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## JLENS Soldiers lend a helping hand

Pvt. Joseph White, of Alpha Company, 3rd Air Defense Artillery (JLENS), tackles a grassy hill on the side of Magnolia Middle School in Joppa, Aug. 19, during a unit volunteer project to help spruce up the building before the first day of school.

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## FWP hosts 2014 Equality Day program for Women

Story and photos by **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
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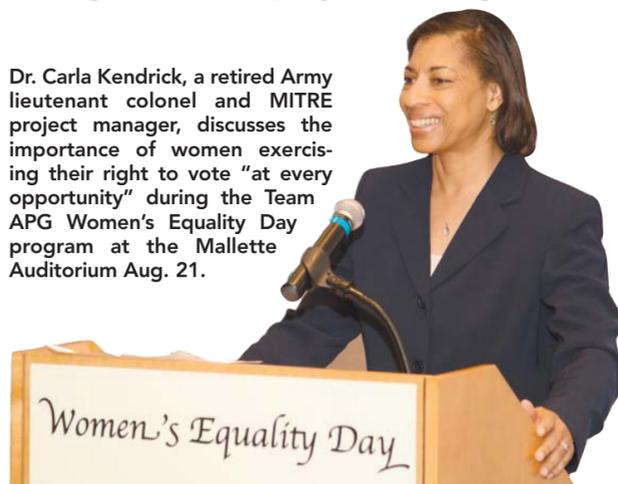
During the annual Women's Equality Day observance at the Mallette Auditorium, Aug. 21, the Federal Women's Program (FWP) awards panel selected Dr. Carmela Wilson-Styles of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics, Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC) as the Outstanding Woman of the Year.

The Outstanding Supervisor/Manager of the Year award went to Kathleen Maxwell of CERDEC and the award for the Activity Most Supportive of FWP goals went to the U.S. Army Public Health Command. Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Ramos accepted the award for PHC.

In addition, Federally Employed Women (FEW) awarded the \$500 Dottie Dorman Working Woman Scholarship to Marilyn Rodriguez of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Perry Point.

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Dr. Carla Kendrick, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and MITRE project manager, discusses the importance of women exercising their right to vote "at every opportunity" during the Team APG Women's Equality Day program at the Mallette Auditorium Aug. 21.



## Leaders plan mentoring Motorcycle Ride set for Sept. 18

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

The upcoming APG Mentorship Motorcycle Ride set for Thursday, Sept. 18, is more than just a joy ride.

The ride is a chance to share personal knowledge and experience by those who take mentorship seriously.

### FOR YOUR INFO

The APG Mentorship Motorcycle Ride is set for Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 a.m. at the Exchange parking lot.

One such mentor is HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Daniel Nelson.

A rider for 20 years, Nelson said he grew up riding dirt bikes and naturally gravitated to motorcycles when he got older. Planning for the event is ongoing but along with enjoying the scenic route, riders can expect a full day of fun activities, he said.

The ride will begin at the Exchange parking lot at 7 a.m. After the safety briefing, commander's message and chaplain's blessing, it will be KSU (kicks stands up) at 8 a.m., Nelson said.

The hour-long ride to the Harley Davison Factory in York, Pennsylvania will cover highways, country and back roads.

"Sept. 18 is the first day of the York store's open house," Nelson said. "They'll unveil 2015 models and offer self-guided tours where you can watch motorcycles being assembled. There'll also be live music, demonstrations, food and vendors."

He said riders can expect to return to the APG motorcycle

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## APG community commends volunteers



(From left) Gloria Dent, the wife of Installation Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, congratulates Spc. Cassandra Rousayne, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, for winning the Military Volunteer of the Year award during the 2014 Team APG Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony held at Top of the Bay Aug. 21.

By **STACY SMITH**  
APG News

APG Army Community Service hosted its annual volunteer recognition ceremony at Top of the Bay Aug. 21.

Twenty-one volunteers were nominated and one outstanding winner from each of the military, family member, retiree, civilian and youth categories was chosen as Volunteer of the Year.

Col. Gregory R. McClinton, Garrison commander, and Gary P. Martin, deputy to the commanding general at CECOM, presented certificates and awards. Martin thanked Janice Downey, the director of ACS, and all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication during the past year.

"The volunteers represent the indelible spirit of our community," Martin said. "It's an integral part of the Army values, to do what is not asked and to go above and beyond and volunteer your time and talent."

"They [volunteers] gain something from it too," noted Downey. "If you research people who volunteer, you'll find that they are healthier and they live longer because they're not dwelling on their own lives so much, but helping others instead."

After lunch and award presentations, McClinton closed the ceremony by offering another special thanks to all the volunteers for giving their time and energy, despite the effect that recent sequestration and furloughs may have had on their families and resources.

APG's Volunteers of the Year are SPC Cassandra Rou-

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## STREET TALK

### What are your Labor Day weekend plans?

I am looking forward to seeing my brother, who is in the Marines. I haven't seen him since he graduated boot camp on Valentine's Day, this year. We will go fishing and work on my car.



**Jason Hall**  
Bowling Center

I am going to a birthday party in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. My friends take this trip every year during Labor Day weekend, it's a tradition.



**Angel Wilson**  
CYSS

I just bought a house in Edgewood, so I will be moving this weekend, from Newark, New Jersey. I am excited about moving here. This is a nice area to live; it is quieter, with more open spaces, less city life.



**Jonathan Cameron**  
CECOM SEC

My husband and I are going to take our Family out on our boat. We will spend all day on the water fishing and swimming. We will probably grill on the boat.



**Karen Roop**  
Exchange

I will be in Europe, on vacation, over Labor Day weekend. I am visiting Italy, and then I am traveling to Germany. I will be visiting my brother who is currently serving in the Air Force and several friends. We plan to attend several festivals. I am looking forward to drinking pints of beer and having good eats.



**Greg Irby**  
Military retiree

# Beware of predatory lenders

By **LISA FERDINANDO**  
ARNEWS

"Need money fast? Need a new car? No problem! Instant approval for members of the military!"

While advertisements for immediate cash and merchandise are appealing, service members can land in hot water if they are not careful.

Soldiers, especially junior-enlisted members, are targets for high-interest car loans, or payday loans with exorbitant rates, said Maj. Emma Parsons, Department of the Army banking officer.

"There are a lot of predatory lenders out there."

Soldiers should proceed with caution, she said, noting that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau says a small-dollar payday loan could equate to an annual percentage rate of nearly 400 percent.

Unaffordable debt coupled with service charges and late fees can quickly spin out of control, putting unsuspecting service members under a mountain of debt, she said.

That is why it is so important for Soldiers to have a plan for their money.

Part of the mandatory services that on-post financial institutions provide are counseling and education partnered with Army-trained personal financial managers, Parsons said.

Trained financial counselors are present on every installation, she said. Soldiers are urged to meet with a counselor and utilize these free services, to help avoid the pitfalls that



Photo by Dave Vergun

**Soldiers are urged to take advantage of free financial counseling available at all installations, to help avoid the pitfalls that could put them under a mountain of debt.**

would put them in financial straits.

Talking to the financial expert can put the situation in perspective and help the service member navigate away from avoidable problems such as spending beyond one's means and signing on to a quick loan loaded with fees and a high interest rate, she said.

While emergencies do arise, counseling can guide a service member on how to manage money and what are the best options when those situations do occur, she said.

### Financial readiness

Falling into debt impacts readiness and morale, and directly affects the work performance of the Soldier, Parsons said.

Soldiers who become delinquent on their debts could have their wages garnished, and risk losing a promotion or a high-level security clearance.

For the most junior Soldiers, this might be the first time they are receiving a paycheck, said Maj. Helen Thomas, the banking liaison officer at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

It's important they spend wisely and not fall into the trap for quick money or gleaming new merchandise they don't need and can't afford.

"I see it all the time. Young Soldiers come to us for counseling after they're in a financial bind; we want to help them before the problem happens," she said.

"Let's catch them before they make those decisions."

## Obtaining CAC and DOD ID cards

DHR

Serving you, the customer, remains the number one priority of the Military Personnel Office, Directorate of Human Resources. We continue to refine our business processes to support the issuance of Common Access Cards (CAC) and other Department of Defense (DOD) ID cards to active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retirees, and Family members; DOD civilian and contractors, and other authorized patrons.

Appointments are the preferred method for you to receive your CAC or other ID card. Scheduling your own appointment is accessible from [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil). We have expanded the online Appointment Scheduler to maximize the number of available appointments. Your time is valuable and we want you to select a day and time that is convenient for you. As a reminder, you may renew your CAC/ID Card 90 days prior to the current expiration date.

From [www.teamapg.com](http://www.teamapg.com), Click 'APG Employee Toolbox' on the left side menu, then click the link 'DHR CAC Appointment Scheduler' or go to [http://apg\\_dev.apg.army.mil/InstallationSupport/CAC](http://apg_dev.apg.army.mil/InstallationSupport/CAC).

This brings you to our Identification Cards and Service Procedures page containing the Appointment Scheduler, our location, hours of operation and other important information.

There are three available paths to select when scheduling an appointment:

**Active Duty** – Dependent should be selected by a service member to schedule their appointment and/or an appointment for their eligible Family member(s).

**CAC One** should be selected by a civilian employee, contractor or authorized patron to schedule an appointment.

**CAC Two** should be selected by a civilian employee, contractor or authorized patron to schedule an appointment if nothing is available under the CAC One path that meets their needs.

Retirees and their eligible Family members can call 410-306-2404 to request an appointment for their ID Cards or come in and be seen on a walk-in basis.

Trusted Agents should call 410-306-2348 to schedule block appointments for large groups of contractors.

The Defense Management Data Center (DMDC) controls all access to the CAC/ID cards system worldwide. Occasionally, the system slows or shuts down without any warning creating additional wait times and stress. We immediately inform those waiting in our lobby, post a message on social media (Facebook, Twitter), contact appointment holders, and post signs announcing system shut downs. We will continue to do everything we can to provide timely and quality customer service.

For additional information, contact Tom Shumate, Military Personnel Officer or Ivan Willie, ID Cards Operations at 410-306-2303 or 410-306-2348.

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# Syrian chemical weapons destroyed, ECBC volunteers to return home to APG

ECBC Public Affairs

In the international waters of the Mediterranean Sea on Aug. 18, specialists from the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC), the Joint Project Manager for Elimination and the Chemical Material Activity (CMA) celebrated the success of an historic mission: destroying more than 600 tons of Syria's chemical weapon stockpile.

The celebration of the success continued as Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel called Navy Capt. Rich Dromerhauser aboard the U.S. ship MV Cape Ray to congratulate the crew on neutralizing the most dangerous chemicals in Syria's declared stockpile.

Secretary Hagel said that by ridding the world of these materials, they - as part of an ongoing international effort to eliminate the Syrian chemical weapons arsenal - have helped make an important and enduring contribution to global security.

"I am very proud of the team of civilian employees who volunteered for this mission and who worked so diligently to ensure the safe destruction of these chemical warfare materials," said ECBC Director Joseph Wienand.

"The team trained hard, they remained focused on the mission despite the long separation from loved ones back home. They did what no one else could do by using their experience and innovative technology to destroy these Syrian chemical



Photos by Desmond Parks  
A helicopter approaches the container ship MV Cape Ray (T-AKR 9679) in the Mediterranean Sea to drop off cargo Aug. 4, 2014. The U.S. government-owned Cape Ray was modified and deployed to the eastern Mediterranean Sea to dispose of Syrian chemical agents in accordance with terms Syria agreed to in late 2013.

warfare materials while on a ship at sea," he said.

Everything about the mission was unprecedented, from the six-month acquisition of the Field Deployable Hydrolysis System (FDHS) technology to retrofitting the MV Cape Ray in order to install two

FDHS systems on board.

It began with collaboration among the members of Team CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives), a cluster of Department of Defense organizations located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland dedicated to countering weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

ECBC spearheaded the design and manufacturing of the FDHS, as well as the chemistry behind the neutralization process and in-field experience to execute destruction operations.

"The team and I are deeply honored to have taken a system we conceived, built and installed on a ship and used it to safely and effectively eliminate the principal chemicals in the Syrian stockpile," said Tim Blades, the Director of Operations on board the Cape Ray. "In almost 40 years of leading and performing chemical operations I have never been more proud of a team's performance."

ECBC and the other organizations involved in the mission have demonstrated a model of collaboration necessary to pro-

duce and field new technologies for critical missions that move countries toward a world free of WMD.

ECBC has executed demilitarization missions for decades using a variety of land-based systems like CMA's Explosive Destruction System (EDS) or the Transportable Detonation Chamber.

"The main advantage during FDHS development was that we didn't have to design the system from scratch. We were able to go with the knowledge and experience we already had, including the field operations expertise with ECBC's Chemical Biological Application and Risk Reduction (CBARR) Business Unit," said Adam Baker, ECBC chemical engineer. "It's great for ECBC to get recognized as one of the premier experts in chemical demilitarization operations."

Now, with the joint mission of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the United Nations complete, the crew returns home to APG. This mission takes Team CBRNE one step closer in its efforts to rid the world of WMD.

**Brandon Jones, safety officer for Edgewood Chemical Biological Center turns a valve on the upper trailer deck releasing sodium hydroxide (NaOH) to the main trailer deck of MV Cape Ray. The NaOH is used to balance the pH of the byproducts of the Field Deployable Hydrolysis System for storage aboard Cape Ray until off loaded in Finland or Germany for further destruction. Cape Ray was tasked with the neutralization of specific chemical materials from Syria in accordance with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons guidelines while operating in international waters.**



# APG fun run a splash of color, fitness

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

More than 200 members of Team APG turned out for the second in a series of Army Performance Triad (APT) fun runs hosted by Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Aug. 20.

The Performance Triad 10K included a 5K walk but what drew the youngest participants was the 2K Healthy Kids Color Run.

Children from toddlers to teenagers enjoyed the 1.24 mile jaunt that featured a blast of brightly-colored cornstarch at the finish line.

## Color run

Children, parents and a few adult runners who went along for the fun took off on the short jaunt promptly at 6 a.m. Volunteers waiting at the finish line showered the returning runners with orange, red, blue, green and yellow handfuls of the colorful chalky stuff. An oscillating fan set up at the line ensured everyone had to run through a cloud of dust.

At the conclusion, several participants grabbed handfuls of powder and playfully pelted their siblings, parents and fellow runners, creating an even larger cloud.

It was all in good fun, and everyone seemed to have a ball.

APT Action Officer 1st Lt. Joanna Moore said 147 people had pre-registered for the runs but more than that showed



Runners take off in the Exchange parking lot at the start of the Aug. 20 Army Performance Triad 10K run/5K walk. A Healthy Kids 2K Color Run preceded the event.

up. She said the color run was a big draw.

"This was just a fun way to get kids involved in overall fitness," she said. "They looked like they had a good time and I think the parents did too."

Ivelisse Torres and her daughters Angeliz Rosado, 9 and Emily Rosado, 7, rode their bicycles from Plum Point loop to participate in the color run.

"I brought them out for fun of it," Torres said. "It sounded exciting and it was. We tried it and they loved it."

"He had a great time," said Sgt. Lakei-

sha Hessel of KUSAHC as she recovered from a dousing of powder from her son, Lerin, 7.

"I was covered in powder, but I got her back," he crowed.

## 10K run/5K walk

The winner of the 10K run was Maj. Wayne Blas of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's Army Evaluation Center. An active runner, Blas said he previously coached the Fort Bragg, North Carolina Army Ten Miler team.

"I came out to support the event," he said, adding that he tries to follow the Army Performance Triad as a way of life.

"I run a lot on and off post and I do a lot of core exercises to try to stay lean and healthy," he said.

Tammy Gordiano, an administrative assistant with the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works said she hasn't run in eight years but she walks two miles a day. She ran the 5K and said she and her husband are preparing for a marathon in New Mexico next spring.

"I saw the announcement [about the 10K fun run] and thought I'd try," she said. "I feel pretty good but I think I got

a blister."

The father and son team of Paul St. Patrick and his son Jon Paul, 16, crossed the finish line together after running the 5K. An Army retiree, Paul St. Patrick said he focuses on fitness even more since he left the service.

"I work out regularly at Hoyle Gym and ride my bike 20 miles every day," he said, adding that he saw the fun run announcement on the APG Facebook page and decided to invite his son along.

"He doesn't work out like I do but he still thinks he can smoke the old man," he chuckled.

The next APT, set for Wednesday, Sept. 17, will be a 10K run and 5K walk at APG South (Edgewood). Check the APG News and APG social media sites for more information.

The APT team is hosting the series of fun runs in preparation for the Army Ten Miler, which takes place Oct. 12 in Washington, D.C.

For more information about APT events contact 1st Lt. joanna.moore at 410-278-1773 or email Joanna.t.moore.mil@mail.mil.

Pfc. Stacy Dobson of the APG Garrison says she's still Army Strong despite the yellow streak down her back she received during the Healthy Kids 2K Color Run, Aug. 20.



# Expo at APG draws more than 460 job seekers

By **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

More than 460 people from the region attended the Army Community Service Employment Resources Day & Expo at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Aug. 20.

The three-hour event, hosted by the ACS Employment Readiness program, was open to the public and featured more than 70 vendors from local and national employers.

Installation Command Sgt. Maj. Ken- nis Dent, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM), said the event gives veterans, Soldiers, civilians and Family members a chance to have direct interaction with potential employers. Dent said he appreciates the partnership APG has with industry representatives and that the event is especially critical now due to the Army drawdown.

"We have to ensure that our Soldiers are able to successfully transition into the civilian sector," he said.

ACS Employment Manager Marilyn Howard said she was thrilled with the turnout and knew of at least two attendees who obtained jobs that day. Howard said having the event open to the public brought a larger, broader range of job seekers to the expo. Employers were looking for a variety of employees, both skilled and unskilled.

"There was something for each job seeker, to include Family members, transitioning Soldiers, veterans and civilians contemplating a career change," she said. "I am looking forward to planning next year's event."

Paula Alfone, a representative from the Mid-Atlantic Higher Education Recruitment Consortium, said the HERC website

is a free resource for job seekers. More than 3,200 jobs are available on the Mid-Atlantic HERC website, and more than half are non-teaching positions. Jobs run the gamut, from campus security, to office managers, to information technology specialists, she said.

The Mid-Atlantic HERC is also a member of the Military Spouse Employment Partnership, and has technology and resources that help dual-career Families find positions within commutable distance of one another.

Jim Daly, from URS, said the company is especially looking for individuals with engineering and logistics backgrounds. Daly said he was impressed with the event's turnout.

"Job fairs give us visibility in the community," he said. "Sometimes we get ideas from attendees."

According to Valerie Howard, a human resource specialist with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the organization is in the process of creating a program for veterans looking to transition into government jobs.

"Military veterans make great employees," she said. "They are already pre-trained."

Valerie Howard said DPSCS currently has positions for nurses, physiologists and correctional officers.

In addition to prospective employers from local and national businesses, representatives from colleges and universities were also present.

Mike Blizzard, from Harford Community College, talked to attendees about upcoming classes and the new partnership HCC has with Towson University. The new Towson University in Northeastern Maryland facility allows Cecil and Harford County residents to take TU



Photo by Stacy Smith

(Left) Job seeker Cheryl Polston, from Edgewood, listens as Human Resources Specialist Valerie Howard, from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Service, explains how to apply for a job with DPSCS during the Army Community Service Employment Resources Day & Expo at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Aug. 20.

courses at Harford Community College's Bel Air campus.

During the event, job seekers remarked that they appreciated the opportunity to talk to potential employers.

Kenneth Clark, from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, said he attended the event with his son who is trying to find employment. A government employee for 38 years, Clark said he was also curious about the current vocational climate.

"I probably want to work part-time when I retire," said he added.

Freestate Challenge Academy Cadet Durrell Wade, from Prince George's County, said he is deciding between

joining the Marines and going into law enforcement and he was using the event as a chance to research future career opportunities.

"This is my first job fair, it is pretty much all new to me," Wade said. "I am keeping my options open."

Job seeker Zachary Harden, from Baltimore, said he is looking for a career change.

"Right now I am working in retail, but I want something different," he said. "I want a job that is more stable. Job security is a big thing for me."

For more information about employment or resources, contact Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669.

# Mentors to guide motorcycle ride Sept. 18

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course around 3 p.m., at which time instructors will offer a quick class about winterizing.

"The goal is to network experienced riders with novice riders, Nelson said. "We want to foster a supportive environment of responsible motorcycle riding and endurance."

Nelson is also motivated by a personal loss. His 18-year-old son was

killed in a motorcycle accident at Fort Bliss, Texas in October 2013 – less than a year ago.

Nelson said it was not a high speed collision – his son and the car involved were traveling at less than 40 miles per hour – but he had very little reaction time. Despite the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and good habits on the road, accidents still happen – it's a realization all riders acknowledge, he said.

"A lot of riders have an issue with safety gear but I'm a big advocate for PPE, he added, noting that while thoughts of his son are never far from his mind, he continues to ride.

"My son loved motorcycles. If I didn't still ride, I'd be doing him a dis-honor. Riding was something he truly enjoyed.

"I'm resolved to be a mentor – to share whatever knowledge I can, to do whatever I can to make a difference."

"This ride will offer something for every level of experience," he added. "You can never know too much and even us old guys can learn from it."

To register for the APG Mentorship Motorcycle Ride go to [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10COE4DABAF2DA3F94-appveterans](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10COE4DABAF2DA3F94-appveterans).

For more information, contact Nelson at 410-278-3000 or Mike Allen at 410-306-1081.

# APG SUMMER SAFETY

## Handling food safely on the road

[www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov)

School may be starting but there's still plenty of warm weather left and people will be taking to the roads over the Labor Day weekend for the final holiday of the summer.

No matter where we go or what we do, there is a common denominator that runs through all of our summer travels and relaxation — it's called F-O-O-D!

The "road" to food safety, however, can either be a bumpy one or smooth — depending on what precautions are taken while handling meals.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's nationwide, toll-free Meat and Poultry Hotline reminds everyone that some simple, common sense food safety rules can save a vacation from disaster. Following this advice could make the difference between a vacation to remember and one that is remembered because people got sick from improperly handled food.

Here are some general rules for keeping food safe when traveling.

### Plan ahead

If you are traveling with perishable food, place it in a cooler with ice or freezer packs. If carrying drinks, consider packing them in a separate cooler so the food cooler is not opened frequently. Have plenty of ice or frozen gel-packs on hand before starting to pack food.

If you take perishable foods along (for example, meat, poultry, eggs, and salads) for eating on the road or to cook at your vacation spot, plan to keep everything on ice in your cooler.

### Pack safely

Pack perishable foods directly from the refrigerator or freezer into the cooler. Meat and poultry can be packed while still frozen to stay colder longer. Also, a full cooler will maintain its cold temperature longer than one that is partially filled. Be sure to keep raw meat and poultry wrapped separately from cooked

foods, or raw foods such as fruits.

If the cooler is only partially filled, pack the remaining space with more ice. For long trips to the shore or the mountains, take along two coolers — one for the day's immediate food needs, such as lunch, drinks or snacks, and the other for perishable foods to be used later in the vacation. Limit the times the cooler is opened, and open and close the lid quickly.

### Food safety tips

#### Camping

When camping, remember to keep the cooler in a shady spot. Keep it covered with a blanket, tarp or poncho, preferably one that is light in color to reflect heat.

Bring along bottled water or other canned or bottled drinks. Always assume that streams and rivers are not safe for drinking. If camping in a remote area, bring along water purification tablets or equipment. These are available at camping supply stores.

Keep hands and all utensils clean when preparing food. Use disposable moist towelettes to clean hands. When planning meals, think about buying and

using shelf-stable food to ensure food safety.

#### Boating

If boating on vacation, or out for the day, make sure the all-important cooler is along.

Don't let perishable food sit out while swimming or fishing. Remember, food sitting out for more than two hours is not safe. The time frame is reduced to just one hour if the outside temperature is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit

Now, about that "catch" of fish — assuming the big one did not get away. For fin fish: scale, gut and clean the fish as soon as they are caught.

Wrap both whole and cleaned fish in water-tight plastic and store on ice. Keep 3-4 inches of ice on the bottom of the cooler. Alternate layers of fish and ice. Cook

the fish in 1-2 days, or freeze. After cooking, eat within 3-4 days. Make sure raw fish stays separate from cooked foods.

Crabs, lobsters and other shellfish must be kept alive until cooked. Store them in a bushel or laundry basket under wet burlap. Crabs and lobsters are best

eaten the day they are caught. Live oysters can keep 7-10 days; mussels and clams, 4-5 days.

Be aware of the potential dangers of eating raw shellfish. This is especially true for persons with liver disorders or weakened immune systems. However, no one should eat raw shellfish.

If going to the beach, plan ahead. Take along only the amount of food that will be eaten to avoid having leftovers. If grilling, make sure local ordinances allow it.

Partially bury your cooler in the sand, cover it with blankets, and shade it with a beach umbrella.

Bring along disposable moist towelettes for cleaning hands.

If dining along the boardwalk, make sure the food concession stands appear clean, and that hot foods are served hot and cold foods cold. Don't eat anything that has been sitting out in the hot sun for more than two hours; this is a real invitation for food borne illness and a spoiled vacation.

#### Vacation homes and RVs

If a vacation home or a recreational vehicle has not been used for a while, check the expiration dates on leftover canned foods. The Meat and Poultry Hotline recommends that canned foods which may have been exposed to freezing and thawing temperatures over the winter be discarded.

Also, check the refrigerator. If unplugged from last year, thoroughly clean it before using. Make sure the refrigerator, food preparation areas, and utensils in the vacation home or in the recreational vehicle are thoroughly cleaned with hot soapy water.

Always remember: in hot weather above 90 degrees, food should never sit out more than one hour. Discard any food left out more than two hours if temperatures are above 90 degrees.

For more information, visit [www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov).



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SIMPLE STEPS TO FOOD SAFETY

Clean

Separate

Cook

Chill

Source—[www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov)



# Where it's a 'Devil' of a good time

By **ALAN FEILER**  
Special Contribution

The name alone is enough to send chills down your spine. Or make you think of pitchforks and horns, the film "Rosemary's Baby," or Robert Johnson's eerie "Cross Road Blues."

Located near the Washington County town of Boonsboro, Maryland, not far from where more than 23,000 soldiers of the Blue and Gray were killed or wounded during that bloody day in September of 1862 at the Battle of Antietam, is Devil's Backbone County Park. (Not to be confused with Devil's Backbone State Forest in Shenandoah County, Virginia.)

No one is quite sure how Devil's Backbone got its ominous name conjuring up the image of Old Scratch, Beelzebub, Azazel, El Diablo, etc. According to the book "Weird Maryland" (Sterling Publishing) by Matt Lake, locals in the area believe the designation stems from the twisted, jagged plateau surfacing near the park's creek.

"But nobody's exactly sure why anybody brought the devil into the equation," Lake writes. "Perhaps the superstitious equate the abrupt twists and turns of the ridge with a hideously deformed demon. Perhaps the rocky terrain felt grim and foreboding."

Satanic suggestions aside, Devil's

Backbone is a tranquil, exquisite and family-friendly park ideal for the pursuits of camping, fishing, hiking, grilling or boating. There are also horseshoe pits, playgrounds, nature trails, lovely vistas, a dam and picnic pavilions, not to mention a scenic footbridge that spans across the Antietam Creek.

The nine-acre park officially opened to the public on June 26, 1966, and is the second oldest in Washington County.

It seems that some particularly "sensitive" folks feel a certain presence – possibly paranormal -- when milling around Devil's Backbone, possibly the result of being so close to the place where America's bloodiest day took place during the Civil War.

But there are other odd things there as well. According to "Weird Maryland," the park's myriad geological twists and turns have led to several catastrophic accidents. There are legends of a young Indian girl who haunts the footbridge, as well as a camper whose soul was possessed by the spirit of a wolf in front of a group of friends.

"One particularly grim tale tells of a man whose spooked horse threw him at a curve in the road and galloped off, leaving him paralyzed at the roadside in the dark," Matt Lake writes. "Apparently, all the traffic for the rest of the night ran



Courtesy photo

**The Devil's Backbone Waterfall is one of the main attractions at Devil's Backbone Park in Boonsboro, Maryland. The park is located along Route 68 near Lappan's Crossroads and is open the first Saturday in May through the last Sunday in October, 9 a.m. to sunset.**

over him without seeing him."

Apocryphal tales? Perhaps. Or could it be the work of – insert the voice of Dana Carvey's "Church Lady" character here – Satan?!

No one but Lucifer himself probably knows for sure.

When visiting Devil's Backbone, by all means stop by Washington Monument State Park near Boonsboro and

Middletown, and visit the first completed monument to the "Father of our Country."

Built in 1827, the dry-laid stone monument – which resembles a milk jug -- is 34 feet tall and sits by the summit of South Mountain's Monument Knob, offering a stunning view of Washington County and its environs. A portion of the Appalachian Trail courses through the 146-acre park and is used by tourists to visit the monument, where many locals indulge in the fine art of bird-watching (mainly hawks, eagles and falcons).

Devil's Backbone County Park is located at 18934 Lappans Road, along Route 68 near Lappans Crossroads. The park is open from the first Saturday in May through the last Sunday in October, from 9 a.m. to sunset. For information or reservations, call the Washington County Parks & Facilities Department at 240-313-2700 or visit [http://www.washco-md.net/parks\\_facilities/p-DevilsBackbone.shtm](http://www.washco-md.net/parks_facilities/p-DevilsBackbone.shtm).

For information about Washington Monument State Park, at 6620 Zittlestown Road, call 301-791-4767 or visit <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/washington.aspx>.



## Angela Johnson

APG Maintenance Tech, DPW

As the maintenance technician for APG's Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Angela Johnson is responsible for placing and prioritizing every work order from both APG North and South that crosses her well-organized desk.

"The first thing I do in the morning is make a priority one report", she says. "That lets the right people know that certain emergencies have occurred."

Johnson then looks at the APG webpage for all other work orders. She also receives calls throughout the day requesting work orders and reporting emergencies.

"Sometimes we can have 50, 60, 70 orders placed, and that includes Edgewood and Aberdeen. It could be anything from someone needing diesel fuel to a toilet overflowing to a problem with a department's AC or heating unit," she said.

Many orders are routine, but Johnson notes that some can be a bit unusual, like when she received calls asking that a baby bird's nest be removed.

"Where else are the birds going to make a nest? They're outside. We would never do that. I'm a bird lover."

Johnson understands the importance of following up on every order placed, though she notes that some requests take precedence over others. Emergency requests are called in directly to the managers of that unit or building.

"You kind of have to please them (callers) and please DPW because you can't give everyone a one or two on the priority list. Some things have to wait their turn," she said.

Suddenly her phone rings. "We don't

remove trash," Johnson says, then gives the caller a phone number that may be of more assistance. She said sometimes her job feels similar to a helpline desk.

"I try to tell them who they can call or find a phone number for them. I try to point them in the right direction so they can get their needs taken care of."

A resident of Aberdeen for 37 years, she had a previous career working with Financial Prudential. She has held her current position at APG for seven years. Johnson says she loves her job because she gets to use her excellent people skills.

"I'm a real good listener and I really understand when people need things done by a certain time," she said. "I really like all our customers."

Johnson understands that a lot of people will call her frequently because they are counting on her, especially during emergencies and bad weather. Though for most routine work orders, she recommends that personnel use the APG webpage. "It's so much easier," she said.

To place a work order, visit [www.teamapg.com](http://www.teamapg.com). Click on "APG Employee Toolbox" at the bottom left of the webpage. Then click on "DPW Service Desk Ticket." You will receive a confirmation number after submitting a ticket.

The APG Directorate of Public Works is located at APG North on Susquehanna Avenue across from the pool, Bldg. 4304. To reach Johnson during her working hours, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., call 410-306-1401. DPW also has a 24-hour service line: 410-306-1400.

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

# 3rd ADA Soldiers spruce up local middle school

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

It was back to school for more than just school children last week, when Soldiers from Alpha Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery (JLENS) descended on Magnolia Middle School in Joppa Maryland, for a community service project Aug. 22.

The unit marked its official arrival at APG the day prior during a ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

Just six days before doors opened on the new school year, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Peter Wesolowski, JLENS flight director, and 1st Lt. Carl Hartman, JLENS mission director, led nearly 40 Soldier volunteers who performed landscaping tasks such as mowing and edging the lawns, raking leaves, trimming hedges, power washing walls and sidewalks and stuffing back-to-school packets.

The help was more than welcome, according to Toni Sawyer 6th-grade assistant principal.

“We’ve been under renovation, focusing on everything from ceiling to floor so this area has been neglected,” she said. “I’m just so delighted. We work so hard here and now thanks to these Soldiers, it shows.”

Wesolowski, who met Sawyer while registering his child for the new school year, said the first thing she asked him was to, ‘please excuse the mess outside.’

“When she explained what was going on I told her I might be able to get some volunteers to help them out,” he said. “I didn’t expect to get this many. It’s awesome.”

Though they planned to work most of the day, the Soldiers were working at such a steady pace they might be done by noon, Wesolowski said. He added that despite being new to the community, the Army sees community service as a never-ending commitment.



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**Peter Wesolowski**  
Chief Warrant Officer 3,  
JLENS flight director

“It’s important for units to get out and volunteer,” he said. “Across the board, most people don’t see the good things Soldiers do. Every day, they are doing positive things not only for their country, but in their communities.”

The Soldiers said they enjoyed the project.

“I’ve done plenty of work like this before,” said Pvt. Demetrius Wyatt as he trimmed hedges in front of the school. “It’s not hard at all.”

“We’re Soldiers so we’re used to working with our hands,” added Pvt. Landon Brown. “What’s even more important is we’re doing it for the community.”

The school provided fresh fruit, bottled water, pastries and other refreshments for the troops.



**Top:** Pvt. Landon Brown uses an edge trimmer to put the finishing touches on the grass in front of a colorful Magnolia Middle School mural.

**Bottom:** (From left) Sgt. Floyvin Yazzie, Sgt. Brandon Coryea and Pvt. Julio Leal stuff unsightly leaves into bags. Nearly 40 Soldiers volunteered for the community service project, just one day after the unit marked its official arrival at APG.

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## 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](mailto: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 3

#### FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING

Training for building Fire Marshalls will be held 1 to 3 p.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) Conference Center, Bldg. E4810.

The DES Fire Department's Fire Prevention Branch will conduct the training which will review what the post requires of tenants to assure fire safety in the buildings they occupy and for which they are responsible, including conducting monthly building inspections and detailed fire extinguisher inspections.

For more information, contact William J. Bond, fire protection inspector, Bldg. 4314, at 410-306-0093 or email [william.j.bond1.civ@mail.mil](mailto:william.j.bond1.civ@mail.mil).

## SUNDAY

### SEPTEMBER 7

#### BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Garrison Command Chaplain (Lt. Col) Jerry Owens invites the APG community to the Annual Back-To School Fair, 1 to 5 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel.

Activities will include a moon bounce, dunk tank, Bingo, cake walk, children's games, hot dogs, hamburgers and more. No RSVP is needed.

For more information, contact Joyce Wood at 410-278-4333.

## TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

### SEPTEMBER 8 & 9

#### POST GAS STATION CLOSURE

The post gas station located at the Express store on Harford Boulevard will close for repairs to the gas pumps Tuesday, Sept. 8 and Wednesday, Sept. 9. Gas purchases cannot be made during this time. Service is expected to resume Thursday, Sept. 11.

For more information, contact Debbie Armendariz, Exchange manager, at 410-278-6828 or email [armendariz@aafes.com](mailto:armendariz@aafes.com).

## 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](http://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](mailto:Sunaina.singh.civ@mail.mil), or Dominique Davis at 410-278-6666, [dominique.davis1.ctr@mail.mil](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

## RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

The next meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board will be held 7 p.m. at the Ramada Edgewood Hotel and Conference Center, 1700 Van Bibber Road in Edgewood. Topics will include an update on the Military Munitions Response Program, including sites in APG North (Aberdeen) and South (Edgewood).

For more information, contact Karen Jobs at 410-436-4429 or email [karen.w.jobs.civ@mail.mil](mailto:karen.w.jobs.civ@mail.mil).

## 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. Serena Ness at 410-417-3250, Capt. Drew Miller at 410-417-3251, or Capt. Anthony Caltabiano at 410-417-3245.

## MONDAY-FRIDAY

### SEPTEMBER 22-26

#### RX/OTC TAKE BACK CAMPAIGN

The Army Substance Abuse Program will host a Take Back Campaign for Prescription (RX) & Over-the-counter (OTC) medicines starting 7 a.m., Monday, Sept. 22 through 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 at locations throughout APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood). The campaign will provide designated locations where people can drop off expired or unneeded RX or OTC medicines.

Take Back Campaigns are held by law enforcement agencies and community action groups nationwide to keep dangerous drugs out of the hands of children or abusers.

Locations will be announced within the coming weeks.

For more information, contact Cindy Scott, ASAP prevention coordinator, at 410-278-4013 or email [cynthia.m.scott4.civ@mail.mil](mailto:cynthia.m.scott4.civ@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

### OCTOBER 15

#### DRIVING AWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

To raise awareness about Domestic Violence, Ruggles Golf Course will host a Driving Away Domestic Violence Purple Ball Challenge. Registration for the four-person scramble- Captain's Choice begins 3 p.m. with a 4 p.m. shotgun start. The tournament is open to men and women. Cost of \$30 includes golf, cart, food and prizes. For more information, or to register, call 410-278-4794.

## 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.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY

### OCTOBER 24-25

#### APG OKTOBERFEST DATES SET

The APG Oktoberfest returns Friday, Oct. 24 from 4 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center and surrounding grounds.

Attractions will include a Feshthalle; opening ceremony with keg tap; German inspired food, beverages and entertainment; inflatables and games; Family Zone with clowns, caricatures and balloon animals; Volksmarch, car and bike show, and a Main Street Festival with local crafts, vendors and community tables.

This event is open to the public.

More information will follow in the APG News and on the TeamAPG website [www.TeamAPG.com](http://www.TeamAPG.com), and Facebook page [www.Facebook.com/APGMd](http://www.Facebook.com/APGMd).

## 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](mailto:michael.p.slayman.civ@mail.mil).

## MORE ONLINE

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

## BY THE NUMB#RS

### Labor Day

As you celebrate what often signifies the end of summer, remember that Labor Day is dedicated to honoring the contributions workers – past and present – have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country.

## 155,600,000

Number of Americans 16 and older who make up the nation's labor force as of May 2013.

## 34,700,000

Projected number of Americans who will travel at least 50 miles this Labor Day weekend.

## 10,000+

Workers took part in a parade and festival in New York City on Sept. 5 1882 in support of union labor issues. Historians recognize this celebration as the precursor to what we know today as Labor Day.

## 120

Years since Congress passed legislation and President Grover Cleveland signed into law the bill designating the first Monday in September a national holiday known as "Labor Day."

## 12

The number of hours the average American, even children as young as 6, worked in the late 1800s when labor unions were lobbying for labor laws protecting the rights and well-being of workers.

([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov), [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov) and [www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com))

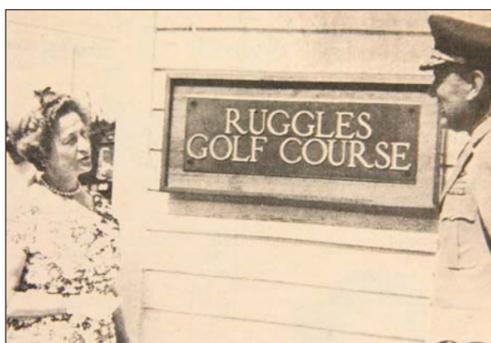
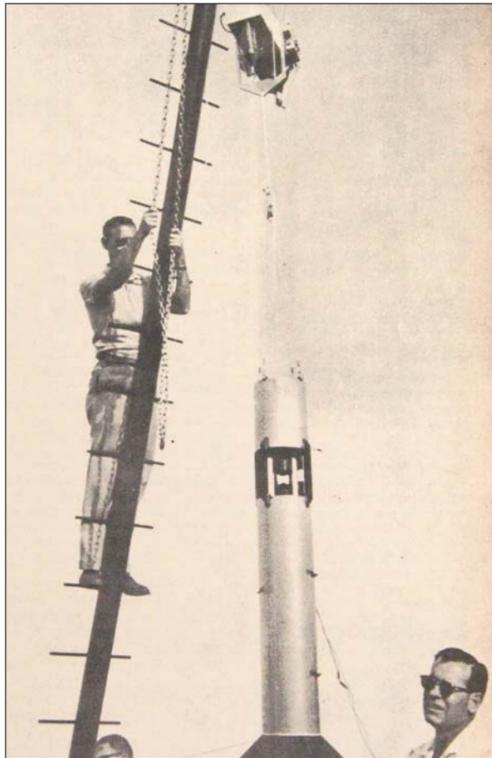
# APG NEWS

## This Week in APG News History

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News

### 50 Years Ago

Aug. 27, 1964



**Clockwise from left:** Emmett J. Pybus, a physicist with the Ballistic Research Laboratory, helps lower two hygrometers after a pre-flight telemetry check.

Maj. Gen. James W. Sutherland Jr., TECOM commander, pins the fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal of Capt. Luther S. Lollar, a TECOM project officer. Lollar was cited for his accomplishments during July 19 – Sept. 9, 1963 while engaged in aerial combat in support of ground forces of the Republic of Vietnam. He earned his first three medals between November 1962 and July 1963.

(From left) Eustace Lee Florance, daughter of the late Brig. Gen. Colden L'Hommedieu Ruggles and Maj. Gen. James W. Sutherland Jr., TECOM commander, admire the plaque naming the APG golf course in Ruggles' honor.

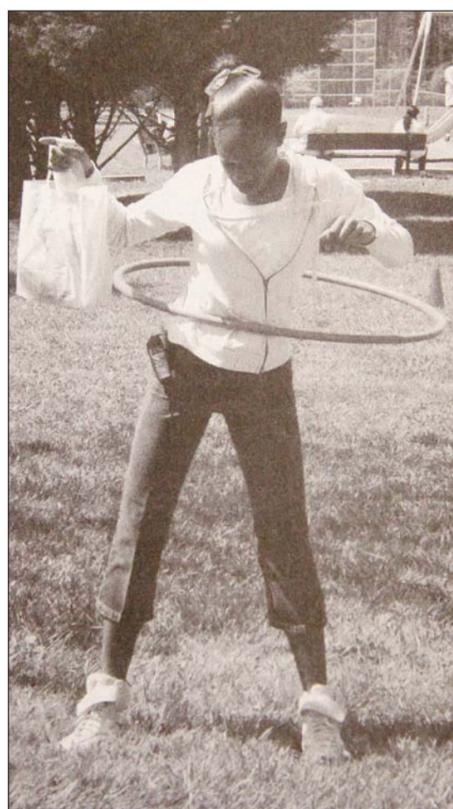
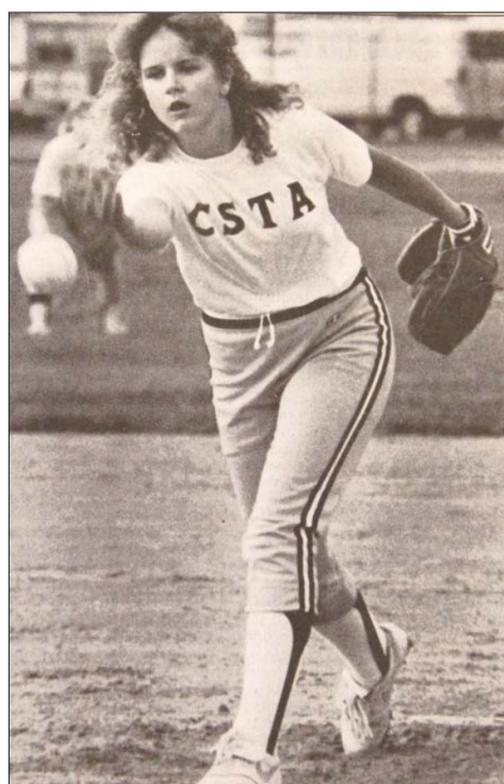
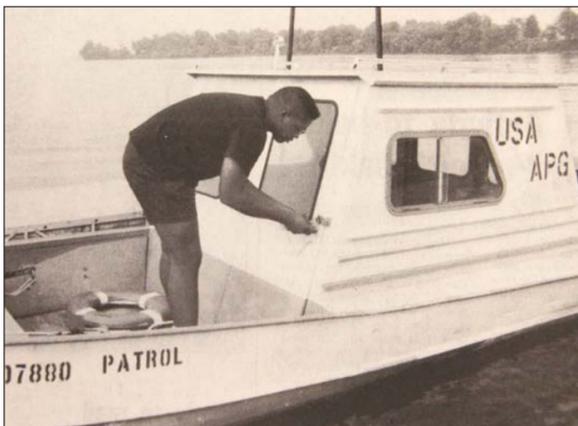
### 25 Years Ago

Aug. 30, 1989

**Clockwise from top left:** Maj. Larry Mitchell of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School is all smiles after learning he will attend his second consecutive All Army golf trial camp.

Mary Jane Pritchett delivers a pitch for CSTA in the women's intramural softball championship game Aug. 16, 1989, against HHC 601st. The CSTA lost the game 8-5.

Tyrone Hibbs, a recreation aide with the Community Recreation Division's Outdoor Recreation, prepares a rescue boat for a mission. The boat is used to rescue boaters who overturn or break down, or search for boats that are overdue returning to shore.



### 10 Years Ago

Aug. 26, 2004

**Clockwise from left:** Dominique Lacy enjoys hula hooping during the Edgewood Area's Child and Youth Services Spring Fest.

Two-year-old Ryan Bates splashes in a water tub during the Caribbean Sun Splash celebration hosted by Family Child Care provider Sherry Johnson in the Harbor Court housing area.

Fogging gets underway in earnest after mosquitoes on APG test positive for West Nile Virus, according to the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine-North at Fort George G. Meade.



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# CERDEC marks 20 years of STEM summer programs

By **KRISTEN KUSHIYAMA**  
CERDEC

More than 200 rising fourth through 10th graders and their families gathered at an Army-hosted math and science summer camp closing ceremony at Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood, Maryland Aug. 19.

The U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command's communications-electronics center closed its 20th season of summer programming for students.

"The Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC) has a long and distinguished history of supporting educational outreach," said Erica Bertoli, CERDEC Outreach Program coordinator.

"While STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs are plentiful in the current environment, in 1994, CERDEC was at the vanguard of the STEM outreach movement. The leadership at CERDEC across two decades has been dedicated to the idea that the only way to ensure the continued excellence of American innovation is to foster and grow the next generation of STEM leaders," she said.

The CERDEC summer camp was broken into four week-long sessions based on students' grade levels. Each week focused on a different topic related to STEM, and students learned about those topic areas and performed STEM-based activities and experiments to help solidify their learning experience.

Rising fourth and fifth-grade students spent the week learning about flight, rocketry and satellites, while rising sixth and-seventh graders programmed LEGO Mindstorms robots to solve renewable-energy challenges.

Rising eighth and ninth-grade campers looked at science and engineering in the movies and addressed various cinematic feats to determine if they could happen in real life.

The final week of the summer camp was a new addition to the program, introducing rising 10th-graders to aspects of leadership and looked at how to apply critical thinking, problem solving, creativity and innovation to careers in STEM or other fields.

Four rising 10th-grade students



Photo by Edric Thompson

**Rising fourth and fifth-grade students show off the rockets they made during the "Flight, Rocketry and Satellites" week of CERDEC's Math & Science Summer Camp at Harford Glen Environmental Education Center in Bel Air, Maryland. Now in its 20th year, the CERDEC Math & Science Summer Program uses a fun, hands-on approach to learning to enhance children's interests in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, known as STEM.**

exercised some of their newfound public speaking skills, sharing their summer experience with the ceremony attendees.

"In normal camps for STEM, the kids don't really interact. They might sit in a classroom, solve problems on paper, but at CERDEC they want you to interact with students so you can figure out how to work with different people," said Afsa Simpson, a Harford County student and fourth-year summer camp attendee.

Other students offered advice to younger campers and encouraged them to continue growing their STEM background.

"My advice to kids in lower grades who are interested in STEM is to try everything they can, especially during the summer. Take advantage of the free time we have to go to the many STEM camps," said Malcolm Ferguson, a Baltimore County student.

"These programs have given me a chance to network with people who have jobs in STEM and can get you a job in STEM. It will also allow you to realize what STEM field you would like to go into later by trying all the things you can," he said.

Students said this year's camp also helped solidify education and career goals.

In addition to exploring STEM fields, other students found life skills to be a key take-away.

"Two important things I learned this week were communication and teamwork with problem solving," said Pricilla Lee, a Harford County student and first-time CERDEC Summer Camp attendee.

She said the teachers helped her learn that communication is not always about what is said; it can also be about body language, facial expressions and more.

Lt. Col. Michael A. Baker, CERDEC Command, Power and Integration Directorate, told students that teamwork, innovation, communication, perseverance and curiosity are the keys to success.

"It's not about how smart you are, it's not the smartest people who succeed," said Baker regarding advanced degrees. "It's the people who are the most curious, and the most interested in the problem they are working on."

CERDEC continues to reach students and encourage their interests in STEM fields every summer and throughout the school year. Next year's CERDEC Math and Science Summer Camp registration opens the first Monday in February. Information about registration and other CERDEC Student Outreach programs can be found at [www.cerdec.army.mil/student\\_programs](http://www.cerdec.army.mil/student_programs).

"This camp reassured to me that I want to continue to follow the STEM path into engineering either as a civil engineer or a mechanical engineer later on in my life," said Tony Cruz, a Harford County student. "This was my first year at the CERDEC Summer Camp, and I would have to say, this camp made my summer one of the best summers in a while because throughout the week, we were exposed to many different types of STEM fields."

# ALL THINGS MARYLAND



## Maryland's role in Fort Stevens battle

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

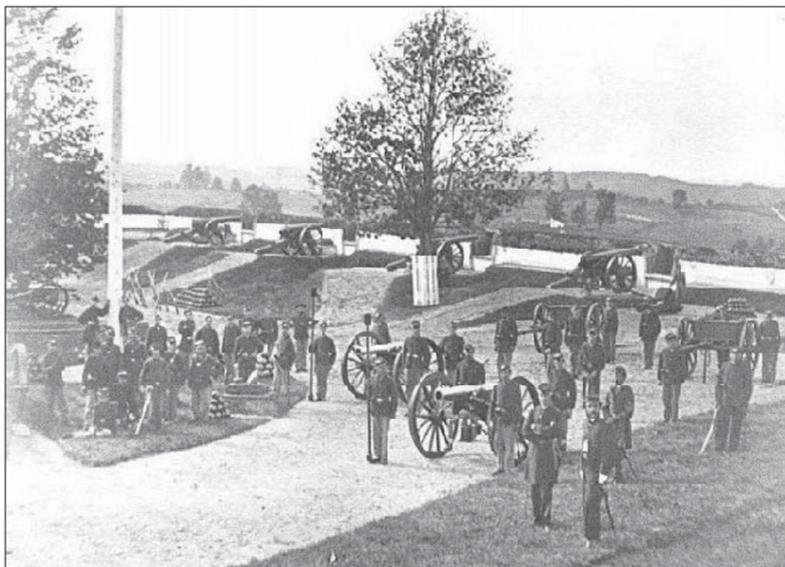
The Battle of Fort Stevens was an American Civil War battle fought 150 years ago, July 11–12, 1864, in north-west Washington, D.C.

The battle was part of the Valley Campaigns of 1864 between forces under Confederate Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early and Union Maj. Gen. Alexander McCook. The battle is noted for the personal presence of President Abraham Lincoln observing the fighting. It is the only site at which a sitting U.S. president has come under fire from combatants.

In the summer of 1864, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant had Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee in a deathtrap around Richmond and Petersburg, Virginia. When Grant had moved south, he stripped Washington, D.C. of many well trained troops.

As a result, in July of 1864 there were only 9,000 troops to defend the city, down from more than 23,000. Those that were left were primarily poorly trained reserves. Lee decided to send Early with about 20,000 troops to strike at Washington, which his spies had reported was poorly defended. Early's orders from Lee included clearing the Shenandoah Valley of Federals, invading Maryland and disrupting the B&O Railroad and then invading Washington, D.C. if possible. Lee hoped that the movement into Maryland would force Grant to reduce his forces around Richmond.

On June 12, Early started his march from behind Petersburg, and by July 9, he was in Frederick, Maryland, where he demanded and received \$200,000 to spare the city. On the same day, Early



Courtesy photo  
**Officers and men of Company F, 3rd Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, in Fort Stevens**

defeated Union Gen. Lew Wallace at the Monocacy River, south of Frederick.

In the light of later events, Wallace's defeat after a stubborn fight became a victory for the Union because he was able to delay Early's advance for a day and it became known as The Battle That Saved Washington D.C.

On July 10, Early encamped at Rockville, Maryland, 10 miles from Fort Stevens. On July 11, he and his exhausted Confederates reached the outskirts of Washington near Silver Spring, Maryland.

During the night, veteran units from the Union VI Corps had disembarked from troop transports and marched north

through the streets of Washington to bolster the defenses.

On July 12, Early was finally in position to make a strong demonstration, which was repulsed by the veteran Union troops. In the afternoon, VI Corps units sortied against the Confederate skirmishers, driving them back from their advanced positions.

President Abraham Lincoln watched the action from Fort Stevens and came under fire from Confederate sharpshooters. Recognizing that the Union capital was now defended by veterans, Early abandoned any thought of taking the city. He withdrew during the night, marching

toward White's Ford on the Potomac, ending his invasion of Maryland.

"We didn't take Washington," Early told his staff officers, "but we scared Abe Lincoln like hell."

Wright organized a pursuit force and set out after them July 13.

Today, Fort Stevens is maintained by the National Park Service under the administration of Rock Creek Park. The fort is located near 13th Street NW between Rittenhouse and Quackenbos Streets NW and is the only part of the battlefield currently preserved; the remainder was developed following 1925.

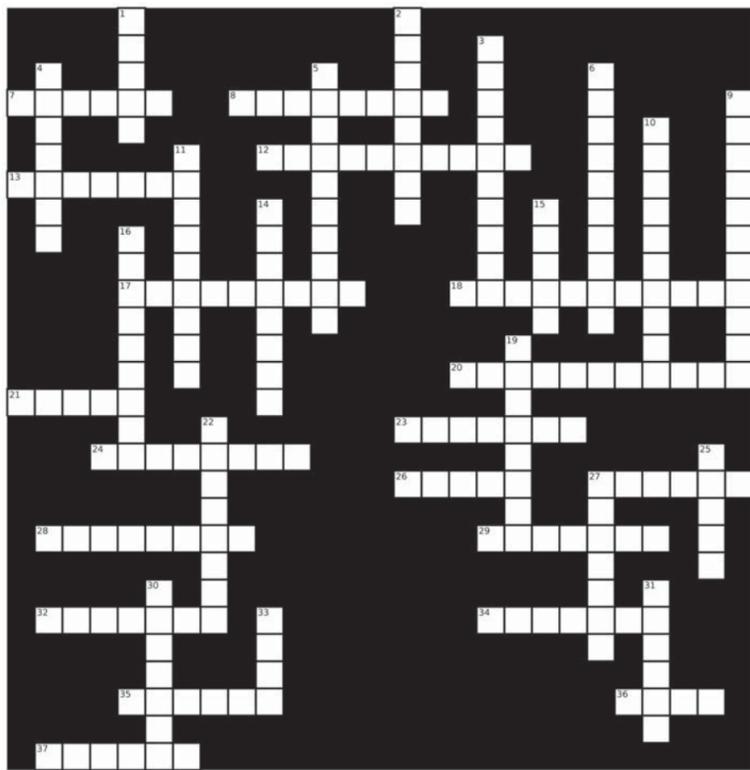
The Battleground National Cemetery was established two weeks after the battle and is located nearby, at 6625 Georgia Avenue NW, containing the graves of forty Union Soldiers killed in the battle; seventeen Confederate Soldiers are buried on the grounds of Grace Episcopal Church, slightly north of current downtown Silver Spring, at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Grace Church Road.

Located atop the parapet of Fort Stevens is a commemorative stone dedicated to Abraham Lincoln. The President stood atop the parapet to observe the fighting.

Several individuals would eventually claim the honor of advising the President to come down from the parapet. The most notable was a young officer named Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. His remarks to the president were short and straightforward: "Get down, you damn fool!" Holmes would eventually serve as a justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, 1902-1932.

Source: *The National Park Service website at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) & [www.civilwar.org](http://www.civilwar.org).*

## 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**
- 7. Retiree Volunteer of the Year
  - 8. Daughter of Ruggles Golf Course namesake
  - 12. Family Volunteer of the Year
  - 13. CERDEC outreach program
  - 17. He signed Labor Day into law
  - 18. Higher Education \_\_\_\_\_ Consortium
  - 20. Organization for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Chemical Weapons

- 21. Youth Volunteer of the Year
- 23. DPW maintenance technician
- 24. 23,000 Soldiers were killed or wounded there in one day
- 26. He directed an unsuccessful assault on Washington, D.C.
- 27. ACS employment manager
- 28. Military \_\_\_\_\_ Association of America
- 29. \_\_\_\_\_ Women's Program
- 32. Commander of the USS Maddox
- 34. He led the battle that saved Washington, D.C.
- 35. U.S. Supreme Court justice, 1902-1932
- 36. 2014 Mentorship Motorcycle Ride will venture to
- 37. Director of ACS
- 11. Civilian Volunteer of the Year
- 14. Federally \_\_\_\_\_ Women
- 15. Commander of American military forces in the Pacific
- 16. APG Garrison commander
- 19. Military Volunteer of the Year
- 22. Women's Equality Day guest speaker
- 25. Army \_\_\_\_\_ Performance \_\_\_\_\_
- 27. JLENS mission director
- 30. Administrates the organization that protects transportation systems
- 31. HHC Garrison first sergeant
- 33. He won the Aug. 20 Army Performance Triad 10K fun run

- Down**
- 1. Wilson-Styles, Outstanding \_\_\_\_\_ of the Year
  - 2. He went to two, consecutive All Army Golf Trials
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_ in Acquisition Lecture Series
  - 4. Outstanding Supervisor/Manager of the Year
  - 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Women of the Chapel
  - 6. Field \_\_\_\_\_ Deployable \_\_\_\_\_ System
  - 9. Chemical \_\_\_\_\_ Biological \_\_\_\_\_ and Risk Reduction
  - 10. Defense \_\_\_\_\_ Data Center

Solution to the August 21 puzzle



## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Insidious

Pronounced: in-SI-dee-us

**Part of speech: Adjective**

**Definition:**

1. A: awaiting a chance to entrap: treacherous  
B: harmful but enticing: seductive <insidious drugs>
2. A: having a gradual and cumulative effect: causing harm in a way that is gradual or not easily noticed: subtle  
B. of a disease: developing so gradually as to be well established before becoming apparent

— **in-sid-i-ous-ly (adverb)**

— **in-sid-i-ous-ness (noun)**

**Use:**

- The in-air bird deaths aren't due to some apocalyptic plague or insidious experiment—they happen all the time, scientists say.
- The insidious nature of the EU is such that the majority of British citizens do not even recognize the threat.
- Climate change is insidious and uncertain, inviting denial and procrastination.
- So many people collapse under the insidious pressures of modern life.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

## ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

### TSA

**Transportation Security Administration**



The TSA mission is to protect the nation's transportation systems to ensure freedom of movement for people and commerce. Often associated with airport checkpoints, the TSA uses layers of security to ensure the traveling public and the nation's transportation systems are protected.

Checkpoints represent one layer of security among the many in place to protect the various forms of transportation. There are different measures of security utilized within the aviation system including intelligence gathering and analysis, cross-checking passenger manifests against watch lists, random canine team screenings, federal air marshals and federal flight deck officers that provide armed protection to the aircraft. There are additional security measures undisclosed to the public. Each layer serves as a counterterrorism measure. In combination, these layers provide enhanced security creating a much stronger and protected transportation system. The TSA applies these layers of security to deter, detect and prevent an attack from happening.

The TSA also answers questions or concerns about travel tips, permitted and prohibited items, and provide information about filing claims for items that were damaged or lost during a TSA screening.

The Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration is John S. Pistole. For more information, visit <http://www.tsa.gov/>.

# FWP recognizes 'Outstanding' APG women

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Dr. Carla Kendrick, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and MITRE project manager was the program's guest speaker.

"I'm honored to be recognized and thankful to be nominated," Wilson-Styles said after thanking CERDEC coworkers and friends for their support. "I'm passionate about education and inspiring and motivating others and I feel fortunate to be a part of a mentoring program."



Wilson-Styles

Maxwell said she was grateful to the Command, Power and Integration Directorate leadership for her nomination.



Maxwell

"I am proud to accept [the award] as a reflection of the great team I have," she said. "Many dedicated and motivated women on the team make it easy for me to support their pursuit of career and educational development."

Ramos said the recognition of PHC's support to the goals of the FWP "validates what we have at PHC."

"Women are an integral part of the Public Health Command," he said, "and on behalf of the commander and all of our Soldiers and civilian I want to thank the FWP

for this honor."

Rodriguez, a Perry Point contract specialist, said the financial award "will definitely help" her reach her education goals. She is pursuing a degree online in Government Contracting with the University of Massachusetts.

"I decided I wanted to grow and this blessing will help me get there," she said.

Entertainment included selections by the Upper Chesapeake Chorus and Judy Jones of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Michelle Goddard, ECBC, sang the national anthem.

Guests included Gary Martin, deputy to APG Senior Leader Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory McClinton who delivered opening remarks; CECOM and installation Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent; Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams. Diane Crawford, Gloria Dent and Vicky McClinton also were in attendance.

McClinton commended those who contributed to the program for helping to keep women's issues at the forefront.

"We realize we have a way to go," he said, adding that their efforts "continue to remove barriers."

He thanked all for supporting the pro-



Ramos



Rodriguez

gram's goals "of keeping our Soldiers and our nation strong."

Kendrick reviewed the women's suffrage movement of the late 19th century that resulted in the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, affording women the right to vote and to stand for electoral office.

Kendrick said the first notable achievement was during the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention when the first formal demand for voting equality was issued. The United States was less than 100 years old, Kendrick said, and the achievement led to other conventions declaring women's rights.

"The commitment to women's rights that lasted 72 years allowed us to be here today," she said. "Today, women are recognized for their character, courage and commitment."

She encouraged all women to continue exercising their right to vote.

"It's a right you should exercise at every opportunity."

Kendrick said she was honored to speak and thanked organizers for the opportunity.

FWP chair Elizabeth Young, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity; vice-chair Teresa Rudd, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, and Donna Doganiero, PHC, hosted the event. Along with Rudd, Karen Jobs of the APG Garrison presented awards.

Ashley Reid from the Garrison's Equal Employment Opportunity Office was the program emcee.

## Awards

**Outstanding Woman of the Year:** Participates in/supports FWP activities, or an active member of an organization which

supports FWP goals, i.e., FWP, FEW, Commission for Women; Federal Executive Board, etc.

## Recipient:

Dr. Carmela Wilson-Styles, CERDEC

## Nominees:

Col. Heidi Warrington, PHC  
Staff Sgt. Trenise Porch-Sylvester, MRICD

Sgt. Stacey A. Swayze, MRICD

Elizabeth Young, AMSAA  
KimOanh N. Lee, CECOM  
Patricia O'Connor, CECOM  
Trish R. Edmond, CECOM  
Jessica Sharkey, PHC

## Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals:

Leaders ensure that management complies with the spirit and intent of the FWP. This includes the issuance of a strong policy statement that prohibits sexual harassment and sex discrimination.

## Recipient:

U.S. Army Public Health Command

## Nominees:

U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity

Edgewood Chemical Biological Center

## Outstanding Supervisor/Manager of the Year:

Encourages women to further their education via traditional or non-traditional means. Nominates women for long-term training and developmental assignments.

## Recipient:

Kathleen Maxwell, CERDEC

## Nominees:

James E. Risley, CECOM

Heather Hilton, ATC

Elizabeth Jones, AMSAA

Liz. S. Miranda, CECOM

# Volunteers, an 'integral part' of the Army spirit

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sayne (military); Mrs. Suzanne Singleton (civilian); Mr. Michael Layman (retiree); Mrs. Liza Fitzgerald (Family member) and Ms. Sarah Kubat (youth).

## Spc. Cassandra Rousayne Military Volunteer of the Year

Rousayne acted as a local co-coordinator of three blood drives for the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP).

Rousayne was responsible for seeing each blood drive through from start to

finish, from advertising the event and booking locations to scheduling appointments and ensuring the check-in and accountability of each participant.

ASBP provides blood products for Soldiers, veterans and dependents during both war and peace. Most notably, it is the



Rousayne

only program to send units of blood to military hospitals. Rousayne's support of this local program resulted in the collection of nearly 150 viable units of blood from 180 donors.

Rousayne is also committed to serving her church congregation, where she volunteers in the nursery, works the refreshment tables and assists with an annual costume carnival. She has passed down her love of volunteer work to her children by encouraging them to make boxes of toys for Operation Christmas Child, a program that sends toys to needy children overseas.

Despite the stringent demands of her military service and commitment to her family, Rousayne continually supports others in need. Rousayne said the best part of volunteering is "just giving back. Just knowing that in some small way you're making some sort of difference in somebody's life."

## Suzanne Singleton

### Civilian Volunteer of the Year

Singleton is an operations research analyst at the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA) in the Soldier's Systems and Maneuver System's Branches and was recently promoted to lead the newly established AMSAA risk analysis team. For the past five years she has extended her leadership to the AMSAA Holiday Families Program, which provides food and gifts to local military and civilian families in need.

Singleton and her committee sponsored eight military and three civilian local families, providing them with clothing, toys, nonperishable household items, a holiday meal and other food staples. In total, AMSAA collected \$4,200 and several boxes of household items throughout the 2013 holiday season.

She also served as AMSAA's representative on the APG Federal Women's Program committee for two years and volunteered her time to mentor an Aberdeen High School student in the Science and Technology Program as he worked on his capstone project.

"I'm very excited and thankful to my organization for nominating me, and I'm proud of the work we do," she said.

## Liza Fitzgerald

### Family Volunteer of the Year

Fitzgerald is the wife of Capt. Scott Fitzgerald and is the Family Readiness Group leader for the 20th CBRNE. She hosts numerous yearly events, such as the Back to School Drive which provides free school supplies to Soldier's Families, and hosts a monthly pool party as an informal way for military families to support and get to know one another. She also invites guest speakers from the local community who can provide needed services and holds trainings that teach skills to all who work or live on APG.



Singleton



Fitzgerald

## DID YOU KNOW?

### August marks 50th anniversary of the Gulf of Tonkin conflict

August 2014 was the 50th anniversary of the Gulf of Tonkin incident – a clash between naval forces of the United States and North Vietnam in August 1964 that marks a significant turning point in the Cold War struggle for Southeast Asia. The Gulf of Tonkin incident escalated the war and gave President Lyndon B. Johnson the powers to dramatically escalate American involvement.

In early 1964, Johnson and his Secretary of Defense, Robert S. McNamara, decided to put military pressure on Ho Chi Minh's North Vietnamese government in Hanoi to cease his support for the Viet Cong through the use of American naval forces. The U.S. Navy armed the Republic of Vietnam Navy with Norwegian-built fast patrol boats (PTF), trained their Vietnamese crews, and maintained the vessels at Danang in northern South Vietnam. In covert operation 34A, the PTFs bombarded radar stations on the coast of North Vietnam and landed South Vietnamese commandoes to destroy bridges and other military targets. Many of the missions failed, however, for lack of good intelligence, defensive forces, and operating methods.

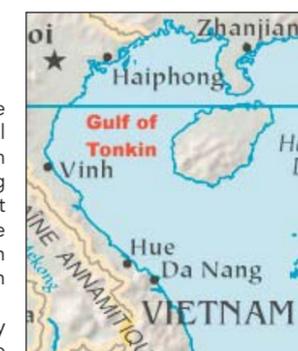
Washington then ordered the Navy to focus more attention on the coast of North Vietnam in its longstanding Desoto Patrol operation, which employed destroyers in intelligence-gathering missions.

In early August of 1964, the destroyer USS Maddox, under the operational control of Capt. John J. Herrick, USN, steamed along the coast of North Vietnam in the Gulf of Tonkin gathering various types of intelligence. Shortly before, the South Vietnamese PTF force had bombarded targets further to the south of Maddox's patrol area.

North Vietnam's leaders, who knew about the American connection to Operation 34A, were determined not to bend to U.S. pressure. Hanoi directed its navy, which had not been able to catch the fast PTFs, to attack the slower American destroyer. On the afternoon of Aug. 2, 1964, the North Vietnamese dispatched three Soviet-built P-4 motor torpedo boats against Maddox. The torpedoes missed with only one round lodging in the ship's superstructure. Return fire from Maddox hit its mark. Then F-8 Crusader jets dispatched from the aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga strafed all three P-4s and left one boat dead in the water and on fire. Maddox then steamed toward the mouth of the Gulf of Tonkin and supporting naval forces. The President and his national security advisors were surprised that Ho Chi Minh had reacted to U.S. pressure in such a bold way. Johnson, Adm. Ulysses S. G. Sharp, the commander of American military forces in the Pacific, and Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, decided that the United States could not retreat from this clear Communist challenge. They reinforced Maddox with destroyer USS Turner Joy and directed Capt. Herrick to continue his intelligence-gathering mission off North Vietnam with the two naval vessels. On the night of Aug. 4, the warships reported being attacked by several fast craft far out to sea but recent analysis of that data and additional information makes it clear that North Vietnamese naval forces did not attack Maddox and Turner Joy that night.

Still, in response to the Aug. 2 attack and the suspected attack of Aug. 4, the President ordered Seventh Fleet carrier forces to launch retaliatory strikes against North Vietnam. On Aug. 5, aircraft from carriers Ticonderoga and USS Constellation destroyed an oil storage facility at Vinh and damaged or sank about 30 enemy naval vessels in port or along the coast. Of greater significance, on Aug. 7 the U.S. Congress overwhelmingly passed the so-called Tonkin Gulf Resolution, which enabled Johnson to employ military force as he saw fit against the Vietnamese Communists. In the first months of 1965, the President ordered the deployment to South Vietnam of major U.S. ground, air, and naval forces. Thus began a new phase in the long and costly war.

Source: <http://www.history.navy.mil/>



Yvonne Johnson, APG News

Fitzgerald hosts events open to all Soldiers and civilians on post. When she recently held a sleepover at Port Discovery for over 200 Soldiers and Family members, she had several different APG organizations in attendance and even received a phone call from a Soldier living at Ft. Detrick asking if they could attend. Her dedication to providing quality services and events to Army Families extends well beyond APG.

A stay-at-home mother of three children, Fitzgerald said that she left the workforce to be with her family, so volunteering has given her a renewed sense of purpose. "It was nice to give back to the Army. I feel like I was contributing to something outside my own family."

## Michael Layman

### Retiree Volunteer of the Year

A current ATEC employee and retired U.S. Army Major, Layman has volunteered 240 service hours as both a boys and girls soccer and basketball coach for the APG Youth Sports Program and Post Chapel.

Layman has been involved with the APG Sports Youth Program for two years. His colleagues agree that Layman's best quality is his enthusiasm and willingness to reach out to the kids and teach them the skills needed to be successful on and off the field.

As a volunteer, he is the definition of a 'team player,' stepping in to coach the girls 13-14 team when no one else offered. The players and parents especially appreciated the team Facebook page he created which served to keep all parents informed of the teams' schedules and accomplishments.

Layman said "I am very happy with the relationship I have with the youth center," and plans to volunteer again next year.

## Sarah Kubat

### Youth Volunteer of the Year

Kubat is a youth volunteer with the APG North (Aberdeen) Child Development Center.

During the past two summers, Kubat assisted staff with day-to-day child care needs of children ages 18 - 36 months, including reading stories, building blocks, completing puzzles and countless other activities, while serving as a role model in the community.

Kubat recognized the challenges of teaching little ones and says it took time to learn how to keep their attention and engage their minds through play and interaction.

"I helped teach gross motor skills to every child in the room, while making it fun. It's a wonderful and rewarding feeling to know that you are guiding and helping the youth of tomorrow," she said.

"To be recognized, as a high school student volunteering at the daycare, is really special to me because I really took working with the kids to heart."



Kubat

# 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/>.



Photos by Yvonne Johnson

## DASH WITH A SPLASH, APG COMMUNITY GETS INTO A COLORFUL SPIRIT

Clockwise from top left:

(From right) 1st Lt. Joanna Moore showers Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams with red "dust" as he crosses the finish line of the Healthy Kids 2K Color Run.

Maj. Wayne Blas of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's Army Evaluation Center is the winner of the Aug. 20 Army Performance Triad 10K run.

Lerin Hessel, 7, the son of Sgt. Lakeisha Hessel of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, looks like he hasn't quite made up his mind about the Color Run.

(From right) Ivelisse Torres and her daughters Angeliz Rosado, 9, and Emily Rosado, 7, get ready to bicycle home after completing the Healthy Kids 2K Color Run.



Photo by Molly Blossie

## A QUICK PRICK FOR A GOOD CAUSE

(From top) Technician Robin Bee, with the Armed Services Blood Bank, draws blood from Family member Barbara Heddinett during the Armed Services Blood Program blood drive and bone marrow registry at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center Aug. 21. Spc. Cassandra Rousayne of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense hosted the event.



Photo by Lindsey Monger

## LOCAL SCHOOL GETS A CHEER FROM ATEC SOLDIERS

Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Conway, military evaluator from the Army Test and Evaluation Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground, welcomes fifth-grade student, Anthony McKnight, 10, to his first day of classes at Havre de Grace Elementary School Aug. 25. This school year's theme, 'Mission Possible,' was chosen by the school's new principal, Ronald Wooden, in aims to send the message that all things are possible when you put your mind to it. Fostering a positive environment on the first day, Conway served as part of a 'pep squad' comprised of Soldiers from ATEC and Army Evaluation Center who cheered students on as they got off the bus to begin the first day of the 2014-2015 school year.



## THE LITTLE MAN IS A SOFTBALL FAN!

He must know the APG intramural softball season is underway. Play started Aug. 25 and runs through Sept. 8 (weather permitting). All games are played on Shine Sports Field starting 5:30 p.m. Check with the APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center for team schedules and then get out there and root your team to victory like the Little Man! For more information, contact Melvin Allen at 410-278-7934 or email [melvin.t.allen.naf@mail.mil](mailto:melvin.t.allen.naf@mail.mil).

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