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DES to increase handicap parking enforcement

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
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The Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) will begin an Enhanced Handicap Parking Enforcement Campaign starting Monday, Aug. 25.



According to Lt. Joseph Davis, DES traffic division, frequent incidents of parking misuse occur post wide and patrols will be stepped up to catch violators, particularly in

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APG News staff welcomes new editor

Staff report

Amanda R. Rominiacki became the new editor of the APG News Aug. 11.



Rominiacki

Prior to joining the Garrison Public Affairs Office Rominiacki was a public affairs specialist with the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics, Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC) at APG.

Rominiacki was born in Ohio and grew up outside of Chicago. Her parents were originally from Delaware and she attended the University of Delaware, her

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Photo by Sean Kief

Capt. Gilberto Malave, battery commander, Alpha Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery (JLENS) and his Soldiers stand at parade rest with the unit's freshly uncased colors during the Guidon Uncasing Ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Aug. 18. Recently stood up at APG, the battery will launch aerostats – blimps – that are capable of detecting unfriendly missiles and rockets up to 340 miles away in its mission to protect the national capital region.

JLENS unit uncases colors

Arrival of Alpha Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery made official

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The arrival of Alpha Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery (ADA) was made official, Aug. 18, during the unit's Guidon Uncasing Ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

The Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System, or JLENS is a system of two aerostats (blimps), or tethered airships, that float 10,000 feet in the air. Each, nearly as long

as a football field, will carry powerful radars capable of detecting, tracking and targeting missiles and rockets up to 340 miles away. Aerostats have been deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, but this is JLENS' first use in the mainland United States; though other blimps have been used and tested around the nation.

Lt. Col. Charles L. Matallana, 2-6 ADA battalion commander and 2-6 ADA Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin K. Enoch uncased the unit colors officially establishing the

unit at APG. Assisting was Col. James P. Payne, commander of the 30th ADA Brigade and 30th ADA Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas L. Eagan.

Guests included Maj. Gen. Glen A. Bramhall, commander of the 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command and 263rd AAMDC Command Sgt. Maj. James J. Wilbanks; Gary Martin, deputy to APG Senior Leader and commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electron-

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Garrison hosts quarterly town hall

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Garrison Soldiers, civilians and contractors received the latest updates from post leaders during the quarterly Garrison Town Hall meeting at the post theater Aug. 19.

APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton addressed budget concerns as the government approaches a new fiscal year Oct. 1. He said that the U.S. Army Installation Management Command's funding levels for FY 2015 are expected to remain the same as FY 2014.

Changes are anticipated, however, at the IMCOM and garrison levels as IMCOM Commander Lt. Gen. David Halverson is looking at ways to realign the supporting force.

"Since IMCOM stood up, we have taken on responsibilities that are not part of our core competencies," McClinton said.

He said that as a result, some garrisons are failing to deliver their

Common Level of Support (CLS) services. In the next few months, leadership will determine the garrison's core requirements and capabilities.

"Everyone in this room will be impacted in some way," he said.

McClinton also discussed restructuring the workforce. Currently the garrison workforce has an excess of 100 over-higher positions. He said leaders must address the issue of "over-hires." One tool to reduce the number of over-highers is through Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/ Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment (VERA/ VISP). He said the goal is to balance the TDA by matching those classified as "over-hires" to current vacancies.

He advised employees to talk with their supervisors to determine their status.

McClinton and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams

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Plan for extra travel time at Rt. 22 gate

APG motorists and bicyclists should plan for extra travel time to and from the installation during construction that will expand the roadways outside of the Rt. 22 gate to three-way lanes for incoming and outgoing traffic. Drivers should exercise caution as they drive through the work zone. The Maryland State Highway Administration reminds bicyclists and motorists that they are prohibited from riding on any shoulder, lane or ramp within a highway work zone that is closed off with cones, barrels or concrete barriers. Persons operating bicycles, mopeds or motor scooters on public bicycle areas have the same rights and duties as motorists and must obey all traffic control devices. Motorists should pass bicyclists safely at a distance of not less than three feet.

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STREET TALK

What is/was your favorite subject in school?

"My two favorite classes were physics and auto shop class. I liked learning about the mechanics of cars."



Randy Handley
ATC contractor

"My favorite subject would probably have to be math because I'm good at it and it's fun!"



Hunter Lewis
Family member

"My favorite subjects are math and writing. I like math because I like to work with numbers and I like writing because I like using my imagination to write stories."



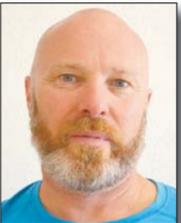
Gianna Dawson
Family member

"My favorite subject is math because it's fun to play [the game] Around the World. You get candy!"



Aida Miranda Vega
Family member

"My favorite subject in school was history because I had a teacher who would bring the history to life. I even became a history major in college."



Phil Aubel
Military retiree

LEGALLY SPEAKING

OSJA client division offers variety of services



By **SANDI WILLIAMS**
OSJA

This article introduces readers to the many services provided by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division (CSD).

The Client Services Division is a consolidated legal office offering a wide variety of free legal services in the areas of legal assistance, income tax assistance, real estate expense reimbursement and claims. Eligible clients include all branches of active duty service members (30 days or more), retirees, and their Family members; and under limited circumstances, civilian employees.

Located in room 317 on the third floor of Bldg. 4305, the office is comprised of three attorneys, two paralegal specialists, two claims examiners, and one legal assistant. Services are provided Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Legal assistance

Legal assistance is a customer-oriented service of the Army's Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps that resolves clients' personal legal problems. Resolution may range from giving general advice on a matter and referring the client to a private attorney or agency to preparing legal documents (i.e., correspondence with a debt collector) or negotiating with opposing counsel on a client's behalf. As a general rule, legal assistance attorneys may advise clients on most personal civil legal matters including wills, powers of attorney, contracts, leases, taxes, enlisted/officer evaluations, financial problems and domestic relations matters. Most powers of attorney and notarizations are available on a walk-in basis during normal operating hours.

We offer a walk-in day (no appointment required – first come first serve) to see an attorney each Tuesday morning beginning at 9 a.m. All other attorney consultations are scheduled by appointment. Emergencies, such as mobilizations, a summons or court order requiring an immediate response, lease reviews, medical emergencies, etc., are assisted on a walk-in basis – and home or hospital visits may be arranged for clients with serious physical disabilities. We also provide limited services to civilian employees who are charged for loss or damage to government equipment (financial liability investigations) and those civilian employees designated to accompany the forces to contingency operations.

Income tax assistance

The tax program operates between February and April each year. Services provided are for the preparation of simple federal and state tax returns by appointment only. During the off-season, tax personnel continue to answer simple tax questions and provide the preparation of simple tax returns, to include tax preparation assistance

to Service Members returning from combat zones and contingency operations or amendments to returns previously prepared by the CSD tax personnel.

Real estate

These are requests for reimbursements for certain expenses associated with the sale or purchase of a home or early termination of a lease pursuant to an authorized permanent change of station (PCS) move for civilian employees. The CSD performs a legal review for the command's Approval Authority to ensure expenses are reasonable in amount and customarily paid by the seller or buyer in the residence locality and determine whether there is a specific basis to reimburse the requested expense under appropriate regulations and law.

Claims

Claims personnel process and assert a variety of claims for loss or damage to property. The most common types of claims filed with this office are the following:

Personnel claims

The Personnel Claims Act authorizes the payment of Soldiers' and DA civilian employees' claims for the fair market value of personal property lost, damaged, or destroyed incident to service. The most common claims are those related to government-sponsored transportation losses (household goods and hold baggage) and damage/loss to personal property due to fire, flood, theft, vandalism, and/or unusual occurrence that occurred incident to service. In order to file a Personnel Claim (household goods shipment; POV shipment; barrack theft; or other personnel property loss) incident to your service with the Army, you must file your claim using the Personnel Claims Army Information Management System (PCLAIMS) located online at <https://www.jagcnet4.army.mil/pclaims>.

Tort claims

Tort claims personnel receive, investigate, and settle claims filed against the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) and the Military Claims Act by individuals who suffered a loss or damage as a result of a government employee's negligent act while in the scope of his employment with the U.S. Government. The FTCA requires the filing of an administrative claim (using SF Form 95, Tort Claim for Damage, Injury or Death), signed and demanding a sum certain, with the appropriate agency within two years of the incident. Once the claim is filed, the claimant must wait to file suit in federal court until six months have elapsed since the date of filing, a final offer is issued, or the claim is denied, whichever comes first.

Article 139 claims

These are administrative claims made against military personnel only for loss of, or damage to, real or personal property that

has been willfully damaged or wrongfully taken. Claims for death or personal injury, subrogated claims, and claims founded in negligence or breach of a contractual or fiduciary relationship are excluded. All claims under this chapter must be presented to an Army claims office within 90 days of the incident.

Claims initiated by this office

Carrier Recovery Claims and Affirmative Claims are the most common types of claims initiated by this office.

Carrier Recovery claims personnel are responsible for administering the U.S. Army Claims Service's household goods recovery program. The purpose of the program is to pursue affirmative claims against carriers, warehousemen, or other third parties responsible for loss or damage occurring during the storage or transport of household goods, and other personal property. Recovery from the carrier is based primarily on the carrier's contractual responsibility to deliver, in satisfactory condition, the property shipped.

Affirmative claims personnel initiate action to recover the cost of medical care provided by military treatment facilities and/or paid for by TRICARE to eligible recipients (i.e. Soldiers, Family members, and retirees) on account of injury or disease incurred under the circumstances creating tort liability upon some third person. This includes the costs incurred by the U.S. as a result of car accidents, slip and falls, medical malpractice, or any other incident where a service member was injured due to the negligence of a third party. Affirmative claims personnel also recover the cost of property damage or loss to U.S. government property from responsible third parties.

Legally Speaking

The CSD is committed to providing first-class, professional legal services. Part of that commitment includes educating clients about legal issues that may affect them. Legally Speaking is designed to be a column that deals with time sensitive legal assistance and claims issues important to the APG community. In the coming months, look for informative articles on various topics such as claims, taxes, consumer rights, estate planning, military specific topics and more. The CSD also encourages the APG community to attend our on-post quarterly Preventive Law Series presentations featuring the aforementioned topics and hosted by the CSD. Information regarding location, dates and times of the quarterly presentations as well as the presentation slides are posted on the CSD website at www.apg.army.mil, installation support, support offices, installation legal office.

For assistance or for more information regarding services offered in the Client Services Division, visit the office in Bldg. 4305 or call 410-278-1583.

CONSTRUCTION ALERT

An adjustment for the traffic plan at the Bldg. 305 parking lot is required due to the decision not to put plates along Exchange Road. This was decided because it will be less strain on the soil supporting the roadway. Starting Wednesday, Aug. 27, traffic in both directions on Exchange Road will be rerouted through the Bldg. 305 parking lot. This pattern will continue for about three weeks, ending approximately Wednesday, Sept. 17. For more information, contact the Directorate of Public Works' Devon Rust at 410-306-1125, devon.a.rust.civ@mail.mil or Jeff Presgraves at 410-306-1848, jeffery.a.presgraves.civ@mail.mil

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Police presence not affected by Edgewood DES station closure

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The APG South (Edgewood) police station is slated for closure Sept. 21 but that will not affect police presence or patrols in the installation's Gunpowder area. According to Directorate of Emergency Services Capt. Gerald Dove, chief of the Patrol Branch, if anything, coverage of the area will increase.



Dove

The changeover is the final phase of the DES police department's transition to a unified department that is more efficient and will better serve the APG community, Dove said.

"Coverage of the installation will

“There will be a police office on Edgewood where reports will be processed and with increased patrols. It will be a more efficient operation. The police will come to the people; people won't have to come to the police.”

Capt. Gerald Dove
DES Patrol Branch chief

increase because we won't have the commitment of the gate," he said, noting that the armed Security Guard Force will assume the access control mission, freeing police officers to focus only on law enforcement.

Dove said that by Sept. 21 no personnel will be in the former Edgewood Police Station and by October,

all police will report to the APG North (Aberdeen) station.

"There will be a police office on Edgewood where reports will be processed and with increased patrols. It will be a more efficient operation," he said. "The police will come to the people; people won't have to come to the police."

He added that the change enhances the force protection mission and that members of the community should notice the difference right away.

"We'll have greater visibility and that means more protection with a dedicated force for law and order. Our Security Guard Force consists of trained professionals so people need not be concerned. Security won't suffer and everything will improve."

Centralized emergency numbers

Centralized numbers for emergencies include 911 for all emergencies. Non-emergency numbers when calling from APG South (Edgewood) or APG North (Aberdeen) are 410-306-0564/0565. To reach the Police Desk Supervisor, call 410-306-0564/0545.

Questions or concerns can be directed to APG Chief of Police Joel Holdford at 410-306-0558 or Capt. Gerald Dove at 410-306-0561.

Smith joins APG News Staff

Stacy L. Smith is the newest addition to the APG News staff.

A native Marylander, Smith graduated from Goucher College in 2006 with a BA in English.



Smith

She's worked in and out of her field since then, most notably with developmentally challenged children at The Maryland School for the Blind.

Smith describes herself as "quiet, with a sense of humor." In her spare time, she sells vintage clothes and collectible vinyl records online and her hobbies include reading, writing and watching comedies and dramas.

Smith said she is excited to join the APG News staff.

"I want to expand my skills and be considered a professional," she said. "To get the information to the people who need it. I just want to write stories people want to read."

Smith can be reached at 410-278-8759.

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APG youth compete in Harford County Farm Fair

Story and photo by **STACY SMITH**
APG News

Children in the APG Edgewood Eagles 4-H Club at the APG South (Edgewood) youth center competed against other local 4-H youth during the annual Harford County Farm Fair July 31.

Eighteen children ages 7 to 14-years-old entered the competition, placing their original creations in 30 different categories including arts and crafts, agriculture, science, photography and fine arts.

Several children from the club were awarded first, second and third place prizes. Elicia Parker won first place for her fresh sage and Shyann Stolo won second place for her dried mixed herbs and third place for an original photo she took of herself.

Entries were classed according to age: the Clover Buds, ages 5-8, received ribbons for participation, while the Juniors, elementary school, and Intermediates, middle school, competed for ribbons as well as small monetary prizes.

Though the children were happy to compete for prizes, Renee Main, director of the APG South (Edgewood) youth center, stressed the importance of personal growth rather than awards.

"The act of doing it and trying new



(From left) APG South youth center and Edgewood Eagles 4-H Club members Samantha Devorak, Kayleigh Devorak, Jordan Richards, Kaley McColligan, Shyann Stolo, and Elicia Parker pose with some of the winning entries from the Harford County Farm Fair.

things is what we emphasize," she said. "They learn how to show off their talents and to not be afraid to share them with others."

The children acquire various skills throughout the process of competing, whether that is a gardener's green thumb

or a photographer's artistic eye, she added.

"I think they learn how to work on long term projects when they do things like gardening and photography. They learn what's a good picture and what's a bad picture...what makes a picture inter-

esting," she said.

Main said she is especially proud of the work the children have done in the youth center garden, where they cultivate fresh herbs, tomatoes, cucumbers and other veggies.

"Last year our eggplant won first place which was pretty cool."

Shyann Stolo, 10, proudly showed off a mason jar filled with herbs she grew herself.

"I made dried herbs with sage, oregano and basil. I also made a birdhouse by painting one of the gourds from our garden," she said. "My favorite thing about the fair was that I got noticed for my work."

Several children will go on to compete in the Maryland State Fair August 27, where their projects will be judged against 4-H participants from across the state. While at the fair, participants will enjoy the fair rides, have lunch and participate in a scavenger hunt provided by the Maryland 4-H club, Main said.

The Harford County Farm Fair is sponsored by Harford County's agricultural community in collaboration with 4-H, Future Farmers of America, and the Ag Magnet Program in Harford County Public Schools. For more information, visit www.farmfair.org.

Back-to-School Brigade provides school supplies to military children

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Nearly 300 military children from the APG community received free backpacks filled with school supplies during the fifth annual Back-to-School Brigade Aug. 15 at the Veterans of the Foreign Wars Post 10028 in Aberdeen.

The Back-to-School Brigade, a nationwide school supply campaign sponsored by Operation Homefront, distributes school supplies to military children in kindergarten through 12th grade. Eligible recipients are children of active duty, deployed or wounded service members, grades E-1 to E-6.

According to Operation Homefront DC Metro Program Manager Roseanne Coleman, more than 6,000 backpacks have been distributed to military Families in the DC Metro area this month.

The backpacks held essential back-to-

school items such as pens, pencils, crayons, highlighters, notebook paper, rulers, calculators, and erasers. The program is made possible through corporate sponsors.

"It's a great program, it really helps our Soldiers who might have a hardship getting back-to-school supplies," said Martha "Martti" King, Family Readiness support assistant for the 20th CBRNE Command.

King said the success of the event is due to local volunteers. More than 50 Soldiers, spouses, children and community members assembled the backpacks and

supplies before the event. In addition, VFW members provided refreshments and assistance during the event.

"This program brings people together, shows them that sense of communi-

ty," said Allyson Hash, FRSA for the Maryland National Guard's 29th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Master Sgt. James Franicevich, from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, volunteered at the

event with his wife, Jessica, and daughter, Chloe.

"It's always a good feeling to give

back to Soldiers," he said. "I have seen a lot of happy kids today."

Military spouse Emma Predmore said the event was perfect timing for her Family, who recently moved to the area from Alaska.

"It has been a really expensive transition," she said. "Most of our supplies are still in boxes, so this event really helps."

Staff Sgt. Kirt Wheatley from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory said the event reduces his Family's back-to-school spending.

"The school supply list is longer each year," he said. "This is a great event for military Families."

Operation Homefront Metro DC is a nonprofit organization that provides emergency services and financial assistance to families of active duty service members and Wounded Warriors in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Send newspaper submissions to the APG News

Community members are asked to send all submissions for the APG News to usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil, and CC amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil. Type APG NEWS SUBMISSION in the Subject Line. You should receive a response within three business days letting you know that the submission has been received. If you do not receive a response, please call 410-278-7274 to inquire.

Austin assumes AEC responsibilities

Story and photo by **LINDSEY MONGER ATEC**

Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Austin assumed the duties of senior noncommissioned officer of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's Army Evaluation Center during an assumption of responsibility ceremony at AEC headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground Aug. 14.

AEC Director David Jimenez passed the sword to Austin who passed it to Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Conway, AEC military evaluator, for safe keeping.

During his opening remarks, Jimenez welcomed Austin's wife, Elada and son Isaiah to the installation and the AEC family and commented on the long-standing tradition of the U.S. Army NCO standard of professionalism.

"For more than 200 years of service, the Army's noncommissioned officer corps has been considered the 'Backbone of the Army,' and I have no doubt Command Sgt. Maj. Austin will be just that to the AEC family," said Jimenez. "Though small in numbers, our AEC NCOs bring first-hand, end-user experience that others just can't bring, and we value the NCO perspective."

"At AEC our NCOs make a direct impact on what we provide the Soldiers

helping us in our planning and evaluating mission," he added. "[Command Sgt. Maj.] Austin is someone who has the energy, the drive, the perspective, which is exactly what we require here."

A New Orleans, Louisiana native, Austin found himself much farther north at Fort Dix, New Jersey when he enlisted in the Army in 1984 as a wheeled vehicle mechanic with the Ordnance Corps. He comes to APG from the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Dae-gu, Korea. Much closer to home, Austin expressed optimism about joining the AEC team.

"It gives me great pleasure to be afforded the opportunity to serve alongside a great group of people, Soldiers, and Department of the Army Civilians," said Austin.

"In order for us to continue to do great things in our Army, and for our Army we have to continue to put the 'P' in 'People,' and ensure we continue to treat people with the upmost dignity and respect."

A decorated NCO, Austin's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service, Army Commendation, and Good Conduct medals and a host of other achievements.



Incoming AEC Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Austin, right, passes the noncommissioned officer sword to AEC Military Evaluator Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Conway, left, for safe keeping as AEC Director David Jimenez looks on during an assumption of responsibility ceremony at AEC headquarters Aug. 14.

Army hackers attack, protect Army network in preparation for Network Integration Evaluation

By **NANCY JONES-BONBREST** PEO C3T and **MATTHEW C. MCVEY** SoSE&I

As new technologies are introduced into the Army network, they are evaluated during semi-annual, Soldier-driven operational exercises in the mountains and desert of Fort Bliss, Texas, and White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

Though Soldier-executed tests are the focus of Network Integration Evaluations (NIE), the overall success of the effort rests on lab-based planning and integration testing back at Aberdeen Proving Ground, where months of risk reduction activities and evaluations are conducted prior to the operational event.

After all, if the capability doesn't work in the lab, it's not going to work in the field.

Now, as systems integration has become more complex and cyber attacks pose a greater risk to the Army's tactical network, the labs have evolved with the threat. New efforts are underway this summer to identify, understand and defend against unseen threats prior to the actual testing of systems at the NIE.

"We're incorporating the cyber piece earlier than ever before," said Lt. Col. Carlos Wiley, the integration and execution division chief for the Army System of Systems Engineering and Integration Directorate.

SoS approach

"By leveraging the power of our integrated lab facilities, our goal is to re-create the battlefield network environment and mitigate risks before equipment reaches the hands of the Soldiers."

Building on lessons learned from previous NIEs, which required Soldiers to monitor their tactical computer network and defend against realistic threats, the federated labs on Aberdeen's Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) campus are, for the first time, taking a coordinated system of systems approach to lab-based risk reduction, including cyber security. The Army's goal moving forward will be to close as many capability and security vulnerability gaps as possible prior to the NIE, by identifying, troubleshooting and mitigating them in the lab environment.

"At the NIEs, there will be a 'red' team that will act as the enemy, and use all means expected of a hostile threat to hack into the network and support-

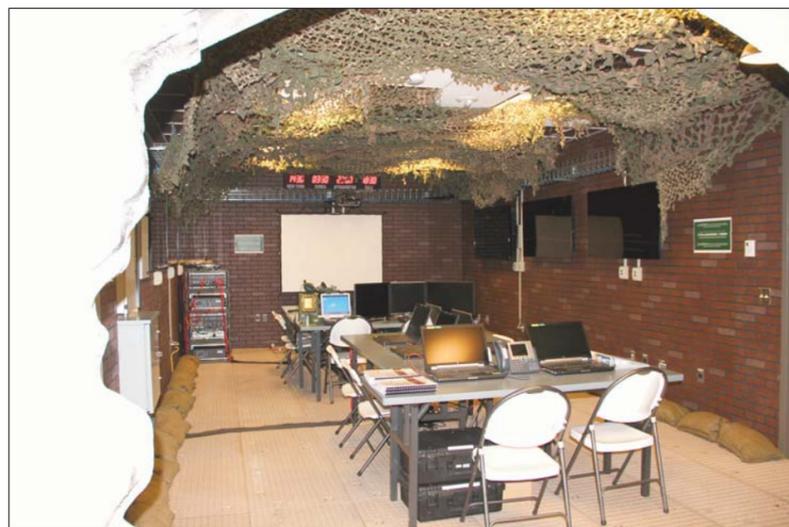


Photo by Edric V. Thompson

Systems to be tested or evaluated at the Network Integration Evaluations must go through the C4ISR Systems Integration Laboratory (CSIL). The lab has established a fully integrated battalion tactical operations center, where problems can be followed and addressed from beginning to end, in the same manner they would occur in the field.

ing systems," said Jennifer Zbozny, chief engineer for the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T), which fields the tactical network.

"The main goal is to get our systems hardened and interoperable before we deploy them to the Soldier. Anything we get back from the red team or the NIEs is a good thing, because it means we found it before we deploy it to the field."

In preparation for this fall's NIE 15.1, the SoSE&I and PEO C3T, for the first time coordinated the deployment of a 'blue' team of friendly hackers to the labs to help systems find as many cyber vulnerabilities as possible, prior to NIE. This early blue teaming effort adds an extra layer of cyber hardening for systems.

Interoperability

The combined power of the federated labs provides engineers the opportunity to replicate a portion of an actual brigade and test dozens of systems in parallel in the network environment that each system will eventually be deployed in. Engineers can then isolate individual systems and issues and focus on interoperability not only on a quiet network, but also on a network loaded with the terrain, weather and other challenges found in the NIE environment.

Currently, the labs spread out across the C4ISR campus are linked directly through fiber optic connectivity -- allowing each facility to efficiently

leverage the resources and test systems as if all of the assets from each lab were located at a single site. They enable the Army to continually measure performance and interoperability among government and industry systems, supporting an integrated and incremental approach to fielding the tactical network.

"We know that as new technologies are brought into the Army's network, it's essential they not only work individually, but they work as part of the larger system of systems," Wiley said. "Program managers often do testing on their systems separately. But when you bring all those systems together to run on the Army's networks, we tend to identify things they could not have found during their individual developmental tests."

Analyzing metrics

Also new for this NIE cycle is a measure of performance framework with specific metrics to address trends in the network as part of lab based risk reduction prior to using those metrics at the NIE. One of the facilities where the information will be observed is known as the PEO C3T Tactical Systems Integration Facility, which simulates the challenges of the battlefield while conducting risk reduction for the PEO C3T systems that form the backbone of the Army's network. These metrics will be analyzed in tandem with traditional Soldier surveys and instrumented test data collected at the NIE, to produce both quantitative measurements and qualita-

tive feedback that will be used to track network improvement as the Army executes future events.

"The Soldier survey is vital, but when you add in the technical measures of performance, it adds rigor to the overall evaluation of the system," Zbozny said. "If a Soldier says a system didn't work, we can look back at the metrics and tell them why it didn't work."

CSIL

These metrics include cyber protection, speed of service, message completion, bandwidth consumption and others that the Army is now building into the network earlier in the process. Following the work in the Tactical Systems Integration Facility, any system tested or evaluated at the NIEs must go through the C4ISR Systems Integration Laboratory (CSIL), which provides an advanced lab environment for engineers to integrate and assess new capabilities that vendors provide and propose to the Army be used on the tactical network.

This spring, the lab established a fully integrated battalion tactical operations center, where problems can be followed and addressed from beginning to end, in the same manner they would occur in the field.

"Our work at the CSIL gives us an early look at how a system will perform once it's integrated into the network for NIE," said Scott Newman, program director, Systems Engineering and Integration Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center Space & Terrestrial Communications Directorate. "This approach allows issues to be fixed on site, decreasing time and expenses."

Operational test

The risk reduction and cyber hardening efforts that have been coordinated and executed over the past four months will lead up to the NIE 15.1 to be held in October and November, at Fort Bliss and White Sands Missile Range. During this NIE, the Army will focus on an operational test for Warfighter Information Network-Tactical Increment 2, the Army's mobile network backbone, while also evaluating a limited number of other solutions proposed by government and industry.

"By mitigating risks early and establishing cyber hardening efforts during development, the network will be better poised to meet today's challenges as well as tomorrow's uncertain conflicts," Wiley said.

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APG SUMMER SAFETY

Risky drinking can ruin summer fun

National Institute of Health
(Alcohol Abuse & Awareness)

Summer is a wonderful time for outdoor activities with Family and friends. For many people, a day at the beach, on the boat or at a backyard barbecue will include drinking alcoholic beverages. But excessive drinking and summer activities don't mix. Drinking impairs both physical and mental abilities and it also decreases inhibitions—which can lead to tragic consequences on the water, on the road, and in the great outdoors. In fact, research shows that half of all water recreation deaths of teens and adults involve the use of alcohol.

Swimmers can get in over their heads

Alcohol impairs judgment and increases risk-taking, a dangerous combination for swimmers. Even experienced swimmers may venture out farther than they should and not be able to make it back to shore, or they may not notice how chilled they're getting and develop hypothermia. Surfers could become over-confident and try to ride a wave beyond their abilities. Even around a pool, too much alcohol can have deadly consequences. Inebriated divers may collide with the diving board, or dive where the water is too shallow.

Boaters can lose their bearings

According to research funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, alcohol may be involved in 60 percent of boating fatalities, including falling overboard. And a boat operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) over 0.1 percent is 16 times more likely to be killed in a boating accident than an operator with zero BAC. According to the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, alcohol can impair a boater's judgment, balance, vision, and reaction time. It can also increase fatigue and susceptibility to the effects of cold-water immersion. And if problems arise, intoxicated boaters are ill equipped to



find solutions. For passengers, intoxication can lead to falls on deck or overboard, or accidents at the dock.

Drivers can go off course

The summer holidays are some of the most dangerous times of the year to be on the road. When on vacation, drivers may be traveling an unfamiliar route or hauling a boat or camper, with the distraction of pets and children in the car. Adding alcohol to the mix puts the lives of the driver and everyone in the car, as well as other people on the road, at risk.

Stay hydrated to stay healthy

Whether you're on the road or in the great outdoors, heat plus alcohol can

equal trouble. Hot summer days cause fluid loss through perspiration, while alcohol causes fluid loss through increased urination. Together, they can quickly lead to dehydration or heat stroke.

This doesn't have to happen. At parties, make at least every other drink a nonalcoholic one. If you're the host, be sure to provide plenty of cold, refreshing nonalcoholic drinks to keep your guests well hydrated. If you know you'll be driving, stay away from alcohol. And remember, there's no shame in taking a cab or sleeping on a friend's couch if you feel at all unsure about driving.

Summer ends but consequences endure

You can have fun in the sun and still be safe. Avoiding beverages that cause mental and physical impairment while piloting a boat, driving a car, exploring the wilderness, and swimming or surfing is a good place to start. Be smart this summer—think before you drink, and make sure that you and your loved ones will be around to enjoy many summers to come.

For more information about preventing problems with alcohol this summer, and tips on cutting back, visit Rethinking Drinking on the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Awareness/National Institute of Health website at <http://www.rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov>



Ellen Stromdahl Entomologist

Ellen Stromdahl, an entomologist with the U.S. Army Public Health Command, specializes in ticks and tick borne diseases.

Stromdahl helps run the DOD Human Tick Test Kit Program, free tick identification and testing service for all DOD health care facilities. Each year, the program tests nearly 3,000 ticks that have bitten humans.

"This program completely aligns with the mission of Public Health Command, which is to prevent disease and promote health in Soldiers, Civilians, Retirees and military Families," she said.

In the event of a tick bite, Soldiers, military civilians, retirees and Family members can have the tick tested for free. Upon finding a biting tick, patients should carefully remove the tick and place it in a bottle or a sealable storage bag. The tick specimen should be delivered to Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic on APG North (Aberdeen), or Bldg. E-5800 on APG South (Edge-wood) as soon as possible.

"It is important to remove the tick as soon as you find it," she said. "Prompt removal will help prevent transmission of germs that the tick may be carrying."

In addition to tick testing, a big part of Stromdahl's job is raising awareness about tick-borne diseases and tick bite prevention. Some tick-borne illnesses, such as Lyme disease, are well known, but there is less public awareness of

tick-borne diseases such as babesiosis and ehrlichiosis.

"I get hundreds of inquiries every month," she said. "Answering questions is a big part of my day."

Stromdahl, who holds a master's degree in entomology from the University of Delaware, said she derives job satisfaction knowing she can help save a life.

"Healthy young adults have died of ehrlichiosis (a disease carried by the lone star tick) which is fatal if it is left undetected," she said. "Early detection is critical."

Stromdahl has served as an USAPHC entomologist for 17 years. She previously worked for the University of Maryland as a fruit and vegetable entomologist, specializing in pest management.

To prevent tick bites, she strongly recommends applying tick repellent - permethrin repellent for clothing is most effective - before spending time outdoors. She also suggests people routinely check themselves, children and pets for ticks. Stromdahl said APG's climate and environment supports a large number of ticks.

"Ticks thrive in warm, humid weather," she said. "Ticks are most active in the spring and summer."

For more information about the USAPHC DOD Test Kit Program visit <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/envirohealth/epm/Pages/HumanTick-TestKitProgram.aspx>.

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ALL THINGS MARYLAND

Harford overcame illegitimacy to thrive in post-Revolutionary era

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Henry Harford, whom Harford County was named for was the eldest but illegitimate son of Frederick Calvert, 6th Baron Baltimore. His mother, Hester Whelan, was Calvert's mistress. His grandfather was Charles Calvert, 5th Baron Baltimore.

The Calvert family was granted a royal charter and founded Maryland as a place of religious tolerance in the 17th century.

Calvert, 6th Baron Baltimore, was known for hedonistic tendencies and paid little-to-no attention to Maryland's affairs. He never visited the state; appointing others to oversee it instead.

Before he died, Calvert installed his brother-in-law, Robert Eden to govern Maryland for him with the directive to promote Harford's cause in the colony. It was Eden who saw that the new county in Maryland was named Harford to honor the young proprietor.

Harford was the 5th Proprietor and last proprietary owner of the British colony of Maryland. In 1771, at the age of 13, he inherited his father's estates. Despite his illegitimacy, the people of Maryland initially supported Harford and welcomed him as their new Lord Proprietor. However, in an about-face, Governor Eden disputed Harford's inheritance, and in 1774 tried to claim a part of the estate on behalf of his wife Caro-



line Calvert, sister of the deceased Baron Baltimore, and a legitimate daughter of Charles Calvert, 5th Baron Baltimore. By 1776, however, America was protesting its independence and the American Revolution broke out before the English courts could rule on the case.

In 1781 the new State of Maryland confiscated all of Henry Harford's estates and used the income to help finance the cash-strapped revolutionary government and its militia. After the Treaty of Paris ended the war in 1783, Harford attempted to reclaim his land and estates. He met stiff opposition from the Maryland General Assem-

bly. Though it passed in the House, the Senate unanimously rejected it citing Harford's absence during the war – though he was just a child – and his father's alienation of his subjects.

Despite these difficulties, Harford found himself easily accepted into Maryland society. He was a witness to George Washington's resignation of command at Annapolis and he stayed at the home of Dr. Upton Scott and his nephew, Francis Scott Key.

Eventually, the British Parliament created a system for compensating Loyalists who had suffered losses during the war and Harford received more than £100,000 pounds, the second highest award given.

In 1792, Harford married Louisa Pigou, a granddaughter of Frederick Pigou, director of the British East India Company. The couple had five children, three boys and two girls. Louisa died in 1803 and Harford married Esther Rycroft three years later. They too had five children; two boys and three girls.

Henry Harford died in 1835. His estates were left to his oldest surviving son, Frederick Paul Harford. Henry Harford's claim to Maryland was exploited for decades after his death. The last major case was the United States Supreme Court case *Morris v. United States* in 1899, in which one of Harford's descendants attempted to claim a part of the Potomac River from the District of Columbia.



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BACK TO SCHOOL



National Immunization Awareness Month

www.cdc.gov

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM), providing an opportunity to highlight the value of immunization across the lifespan. Activities focus on encouraging all people to protect their health by being immunized against infectious diseases. In 2014, the National Public Health Information Coalition is coordinating NIAM activities.

How vaccines prevent disease

The diseases that vaccines prevent can be dangerous, or even deadly. Vaccines reduce the risk of infection by working with the body's natural defenses to help it safely develop immunity to disease.

When germs, such as bacteria or viruses, invade the body, they attack and multiply. This invasion is called an infection, and the infection is what causes illness. The immune system then has to fight the infection. Once it fights off the infection, the body is left with a supply of cells that help recognize and fight that disease in the future.

Vaccines help develop immunity by imitating an infection, but this "imitation" infection does not cause illness. It does, however, cause the immune system to develop the same response as it does to a real infection so the body can recognize and fight the vaccine-preventable disease in the future. Sometimes, after getting a vaccine, the imitation infection can cause minor symptoms, such as fever. Such minor symptoms are normal and should be expected as the body builds immunity.

During NIAM, the CDC works to inform the public about immunizations by:

- Encouraging parents of young children to get recommended immunizations by age two
- Helping parents make sure older children have received all recommended vaccines by the time they go back to school
- Reminding college students to catch up on immunizations before they move into dormitories
- Educating adults about vaccines and boosters they may need
- Educating pregnant women about getting vaccinated to protect newborns from diseases like whooping cough (pertussis)
- Reminding everyone that the next flu season is only a few months away

Vaccines for Preteens and Teens: What Parents Should Know

Why does my child need vaccines now?

Vaccines aren't just for babies. Some of the vaccines that babies get can wear



Courtesy photo

off as kids get older. And as kids grow up they may come in contact with different diseases than when they were babies. There are vaccines that can help protect your preteen or teen from these other illnesses.

What vaccines does my child need?

▪ Tdap Vaccine

This vaccine helps protect against three serious diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Preteens should get Tdap at age 11 or 12. If your teen didn't get a Tdap shot as a preteen, ask the their doctor or nurse about getting the shot now.

▪ Meningococcal Vaccine

Meningococcal conjugate vaccine protects against some of the bacteria that can cause meningitis (swelling of the lining around the brain and spinal cord) and septicemia (an infection in the blood). Preteens need the first meningococcal shot when they are 11 or 12 years old and a second meningococcal shot at age 16. Teens who got the meningococcal shot when they were 13, 14, or 15 years old should still get a second shot at age 16. Older teens who haven't gotten any meningococcal shots should get one dose as soon as possible.

▪ HPV Vaccine

Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines help protect both girls and boys from HPV infection and cancer caused by HPV. Two HPV vaccines protect

girls from the types of HPV that cause most cervical cancer. One HPV vaccine also helps protect both girls and boys from anal cancer and genital warts. HPV vaccines are given to preteens as 3 shots over 6 months when they are 11 or 12 years old. Preteens and teens who haven't started or finished the HPV vaccine series should ask the doctor or nurse about getting them now.

▪ Flu Vaccine

The annual flu vaccine is the best way to reduce the chances of getting seasonal flu and spreading it to others. Even healthy preteens and teens can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. While all preteens and teens should get a flu vaccine, it's especially important for those with chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease to get vaccinated. The best time to get the flu vaccine is as soon after it's available in your community, ideally by October. While it's best to be vaccinated before flu begins causing illness in your community, flu vaccination can be beneficial as long as flu viruses are circulating, even in January or later.

When should my child be vaccinated?

A good time to get these vaccines is during a yearly health checkup. Your preteen or teen can also get these vaccines at a physical exam required for sports, school, or camp. It's a good idea to ask the doctor or nurse every year if

there are any vaccines that your child may need.

What else should I know about these vaccines?

These vaccines have all been studied very carefully and are safe. They can cause mild side effects, like soreness or redness in the part of the arm where the shot was given. Some preteens and teens might faint after getting a shot. Sitting or lying down when getting a shot and then for about 15 minutes after the shot, can help prevent fainting. Serious side effects are rare. It is very important to tell the doctor or nurse if your child has any serious allergies, including allergies to yeast, latex, or chicken eggs, before they receive any shots.

How can I get help paying for these vaccines?

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides vaccines for children ages 18 years and younger, who are not insured, Medicaid-eligible, American Indian or Alaska Native. You can find out more about the VFC program by going online to www.cdc.gov and typing VFC in the search box.

Where can I learn more?

Talk to your child's doctor or nurse about what vaccines they may need. You can also find more information about these vaccines on CDC's Vaccines for Preteens and Teens website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/teens.

National Crime Prevention school safety tips

National Crime Prevention Council

For most of the year, children spend more time at school than anywhere else other than their own home. At school, children need a secure, positive, and comfortable environment to help them learn.

Overall, schools are one of the safest places children can be. However, some schools have problems, such as bullying and theft, which make them less secure. These problems make students and educators feel less safe, and it makes it harder for students to learn and for teachers to do their jobs.

But there are specific ways that parents can make going to school a safer and more valuable learning experience for their children.

In the classroom

Kids need a safe and comfortable environment to learn to the best of their capabilities. This means they have to feel safe in their school and be able to positively interact with their teachers and classmates. By doing the following, parents and other adults can help make sure children have a positive school experience.

Talk to your children about their day. Sometimes children won't tell you right away if they are having problems at school. Ask your children if they see anyone bullied, if they are bullied, or if anything else makes them feel uncomfortable. Look for warning signs, such as a sudden drop in grades, loss of friends,

or torn clothing.

Teach children to resolve problems without fighting. Explain that fighting could lead to them getting hurt, hurting someone else, or earning a reputation as a bully. Talk to them about other ways they can work out a problem, such as talking it out, walking away, sticking with friends, or telling a trusted adult.

Keep an eye on your children's Internet use. Many elementary schools have computers with Internet access. Ask your children's school if students are monitored when they use the Internet or if there is a blocking device installed to prevent children from finding explicit websites. Talk to your children about what they do online – what sites they visit, who they email, and who they chat with. Let them know they can talk to you if anything they see online makes them uncomfortable, whether it's an explicit website or a classmate bullying them or someone else through email, chat, or websites.

Ask about the safety and emergen-

cy plans for your children's school. How are local police involved? How are students and parents involved? What emergencies have been considered and planned for?

Traveling to and from school

Map out with your children a safe way for them to walk to school or to the bus stop. Avoid busy roads and intersections. Do a trial run with them to point out places they should avoid along the way, such as vacant lots, construction areas, and parks where there aren't many people.

Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress that they should cross the street at crosswalks or intersections with crossing guards when they can.

Encourage children to walk to school or the bus stop with a sibling or friend, and to wait at bus stops with other children.

Teach children not to talk to strangers, go anywhere with strangers, or accept gifts from strangers without your permission. Tell them that if they see a suspicious stranger hanging around or

in their school they should tell an adult.

Help children memorize their phone number and full address, including area code and zip code. Write down other important phone numbers such as your work and cell phone on a card for your children to carry with them.

On the bus

Have your children arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to pick them up.

Make sure children know to stand on the sidewalk or on the grass while waiting for the bus.

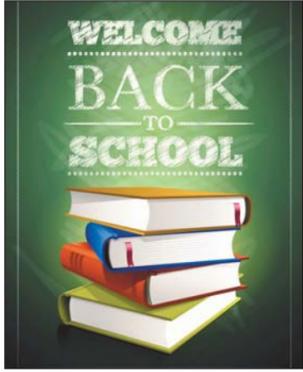
Teach children to make sure they can see the bus driver and the bus driver can see them before crossing in front of the bus. Tell them to never walk behind the bus.

Be aware that often bullying takes place on the school bus. Ask children about their bus - who they sit with, who they talk to, and what the other kids do. Let them know that if they see someone being bullied, or are bullied themselves, they can talk to you, the bus driver, or another trusted adult.

If you'd like to work towards making your children's schools safer on a larger scale, consider implementing Be Safe and Sound. This campaign provides a model for how parents, students, and school staff can work together to make schools safer and more secure.

For more information, visit <http://www.ncpc.org/>.





HCPS Open House and Back to School schedule by region

	Open House	Back to School	Combination
ABERDEEN			
Aberdeen High	Aug. 20, 5-6:30 p.m.	Aug. 28, 6-8 p.m.	PTSA and Edline, Aug. 28 5 p.m.
Aberdeen Middle	Aug. 22, 3-4 p.m.	Aug. 27, 5-7 p.m.	
Bakersfield Elem.	Aug. 22, 4-6 p.m.	Sept. 3, 6-8 p.m.	
Churchville Elem.	Aug. 21, 5-6 p.m.	Aug. 21, 6:30 -8:30 p.m.	
Lisby Elementary	Aug. 21, 4-6 p.m.	Sept. 17, 6-8 p.m.	
Halls Cross Roads	Aug. 21, 5-7 p.m.		
Roye Williams	Aug. 21, 5:30-7:15 p.m.		
Church Creek	Aug. 22, 4-6 p.m.	Sept. 4, 7-8:30 p.m.	
BEL AIR			
Bel Air Elem.	Aug. 21, 4-6 p.m.	Aug. 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	PTA social, Aug. 21, 4-6 p.m.
Bel Air High	Aug. 21, 2-4 p.m.	Aug. 26, 6-8:30 p.m.	Freshman Friday, Aug. 22, 9-11 a.m.
Bel Air Middle	Aug. 21, 2-4 p.m.	Sept. 10, Grade 7 & 8 ,6:30 p.m. Sept. 11, Grade 6, 6:30 p.m.	
Emmorton Elem.	Aug. 22, 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Sept. 3, 6 p.m.	
Forest Hill Elem.	Aug. 21, 4:30-6 p.m.	Sept. 3, 6:30 -8:05 p.m. Intermediate Sept. 4, 6:30 0 8:05 p.m. Primary	
Forest Lakes Elem.	Aug. 21, 5-7:30 p.m.		
Hickory Elem.	Aug. 22, 2-4 p.m.	Aug. 28, 6:30- 8 p.m.	
Homestead/Wakefield		Aug. 27, 6-9 p.m. (H) Aug. 28, 6-9 p.m. (W)	Kindergarten Info, Sept. 17, 6:45 p.m.
Red Pump Elem.	Aug. 21, 4-6 p.m.	Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.	
C. MILTON WRIGHT			
Bel Air Elem.	Aug. 21, 4-6 p.m.	Aug. 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	PTA social, Aug. 21, 4-6 p.m.
CMW High		Sept. 4, 6-8 p.m.	Freshman Fest, Aug. 22, 1-3 p.m.
Dublin Elem.		Aug. 28, 6 p.m.	
Fountain Green Elem.	Aug. 21, 4-6 p.m.	Sept. 3, 7-9 p.m.	
Prospect Mill Elem.	Aug. 22, 5-6:30 p.m.	Aug. 28, 6:30-8 p.m. Grades 1-5 Sept. 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Grades Pre-K and K	
Southampton Mid.		Sept. 8, 7-9 p.m., Grade 6 Sept. 9, 7-9 p.m., Grade 7 Sept. 10, 7-9 p.m., Grade 8	Sept. 18, 1-5 p.m. Grade 6
EDGEWOOD			
Abingdon Elem.	Aug. 22, 4-6 p.m.	Sept. 10 & 11, 5:30-6:45 p.m.	
Deerfield Elem.	Aug. 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m.		
Edgewood Elem.	Aug. 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m.		
Edgewood High	Sept. 4, 5-7 p.m.		
Edgewood Middle	Aug. 21, 2:30-5 p.m.	Sept. 9, 6-8 p.m.	
William Paca/OPR	Aug. 21, 4-6 p.m.	Aug. 26, 5:30-7:15 p.m., (OPR) Aug. 27, 5:30-7:15 p.m., (Paca)	
James Elementary	Aug. 21, 4-6 p.m.	Aug. 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	
FALLSTON			
Fallston High		Aug. 28, 6:30-9 p.m.	Freshman Fest, Aug. 22, 2-3:30 p.m.
Fallston Middle	Aug. 22, 9:30-11 a.m.	Aug. 25, 6-8:15 p.m. (6), Aug. 26, 6-8:15 p.m. (7) Aug. 27, 6-8:15 p.m. (8)	
Jarrettsville Elem.	Aug. 21, 4:30-6 p.m.	Sept. 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	
Joppatowne Elem.		Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m.	
Youths Benefit Elem.	Aug. 21, 5-6 p.m. Grades K, 2 & 4 Aug. 22, 5-6 p.m. Grades 1, 3 & 5	Aug. 21, 6-7:15 p.m. Grades K, 2 & 4 Aug. 22, 6-7:15 p.m. Grades 1, 3 & 5	
HAVRE DE GRACE			
Darlington Elem.	Aug. 22, 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Sept. 16, 7 p.m.	
Havre de Grace Elem.	Aug. 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m.		
Havre de Grace High	Aug. 22, 12:30-3:30 p.m.	Sept. 2, 6-8:30 p.m.	
Havre de Grace Mid.	Aug. 22, 2-4 p.m.	Sept. 4, 6-8:30 p.m.	
Meadowvale Elem.	Aug. 21, 4-6 p.m.	Aug. 28, 6:30 -8 p.m.	
JOPPATOWNE			
Joppatowne Elem.	Sept. 19, 10-2 p.m. (New Students only)	Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m.	
Joppatowne High		Aug. 28, 6-8 p.m.	
Magnolia Elem.	Aug. 21, 5-6:30 p.m.		
Magnolia Middle	Aug. 21, 1-3 p.m.	Sept. 3, 5:30-8 p.m. (6) Sept. 4, 5:30-8 p.m. (7&8)	
Riverside Elem.	Aug. 21, 5-6:30 p.m.		
NORTH HARFORD			
Dublin Elementary		Aug. 28, 7 p.m.	
Norrisville Elem.	Aug. 21, 4-6 p.m.	Sept. 3, 7 p.m. K & New Students	
North Bend Elem.	Aug. 21, 5:30-8:30 p.m.		
North Harford Elem.	Aug. 21, 6-8 p.m.		
North Harford High	Aug. 21, 1-3:30 p.m.	Aug. 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m.	
North Harford Mid.	Aug. 22, 1-3 p.m. (7&8), Aug.22, 6-8:30 p.m. (6)	Sept. 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (7&8)	
PATTERSON MILL			
Patterson Mill High	Aug. 22, 1-3 p.m.	Sept. 3, 6-8 p.m.	
Patterson Mill Mid.	Aug. 22, 9-11 a.m.	Sept. 2, 6-8 p.m.	
Ring Factory Elem.	Aug. 22, 4-6 p.m.	Aug. 27, 6-9 p.m.	
James Elem.	Aug. 21, 4-6 p.m.	Aug. 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	



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TODAY

AUGUST 21

WOA MEETING CANCELLED

The quarterly meeting of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association's Aberdeen-Edgewood "Silver" Chapter is cancelled. See Wednesday, Sept. 17.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

The Women's Equality Day program will be held 10:30-11:30 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 Master Sgt. Jay Shearer, PHC, 410-436-4375, jay.c.shearer.mil@mail.mil; Elizabeth Young, AMSAA, 410-278-1392, elizabeth.h.young.civ@mail.mil; Teresa Rudd, ECBC, 410-436-5501, teresa.d.rudd.civ@mail.mil; Tracy Marshall, CECOM EOA, 443-861-4366, tracy.y.marshall.civ@mail.mil; or Karen Jobses, Garrison, 410-436-4429, karen.w.jobses.civ@mail.mil.

BLOOD DRIVE/BONE MARROW REGISTRY

The Armed Services Blood Program returns to the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All those with access to APG are eligible to donate. 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 Rousayne at 410-436-6695 or email cassandra.rousayne@us.army.mil.

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 23

STATE FAIR FREE TO MILITARY FAMILIES

The Maryland State Fair will host Military Family Appreciation Day Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Timonium Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Lutherville-Timonium, Maryland 21093.

Tickets are free of charge to the first 500 military personnel and their family members. Look for the MD OMK/4H Young Leaders at the York Road entrance (before the ticket booths). First come/first served. For more information, contact Military Kids Project Director Jayne Fitzgerald at 301-405-2833, jefitz@umd.edu.

MONDAY

AUGUST 25

APG THEATER GROUP

The APG Theater Group will hold its first meeting of the 2014-15 season at 5 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. All are welcome, regardless of acting experience. Energy and enthusiasm are vital qualities that can outweigh mere talent. If you have the passion, you are needed so get ready for loads of fun, learning theatre or contributing - with makeup, set design, etc., - behind the scenes. Either way - the fun is about to begin.

The APG Theater Group is an all-volunteer group and program that has produced mystery dinner theaters, dramas, comedies and variety shows for APG audiences. Volunteer categories include theatrical (actors), musical (singers), spoken word and stage crew. There is something for everyone!

For more information, call 410-278-4011 or stop by the recreation center, Bldg. 3326 Erie Street.

THURSDAY

AUGUST 28

PWOC SHOWCASE

The Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) will kick off its fall semester with an APG PWOC Showcase 9:30 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel.

The PWOC is open to all women of

Christian denominations who reside on or near APG. The group meets 9:30 a.m. each Thursday and childcare is provided.

For more information, PWOC President Serenity Coats at serenitycoats@hotmail.com or Joyce Wood, administrative assistant to the Command Chaplain, at 410-278-4333.

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 Safety 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.

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 17

RESILIENCY HEALTH FAIR

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will host a Resiliency Health Fair 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, Bldg. E4140.

The health fair will offer free screenings for vision, blood pressure, spinal scan, and body mass index. Subject matter experts and materials regarding nutrition, immunization, tobacco cessation, veterans medical benefits and more, including a Zumba session, also will be available.

This event is open to members of Team APG including Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, contractors and Family members.

For more information, contact Sue Singh at 410-278-1771, Sunaina.singh.civ@mail.mil, or Dominique Davis at 410-278-6666, dominique.davis1.ctr@mail.mil.

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., the meeting is noon to 12:45 p.m. For more information, contact retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Owen McNiff at 571-243-6561/443-861-1936 or email omcniff@yahoo.com.

FORT MEADE JOB FAIR

Fort George G. Meade will host a Community Job Fair 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Club Meade, 6600 Mapes Road. This event will feature local, state and national employers and a free Resume Doctor evaluation and preparation assistance service. Shuttle service to and from Fort Meade's Smallwood Hall parking lot to Club Meade will be provided. To request ASL service, contact Jerome Duncan at jerome.duncan@maryland.gov. This event is open to all job seekers. Those not in possession of a DOD ID card and sticker on their vehicle must enter the installation through the MD Route 175 at Reece Road gate. All individuals must present a photo ID. Drivers must present a valid driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance. For more

information, go to www.ftmeademwr.com.

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 18

APG MOTORCYCLE MENTORSHIP RIDE 2014

Team APG will host the 2014 Motorcycle Mentorship Ride 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting from the Main Exchange parking lot. After a safety check and briefing, riders will head to the Harley Davidson Factory in York, Pennsylvania for an open house event featuring food vendors, dealer tents, live entertainment and more.

To enter APG riders must wear:

DOT approved helmet, ¾ or full-faced; brightly colored long-sleeve shirt, jacket or reflective vest; full-fingered gloves; over the ankle shoes/boots.

Military personnel must carry MSF card.

KSU (kickstands up) at 8 a.m.

For more information, contact HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Daniel Nelson at 410-278-3000; or Mike Allen at 410-207-8442.

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 19

POW/MIA 5K

In recognition of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Team APG will host the 2nd Annual POW/MIA 5K Run/Walk 6:30 a.m. starting from Hoyle Gym in APG South (Edgewood). Running shirts and t-shirts are available for purchase. For more information, contact Capt. Anthony Caltabiano at 410-417-3245 or anthony.d.caltabiano.mil@mail.mil

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.

WEDNESDAY

OCT. 15

"DRIVING AWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE" GOLF TOURNAMENT

The APG Family & MWR is hosting a "Driving Away Domestic Violence" Golf Tournament Oct. 15 to raise awareness and prevention of domestic violence. The tournament will be a four person scramble, captain's choice. Registration begins 3 p.m. and the shotgun starts 4 p.m. Registration is \$30 per person, which includes golf, cart, food and prizes.

For more information, contact Emily Myers at 410-278-7952 or emily.n.myers.naf@mail.mil.

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.

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.

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.

ARMY WELLNESS CENTER OFFERING SERVICES AT APG SOUTH CLINIC

The Army Wellness Center is seeing clients at the APG South (Edgewood) Clinic, Bldg. E4110 twice a month. Clients can have metabolism and body composition assessments and other services without having to drive to APG North (Aberdeen). Service members and their Family members, retirees and Army civilians can make an appointment through the APG North AWC, or be referred by their unit or primary health care provider at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. The next clinic date is Aug. 27:

For more information, or to schedule an appointment call 410-306-1024.

MORE ONLINE

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

BY THE NUMB#RS

Getting to know the
APG Post Library

10,572
Books (comprising adult fiction, non-fiction, military, test preparation and more)

5,697
DVDs (new releases, foreign films, television series, documentaries, fitness videos and Blu-ray)

2,846
Children's books (including chapter books, easy books and non-fiction)

52
Periodicals (newspapers, magazines and Army/Federal Government publications)

8
Public-use computers with CAC readers (plus Wi-Fi, printing, faxing and scanning capability)

(Source: Mike Lacombe, director, post library)

APG NEWS

This Week in APG News History

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News



50 Years Ago

Aug. 20, 1964

Clockwise from left:
Fan of the year Margaretha Pouches (second from left) never gave up screaming support to the Garrison's intramural softball team despite its recent loss in the finals. Pouches was the team's official score keeper and yelling leader.

(From left) WAC Pvt. Betty Rose, the only girl in a class of 24 students at the U.S. Army Ordnance supply school and her classmate Pvt. Gerald Butts hold the classes' highest academic scores.

(From left) Edward Budnick, D&PS; Pfc. Barney Zeravogel and Sgt. 1st Class Troy Sheppard release three ducks out of a flock of 69; joining 73 pheasants and 35 quail reared and released at APG in support of the program to increase the wildlife in Maryland's Eastern Shore.

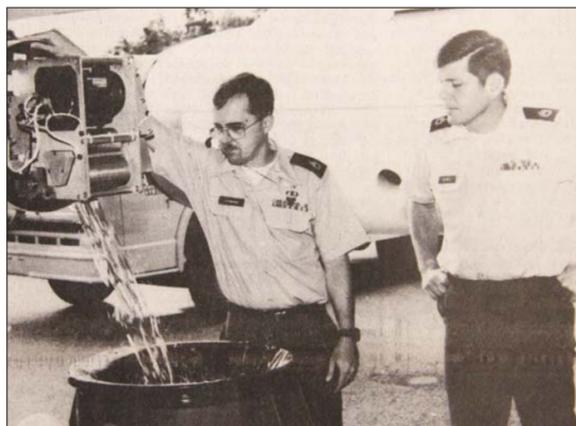
25 Years Ago

Aug. 23, 1989

Clockwise from top left:
(From left) Ken Schroeder and Jake Grace check the placement of a tank before relocating it to the Soldier and Airman's Home in Washington, D.C. The U.S. Army Combat Systems Test Activity prepared the tank which was donated by the Army.

Hope Gunzenhauser, left, a counselor at the Youth Services Center and Penny Surrette, a summer program participant, pet Beno, a member of APG's K9 Corps during a crime prevention visit to the youth center.

(From left) Sgt. 1st Class Kurk Lohmann dispenses rope-type chaff that provides a real-world environment for electronic warfare tests aboard Big Crow as Sgt. 1st Class Robert Howell looks on. Big Crow is the Army's only four-engine aircraft and flying electronic warfare laboratory.



10 Years Ago

Aug. 9, 2004

Clockwise from left:
Chapel volunteer Dina Hughes adjusts the crown for Kavoss Mobley during Vacation Bible School at the Main Post Chapel.

(From left) Firefighters George Dorbert and Glen Wilhelm help paramedic Dave Morlock prepare to transport Pvt. Robert Masi during a flash fire test exercise at Cohen Hall.

Aberdeen Test Center Col. Mary K. Brown presented 136 awards to civilians and contractors who supported the accelerated design, development, fabrication, testing and fielding of slat armor for eight Stryker variants.



Want to make a difference in how services are rendered at APG? Tell us how we are doing. Visit <http://ice.disa.mil>. Click on "ARMY" then "Aberdeen Proving Ground."

Collaboration Commons designed to enhance discussions amongst employees

By **JOYCE M. CONANT**
ARL Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory recently converted one of its former library spaces located in the Human Research and Engineering Directorate at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and designed a room that is more modernized and creative. This resulted in what is now known as Collaboration Commons.

During the renovation of the HRED building, the former library space was left vacant due to the decision to consolidate physical library facilities and focus more on digital access. The idea behind the newly designed room was to create a space where employees can get away from their cubicles and talk to others with whom they do not necessarily work.

“Research shows that innovative ideas and collaboration are often the result of informal conversations. Companies such as Google even manipulate the length of the lines inside their cafeteria so that employees will chat while they are waiting,” said John Lockett, acting director of HRED. “With the Collaboration Commons, we wanted to create a space similar to a hotel lobby or airport lounge where informal meetings and conversations frequently occur.

“In talking to the workforce, we realized there was a need for spaces designed for discussions too large

for a cube, but too small to warrant booking a conference room,” he continued. “Also, [the building] includes very few windows and the former library space has four, so we wanted to keep access to that natural light open to all.”

Lockett said the design started with a sketch pad.

“I walked into the room and drew up a few layout concepts. Form should follow function, so the initial concepts included seating near the natural light provided by the windows, project workspaces, different-size shared media stations distributed throughout the room, and open paths that flow from one area to the next without blocking doors,” said Lockett. “Our CAD support group at HRED turned the concept sketches into AutoCAD files. Then I worked with design-

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John Lockett
 HRED acting director

ers to refine the layout and select finishes. We took into account the midcentury modern design of the building when selecting furniture and finishes.”

Most of the furniture can be moved easily to adapt the space as needed. A major feature is the Steelcase “Media:scape” workstations that enable several participants to hook up laptops and quickly change which of them is displayed on a central monitor by hitting a control “puck.”

One of the workstations is a lounge area that can comfortably seat a dozen people. Lockett said it would be ideal for demonstrating software or conducting a team, a training session, or interactive working group. Another area includes a stool-height worktable and whiteboard. Reconfigurable seating

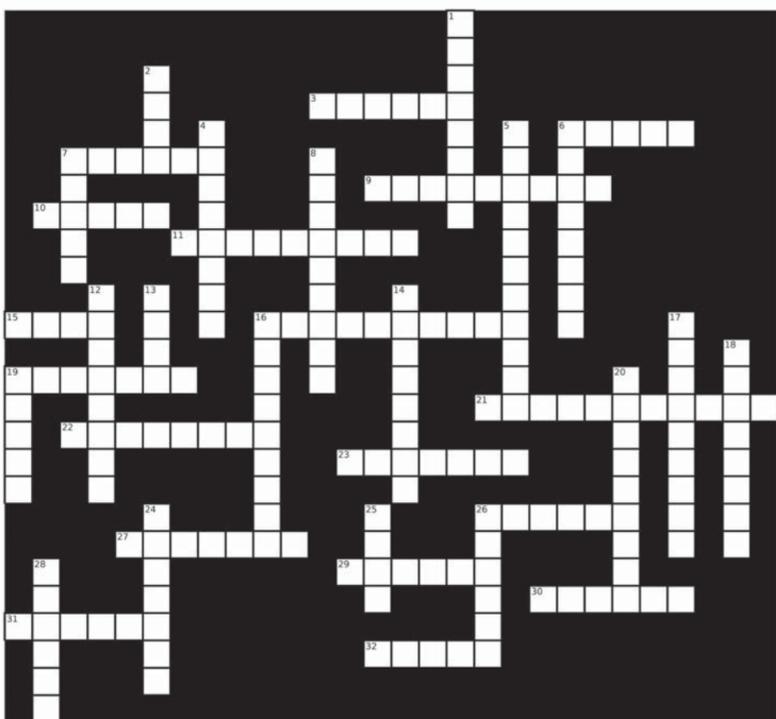
areas for reading next to a window or having discussions are also included in the Collaboration Commons.

“The Collaboration Commons will evolve as it is used, but infrastructure, furniture and equipment installation were completed just in time for use during the Human Science Technical Advisory Board (TAB) meeting,” said Lockett. “The space was used for the Human Systems Integration poster and software-demo session during that TAB. It was also encouraging to see the space being used for several meetings even before the cardboard furniture boxes were removed from the hallway. We would still like to add wireless access in the space. We hope that it will result in unexpected ideas for collaborative projects across ARL, increased morale and integration of HRED and Weapons and Materials Research Directorate building 459 tenants.”

Lockett indicated that an important part of the Collaboration Commons concept is that the space cannot be reserved for meetings (including TAB panels) and space within the room cannot be closed off.

“We want ARL employees and their collaborators to interact, see and even overhear what others are working on. We hope that this will lead to an exchange of ideas and serendipitous collaboration,” said Lockett.

The APG Crossword



Answers to this puzzle may be found in this edition of the APG News, or may be common knowledge. The completed puzzle will be published in next week's paper.

Across

- 3. The new APG News editor, _____ Rominiecki
- 6. Says she's quiet with a sense of humor.
- 7. Senior noncommissioned officer of the Army Evaluation Center

- 9. Occurs when bacteria or viruses invade the body and multiply.
- 10. Lieutenant over the DES traffic division
- 11. Henry Harford's dad; he was quite the swinger.
- 15. DES patrol branch chief

- 16. Personal Claims Army Information _____ System
- 19. BOSS president
- 21. System of Systems _____ & Integration Directorate
- 22. Commander, 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command
- 23. Future _____ of America
- 26. _____ Services Division
- 27. Operation Homefront DC Metro Manager
- 29. Former short stop who rubbed elbows with BOSS Soldiers Aug. 16
- 30. HHC Garrison first sergeant
- 31. Competitors ages 5-8, _____ Buds
- 32. Snobbish; haughty

Down

- 1. He ordered Maryland flags to half staff Aug. 14
- 2. Federal _____ Claims Act
- 4. He was mortally wounded in Quang Tri Province
- 5. C4ISR Systems _____ Laboratory
- 6. She has a master's in entomology from the University of Delaware.
- 7. Garrison command sergeant major
- 8. Directorate of _____ Services
- 12. Human _____ and Engineering Directorate

- 13. Parker won first place for hers.
- 14. Carrier _____ claims are the most common issued by CSD
- 16. 2-6 ADA battalion commander
- 17. National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and _____
- 18. Enhanced _____ Parking Enforcement
- 19. Staff _____ Advocate
- 20. _____ have been deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan
- 24. League of Dreams founder
- 25. APG South youth center director
- 26. AEC Military Evaluator
- 28. Alpha Battery, 3rd ADA commander

Solution to the August 14 puzzle



WORD OF THE WEEK

Hinky

Pronounced: hing-kee

Part of Speech: Adjective (Slang) hinkier, hinkiest

Definition:

- 1. Acting in a nervous or very cautious way; jittery.
- 2. Suspicious; curious:
- 3. Snobbish; haughty.

Use:

- If the driver of the getaway car gets hinky, he'll honk the horn.
- After noticing the driver seemed hinky, the police officer called for backup.
- Whenever he agrees with me, you know something hinky is going down.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

NARA

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

The NARA is an independent agency of the United States government charged with preserving and documenting government and historical records and with increasing public access to those documents, which comprise the National Archives.

NARA is officially responsible for maintaining and publishing the legally authentic and authoritative copies of acts of Congress, presidential proclamations and executive orders, and federal regulations. The NARA also transmits votes of the Electoral College to Congress. The chief administrator of NARA is the Archivist of the United States.

The keeper of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, the NARA also holds in trust records of ordinary citizens such as records of military service, naturalization records of immigrants and even the canceled check from the purchase of Alaska. The National Archives has 17 facilities around the nation including the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri which manages the records of 20th century military personnel as well as retired government civilians.

The National Archives holds more than 10 billion records. For details about exhibition and research hours in NARA facilities across the United States, visit the web site <http://www.archives.gov/index.html> or call toll-free 1-86-NARA-NARA.

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

JLENS Soldiers officially arrive at APG

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ics Command Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford; APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams.

Matallana said that after months of testing, the unit's successful execution and deployment of JLENS was due to the efforts of its Soldiers and Family members. He said the day marked the arrival of an opportunity for one of the Army's most technologically advanced units, noting successful fire control mission tests and live fire exercises undertaken prior to the unit's arrival in Maryland.

JLENS testing began in 2012 at White Sands Missile Range, New Mex-

10,000 feet

How high JLENS aerostats will float in the air. Each carries radars capable of detecting, tracking and targeting missiles and rockets up to **340 miles away.**

ico and also occurred at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah in 2013. During the next three years JLENS will be tested on how well it can integrate with

existing infrastructure. Matallana, said that in his opinion, results have already proven that the JLENS will have no issues integrating with Army systems as

well as with sister services.

Noting that throughout the required testing, exercises and deployments, Family members dealt with loneliness, isolation and stress, he credited the chain of command and Soldier and Family support elements with the unit's success.

"That is what makes us Army Strong," he said, adding that Family members "endured for their Soldiers and for this country."

Thanking McClinton, Adams and the APG Garrison for embracing the unit "with open arms," Matallana added that his Soldiers and their Families "can be confident that they will be well taken care of."

New editor aims to highlight APG scientists

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father's alma mater, graduating with a B.S. in Mass Communication.

The CERDEC position was her first job after college, and she graduated from the Defense Information School

(DINFOS) Public Affairs Qualification Course at Fort George G. Meade in May.

Her hobbies include crocheting and exploring Maryland wineries.

She said one of her goals as editor is to "shine a little more light" on

the accomplishments of APG scientists and researchers.

"I want to show the community what Team APG is doing for the nation and the world," she said.

Rominiecki's staff of contractors includes Assistant Editor Yvonne John-

son; Page Designer, Molly Blosse, Photojournalist Rachel Ponder and recently-hired Photojournalist Stacy Smith.

To contact Rominiecki, call 410-278-2674 or email amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil.

Garrison town hall discusses budget, workforce

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spent much of the town hall recognizing personnel for going "above and beyond," presenting more than 30 length of service awards, a Commander's Award for Civilian Service and other awards.

McClinton noted that everyone has been asked "to do more with less" in the current budget climate and thanked garrison personnel for their continued support to the mission.

Also discussed was the Aug. 4 town hall meeting at Aberdeen High School regarding the Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA). The Army Alliance and the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor hosted the event. APG is one of nine Army installations in the country targeted for potential

troop and personnel cuts.

The installation might face up to 4,300 job cuts, due to the Army 2020 Force Structure Realignment plan. The meeting examined how job cuts could affect the economy of Harford and Cecil counties. More than 250 community members signed a statement in support of the Army's activities in Harford County.

McClinton said community members can show their support by sending an email or a letter to U.S. Army Environmental Command leadership explaining why jobs should not be cut at APG. The SPEA public comment period concludes Aug. 25.

"The intent is for you and the community to demonstrate to leadership within the DOD and federal government that Aberdeen Proving Ground must contin-

ue to exist as it is," he said. "If that demonstration of support is not evident to the leadership at all levels we will not compete well against the other installations that have gone through the assessment."

Comments can be submitted by email to usarmy.jbsa.aec.nepa@mail.mil, or by mail to U.S. Army Environmental Command, ATTN: SPEA Public Comments; 2450 Connell Rd (Bldg. 2264), Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-7664.

For more information about the SPEA town hall meeting, and to view the presentation, visit www.apg-cssc.com.

Regarding workforce development, McClinton asked employees to fill out a survey from the Army Education Center, located in Bldg. 4305. Educational funding will be determined from this survey.

"One of the challenges that we know we have here at APG is that we don't deliver all the educational opportunities that we need to our entire workforce," he said.

For more information about educational opportunities at APG call Education Service Specialist Tessie Stout at 410-306-2042.

Directorate briefings followed McClinton's comments.

Human resources

Janet Dettwiler, director of Human Resources, said free professional development symposiums will be held Oct. 16 at Top of the Bay and in Bldg. 3147.

Topics will include Army Career Programs, Army e-Learning, GoArmyEd,

stress management, time management, and coaching and mentoring. For more information contact Celstine Beckett at 410-306-2333 or email celstine.beckett.civ@mail.mil.

Detwiler also addressed VERA/VISP criteria. She said that since January 2013, 43 employees have taken the incentive but applications are not automatically approved.

"Directors recommend approval or disapproval based upon mission and structure of their organization," she said. "Approved positions will be abolished, restructured or downgraded, or changed entirely."

For more information about VERA/VISP, contact Detwiler at janet.l.dettwiler.civ@mail.mil.

FMWR

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director Michael Lupacchino discussed upcoming fall events. Oktoberfest is coming back to APG, Oct. 24 and Oct. 25, at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. This event will feature German inspired foods, beverages and free entertainment for the whole Family. For the latest information about all upcoming FMWR events, visit www.apgmwr.com.

The next town hall meeting will be advertised in the APG News, on Channel 97, and on APG's social media sites including Facebook at www.facebook.com/APGMd; Twitter at twitter.com/USAGAPG, and the APG website at www.TeamAPG.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

James Anderson Jr. became the first African-American U.S. Marine Corps Medal of Honor recipient on Aug. 21, 1968



Anderson was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism while serving in Vietnam in February 1967 by President Lyndon B. Johnson during an Aug. 21, 1968 White House ceremony.

Anderson was born Jan. 22, 1947, in Los Angeles, California. After graduating from senior high school, he attended Los Angeles Harbor Junior College.

Anderson left college to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps. He entered the Corps Feb. 17, 1966 and trained with the 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California. He was promoted to private first class upon graduation in August 1966. He then transferred to Camp Pendleton, California where he received further training with the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Training Regiment.

In December 1966, Pfc. Anderson arrived in the Republic of Vietnam, where he served as a rifleman with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division in Quang Tri Province. On Feb. 28, 1967 he was mortally wounded.

His Medal of Honor citation details what happened:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a rifleman, Second Platoon, Company F, Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in Vietnam on 28 February 1967. Company F was advancing in dense jungle northwest of Cam Lo in an effort to extract a heavily besieged reconnaissance patrol. Private First Class Anderson's platoon was the lead element and had advanced only about 200 meters when they were brought under extremely intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. The platoon reacted swiftly, getting on line as best they could in the thick terrain, and began returning fire. Private First Class Anderson found himself tightly bunched together with the other members of the platoon only 20 meters from the enemy positions. As the fire fight continued, several of the men were wounded by the deadly enemy assault. Suddenly, an enemy grenade landed in the midst of the Marines and rolled alongside Private First Class Anderson's head. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he reached out, grasped the grenade, pulled it to his chest and curled around it as it went off. Although several Marines received shrapnel from the grenade, his body absorbed the major force of the explosion. In this singularly heroic act, Private First Class Anderson saved his comrades from serious injury and possible death. His personal heroism, extraordinary valor, and inspirational supreme self-sacrifice reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country." /S/ LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Anderson was interred at Lincoln Memorial Park in Carson, California.

His medals and decorations include the Medal of Honor, the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one bronze star, the Vietnamese Military Merit Medal, the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Honors:

- The United States Navy prepositioning ship, USNS PFC James Anderson, Jr. (T-AK 3002) is named in honor of Medal of Honor recipient James Anderson, Jr.
- The name James Anderson, Jr. is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Panel 15E - Row 112.
- James Anderson, Jr. Memorial Park in Carson, California, at the corner of Wilmington and University was named after Pfc. James Anderson, Jr.

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Parking campaign to be enforced across APG

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the C4ISR campus parking lots where the problem is rampant.

"We're forever attuned to parking violations post wide," Davis said, "and we understand that in that area (C4ISR campus) it's quite a problem."

The campaign is two-fold, he said.

"This is an enforcement initiative as well as an education assistance program. The main purpose is to educate the public as to where the can and can't park. Emphasis will be placed on the CECOM area.

He noted that only individuals issued handicap parking credentials are authorized to park in designated handicap spaces and that individuals using these spaces without proper credential will be subject to fines. In addition, repeat offenders may be towed, incurring added expenses.

Davis said the enforcement will be conducted as a part of regular patrols, not as a separate effort. In most cases it will reinforce what drivers already know.

"This is an effort to eliminate parking misuse," he said, "and it's something that's enforced statewide and nationwide as well as on Aberdeen Proving Ground."

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

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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
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Eberhardt, Joanne	McIntire, Melinda	

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/>.

GREENE LAID TO REST AT ARLINGTON

The Old Guard Caisson Platoon leads the funeral procession of Maj. Gen. Harold J. Greene through Arlington National Cemetery where he was laid to rest Aug. 14. Greene, the senior-most U.S. military officer to have been killed in a combat zone since the Vietnam War, served at APG from 2009-2012. (Left insert) As ordered by Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, the flag in front of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command headquarters flies at half-staff, Aug. 14, the day of Greene's burial.

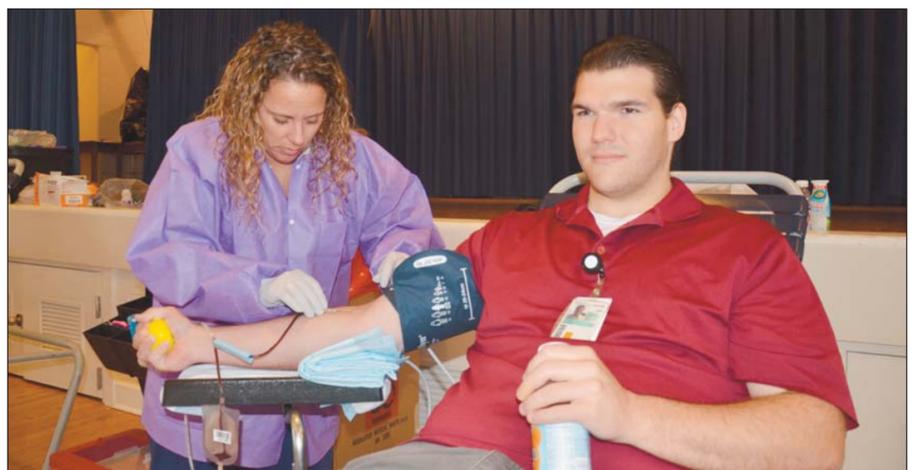


Photo by Staff Sgt. Bernardo Fuller

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

(From left) Robin Bee, a phlebotomist with the Armed Services Blood Bank Center, draws blood from Matt Tanner Aug. 12 during an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. "Donating blood is really important," said Tanner, a software engineer with Raytheon. "It's something you can do infrequently that can save lives. I figure you might as well do a good deed." In addition to the blood drive, a bone marrow registry was held supporting the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Bone Marrow Donor Program, or Salute to Life. A blood drive and bone marrow registry will be held today, Thursday, Aug. 21, at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center.

Photo by Stacy Smith



REACHING FOR DREAMS

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) members and volunteers helped out at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen Aug. 16, during the annual League of Dreams practice and game preceding the Cal Ripken World Series games on the stadium's Cal Ripken Sr. Field. BOSS president Sgt. Eric Jimenez led the team of Soldiers who included Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams and HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Daniel Nelson as they helped the children practice batting before the game and then handed out gifts and chatted with players during the hot dog lunch that followed. Baltimore Orioles baseball legend Cal Ripken Jr. even paid a surprise visit to the team to show his support for the ongoing effort started by League of Dreams founder Frank Kolarek who led the day's festivities. Clockwise from top left, Cal Ripken World Series baseball players applaud Juliana Lupacchino as she makes her way home from third base; Cal Ripken Jr. (center) poses with Boss members and volunteers (from left) Sgt. Eric Jimenez, Spc. Tracy Glover, Sgt. Marcos Ramirez, Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams, Master Sgt. John Castillo, Sgt. Antrod Campbell, 1st Sgt. Daniel Nelson, and Christina Graber; (From left) Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams, Sgt. Eric Jimenez and Spc. Tracy Glover greet a League of Dreams player at home plate.

Photos by Yvonne Johnson



Courtesy photo

CHILLIN' FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The City of Aberdeen police department recently challenged APG's Directorate of Emergency Services police department to complete the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. DES answered that challenge Sunday afternoon with several officers, supervisors and Family members participating. In addition, FOP Lodge 116F donated \$100 in addition to completing the challenge. Since then, the DES police department has challenged the DES fire department, the City of Havre De Grace police department and the Cecil County Sheriff's Office to compete the ice bucket challenge. It's chilly but all for a good cause, says DES Chief of Police, Joel Holdford.