Sgt. Paul Cottrell of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command share a handshake before Cottrell sets off on a 100-mile walk to raise funds for renovations to Pugh's home. Cottrell and Sgt. Taylor Sykes of the 22d Chemical Battalion departed just after midnight Aug. 5 with plans to walk from Aberdeen to Delaware and back in two days.



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FOR YOUR HEALTH

STREET TALK

What is your favorite animal and why?

My favorite animal is the kinkajou, a rainforest mammal that lives in South America. I think they look like a cross between a monkey and a raccoon. They are a bit odd looking. The kinkajou is my favorite animal because they are small but powerful.



Christian Pizzo
Family member

My favorite animal is the bald eagle, the national bird of the United States. They are known for their strength and perseverance. They are native to North America.



Robert Clayton
DoD contractor

My favorite animal is the dolphin, because they are graceful, smart and have a loving nature. Swimming with dolphins is on my bucket list.



Jessica Davignon
Military spouse

My favorite animal is the lioness. Lionesses do the majority of the hunting and are very protective of their cubs. As a mother of three children (ages 12, 10 and 4) I can relate to the protective nature of the lioness. I would do anything for my children.



Staff Sgt. Nakia Harvey
Air Force

My favorite animal is the ocelot, a wild cat that lives in South America. They are small, but they are pretty powerful. I think they are beautiful. They have a hidden strength.



Quenton Swygert
Family member

Vaccine available for Japanese encephalitis virus threat in Asia

Military Vaccine Agency
Vaccine Healthcare Centers Network

Mosquitoes all over the globe carry and spread some of the most debilitating diseases known to man, and do so in a manner that's often difficult to predict with any kind of certainty.

These vector-borne diseases can cause serious illness or can be fatal. Some of these diseases, such as Japanese encephalitis, referred to as JE, have the potential to cause extensive brain damage, which may result in seizures, paralysis, weakness, neurological or psychiatric problems. JE has no specific treatment if contracted.

"Our DOD beneficiaries tend to be an active population. Our children play outside and many of our adults spend a lot of time outdoors exploring the countryside in areas where the risk for JE is high," said Col. Margaret Yacovone, director of the Military Vaccine Agency-Vaccine Healthcare Centers Network, or MILVAX-VHCN. "So, it is important to take measures to adequately protect against the disease threat."

Protection from these illnesses starts with personal protective measures, such as insect repellent or limiting outdoor activities at dusk and dawn. However, the best method of protection -- a vaccine -- is available for JE, and is the most effective preventive measure for the near 360,000 U.S. military and civilian personnel, and their families, working and living in endemic countries in Asia.

The JE vaccine is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, known as the CDC, for people who stay longer than 30 days in endemic areas of Asia and the western Pacific during mosquito season. It should also be considered for short-term travelers to endemic areas during the JE virus transmission season. The vaccine is licensed by

the Food and Drug Administration for use in people aged two months and older.

"We are concerned that some of our beneficiaries are unaware of the threat of JE. While the risk of infection from routine travel may be low, people who relocate to endemic areas are at the same risk as the local residents," Yacovone said. "All beneficiaries transferring to these areas should be adequately vaccinated against JE according to CDC recommendations."

Navy Capt. Christopher Armstrong, deputy director of Clinical Services for MILVAX-VHCN, stressed that JE, while not seen in the U.S., is already clearly documented as a public health concern and is a routine childhood vaccination in several major Asian countries.

Japanese encephalitis is usually transmitted from June through October. While the risk of developing serious symptoms is low, the fatality rate once symptoms present is 20 to 30 percent. Another 30 to 50 percent of people who survive the disease can develop neurological and psychological problems, which "are unpredictable and cannot be repaired," Yacovone said.

Up to 50 people per 100,000 who are infected with JE will develop clinical disease, according to the CDC.

"The disease, if it develops, will result in crippling disability, if not death," Armstrong said. "Getting vaccinated is a small price to pay to avoid that."

For more information on Japanese encephalitis vaccine, contact MILVAX-VHCN at 877-GETVACC (438-8222) or email DODvaccines@mail.mil. To consult with a licensed healthcare provider contact the DOD Vaccine Clinical Call Center at 866-210-6469, or go to <https://askvhc.amedd.army.mil>.

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Navy Capt. Christopher Armstrong
Deputy director of Clinical Services for MILVAX-VHCN



Courtesy photo

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Handicap Parking Enforcement Campaign

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) will kick off its C4ISR Enhanced Handicap Parking Enforcement Campaign starting Monday, Aug. 25. The enforcement campaign is looking to cease parking misuse in and around the C4ISR campus. Only individuals issued handicap parking credentials should be parking in handicap parking spaces. Proper credentials and/or documentation must be present and visible if parked in a handicap parking spot on the C4ISR campus. Individuals parked in a handicap parking spot without proper credentials may be subject to fine. For more information, contact the CECOM Office of Equal Employment Opportunity at 443-861-4333.

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Discover Gunpowder Falls State Park

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Discover the scenic side of Maryland with a visit to Gunpowder Falls State Park, located in northeastern Baltimore and western Harford counties. Established in 1959 to protect the Gunpowder River and the Big and Little Gunpowder valleys, Gunpowder Falls State Park is one of Maryland's largest state parks. Comprised of more than 18,000 acres, the park features more than 120 miles of trails, protected state wildlands, historic sites and much more.

This summer, beat the heat by taking a trip to the park's Hammerman Area located in Chase, Md. This location features 1,500 feet of beach and a swimming area on the banks of the Gunpowder River. Other amenities include concessions, picnic areas, and playgrounds. Those looking for more adventure can rent kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and wind surfboards at the boat shop.

There is a fee to enter the Hammerman Area; price depends on date of visit.

For more information, visit <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/central/gunpowderhammerman.aspx>.

The park's Central Area features multi-use trails and is home to the historic Jerusalem Mill Village. The Central Area's parking lot is located off of Route 1, about 5.4 miles north of I-695.

The Central Area also includes the Sweathouse Branch Wildlands. Established in 1995, the wildlands protect 800 acres of pristine watershed along the Big Gunpowder Falls. Because no mechanical vehicles, including bicy-

cles, are permitted, this peaceful area is an ideal location to observe animals in their natural habitat.

The Gunpowder Falls State Park headquarters is located in the Historic Jerusalem Mill Village, 2813 Jerusalem Rd, Kingsville, Md.

The office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed weekends and state holidays). For more information call 410-592-2897. To learn more about Gunpowder Falls State Park's six locations, and to obtain trail maps, visit <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/central/gunpowder.aspx>.

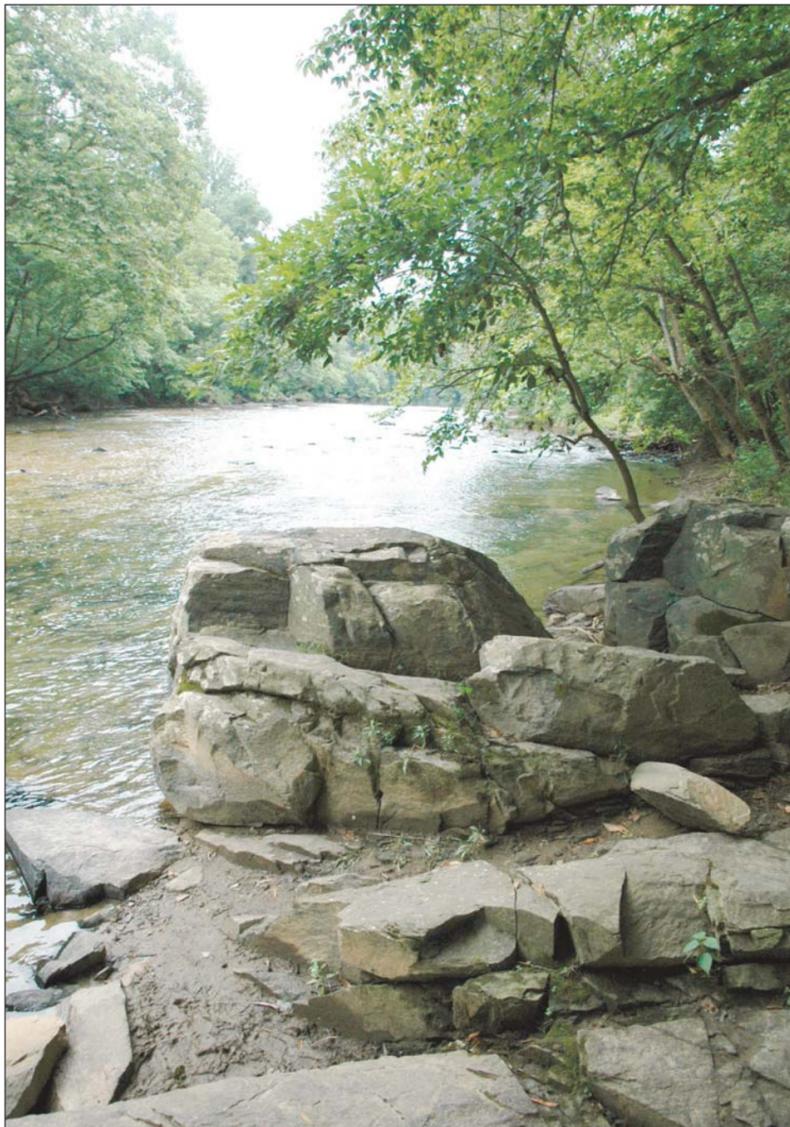
Other Gunpowder Falls state Park locations:

- Hereford Area, located near York Road in Parkton, features hiking, fishing canoeing and kayaking.

- Torey C. Brown (TCB) Trail, a 21-mile trail extending from Ashland to the Pennsylvania line.

- Sweet Air Trail, located near Baldwin, is popular among hikers and horseback riders.

- Dundee Creek Marina, located in Chase, offers boat launching, rowboat rental, fuel and a marina store. This marina is located near the Dundee Creek fishing area and archery range



Clockwise from top right: Many visit Gunpowder Falls State Park to enjoy the tranquility of nature; the Central Area in Gunpowder Falls State Park is an ideal location to hike and observe wildlife; the park's Hammerman Area, located in Chase, Md., features 1,500 feet of beach and a swimming area on the banks of the Gunpowder River. For more information, visit <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/central/gunpowder.aspx>.

Performance Triad 10K to feature Healthy Kids Color Run

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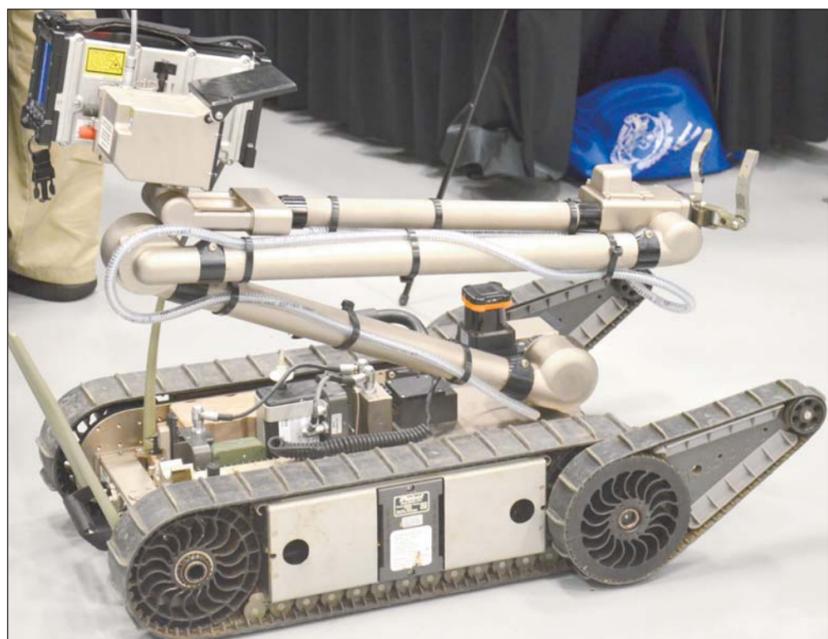
The Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Performance Triad team is hosting a series of fun runs this summer in preparation for the Army Ten Miler, which takes place Oct. 12 in Washington, D.C. The second run of the series is a 10K (6.2 mile) run or 5K (3.1 mile) walk set for 6 to 8 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 20, starting from the Main Exchange parking lot.

The run is open to the general public. To register, go to <http://performance-triad10K.eventbrite.com>. Participants should arrive early to secure a race bib prior to the 6:15 a.m. start.

The event will include the APG Healthy Kids 2K (1.24 mile) Color Run. Also starting at 6 a.m., children ages 3 to 15 are invited to participate in a tradition-

al Color Run in which participants are doused in colored cornstarch throughout the run, especially when crossing the finish line. Parents can register their children at <http://HealthyKidsColorRun.eventbrite.com> and plan to arrive at least 10 minutes early to ensure a safe and timely run. Participants should wear "play" clothing as the colors may not wash from certain fabrics.

The next Army Performance Triad, set for Wednesday, Sept. 17, will be a 10K run and 5K walk at APG South (Edgewood). The time and location will be announced at a later date. For more information about Army Performance Triad events, contact 1st Lt. Joanna Moore, Performance Triad Action Officer, at 410-278-1773 or email joanna.t.moore.mil@mail.mil.



Gathering showcases capabilities and advances

The Rapid Area Sensitive-site Reconnaissance, or RASR, shown here, is a remote robotic vehicle capable of detecting and identifying multiple liquid and solid chemicals of concern. The RASR was one of several technologies featured Aug. 5-6 during the Team CBRNE Capabilities Showcase at APG South (Edgewood). More than 50 capabilities in the areas of Protection, Detection, Decontamination and Elimination were on display at the main event. The showcase offered an opportunity for elected officials, media and APG personnel to learn how Team CBRNE and the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) are ensuring that Warfighters and the nation are prepared to defend against chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives threats in the U.S. and around the world. Read more about the Team CBRNE Capabilities Showcase in the Aug. 14 issue of the APG News.

Photo by Alan Feiler

ALL THINGS MARYLAND

Guardian borne from tragedy



By **ALAN FEILER**
APG News

Regardless of your particular spiritual views or religious orientation, she appears out of the blue like a familiar friend, hands clasped in prayer, wishing you well on your journey and offering comfort and blessings. A beloved landmark for regional motorists, she's Our Lady of the Highways, a guardian angel for travelers posted on a serene hillside and overlooking I-95 from her grassy perch in Childs, Maryland, near Elkton and the Delaware border.

A 14-foot-tall white marble statue of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady was erected in 1973 on the grounds of the Seminary of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, which is located about 200 yards from the highway. For years, brothers, seminarians and priests of the novitiate found themselves rushing to roadside wrecks on the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway. Many a morning, they came to the aid of the injured and dying as emergency responders sped to the scene.

One particular accident, only a few years after the interstate was built, served as the catalyst for the statue and shrine. In the early morning hours of Oct. 2, 1968, foggy weather conditions blanketing the Upper Chesapeake region resulted in a 20-vehicle pileup on the northbound lane of I-95 where the high-



Courtesy photo
The 14-foot-tall white marble statue of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Highways was erected in 1973 on the grounds of the Seminary of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, which is located about 200 yards from I-95 near the Delaware border.

way crosses Blue Ball Road, near the Oblates compound. Several cars were wedged between tractor trailers.

The Rev. John Fuqua and other seminarians and priests comforted the hurt and dying as fire and rescue units arrived from Cecil County and Delaware. Sifting through the fog, the responders found a couple of tractor trailers and more than a dozen cars involved in the wreckage, with victims lying across the road. They

also extricated some trapped motorists from their vehicles.

Before the sun rose, three people died on that stretch of morning highway. It was later reported that discharge from a nearby paper mill likely contributed to the area's drop in visibility, along with the dense fog. That paper mill is no longer in business.

Moved by the tragedy, Fuqua, who passed away in 1979, suggested that the

Oblates erect a shrine near the highway, facing northbound traffic, as a memorial to the victims and to offer blessings and inspire contemplation to motorists making their way up and down the highway.

In 1986, they replaced the original statue with the Vermont Carrara marble figure that stands in that spot today. Nearby are four-foot hedges trimmed in the shape of a cross and with the letters V and J in front of the statue. The letters stand for "Vive Jesus," French for "live as Jesus lived," which is the creed of the Oblates.

Spotlights illuminate Our Lady at night, to serve as an inspiration and wake-up call for late evening drivers. On holiday weekends that generally involve a good deal of travel and traffic, the Oblates celebrate a special Mass for motorists, part of which petitions the Almighty to "enlighten my way and protect me on this journey. Bring me back home safe in mind, body and soul."

The Oblates also sponsor a group called Mary's Travelers, in which prayers for members are included in daily Masses and supplications by the Oblates.

Known as "the Stone Lady" by CB-clutching truck drivers (who frequently honk at the shrine for good luck while passing by), the statue remains a source of hope and compassion for journeyers. Hopefully, she also reminds drivers to slow down a bit and be just a little kinder to their fellow travelers.

Career Ordnance Corps member earns Sharpe Award

By **BRANDON POLLACHEK**
PEO IEW&S

A crowded conference room on Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Md. was the site where a retired warrant officer and current Department of the Army Civilian (DAC) was recognized for his 28 years of service, many of which were spent in conditions very different than office environments on APG.

Rodney Thomas who has deployed 13 times for forward operations was awarded the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe award on July 17, by Dr. Richard Wittstruck, Deputy Program Executive Officer for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare & Sensors (PEO IEW&S). The award is the culmination of Thomas' long career that most recently included a tour in Afghanistan serving as the Tobyhanna Army Depot Theater Supervisor and Deputy Product Manager CREW (forward). The majority of responsibilities within that role included support to numerous Army systems including a large portion of the PEO IEW&S portfolio.

The Sharpe award recognizes those individuals who have served the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps with demonstrated integrity, moral character and professional competence over a sustained

period of time.

The history behind the Sharpe award comes from its namesake, who according to the US Army Ordnance Corps Association, "was appointed to many positions in government during the very early years of this country... The government of the Massachusetts Bay Colonies was resided over by a Governor, Deputy Governor, and a Council consisting of thirteen freemen. Samuel Sharpe served as one of these thirteen. In 1628 he was also charged with the care of the "five pieces of Ordnance: that belonged to the colony."

Close to 400 years later, Thomas continues the tradition set by Sharpe as a longtime maintenance professional within the Ordnance Corps. Experience and expertise afforded Thomas the opportunity to lead a team focused on sustaining many of the Army's critical life saving systems currently operating in Afghanistan.

According to Edwin Henry, former director of PEO IEW&S Forward (Afghanistan), "Thomas managed the day to day execution and oversight of Department of the Army assets in excess of \$1 billion, employing more than 150 DACs tasked with sustaining more than 50,000 force protection electronic devices and systems meant to provide protec-

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the year Samuel Sharpe was charged with the care of the "five pieces of Ordnance"
400
years later Rodney Thomas continues the tradition.



Photo by Bill Schofield
(From left) Dr. Richard Wittstruck, deputy Program Executive Officer-Intelligence, Electronic Warfare & Sensors, presents the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe award to Rodney Thomas, former Tobyhanna Army Depot Theater supervisor during a ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground July 17.

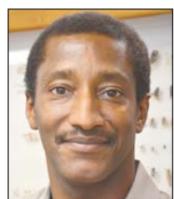
tion from enemy improvised explosive devices for Warfighters located on nearly 100 forward operating bases (FOBs) throughout Afghanistan."

Amongst the vast array of systems that Thomas and his team supported were the Counter Remote Controlled IED Electronic Warfare System (CREW), the Base Expeditionary Targeting Surveillance System-Combined (BETSS-C), counter fire radars and Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment (RAID).

"Under Thomas' leadership the workforce was able to retain an overall system operational readiness rating in excess of

90 percent for assigned systems," Henry noted. "Additionally he implemented several Responsible Retrograde plans, resulting in a 50 percent manning reduction. His knowledge of logistics and the Army culture was truly a force multiplier for the PEO IEW&S team."

"Certainly joining such a distinguished society as the 2097 inductees [in the Order of Samuel Sharpe] is a highlight of my life," said Thomas after receiving the Sharpe award. "More amazing was the opportunity to shake hands with triple digit awardees of this time honored society."



Stanley Futch Entomologist

As an entomologist and technical expert with the Directorate of Public Works, Stanley Futch is charged with protecting Aberdeen Proving Ground from disease-causing insects and pests.

"Our job is to investigate pests and animals and find out what's causing them to be there, and [determine] the most effective way to get rid of the infestation," said Futch, who began working at APG in 1996. "We handle most things that are unwanted and considered a pest."

Futch and his team of two[assistants] investigate invasive species, such as bark beetles which were inadvertently brought here from another country, animal species, such as skunks, foxes and ants or invasive plants and weeds. They help capture birds that fly into buildings and warehouses, or remove dead animals from the roadways.

In addition, they treat test ranges for ticks and have a catch-and-relocation program for critters such as skunks, ground-

hogs, squirrels and raccoons.

"First, we determine what the infestation is and then the course of action, to ensure that management operations are conducted safely and have minimal impact to personnel and the environment," he said. "It may be controlled by chemical, physical or mechanical means."

Futch said his office receives an average of 10-20 online work orders daily from tenant organizations at APG North (Aberdeen) and South (Edgewood) as well as Grace's Quarters. All usage of pesticides on the installation must be coordinated through the Entomologist office, and then documented and submitted to the Army Environmental Command. Futch is currently updating the Installation Pest Management Plan.

"When treating a building for an infestation, certain things must be considered. Things such as the type of pest, the location of the pest, and the reason it's there. A lot of people think you can just spray

buildings with people in them," he said, adding that precautions prior to fogging include ensuring personnel are out of the building; removing or covering sensitive items; removing or sealing all foods; and ensuring all gas is turned off and the fire department is notified.

Over the years, Futch and his team have removed a large hornets' nest from a range tower, caught Blue Racer and hognose snakes, and relocated a swarm of honeybees from the Mitchell House. Futch also occasionally speaks to youngsters at the post youth centers about insects and animals on the installation.

"I love my job because every day is interesting, a new adventure," he said. "Today, it may be an infestation in a building, a hornets' nest down range, or a new infestation all together."

The entomologist office is located in Bldg. 5110. For more information, contact Futch at 410-278-3303 or email stanley.r.futch.civ@mail.mil.



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Make a plan to survive emergencies

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Preparing for an emergency requires a bit of effort, but it's time well spent. What if an explosion, a landslide, or a flash flood forced an evacuation of your neighborhood before you got home from work? Would you know where to find your family? Do you know the emergency plans for your children's school? At work, do you know your role in your company's emergency response plan?

Emergency preparedness is considering what can go wrong and what to do if it does. This does not mean you must be in a constant state of worry. It does mean you pay attention to your environment and continue planning how you can stay safe. It also means you develop survival skills and keep survival tools accessible.

Here are some examples of emergency-ready habits:

- When you are inside any building — a home, restaurant, office, hotel, movie theater, shopping center, etc. — know where you are in relation to at least two exits.
- Figure out how to get to the stairs in case you cannot use the elevator.
- Notice the location of fire alarms, fire-fighting equipment, emergency phones, and first aid kits. Read the instructions so you will know how to operate them.

- On public transport, read the emergency instructions. Locate exits and read how to open windows on trains or buses. Know how to find the break-glass hammers and window latches in the dark. Learn how to use oxygen masks on aircraft. Pay attention to the emergency instructions review presented by the on-board attendant.

- Dress for the weather outdoors not the weather inside a vehicle when you travel. Many kinds of mishaps can leave you stranded outside an automobile or aircraft in a cold and hostile environment. Carry warm clothing and shoes you can use outdoors.

- Pack basic repair tools and replacement parts such as extra fan belts in your automobile. Keep the spare tire inflated.

- When you go to sleep at home or away, be ready for an emergency. Place your shoes under the bed and your clothes nearby. Put eyeglasses and flashlight in a protective spot where you can reach them easily. If you are awakened by fire, you may not have time to search for these items. If an earthquake strikes, the power may go out and you may have to walk through debris.

- Pack an emergency kit with survival supplies to maintain your family for at least two days. Keep it ready to take with



you in case of a disaster.

- Carry a flashlight when you travel. It can light your way to safety from a burning hotel or a crashed transit vehicle.

- Protect yourself from violence by remaining aware of the people around you. Look into an elevator or hallway before entering. Look through the window before entering a late night convenience store or liquor store so you don't

stumble into a robbery.

- Learn first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Learn how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Wherever you are, be prepared to protect yourself if things go wrong. Emergency preparedness is planning to survive.

For more information, visit the U.S. Army Combat Readiness /Safety Center website at <https://safety.army.mil>.

ATEC senior systems analyst bids farewell

By **LINDSEY MONGER**
ATEC

The Commanding General of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley congratulated Robert Aaron, ATEC senior analyst, for his contributions and impact to the Army over his 36-year Department of Defense career during his retirement ceremony July 22 at ATEC Headquarters.

"Since Bob started on the job, we've moved light-years in terms of our ability to leverage technology to achieve greater situations awareness in our standing," said Utley. "Without professionals like Bob who remain dedicated and one step ahead of the mission, progress cannot be achieved. Testing is about progress."

Aaron experienced a great amount of change in his 36 years with DoD. During his tenure, he spent 25-years serving the Army as a civilian where he witnessed a new generation of Army systems and capabilities emerge to meet the ever-changing needs of the force.

Although things were different from what he was used to while working for the Navy, Aaron quickly became a part of that evolution and was instrumental in a variety of projects having Army-wide impacts. In particular, his academic and practical efforts on Information Technology Enterprise environments and an Army wide project the Command, Control, and Communications Driver.

With a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, Aaron began his career with the Department of the Navy as a Reliability/Systems Effectiveness Engineer with the Naval Electronics System Command in Crystal City, Virginia. He received an academic fellowship and attended the Naval Post Graduate School, and then became an electrical engineer with the Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command.

Looking forward to the next challenge, Aaron accepted a position with the Office



Photo by Andricka Thomas

(From left) Robert Aaron, systems analyst with the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, with his wife Marsha, his mother Florence Aaron-Rogers, and friends Kathy and John Renzi, listen to remarks during Aaron's retirement ceremony at the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command headquarters July 22. Aaron retired after 36 years with the Department of Defense.

of the Secretary of Defense as a senior analyst in the OSD Product Engineering Services Office. While there, he conducted Production Readiness Reviews on Major Acquisition Systems including components of the Strategic Defense Initiative. His defense-wide experience served him as chairman of the DoD Total Quality Management Process Action Team for Training.

His next challenge was serving the Technical Director at the Operational Evaluation Command's Close Combat Evaluation Directorate; he was responsible for managing approximately 300 Army Test and Evaluation programs including the

M1A2 Abrams Tank, the Bradley Fighting Vehicle and eventually some Army information technology programs.

A life-long student, Aaron served as a senior operations research analyst with Army Europe and 7th Army where he conducted studies on improving effectiveness and efficiency of production and logistics processes. In times of fiscal constraint and even when the Army's cash flow was more abundant, Aaron had the foresight to look for efficiencies.

From 1998 to 2002, he served as a senior analyst as the Deputy to the Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations at ATEC. In this position he was the lead ATEC rep-

resentative for the Army-wide C3 Driver program as part of an effort to integrate the Army's existing legacy systems and software to eliminate the inefficient use of approximately 33 different instrumentation systems. The C3 Driver program initiated the first standardized message threads which were quickly embraced by the Army Battlefield Communications Systems, according to Aaron. Throughout his five year involvement on the C3 Driver, Aaron received two meritorious awards.

For the past 12 years, Aaron has been a Senior Analyst for ATEC's Test Management Policy and Methodology Branch where he was instrumental in the development and institution of ATEC Regulation 70-15, created in March of 2006, for the Acquisition and Management of Test Technology Assets. Another significant accomplishment is the integration of ATEC's T&E mission and associated business process into a unified IT enterprise environment that is efficient and effective. This was accomplished by spearheading ATEC's future data centric IT Enterprise Architecture.

"I'm so fortunate to have been part of the chain of the DoD, the Army and ATEC throughout the years," Aaron said. "Today, here at ATEC, we are evolving enterprise and cloud formation systems for capacities and capabilities that we've never anticipated. We've come a long way."

He added that these successful efforts are the result of key personnel working in the same direction.

Aaron said he plans to continue a professional career either as a retired annuitant or contractor to further contribute to the Command's IT Enterprise Integration Development effort. He said he hopes that ATEC moves toward a much greater integration into the Army Acquisition process.

"It's been a great ride," said Aaron in retrospect. "Anyone who is interested in pursuing a federal Army civilian career... I highly recommend it."

DPW details total coliform violation

Notice of total coliform maximum contaminant level violation to consumers of Edgewood area drinking water supply

Aberdeen Proving Ground is committed to the health and safety of our Soldiers, their families, and our civilian and contractor workforce. Routine testing of the drinking water supplies at both Aberdeen Main and the Edgewood Area indicate that the water is absolutely safe to consume. The purpose of this article is to provide notification to consumers of the Edgewood Area drinking water supply about a Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level violation under State of Maryland Drinking Water Regulations.

At least 10 buildings at the Edgewood Area/APG-South are tested monthly for the total coliform bacteria group to verify the safety of the drinking water supply. The presence of Coliform, which are naturally present in the environment, can be an indicator that other, potentially harmful bacteria may be present. In July 2014 Coliforms were found in more sam-

ples than allowed under the Total Coliform Rule. As required by regulation, repeat samples were collected and tested after the initial positive test result was received. All repeat samples were negative for the presence of total Coliform bacteria. The results of the repeat samples verified that the Edgewood Area water supply was safe to use in July. Further, the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) has concurred that our water system is in compliance with both the MDE and the Environmental Protection Agency drinking water standards.

APG increased the amount of chlorine added to the drinking water supply in an effort to more thoroughly disinfect the water. Monthly sampling will continue to ensure the drinking water supply is safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please the DPW Environmental Office at 410-436-3808.

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Army STEM program gives students hands-on engineering experience

By **ALLISON BARROW**
CERDEC

Local high school students worked beside Army engineers and scientists in their labs as part of a new science, technology, engineering and math – STEM – program at Aberdeen Proving Ground in July.

The APG Real-world Internships in Science & Engineering Program is a partnership between the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Communications-Electronics Research, Development, Engineering Center (CERDEC), and the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) that provides a two-week, in-lab experience for rising 11th grade students interested in pursuing STEM fields who might otherwise lack inroads.

"The RISE students are an untapped resource in our national need for a growing science and engineering workforce," said Robert Zanzalari, CERDEC deputy director.

"They have an interest in STEM but haven't had the chance to really pursue it. Having built careers in science and technology, it's our responsibility to show the next generation the possibilities and benefits a career in STEM can provide."

The idea for RISE came from discussions with the local STEM forum about how to grow APG's STEM outreach even further, said Gary Martin, CECOM deputy commander.

"One of the missing components that we found in our discussion was that we have plenty of opportunities for children to go to robotics camp, and STEM summer math camps and a lot of science and interaction that way. But there really wasn't an opportunity for a real-life intern opportunity," said Martin.

Students were selected for the program by the educators and counselors in their schools based on aptitude and interest. They were assigned to working labs where they were mentored by Army engineers and scientists on results oriented, real-world assignments supporting the lab's mission.

The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education in partnership with the



Courtesy photo

APG Real-world Internships in Science & Engineering (RISE) Program student analyzes samples for nitrogen and sulfur content using the elemental analyzer in the CERDEC CP&I Reactive Flow Lab.

Department of Energy, awarded students stipends during their internships.

This year's pilot for the program was supported by CECOM's Software Engineering Center (SEC) and CERDEC's Command, Power and Integration Directorate (CP&I) labs. Students worked in the areas of cyber security and software development; battlefield video simulation; data sharing; information assurance; position, navigation and timing; mission command; power and virtual prototyping.

"I wish this existed when I was going to school. I can picture myself in their shoes, I was good at math, I liked math and science – I had no idea what engineering was at all," said Adam Schofield, a mentor in the CP&I Position, Navigation and Timing Branch. "That's why I really like doing these kinds of

programs, because math and science and the whole STEM field are important. We need to educate the next generation of scientists and engineers. But we also just need to show younger kids what engineering is."

"That's what programs like this aim to do. Show the application of the physics, and the math, and the stuff that they are learning in high school - application through real-world problem solving," said Joseph Stevanak, a mentor in the CP&I Position, Navigation and Timing Branch.

While each student was assigned to their own mentor and lab, they also received a tour of the areas their peers were working in to get a feel for the various engineering careers they could pursue.

"Something that surprised me about working with the engineers is how pas-

sionate they are about what they do and what kind of stuff they actually work on and how hard it is. Not many people get to see what goes on in their areas," said Adis, a student from Joppatowne High School. "Working in that lab situation got me more interested in the whole cyber field because there are a lot of cool things that go on that you don't normally see."

For many of the mentors, this was the first event that placed high school interns inside the labs, which they agreed provided a unique perspective to their work.

"It forces you to look at things a little different, maybe a little simpler and find ways to explain something simpler to other people, which can actually help me in my job too and I enjoy doing it," said Terry DuBois, a mentor from the CP&I Power Division.

Students also attended a four-part leadership series designed to help them identify and develop the relevant professional skills to complement the technical skills they learned in the labs.

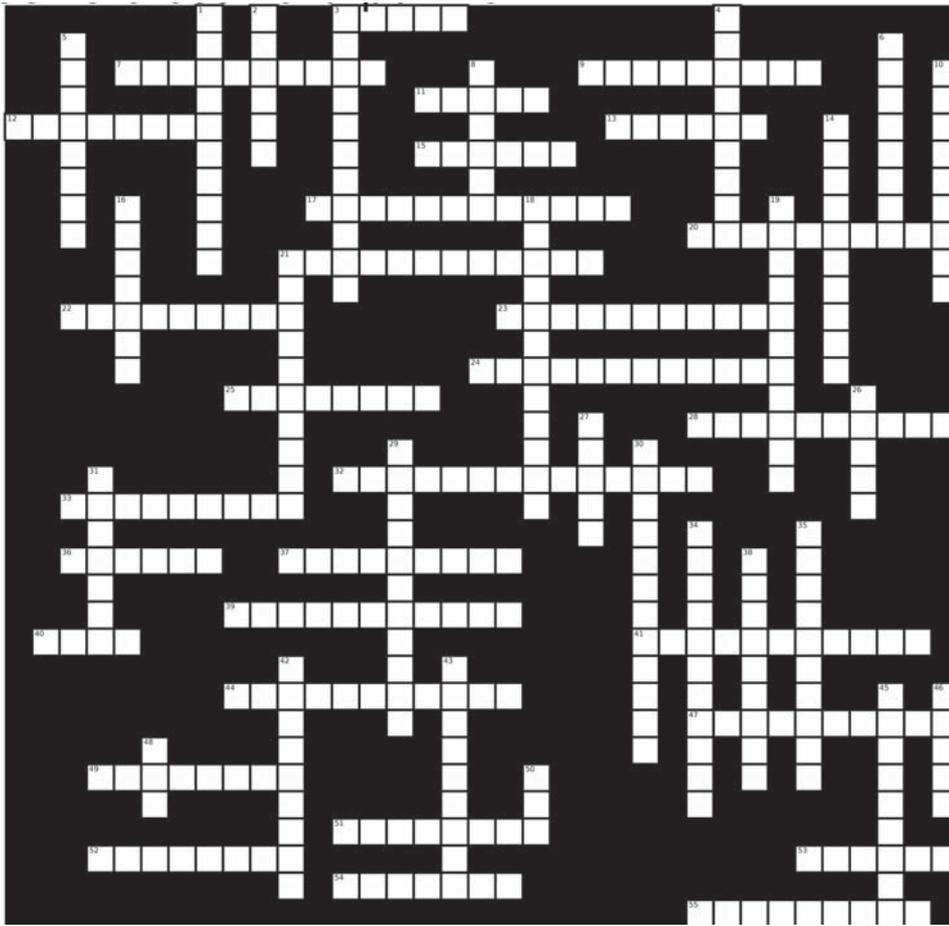
"I'm hoping to get more life experience. Understand the workplace and better understand how I'm going to fit into the world. With whatever I do really. That way I can figure out what I need to get done and where I want to go," said Dilan, a student from Edgewood High School.

At the end of the two weeks, students presented what they learned to APG leadership, their peers and Family members.

"I've heard a lot about what engineering is like, but this is the first time I've actually gotten real experience in what engineering really, truly, is, said Joppatowne High School student, Shelby. "I feel like that's the most rewarding thing I got out of this program," Shelby said. Martin said he hopes to expand the RISE program to include more organizations at APG as well as more students from local high schools.

"I think it's important for any organization, company or government entity that has a mission in the area of STEM to reach out to the local communities and try to encourage kids to get into these fields," he said.

The APG Crossword



Think you know a lot about Maryland? Try your hand at this week's crossword puzzle. The completed puzzle will be published in next week's paper.

Across

3. Marylander who became first American-born canonized saint
7. Baltimore-Washington International-Thurgood Marshall's original name
9. Maryland is often called "America in _____"
11. Maryland's favorite crustaceans
12. Baseball great Cal Ripken's hometown
13. Onetime honeymoon capital of the

East Coast

15. Maryland native known as Moses in slavery times
17. B&O Railroad's first operation went from Baltimore to where?
20. The famous ponies of _____ Island
21. Northern neighbor
22. Home of the U.S. Naval Academy
23. Gunslinger who studied at Baltimore College of Dental Surgery

24. Baseball hall of famer Jimmie Foxx was born in this Maryland town
25. Maryland site of America's bloodiest day
28. Baltimore-born lead singer of Counting Crows
32. Home to Skipjacks sailing fleet
33. Maryland's favorite summertime resort
36. Eastern Shore town where "The Runaway Bride" was filmed
37. City with the final resting place of Francis Scott Key
39. Surname of designer of the Star-Spangled Banner flag
40. Highest point in state is _____ Crest on Backbone Mountain
41. First declared nuclear-free zone in the U.S.
44. Kent County town famed for "tea party" of 1774
47. Maryland's bay
49. This peninsula is composed of the Eastern Shores of three states
51. Detroit Tigers slugger born in Baltimore
52. Eastern neighbor
53. Lowest point in Maryland is _____ Point Hole
54. First proprietor of the Maryland Colony
55. Largest lake in the state

14. Western Maryland town known as "the Queen City"
16. Maryland was the _____ state to ratify the Constitution
18. State's oldest continuously-operated lighthouse
19. Singer/songwriter who in the late '70s infuriated Baltimoreans
21. Native American nation in southern Maryland
26. Pro-South mayor of Baltimore who was jailed during Civil War
27. Maryland's state flower is the Black-Eyed _____
29. Maryland town where the first telegraph message was sent to
30. Decoy capital of the world
31. Fort where the national anthem was written
34. First capital of Maryland
35. First railroad station in U.S.
38. America's first planned city
42. Antiques capital of Maryland
43. Known as Hungerford's Tavern during Revolutionary times
45. Maryland's largest city
46. State motto is, "Manly _____, Womanly Words"
48. Nickname is the _____ Line State
50. Famed macabre writer buried in Baltimore

Down

1. Baltimore cemetery where Lincoln's assassin and other notables are buried
2. The state's favorite spice
3. Maryland's only inhabited off-shore island (piece of cake!)
4. Maryland was an early refuge for what persecuted religious group?
5. The Sultan of Swat was born in Maryland
6. State sport
8. Maryland county where abolitionist Frederick Douglass was born
10. Second jewel of the Triple Crown

Solution to the July 31 puzzle



Accessing Higher Education Track

The Higher Education Track classes are two-day training events, eight hours per day. The purpose is to help active duty and reserve Soldiers determine career, personal and academic goals; help Soldiers contribute to the selection of a higher education institution; present information about funding factors for selection of higher education institutions; and provide facts about admissions. This class is only for Soldiers that are transitioning from the military and currently going through the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) process.

The 2014 final training dates are Sept. 17 – 18.

Contact the ACAP/Transition office (410) 306-2303 or Army Education Center (410) 306-2042 for assistance with class registration

WORD OF THE WEEK

Erudite

Pronounced: ER-yoo-dahyt, ER-oo

Part of speech: Adjective

Definition:

1. Characterized by great knowledge; learned or scholarly: an erudite professor; an erudite commentary.

Synonyms:

1. educated, knowledgeable, wise, sapient.

Use:

- The room was full of erudite scholars who made the discussion on astronomy fun and interesting.
- As a result of having studied abroad several years, Helen has become quite erudite on the subject of art history.
- While I learned everything I know from television, my sister can credit being erudite to spending countless hours in the classroom obtaining her doctoral degree.
- Our erudite instructor was able to answer every question asked by our class.
- With his informative presentation, William showed his peers how erudite he truly was.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

USGS

U.S. Geological Survey

As the nation's largest water, earth, and biological science and civilian mapping agency, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) collects, monitors, analyzes, and provides scientific understanding about natural resource conditions, issues, and problems. The diversity of its scientific expertise enables it to carry out large-scale, multi-disciplinary investigations and provide impartial scientific information to resource managers, planners, and other customers. The USGS is a fact-finding research organization with no regulatory responsibility. It is the sole scientific agency of the Department of the Interior.

The USGS is headquartered in Reston, Virginia. Thousands of USGS employees work in every state in the nation, with regional executives located in the Southeast, South Central region, Northeast, Midwest, Rocky Mountains, Northwest, Southwest and Alaska.

For more information, visit <http://www.usgs.gov/>.

BY THE NUMB#RS

APG during World War I & II

At the height of operations during WWI:

7,500
APG employees

5,000
Military personnel

2,500
Civilians

At the height of operations during WWII:

32,664
APG employees

27,185
Military personnel

5,479
Civilians

Alan Feiler, APG News
(Source: "History of Aberdeen Test Center 1917-2011," Lauren E. Nelson)
Courtesy photo

Leave Donations

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); or OPM 630- B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Please contact Cathy Davis at 410-306-0152/DSN 458-0152 or cathy.a.davis4.civ@mail.mil.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Adams, Dwayne	Ferrell, Patricia	Petterson, Gerhard
Barnes, Jennifer	Gaddis, Lonnie	Rapp, Debra
Birch, Garfield	Grimsley, Sylvia	Robinson, Jennifer
Blethen, Lena	Hacker, Kelly	Rodgers, Christopher
Blethen, Matthew	Jacobs, John	Rodriguez, Pedro
Cannon, Marcy	James-Stewart, Sonya	Russell, James
Clark, Lyra	Kennedy, Sandra	Russell, Melissa
Clelland, Patricia	Keshishian, Gale	Schaible, William C.
Crum, Laura	Martino, Rose	Sheckelford, Angela
Dennison, Natalie	McCauley, Adrienne	Thurman, Terry
Doran, Kemi	McClintick, Jill	Walsh, Sharon
Dunston, Samuel	McDonald, Scheree	Williams, Demetria
Eberhardt, Joanne	McIntire, Melinda	

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



MORE ONLINE

To view more photos of events going on at and around the U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground, visit the garrison Flickr site <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THURSDAY

AUGUST 7

ABILITYONE VENDOR DAY

The APG AbilityOne Base Supply Center will host Vendor Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its 320 Johnson Road location on APG North (Aberdeen).

Operated by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland (BISM) the AbilityOne Vendor Day is a great opportunity for customers to interact with vendors and sample new products. Vendor Day will feature light refreshments, fully stocked shelves and much more. GPC cardholders are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Barry Councill at 443-360-5959 or email bcouncill@bism.org.

IRONBIRDS MILITARY APPRECIATION

The Aberdeen IronBirds will salute Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. military during annual Military Appreciation Night festivities at Ripken Stadium. APG leaders and Soldiers will participate in the opening ceremonies, including a color guard and first pitches and fun competitions between innings. The IronBirds take on the Vermont Lake Monsters at 7:05 p.m. Pre-game ceremonies begin 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit the IronBirds website at www.aberdeen.ironbirds.milb.com.

TUESDAY

AUGUST 12

BLOOD DRIVE/BONE MARROW REGISTRY

Team APG will host an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. To register in advance, go online to www.militarydonor.com, search for drive using sponsor code: APGMD. Walk-ins are welcome.

In addition to the blood drive, a Bone Marrow Registry will be held supporting the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Bone Marrow Donor Program or Salute to Life. Information about the program can be found at <https://www.salutetolife.org/index.html>.

According to Spc. Cassandra Rousayne, MRICD, even those deferred from donating blood are potential bone marrow donors.

"This is a chance for people to give in a way they never considered," she said. For more information, contact Capt. Richard Mozeleski, HHC Garrison commander, at 410-278-3000 or email richard.d.mozeleski2.mil@mail.mil.

CLAIM REPRESENTATIVE

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) has arranged for a claim representative of Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield to visit APG. The representative will be available to discuss

claim problems and plan coverage, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, Room 120. The representative also will be available in APG South (Edgewood) 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. E2800 (JPEOCBD), Rooms 103/104. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, contact Teri Wright at 410-278-4331 or email Teresa.l.wright28.civ@mail.mil.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 12-13

THRIFT SHOP SALE

The APG Thrift Shop will hold a final sale Aug. 12 and 13 at Building 2458 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Clothing, shoes, children's toys, furniture and small appliances are available at extreme discounts.

The Thrift Shop can no longer operate due to costly building maintenance issues.

FRIDAY

AUGUST 15

OPERATION HOMEFRONT SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Operation Homefront Back to School Brigade will distribute school supplies to eligible recipients 2 to 6 p.m. at a location to be announced.

Eligible recipients include children of deployed, wounded and active duty service members in the ranks of E-1 through E-6. To register, or for more information, go to www.operation-homefront.net and click on "Upcoming Events." Users must create a profile to register. Identification of all children registered will be required the day of the event. For more information, contact Martha "Marti" King, 20th CBRNE Command Family Readiness Group, at 410-436-0308 or 443-949-6665.

TUESDAY

AUGUST 19

GARRISON TOWN HALL

All members of Team APG are invited to attend the Garrison Town Hall Tuesday, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater. Attendees at APG South (Edgewood) can join in via video teleconference at the EA Conference Center, Bldg. E4810.

Come and receive the latest information from the Garrison Commander, Col. Gregory McClinton, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffery Adams and Garrison directors.

Got questions? Take advantage of this opportunity to ask the garrison leadership what you want to know.

Questions can be submitted in advance

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to Lisa McClure at 410-278-0003 or email lisa.a.mcclure9.civ@mail.mil or during the Q&A session.

Town Hall topics will include educational opportunities, an introduction to the new Team APG website; Fall/Winter trips, programs and events; and raffles. For more information, call 410-278-1147.

WEDNESDAY**AUGUST 20
EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE DAY
& EXPO**

The ACS Employment Readiness Program will host an Employment Resource Day & Expo, open to all job seekers, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326. Meet with local, regional, state, and national private and federal employers. Bring plenty of resumes; business attire is recommended. For directions, visit app.army.mil/directions/cfm.

A valid driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance are needed to access Aberdeen Proving Ground. Please obey all posted traffic speeds. This event is the result of a partnership between the ACS ERP; the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER); the Susquehanna Workforce; and the APG Military Personnel Office/Directorate of Human Resources.

For more information, call the ACS ERP at 410-278-9669/7572.

THURSDAY**AUGUST 21
WOA MEETING**

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association's Aberdeen-Edgewood "Silver" Chapter will hold its quarterly meeting at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, room 102. Lunch will be provided 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will be held noon to 12:45 p.m. For additional information, contact retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Owen McNiff at 571-243-6561, 443-861-1936 or email omcniff@yahoo.com.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

The Women's Equality Day program will be held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Mallette Training Facility, Bldg. 6008. The guest speaker is Dr. Carla Kendrick, principal enterprise architect for the MITRE Corporation.

The program includes the selection of the Woman of the Year and the Organization Most Supportive of Women as well as the winner of the Federally Employed Women's scholarship.

For more information, contact Karen Jobs at 410-436-4429 or email karen.w.jobs.civ@mail.mil.

**BLOOD DRIVE/BONE MARROW
REGISTRY**

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DENTAL CLINIC CLOSURE

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Dental Clinic will close Thursday, Aug. 21 and resume normal business hours Friday, Aug. 22. For more information, contact Spc. Crystal Thomas at 410-278-1798.

SATURDAY**AUGUST 30
FWP/FEW WOMEN'S HOME
BUILD**

The APG Federal Women's Program and the Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women are looking for Team APG members to join them in a Women's Only Home Build project. The event takes place 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and participants must register by Aug. 25.

A safety class is mandatory for participation. Training is available online and is a part of the registration process: Create a User Account; Sign a Waiver of Liability; and complete Safe-

ty Training.

Then, click the link to the construction calendar and select your build days.

For more information, contact Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023; Tracy Marshall, 443-861-4366; Sheryl Coleman, 410-278-5964; Teresa Rudd, 410-436-5501; Capt. Tamika Mckenzie, 410-436-1591; or Diane Siler, 443-243-7344.

WEDNESDAY**SEPTEMBER 10
2014 WARRIOR-FAMILY
SYMPOSIUM**

The Military Officers Association of America will co-host the 2014 Warrior-Family Symposium at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. The event, "Transitioning Forward: Warrior, Military Families and Civilian Communities," will be held 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration starts 7:30 a.m.

The symposium will provide a forum through panels and workshops for government and non-government organizations to explore the issues and needs service members, veterans, Family members and caregivers face when tackling the transition to civilian life while managing combat-related stress, mental health or behavioral health care concerns.

Keynote speakers include Gen. James F. Amos, commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, and Medal of Honor recipient retired Sgt. Kyle White.

To register or to view the complete event agenda, visit www.moaa.org/wfs.

**SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY****SEPTEMBER 18
HISPANIC HERITAGE
OBSERVANCE**

Team APG will host the Hispanic Heritage Month observance 10:30 a.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000.

Judge Yolanda L. Curtin, Harford County Circuit Court, is the guest speaker. The theme is "Hispanics: A legacy of history, a present of action and a future of success."

For more information, contact Tracy Marshall, CECOM EOA, at 443-861-4366; Staff Sgt. Gloria Velasquez, ACC, at 443-861-5008; or Rose Satz, CERDEC, at 443-395-0419

TUESDAY**SEPTEMBER 30
EXCELLENCE IN ACQUISITION
LECTURE SERIES**

Retired Lt. Gen. William Campbell will offer new insights for today's Army as the first speaker in the new Excellence in Acquisition Lecture Series starting 1 p.m. in the Myer Auditorium. This event is free and open to the entire APG workforce.

SATURDAY**OCTOBER 18
MILITARY RETIREE
APPRECIATION DAY**

Save this date for APG's Annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) to be held at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. Registration begins 8 a.m. with the opening ceremony at 9 a.m. This year's guest speaker is John Radke, Chief of Army Retirement Services, Headquarters, Department of the Army. More details to follow.

**ONGOING
HOT WORK PERMIT**

The APG Fire and Emergency Services has a new number phone number to request a Hot Work Permit. A permit can be obtained by calling 410-306-0001.

When is a Hot Work Permit required?

A Hot Work Permit is required before performing electric and gas welding, cutting or soldering operations requiring an open flame device, and for outdoor cooking with a grill, or similar device.

Please try to give 24 hours notice prior to the work or event. Leave a message if there is no answer. The inbox is checked throughout the day.

For more information, call 410-306-0001.

**THROUGH AUGUST 19
EDUCATION CENTER SUMMER
SEMESTER**

The Army Education Center on-post college schedule for the summer semester is as follows:

- University of Maryland, through Aug. 10
- Central Michigan University, through – Aug. 19

For more information, contact the Army Education Center at 410-306-2042/2037.

**CPR, AED CLASSES
SCHEDULED**

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

Aug. 20, Edgewood Conference Center Sept. 17, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Oct. 15, Edgewood Conference Center Nov. 19, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Dec. 17, Edgewood Conference Center

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

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Aug. 4 was the U.S. Coast Guard birthday?

That's affirmative, Matey. The U.S. Coast Guard was established Aug. 4, 1790, 224 years ago, when Congress authorized the building of multiple vessels to enforce trade law and prevent smuggling. In the 19th and early 20th centuries the Coast Guard was known as the Revenue Marine or the Revenue Cutter Service.

The Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces and the only one that is a law enforcement and military unit as well as an organization within the Department of Homeland Security. During wartime, like the other four branches, it is under the direction of the President.

In Fiscal Year 2012, the Coast Guard consisted of 43,000 active duty members, more than 8,000 reservists, more than 8,800 civilians and more than 30,000 auxiliary volunteers.

Here are more interesting facts about these protectors of maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship, compiled during FY 2012:

- Responded to 19,790 Search and Rescue cases; saved 3,560 lives and more than \$77 million in property
 - Removed 107 metric tons of cocaine bound for the U.S. via the Transit Zone;
 - Continued the deployment of six patrol boats and 400 personnel to protect Iraqi critical maritime oil infrastructure and train Iraqi naval forces;
 - Conducted 919 escorts and patrols to support 190 domestic U.S. military cargo out-loads;
 - Conducted 25,500 container inspections, 5,000 facility safety and marine pollution-related inspections, and 1,195 cargo transfer monitors related to safety and environmental stewardship;
 - Conducted 1,424 boardings of high interest vessels designated as posing a greater-than-normal risk to the United States;
 - Intercepted nearly 3,000 undocumented migrants attempting to illegally enter the U.S.;
 - Conducted more than 49,000 recreational vessel boardings, issued more than 12,000 citations and visited 1,150 recreational boat manufacturers to ensure compliance with federal regulations
 - Investigated and responded to more than 3,300 pollution incidents;
 - Screened more than 436,000 vessels, including 117,000 commercial vessels and 29.5 million crew members and passengers prior to arrival in U.S. ports.
- Learn more about the missions and history of these elite protectors of the nation's waterways at the U.S. Coast Guard History website at <http://www.uscg.mil/history/>.

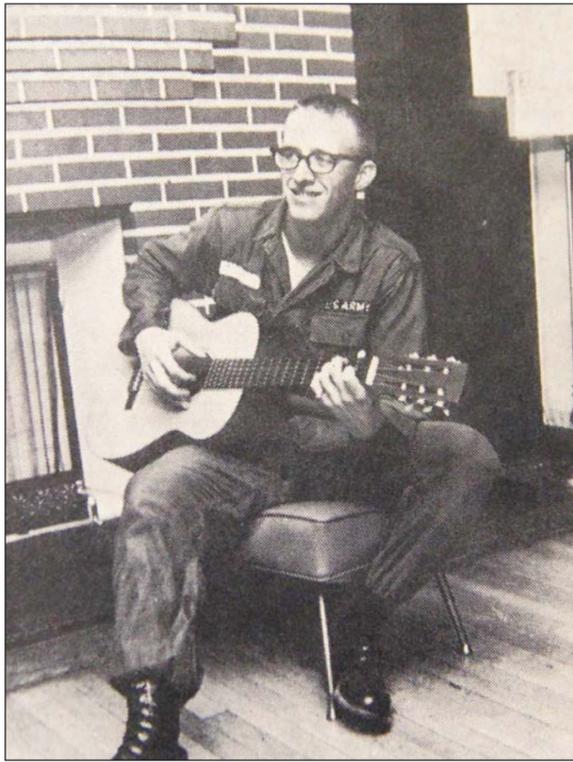
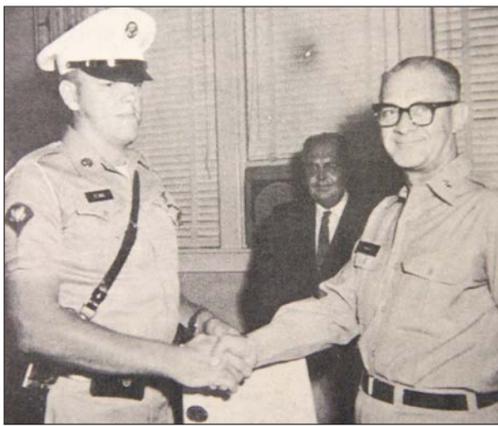
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This Week in APG News history

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50 Years Ago

Aug. 6 1964

Clockwise from top left:
(From left) Brig. Gen. Hendrick M. Stam, Inspector of Ordnance, Royal Netherlands Army, and 2nd Lt. Jimmie Patton, Fire Control division chief, inspect an M17 C Range Finder used in the M60 tank during Stam's visit to the Ordnance Center and School.

Private Gene Cook strums a tune at the Post Service Club. A student in the 1st Enlisted Training Company, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Cook is a professional folk singer, popular throughout the Plains States.

(From left) Specialist Four Charles R. York, with the 523rd MP Company is congratulated for being named the APG Soldier of the Month for July by Lloyd Leonard of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Col. Richard Hall, APG deputy commander.

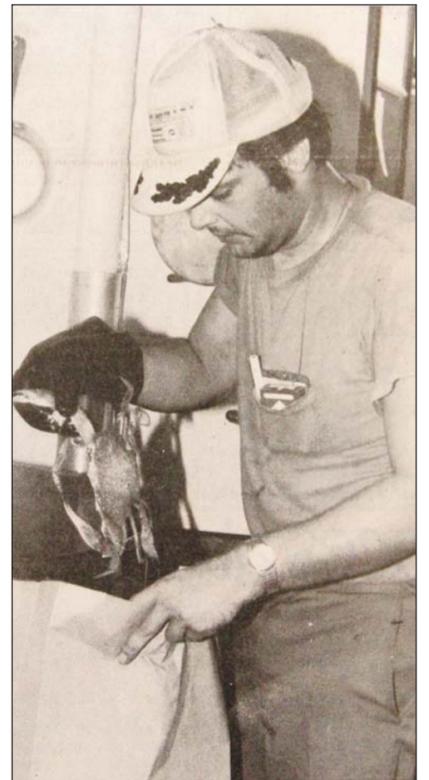
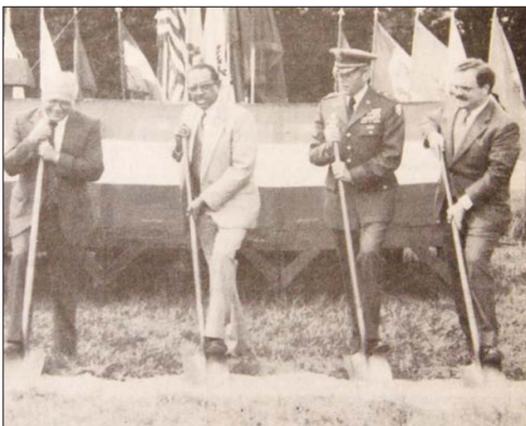
25 Years Ago

Aug. 9, 1989

Clockwise from top left:
Keith Myers (far left) director of the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, tries out an automatic treadmill as AMSAA employees look on during the opening of the AMSAA Fitness Center. Myers formed the AMSAA Fitness Committee, which resulted in the establishment of a fitness center for AMSAA personnel, in 1988.

Walt Comer Jr. bags freshly steamed crabs at the Marylander, an outdoor restaurant once situated just inside the Aberdeen gate. Comer's father was the contractor and manager of the restaurant that specialized in crab cakes and steamed crabs as well as pit beef sandwiches and burgers.

(From left) Technical Director Charles Baronian; John Shannon, assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Logistics; Brig. Gen. David Nydam, Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization; and Michael Owen, deputy assistant to Shannon, participate in a ground breaking for the new Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility in the Edgewood Area. The facility is expected to be completed in late 1990.



10 Years Ago

Aug. 5, 2004

Clockwise from top left:
This fawn was spotted trimming bushes and shrubs around the homes on Plumb Point Loop.

(From left) ACS Director Celestine Beckett; Regina Dannenfelser, acting director of Community and Family Activities, and Joseph Craten, deputy to the Garrison commander, observe as Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, operates a remote control car while wearing impaired vision goggles during the ACS Family Picnic at the Maryland Boulevard picnic area.

(From left, in jeep) Col. Paul Meredith, outgoing commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade; Brig. Gen. Mike Lenaers, Chief of Ordnance; and Col. Francis Merritt, incoming commander, inspect the troops during the brigade change of command ceremony at Fanshaw Field.



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ECBC lab to address chemical defense mission

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ical Center's (ECBC) Advanced Chemistry Laboratory (ACL) at Aberdeen Proving Ground South (Edgewood) Aug. 5.

Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski led the guests who spoke on the facility's relevance due to current threats from rampant viruses and easy access to weapons of mass destruction.

The ACL is designed to safely house ECBC researchers as they work with the most toxic compounds known to man. The facility enables ECBC scientists to conduct groundbreaking chemical research to protect the nation's Warfighters from the perils of the battlefield, today and in the future.

Suzanne Milchling, ECBC director of Program Integration, hosted the event.

Along with Mikulski, guests included Dale Ormond, director of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Doug Bryce, deputy Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense (JPEO-CBD); Col. Trey Jordan, Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District; Heather Campbell from the staff of U.S. Senator Benjamin Cardin (Maryland) and Michael Baker from the staff of Maryland Congressman Charles "Dutch" Ruppersberger.

Mikulski recalled the late 1990s and early 2000s when she and other lawmakers were concerned about the installation's "dated facilities" as well as the disposal of the aging mustard gas stockpile. She said the project to provide a safe environment, not only for Soldiers and the surrounding community, but for the scientists searching for solutions, has spanned decades. Throughout, she said, ECBC scientists worked to come up with new techniques in the detection, handling and disposal of chemical and biological threats.

"Those same techniques are now being used to dispose of Syria's weapons of mass destruction," she said.

Mikulski's message to the ECBC workforce was that their work is recognized and appreciated.

"You are valuable," she said. "We do know what you do. Even though people change, our job doesn't change. We value you and Team Maryland wants you to do your job and be respected, rewarded and compensated for it."

Ormond added that every day he observes personnel working on things that affect Soldiers and said the lab will make a greater difference in detecting, analyzing and developing protections against threat elements.

"Clearly we know that ECBC is a critical part of our team," he said.

Advanced Chemistry Laboratory

Highly instrumented and adaptable, the ACL has the inherent flexibility to address the ever-changing requirements of ECBC's chemical defense mission. Safety of the workforce and the communities that surround the center is of the utmost consideration. The facility's engineering controls, such as sophisticated ventilation and filtration systems, protect not only the scientists inside the lab, but the environment outside as well.

Primary facilities within the ACL include advanced toxic agent laboratories, environmental chambers and secure work spaces for classified materials.

Chemical agent operations in the ACL include analytical chemistry, Chemical Weapons Convention treaty support, filtration, decontamination and evaluation of chemical agent detectors.

In addition to supporting ECBC's Warfighter mission, the ACL allows ECBC to continue to serve federal agencies, including the homeland security and intelligence communities; the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Justice and the Department of State.

ACL facts and figures:

- Cost \$62 million; one-third of the



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(From left) RDECOM Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Juan Crockett laughs as Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski hands him about leaving his notebook on the podium during the ceremony preceding the official opening of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center's Advanced Chemistry Laboratory at Aberdeen Proving Ground South (Edgewood) Aug. 5.

cost was for engineering controls, fume hoods and filters, which are paramount to providing safety.

- The ACL is the first automated safety building at APG South (Edgewood)
- Contains 40,000 square feet of laboratory space; 17,000 square feet of office space

- Replaces laboratory that opened in 1963
- Enables scientists to conduct cutting-edge decontamination and filtration research initiatives involving precision science in support of numerous federal agencies

Primary facilities include: advanced toxic agent laboratories for filtration; environmental chambers; a suite of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectrometers, decontamination chemical synthesis properties and secure work spaces for classi-

fied materials

- 2014 addition to the ACL includes laboratories for materials science, decontamination, agent chemistry and chemical detection

ECBC

The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) is the nation's principal research and development resource for non-medical chemical and biological (CB) defense. As a critical national asset in the CB defense community, ECBC supports all phases of the acquisition life-cycle - from basic and applied research through technology development, engineering design, equipment evaluation, product support, sustainment, field operations and demilitarization - to address its customers' unique requirement.

For more information, visit the ECBC website at <http://www.ecbc.army.mil/>.

100-mile walk lends a helping hand to local vet

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have continued it as a general fundraiser but he wanted to make it personal.

"The whole idea was not just to donate to a Wounded Warrior cause but to find someone who needs help and to help them," Cottrell said.

Funds raised will pay for modifications to Pugh's home. Plans include an entrance ramp, expanded bathrooms and a new air conditioning unit.

Pugh and his family members saw Cottrell and Sykes off from the business park near the Route 22 gate just after midnight, Aug. 4. They were joined by members of the local Noncommissioned Officer Association (NCOA) chapter, one of the group's sponsors.

Cottrell said he originally planned to go it alone, but found a partner when he told Sykes about it during Harford County's Military Appreciation Week Luncheon in May. Sykes is the current APG Soldier of the Year.

"My first thought was 'why would he do this alone,'" Sykes said. "This is something that deserves support. People need to know that there are veterans and Wounded Warriors out there who need help."

Since then, the two have been busy preparing for their task, conditioning their bodies and running and walking longer

distances as well as distributing flyers and posting information to Facebook and Twitter accounts. So far, they've raised about \$9,000 and checks are still coming in, Cottrell said.

"I think we'll come close to \$10,000 and that will really get us on the road to improving the quality of life for this Wounded Warrior and his Family."

Pugh, who lives with his wife, Heather and daughter, Giada, 5, said he was surprised and humbled by the effort.

"The same day they told me about it our air conditioner went out," he said. "I can't tell you what this means to me and to my Family and I plan to support them 100 percent when they do this for the next Warrior."

Neither Cottrell nor Sykes are daunted by the task before them. They've coordinated with local police agencies and face only the challenge of crossing bridges that are closed to pedestrians. McCormick will drive his truck, riding ahead to designated break locations and providing water, food and first aid when necessary.

"I started my career as a medic so I'll be watching over them as well," he said. "I can't march with them but I'm supporting them whole-heartedly in every other way."

The trio planned to return Aug. 6.

"We'll be in uniform, and carrying the



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(From left) ATEC 1st Sgt. Paul Cottrell; retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. Joseph Pugh of Aberdeen; Sgt. Taylor Sykes of the 22d Chemical Battalion and Capt. Robert McCormick, commander of ATEC's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, pose together in front of the trailer McCormick will drive to support the 100-mile walk.

American and Purple Heart flags," Cottrell said. "We just want to make people aware that we are out there and we'll be happy to share our story to anyone who cares to listen."

"People need to know that this is one way they can help Wounded Warriors."

For more information or to support the effort, go to www.GoFundMe.com/9cix0k.

Civilians, spouses can take control of their health

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vides users with scores for their individual levels of fitness in five dimensions: Family, Social, Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual. The GAT 2.0 is an annual requirement for Soldiers, but there is also a tailored version specifically for spouses.

"A key part of creating a more ready and resilient Army is ensuring our families have the same tools and resources as our Soldiers," said CSF2 Director Col. Kenneth Riddle. "Since the launch of GAT 2.0 on Jan. 27, over 375,000 Soldiers have taken this self-assessment. We want Army spouses to take advantage of this self-awareness tool, as well and follow-on resources that the GAT 2.0 recommends."

Master Sgt. John Castillo, a senior operations noncommissioned officer in the U.S. Army Public Health Command, who also serves as the APG Master Resiliency Training Program Manager, said the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program, or CSF2, is a major component of the Army's Ready and Resilient Campaign, and the global assessment tool is just one of the tools available to Soldiers and their spouses that can be used to assist them in improving and maintaining their family's overall health.

"The GAT is a confidential self-assess-

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CSF2 Director

ment that allows Soldiers and their families to gain insight about themselves, which can then be used to increase resiliency and help them thrive as an Army Family," he said.

"The CSF2 concept works hand-in-hand with many other Army health initiatives, to include the Public Health Command's Health Promotion Officer program, the Performance Triad, the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program, and Suicide Prevention."

According to Capt. Richard Mozeleski, commander of the HHC Garrison, the command also is focusing on APG civilians.

Mozeleski said the GAT questionnaire, which takes about 45 minutes to fill out, provides a complete snapshot of overall health.

"This is great for the individual and for the command," he said, adding that while

individuals can be assured each evaluation is confidential, the data provided can be a good measure of trends.

"The data is broken down individually but then forwarded to DA as one installation," he said. "We can't look at individual performance but we can pull that data for trends and look at how we as an installation are performing as a whole."

In addition to providing users with their individual scores in the five dimensions of strength, the GAT 2.0 provides the user's RealAge®, which is a metric that reveals users' biological age compared to their calendar age. Users also receive their results in the Performance Triad of Sleep, Activity and Nutrition.

Self-awareness is only part of the benefit of taking the GAT 2.0. Self-development is the second part. After receiving their scores based on the GAT 2.0, users are directed to ArmyFit™, which hous-

es the tools and resources for users to increase their resilience and improve their overall resilience and well-being. Each user receives tailored recommendations to help them navigate through the myriad resources available within ArmyFit™.

The strength of the Army comes from its family members. The GAT 2.0 provides members of the Army Family with the opportunity to know their bodies and stay psychologically strong for themselves and their families.

"What makes the GAT 2.0 different from other online surveys is that it's designed specifically for members of the Army family," said Grace Heath, an Army spouse for 17 years. "It gives my spouse and me common ground when we talk about things like strength and resilience."

To keep the recommendations provided by GAT 2.0 relevant, CSF2 plans to keep adding new content and functions to ArmyFit™ over the coming months. These include the ability to synch a personal activity monitor's data with the site to chart a person's daily physical activity, and use that data to compete with other users.

For more information on the GAT 2.0, visit <http://csf2.army.mil>

To take the GAT 2.0, visit <https://armyfit.army.mil>

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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CYSS GOLF PROGRAM WRAPS UP FOR SUMMER

APG children enrolled in the summer Child, Youth and School Services Sports Junior Golf program competed in a golf tournament at Ruggles Golf Course July 29. (Clockwise, from left) Josh Brethauer, 12, prepares to swing; Jake Kegley, 10, kisses his trophy after winning first place for his age group; Daniel Khoshkhoo, 12, putts as PGA Professional Dave Correll watches. For more information about upcoming CYSS Sports activities, visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/child-youth-school-services/child-and-youth-sports> or call CYSS Sports Director Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Greene remembered as true American hero

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“He was really a good man,” she said. “I recall a conference we worked together, the Conference of the American Armies in 2010, which was a really big deal. At the end of the conference, after we had worn ourselves out, he called us all together and gave us all coins and made everybody feel special. He really did.”

“He was an amazing man. He made each person feel important. He was an amazing person, that’s for sure. I’m just stunned. This is a great loss, and the full impact is yet to be seen.”

During Greene’s time with RDECOM, he also served as senior commander at Natick Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass.

“Major General Greene was a great leader, true patriot and a friend to many here at NSSC. In those two short years, he worked tirelessly in the Natick community to forge partnerships that still last today. Always one to put Soldiers first, he set high standards and would never accept anything but the best equipment possible for America’s warfighters. Those who had the pleasure to work for him, know that he was extraordinarily smart, cared deeply about his people and was completely dedicated to the Army’s mission,” NSSC Chief of Public Affairs John Harlow said.

Katie Everett works in RDECOM’s science, technology, engineering and mathematics educational outreach office.

“Maj. Gen. Greene was the kind of leader that every young officer aspires to become. He was genuine, incredibly wise, bluntly honest, and had a great sense of

humor. He genuinely loved people, and he loved the Army,” Everett said.

Greene also served on APG as the Program Executive Officer, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, from May 2011 to April 2012. Before his assignment in Afghanistan, he was the Deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) from April 2012 to January 2014.

“As members of the PEO family, we extend our hearts and deepest sympathy to the Greene family at the tragic loss of our fallen colleague, friend, and former PEO, Maj. Gen. Harry Greene,” said Stephen D. Kreider, Program Executive Officer, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare & Sensors. “Maj. Gen. Greene was an inspirational leader who touched all he led. His life was an outstanding example of one lived in dedication to family, friends, Army and nation. His legacy is the character, integrity and passion for life he displayed in all he did. He is a true American hero who was responsible for the safe return of many from war due to his dedication to mission and his commitment to excellence. We will miss him.”

Greene was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1980. His awards and decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Courtesy graphic

Right: Maj. Gen. Harold J. Greene sent this letter to the APG Community from Afghanistan in February as thanks for the care packages he received and shared with members of his staff. The highest ranking officer killed since the beginning of the War on Terror, Greene served at APG as the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command deputy 2009 to 2011 and as the Program Executive Officer, Intelligence, Electronics, Warfare & Sensors, 2011 to 2012.

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Stephen D. Kreider
PEO IEW&S



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Above: (From left) Heidi Shyu, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), hosts a promotion ceremony for newly-promoted Maj. Gen. Harold J. Greene at the Fort Myer, Va., Officers Club Aug. 30, 2012.

