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(From left) Gen. Dennis L. Via, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, replaces one star with two on the shoulder board of newly-promoted Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, APG senior leader and commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, as his wife Dianne tends to the opposite shoulder during a promotion ceremony at the Myer Auditorium July 21.

CECOM senior commander promoted to major general

By **KRISTOPHER JOSEPH**
CECOM

Brigadier General Bruce T. Crawford, Commanding General, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command and APG Senior Mission Commander, was promoted to major general during a promotion ceremony July 21 at the Myer Auditorium.

Gen. Dennis L. Via, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Materiel Command led the ceremony among more than 500 senior leaders, service members, CECOM civilians, Family members, and friends.

"This is a great day for the Crawford Family and the presence of so many of our senior leaders is a tribute to their ongoing contribution to our Army," said Via dur-

ing his opening remarks.

Via mentioned that out of approximately 82,000 Army officers, only 116 are major generals. Crawford was one out of 31 brigadier generals that was selected for promotion, Via said.

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RDECOM hosts Community Prayer Luncheon

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**
RDECOM

About 200 APG Soldiers and civilians gathered July 16 at Top of the Bay for prayer, reflection and fellowship.

The Community Prayer Luncheon, hosted by the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, featured a keynote address by Mike A. Battle Sr., senior adviser to the U.S. Department of State's African Bureau and retired Army Reserve chaplain.

Battle focused on the event's theme: from adversity to prosperity.

"The concept of moving from adversity to prosperity is deeply rooted in the very fabric of our collective and individual core. It's one of the most common notions aspired to by all people -- every nation, every religious tradi-

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MRICD leadership changes

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense hosted a change of command within its new complex at APG South (Edgewood) as Col. Bruce A. Schoneboom relinquished leadership of the organization to Col. Roman O. Bilynsky July 22.

The dual ceremony included Schoneboom's retirement. Maj. Gen. Joseph Carvalho Jr., commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick, Maryland, led both ceremonies.

Schoneboom was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement signed by Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Raymond Odierno.

Carvalho said he was honored to preside over the ceremonies and thanked all for attending in the "impressive new facility." He called MRICD the center of excellence for chemical research and said when the building opens it will be the premier chemical defense laboratory in the Department of Defense.

"[MRICD has] continuously proven itself vital for chemical defense and for our nation's defense."

He added that Schoneboom treated MRICD staff and Soldiers like Family, establishing an open-door police to

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Photo by Sean Kief

(From left) Col. Roman O. Bilynsky accepts the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense colors from Maj. Gen. Joseph Carvalho Jr., commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick, Maryland, during the change of command portion of a dual ceremony that included the retirement of outgoing MRICD Commander Col. Bruce A. Schoneboom. The event took place at the organization's new complex in APG South (Edgewood) July 22.

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STREET TALK

What do you like most about your community?

I live on APG. I am very active with the Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC); this group is very welcoming. My Family has met many friends through the chapel community. I also like that APG is close to bigger cities like Baltimore and Washington, D.C. You do not have to travel far to find things to do.



Margaret Benise-Kissell
Military spouse

I live in Bel Air. This area is quiet and peaceful compared to other places I lived. Before living here, I lived in Manila (the second largest city in the Philippines) and Baltimore. I thought city living was very hectic. I would rather live in the suburbs.



Janella Benitez
Chapel volunteer

I live in Aberdeen. I like the educational opportunities in this area. I am currently a junior in Harford Technical High School's automotive program. I like this program because it gives me job experience while I am in school.



Bryan G. Baligad
Family member

I live on APG. I like observing the deer, the groundhogs and all the other wildlife that lives here. It is quieter here than other Army posts. It is a nice change.



Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Rendon
APG North (Aberdeen) chapel

I live near the Conowingo Dam in Cecil County. I like that it is a quiet community. I have always lived in the suburbs. I can't see myself ever living in a big city.



Mike Farlow
ACS

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Protect yourself from new virus to the U.S. carried by mosquitoes

USAPHC

A virus called "chikungunya" carried by mosquitoes that are common in the continental United States is likely to appear in locations where Soldiers, Army civilians and their families work and live.

The virus, transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito, causes high fever and joint pain, public health experts at the U.S. Army Public Health Command said. Symptoms also can include headache, muscle pain, joint swelling and rash, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Symptoms can last three to seven days, even up to two weeks. In some people, the joint pain may persist for months, according to USAPHC physician-epidemiologist Lt. Col. Laura Pacha.

As of July 15, the CDC reported approximately 234 travel-related cases in the U.S., most brought in by travelers to the Caribbean, where the disease appeared for the first time this year. Outbreaks of the disease previously occurred in countries in Africa, Asia and Europe. Two cases of locally-acquired chikungunya were recently reported in Florida, the first in the continental United States.

"Due to the similar symptoms, chikungunya could be easily confused with dengue fever or even malaria," Pacha said. "If you experience these symptoms, whether you have travelled or not, be sure to go to your doctor and get your illness properly diagnosed."

Treatment

There is no vaccination or medicine to cure chikungunya; treatments such as rest, fluids and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines help alleviate symptoms until the disease goes away, usually in a week or two, Pacha said.

Prevention

USAPHC experts say the best form of prevention is to avoid mosquito bites altogether.



Courtesy photo

"Always apply DEET or picaridin repellent on exposed skin, Pacha said." "If you go on leave, especially to one of the places where chikungunya is found, treat your clothing with permethrin using an aerosol can or IDA kit (Individual Dynamic Absorption Kit for uniforms)." The IDA kit is only authorized for use on military uniforms not civilian clothing.

Since the kinds of mosquitoes that carry the disease can bite during the day as well as at dawn and dusk, USAPHC experts suggest wearing loose, light-colored clothing--long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and permethrin-treated clothing. For Soldiers wearing the permethrin-treated Army combat uniform, wearing the uniform properly is also important. This means wearing sleeves rolled down, all openings closed, pants tucked into boots, and undershirts tucked into pants.

Loose uniforms are also a good idea, since mosquitoes can bite through fabric that is tight against skin.

In addition to protecting your body, USAPHC experts recommend carrying the fight against chikungunya to the places where mosquitoes live and breed.

Entomologists at the USAPHC advise staying in air-conditioning and ensuring that window screens are in place, tight and without holes. If sleeping outdoors, permethrin-treated mosquito netting should be used. Around the house, standing pools of water in tires, buckets, trash cans and the like should be emptied--the mosquitoes that carry chikungunya breed in water.

More information on protecting yourself and your home from chikungunya and on the Department of Defense Insect Repellent System is available from these sources:

U.S. Army Public Health Command
http://phc.amedd.army.mil/PHCResourceLibrary/Chikungunya_FS_18-029-0714.pdf
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<http://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya/index.html>

CDC says Chikungunya has hit mainland

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The first locally acquired case of chikungunya, a mosquito-borne disease, was reported July 17 in Florida. This newly reported case represents the first time that mosquitoes in the continental United States are thought to have spread the virus to a non-traveler. Although the CDC does not expect widespread cases of chikungunya in the United States this summer, American travelers infected overseas may continue to return and bring the virus with them.

"Chikungunya has been on the U.S. public health radar for some time, according to Dr. Lyle Peterson, director, Division of Vector-Borne Diseases. "The CDC has been working with the Pan American Health Organization since 2006, preparing

Healthy Living

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Healthy Living is a recurring feature in the APG News. It addresses health topics that matter most to our readers. To view more health topics and the Community Health Promotion Council calendar of events, visit the APG homepage www.teamapg.com To suggest health-related topics for the Healthy Living series, email adriane.c.foss.civ@mail.mil

for its introduction. We are working with international public health partners and with state health departments to alert health care providers and the public about this disease, equip state health laboratories to test for it and to detect cases to help prevent further spread."

The CDC is currently working with the Florida Department of Health to assess whether there are additional locally acquired cases and is providing consultation on ways to prevent further spread of the virus by controlling mosquitoes and educating people about personal and household protection measures to avoid mosquito bites.

For more information, contact the CDC Toll-free at 800-232-4636; (TTY) 888-232-6348; or go to the CDC website at www.cdc.gov.

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APG medical responders deliver swift, lifesaving treatment

By **RACHEL PONDER**
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An Aberdeen Proving Ground civilian recently received a wake-up call after suffering a heart attack at work.



Kimball

For most of the day, Richard Kimball, a test officer in the Aberdeen Test Center's vehicle division, went about his normal routine. It wasn't until around 4 p.m. that he started feeling short of breath, overheated and nauseated.

Kimball thought that maybe it was something he ate. But when he started perspiring profusely, he decided to seek help from his coworker, Jessica Jakubac who immediately called 911.

"During an emergency you have a real reluctance to call 911," Kimball said. "When you are not well, you are not thinking straight. It is a good idea to involve another person, because if you do become incapacitated they can direct EMS to you."

Kimball said the dispatcher gave Jakubac a series of instructions to render immediate assistance, including getting the automatic external defibrillator, or AED, ready for emergency medical services personnel.

While in the ambulance, two paramedics hooked Kimball up to an electrocardiogram, or ECG [also known as EKG], which records the heart's electrical activity. Results showed that Kimball was having an ST segment elevation myocardial infarction, or STEMI. The paramedics sent

real-time ECG readings to the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory in Bel Air to help the medical team prepare for the patient.

Only 51 minutes passed from the initial 911 call to the placement of a heart stent in the cardiac catheterization laboratory. A stent is a small tube used to treat narrow or weak arteries.

"Fifty-one minutes is very impressive," said APG Assistant Chief of EMS Michael Slayman. He credits the swift treatment to well trained ATC personnel, an enhanced 911 medical dispatch system combined with proactive EMS personnel with state of the art capabilities.

"This one incident has tested multiple systems put into place over the last 10 years and has resulted in a fantastic outcome for this patient," Slayman said.

According to the American Heart Association, most people wait too long to seek medical help for heart attacks. Slayman said this can be fatal because heart muscle tissue can scar or die when coronary arteries fail to supply blood. Waiting too long

to receive treatment can be a deadly mistake or even cause more health problems for surviving patients in the future.

In addition, women often chalk up heart attack symptoms to less life-threatening conditions like acid reflux, the flu, or normal aging. According to the site, women are more likely than men to experience other symptoms besides chest pains, such as nausea, back pain and shortness of breath.

"Don't guess if you are okay, call us and let a trained professional evaluate you," Slayman said. "We a public service, that is what we are here for. If we don't know there is an emergency, then we cannot help you."

Looking ahead Kimball said he is serious about improving his health. Since the heart attack, he has stopped smoking, changed his diet and takes daily walks with his

wife, Anita, and dog, Teddy.

"You have to take time for exercising and you have to take time to prepare your meals, instead of eating on the run," he said. "The more things you do right, the better your odds are that you will not have this problem. My goal is to stay out of the

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Richard Kimball

Test officer in the Aberdeen Test Center's vehicle division

cardiac [catheterization] lab."

Kimball said he was touched by the support he received from coworkers, family and friends. When he returned to work July 14, his coworkers gave him a survival kit of heart-healthy snacks.

"It reminds you that you are not only responsible for yourself, but you have a certain obligation to the people that love you," he said, adding that he is happy to be back at work and is looking forward to living a full, healthy life.

"I think in a few months from now, I will be way better off than I have been in recent years," he said. "I feel better every day."

Slayman said about ten major cardiac events occur on APG every year. The APG EMS team provides free cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), AED and First Aid training to organizations on post. For more information call 410-306-0566 or e-mail michael.p.slayman.civ@mail.mil.

Heart attack symptoms

- Chest discomfort
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body
- Shortness of breath
- Breaking out in a cold sweat
- Nausea
- Light-headedness

Controllable risk factors for heart disease

- Smoking
- High blood pressure
- High blood cholesterol
- Diabetes
- Being overweight or obese
- Physical inactivity

C4ISR expo emphasizes healthy living

Story and photo by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

The APG community learned about adopting healthy habits during the third annual summer C4ISR Health Expo held at the Mallette Mission Training Facility July 17.

More than 240 people attended the event, sponsored by the C4ISR Wellness Committee and the APG Community Health Promotion Council. The free expo featured demonstrations from 29 on-and off-post vendors. Attendees learned about topics like asthma, allergies, physical therapy, heart disease, diabetes, nutrition, tobacco cessation, and stress management and took advantage of free vision, blood pressure and spinal screenings as well as mini massages.

In addition, APG organization displays centered on employee wellbeing. On-post vendors included Army Community Service, the Army Wellness Center, the Army Substance Abuse Program, Family & Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Client Services Division and the APG chapels.

Insurance representative Markie Simmons, from the Compass Rose Benefits Group, conducted a quiz that measured attendees' level of risk for heart disease.

"Some risk factors like activity and weight can be controlled [and] some factors like gender, Family history and age cannot be controlled," Simmons said

To encourage positive choices, she showed attendees a model of ten pounds of fat and handed out recipes for heart-healthy meals.

Laura Natali, a registered dietitian with a Bel Air grocery store, gave visitors information about meal planning, vegetarianism, reducing sodium intake and more and Sharon Ricks, from United Healthcare Vision, distributed information about vision protection. Ricks suggests taking frequent breaks from the computer to prevent computer vision syndrome, or CVS. Some symptoms of CVS are dry eyes, headaches, blurred vision, and neck and shoulder pain, she said.

"I recommend people follow the 20-20-20 rule. For every 20 minutes in front of the computer, look away about 20 feet in front of you for 20 seconds. This can help reduce eyestrain," she said.

Event organizer Tiffany Grimes, Communications-Electronics Command Wellness Program coordinator, said she received plenty of positive feedback about the event.

"Many [attendees] made connections with wellness professionals and learned of services they did not know were available at APG and the surrounding areas," Grimes said. "For instance, [they] were surprised that ACS provided financial services and couples workshops."

Attendee Betty Leflore, a Freestate ChalleNGe Academy employee, said the vision screening indicated she soon should visit an eye doctor.

"I found out that my vision has changed," Leflore said. "I was using readers from the drug store, but those are a temporary fix. I need to see an eye doctor to get prescription glasses."

Kimberly Bemah from CECOM said



Betty Leflore, of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, has her vision screened by Cynthia Wright, from United Healthcare Vision, during the third annual summer C4ISR Health Expo at the Mallette Mission Training Facility July 17.

she is going to start using the free pedometer that was given to visitors by the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program.

"I am going to use it when I train for an upcoming marathon," Bemah said.

Insurance and financial consultant James Tankersley, from the Government Employees' Benefit Association, said health-related events give people the chance to consider areas of their lives they need to improve, to live their lives to the fullest.

"Many people take an out of sight, out of mind, approach to their health," Tankersley said. "The expo draws awareness to important health issues."

The next free installation health fair will be held Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center.

For more information about upcoming CHPC events, visit <http://www.apg.army.mil/APGHome/sites/commander/CHPC/healthpromotion.cfm>.

The Korean War Sept. 21, 1950

A machine gun crew fires at fleeing Communist-led North Korean targets during heavy street fighting in the captured city of Waegwan. (From left) Pfc. Austin Dela Cruz Cpl. William Purdy; Pfc. Alexander Domingo; and platoon leader Sgt. Robert I. Muramoto.

U.S. Army Center of Military History photo



ALL THINGS MARYLAND



It takes a village (and a mill)

By **ALAN FEILER**
APG News

These days, with all of the bleak news coming out of the Middle East, the name Jerusalem is hardly synonymous with the phrases peace and tranquility. But not far from Aberdeen Proving Ground, nestled in a bucolic alcove along picturesque Jerusalem Road near Kingsville, Maryland, is the historic Jerusalem Mill Village, which radiates serenity, grace and calm.

Located on the north bank of the Little Gunpowder Falls in Harford County, the mill and village – which were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987 -- were once the center of a thriving and industrious Quaker settlement.

In 1687, land speculators Nicholas Hampstead and John Walley founded the 318-acre tract of land designated Jerusalem, most likely after its biblical namesake. Sixty-five years later, ironmaster Stephen Onion purchased the land and constructed several buildings there. His nephew, Zacheas Barrett Onion, inherited the land after Stephen Onion died in 1750.

In 1769, a pair of Quaker millers from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, David Lee and Isaiah Linton, met with Zacheas Barrett Onion and decided to open a five-story frame gristmill on a low-lying parcel of land in Jerusalem along the Little Gunpowder. Originally known as Lee's Merchant Mill, the Jerusalem Mill opened three years later and was an important regional producer of flour under the White Silk label. The flour line was also sold extensively in the Caribbean.

During its nearly two centuries of continuous operations, the Jerusalem Mill



Courtesy photo

Located on the north bank of the Little Gunpowder Falls in Harford County, the Jerusalem Mill and Village were once the center of a thriving and industrious Quaker settlement.

went through a series of commercial, economic and industrial transformations. Perhaps most noteworthy is that the mill converted to electricity after a 1940 flood broke the nearby dam. In 1961, the mill closed after death of its last miller, Jack Bridges.

The village of Jerusalem sprang up around the mill, and at one point was a thriving crossroads of commercial and residential life. Jerusalem was the site of a blacksmith shop, sawmill, general store, wheelwright, firearms cooperage, cider press, cannery, cabinetmaker's shop, springhouse and post office, as well as a number of residences. In addition, the nearby (and allegedly haunted) Jericho Covered Bridge was constructed in 1865, linking Harford and Baltimore counties.

The cooperage reportedly produced black walnut gunstocks for the Maryland Militia during the Revolutionary War, and Jerusalem's general store has its own unique place in Civil War history. On July, 11, 1864, a band of 135 brash Confederate soldiers from the First and Second Maryland Cavalry regiments, under the command of Maj. Harry W. Gilmor, stopped at McCourtney's General Store and "appropriated" nearly \$1,000 worth of supplies and horses. Today, this incident during the Valley Campaigns of 1864 is known by Civil War historians and buffs as "Gilmor's Raid" or the "Magnolia Station Train Raid."

In 1961, the Jerusalem Mill was purchased by the State of Maryland and incorporated into Gunpowder Falls State Park.

It now serves as the park's headquarters and visitor center.

Today, the village's facilities offer an array of Family-oriented activities and living history gatherings throughout the year. This includes tours of the mill museum, cooperage and carpentry shop; Civil War reenactments and talks; music concerts and theatrical productions; blacksmith, ironworking and hearth cooking demonstrations; and holiday programming.

The natural setting enveloping the mill and village also lends itself to adventures in hiking, fishing, mountain biking, picnicking, river wading and bird watching. And, the Jericho Covered Bridge, which is also on the National Register of Historic Places, is within walking distance to the mill and village.

Since 1985, the Friends of Jerusalem Mill (FOJM), a private, nonprofit group, has served as the steward of the mill and village. In 1995, a new park headquarters and visitor center/museum were dedicated, largely thanks to the FOJM. Over the years, the FOJM has also restored the blacksmith shop, cooperage, springhouse and general store, and the group continues to work on projects to refurbish and enhance the village.

Three years ago, the FOJM received national designation as a Preserve America Steward for the efforts of its legions of volunteers.

Jerusalem Mill and Village are located at 2813 Jerusalem Road in Kingsville. For information, visit www.jerusalemill.org or the Facebook page www.facebook.com/HistoricJerusalemMillVillage, or call the visitor center/museum at 410-877-3560.

Aberdeen veteran continues to serve

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Nick Guerra is the president of Harford County's only Korean War Veterans Association. A quiet, humble man, Guerra leads the group of dwindling numbers through annual Veterans and Memorial Day observances. He says KWVA 271 has lost at least one member each year since 2000 and he worries that the group could die out without new blood. The purpose of its existence, he says is to encourage people to remember "The Forgotten War."



Guerra

"Anyone who served in Korea from 1945 to today is eligible for membership," Guerra said, noting that the official war years encompassed the years 1950-53, though Congress extended it to 1955.

"We need new blood," he said.

Guerra insists he did nothing spectacular during the war, except serve his country like everyone else. He ultimately served 22 years in the Army, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 2, and then worked as a safety manager in several states and overseas, retiring in Rota, Spain in 1989. He also served in Vietnam, 1967-68. Along the way he

earned a Purple Heart Medal, Army of Occupation medals for Germany and Japan, the Korean and Vietnam service medals and the Combat Infantry Badge. He recalled spending his 40th birthday in a Vietnam bunker.

A Texas native, Guerra joined the Army in 1947 during the Occupation of Japan. He attended school for Armament Repair, specializing in artillery, tanks and small arms, right here at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He first saw Korea for a short time in 1948 during the Occupation of Japan where his unit was based. The unit returned to Japan where it stayed from 1948-1950. He returned with the 7th Infantry Division after the situation heated up in September 1950 and was a part of the invasion of the peninsula.

"I was with the support group," he said. "We went up north to Inwon and then back down again."

The losses of the war were the highest of any conflict since the Civil War. Guerra has repressed much of it. Still, he said his strongest memory of Korea was its winters.

"It was incredibly cold. We went over there without much winter equipment and we had to sleep with everything on," he said.

He served throughout his tour with the 7th Infantry Division.

Invariably his conversation returns to the chapter. Chartered in 2001, many of its founding members have passed on, Guerra said. The remaining members stay as active as possible



Courtesy photo

(Far right, standing) Warrant Officer Nick Guerra poses for a photo with other officers in his battalion headquarters while serving in Vietnam in 1968. The Korean War veteran was serving in his second war zone.

and have thrown their support behind a Congressional bill seeking to add a memorial wall to augment the current Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"We promote Americanism," Guerra said of Chapter 271. "We support the goals of the national office, donate to veteran causes and we try to sponsor commemorations. We also assist the American Legions and VFWs during annual ceremonies," he added noting

that most members also hold memberships in these and other veteran service organizations.

Guerra goes about his life quietly, promoting the chapter and its goals whenever he can. He will happily talk about his son in the Navy but he talks about his service only when prodded and insists he is no hero; only a patriotic American.

"I took an oath to serve and I did," he said. "I did nothing spectacular."

ARL researchers find divers uses for new CT scanner

ARL

Turning a now-standard tool for medical diagnostics and therapeutics to a host of new applications, the U.S. Army Research Laboratory Survivability/Lethality Analysis Directorate recently acquired a turn-key computed tomography scanner system, known as a CT scanner.

As a mobile system, the device permits imaging at the Survivability/Lethality Analysis Directorate, or SLAD's, experimental facilities and other remote locations eliminating the need to be transported off-site for scans.

It has already proven useful in several programs, from fundamental research to test and evaluation, SLAD officials said. The Joint Trauma Analysis and Prevention of Injury in Combat program, or JTAPIC, funded the research.

The system's core capability is making highly detailed, three-dimensional measurements of an object's interior and exterior. The CT system's many applications include identifying variability in mate-

rials in order to understand their failure; quantifying damage; examining the vulnerability of systems; post-processing of threat data; and developing 3-D models for simulation and visualization.

SLAD has already found the capability to be very valuable; for instance, a pre-test scan of some artificial legs uncovered a manufacturing defect that would have ruined the test.

Likewise, the CT scans are revealing faults in targets for ballistic experiments that went undetected by previous techniques. Besides the pre-shot verification and record of the state of target materials, SLAD is also using the CT system afterward for in-depth damage assessments.

"For tests using the biofidelic artificial legs, you can see exactly what kind of fractures you are getting and medical partners can then assist SLAD with the interpretation of the injury," explained Charles Kennedy, SLAD's lead for the JTAPIC program.

To ensure the CT scanner would meet the requirements of SLAD's research,



The U. S. Army Research Laboratory's Survivability/Lethality Analysis Directorate recently acquired a turn-key computed tomography scanner system with funds from the Joint Trauma Analysis and Prevention of Injury in Combat program, or JTAPIC. For tests using the biofidelic artificial legs (shown here), researchers can see exactly what kind of fractures they are getting.

Photo by Charles Kennedy

Kennedy coordinated with the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System on the equipment's salient characteristics. And coordination with the radiation safety and contracting offices at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, ensured the new equipment (which emits X-ray radiation) was acquired and brought on-line quickly and safely.

The CT scanner's mobility provides opportunities for its use not only at its

home base, SLAD's Experimental Facility 10, but also at any other facilities with the infrastructure to support it. Customers such as the Office of the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, and the Program Executive Office Soldier plan to use the equipment. Kennedy and his colleagues at SLAD are certain that as word of the mobile CT scanner's availability and utility spread, many other valuable applications will arise.

APG SUMMER SAFETY

Vacation planning starts at home

USACR/SC

The process of planning a vacation can sometimes seem similar to deploying, but instead of your unit, you go with your spouse, the children and sometimes pets. But just like deployment planning, you need to sit down in advance and develop a checklist to help your vacation go smoothly and safely.

First, organize your plans and complete an assessment via the Travel Risk Planning System, found at <https://safety.army.mil/>. Your plans should include departure times, where you'll stay and how far you plan to travel daily. Additionally, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration offers the following tips to make your drive safe and enjoyable.

Vehicle safety checklist

Regular maintenance such as tune-ups, oil changes, battery checks and tire rotations go a long way toward preventing breakdowns before they happen. If your vehicle has been serviced according to the manufacturer's recommendations, it should be in good shape and nearly ready to travel. If not, or you don't know the service history of the vehicle you plan to drive, schedule a maintenance checkup with your mechanic before you go.

What to take

Be sure to pack some items to make your trip more pleasant, such as favorite music or snacks to tide you over until the next rest stop. Age-appropriate reading material, coloring books and portable DVD players can keep passengers occupied as you tick off the miles to your destination.

Child safety seats

If you're traveling with children, you'll need to make room in the backseat for appropriate child safety and/or booster seats. NHTSA guidelines for proper child safety and booster seat use can be found at <http://www.safercar.gov/parents/CarSeats.htm>.



Courtesy photo

Never leave children unattended in parked vehicles, especially during warmer weather. Temperatures inside a vehicle can soar even on relatively cool summer days with the windows partially open, rapidly causing occupants to suffer from heat illness or die from heat stroke.

Emergency roadside kit

Even a well-maintained vehicle can break down, so it's advisable to put together an emergency roadside kit to

carry with you. A cellphone tops the list of suggested emergency kit contents since it allows you to call for help when and where you need it. Other suggested emergency roadside items include:

- First aid kit
- Flashlight
- Flares and white flag
- Jumper cables
- Jack and ground mat for tire changing
- Work gloves and change of clothes

- Basic repair tools and duct tape
- Jug of water and paper towels
- Nonperishable food, drinking water and medicines
- Extra windshield washer fluid
- Maps and/or a GPS device

There's one thing you and your travel companions can agree on: Getting to your destination and back safely is priority No. 1.

For additional information on driving safety, visit <https://safety.army.mil>.

BOSS party salutes Soldiers, civilians and families

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
 APG News

APG Soldiers, civilians and families enjoyed an evening of games, food and fun during the Summer Rock Party hosted by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) July 18. Along with complimentary burgers, hotdogs and shaved ice treats, there was a children's bounce house and Hot Shots, pool, corn hole and Call of Duty tournaments for adults. Pumped in rock music serenaded the crown throughout the festivities.

BOSS mentor, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams, HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Daniel Nelson and BOSS president Sgt. Eric Jimenez, led the event.

Adams thanked all for coming and encouraged everyone to "thank a BOSS Soldier." He said the purpose of the event was simple.

"The purpose is to get families and Soldiers to get out and have fun together," he said. "A lot of Soldiers enjoy

playing games and this lets them relax with an evening of fun activities."

He said the group will hold fund raisers to host similar activities and added his thanks to BOSS volunteers.

"We couldn't do it without them," he said.

Jimenez said future community events include a masquerade ball in October and a talent show in December. Trips and outings for BOSS members will continue as well he said.

"We do this for APG," added BOSS secretary Sgt. Natasha Sims. "We have such a small population of Soldiers we want to get them out of the barracks to interact with the other members of Team APG so they can feel like a part of the community.

"This is for everyone."

For more information about the BOSS program or upcoming events, contact Jimenez at

410-417-0149 or email eric.jimenez3.mil@mail.mil.



Above left: (From left) APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams and BOSS president Spc. Eric Jimenez direct listeners to the food and festivities. Both promise more events like the Summer Rock Party to help keep the community "APG Strong."

Above right: Soldiers enjoy burgers, hotdogs, drinks and shaved ice treats during the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Summer Rock Party on Susquehanna Avenue July 18. A bounce house for children and sports tournaments dotted the evening of fun for Soldiers, civilians and families.

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ECBC, NMAMIA's local manufacturing

CSSC

The inaugural meeting of the Northeastern Maryland Additive Manufacturing Innovation Authority (NMAMIA) was held at Aberdeen Proving Ground July 8.

NMAMIA was enacted during the last Maryland Legislative session to capitalize on the region's existing resources in additive manufacturing -- including 3D printing, meteorology, and rapid prototyping



Wienand

-- to encourage growth of manufacturing.

The event included a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) signing with APG's Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC).

Joseph D. Wienand, ECBC director, noted that the signing of the CRADA is an essential piece of the puzzle.

"The Cooperative Research and Development Agreement will allow industries to access the equipment and knowledge base of additive manufacturing at APG, to further advance their technologies and that of the region," Wienand said.

The initiative began with President Obama's efforts to strengthen the nation's

core manufacturing infrastructure through facilitation of local and regional commercialization with federal laboratories. The actions have included investments in innovative, advanced technology, education and infrastructure.

NMAMIA will work with APG and viable businesses that can benefit from additive manufacturing.

According to Rick Decker, NMAMIA executive director, the organization will help capture federal funding that is available for the advancement of manufacturing.

"NMAMIA will act as the conduit to a sustainable, high-performing, high-technology manufacturing center that will

advance the economic development of both Harford County and northeastern Maryland," Decker said.

"The goal of NMAMIA is to expand the single-solution concept of 3D printing, which is often equated to additive manufacturing, to a full manufacturing solution," added Dave Wheatley, president of D. Wheatley Enterprises.

The Board of Directors includes stakeholders from the education entities of Harford and Cecil counties, the Offices of Economic Development, ECBC and other companies that are already working with APG on additive manufacturing programs.



Courtesy photo

The Korean War July 23, 1950

American troops blast Yongdok, Korea with 105-mm howitzers.



Ron Kravitz

Occupational Safety and Health Specialist

As one of the occupational safety and health specialists for the Garrison's Installation Safety Office (ISO), Kravitz knows that his words and actions can save lives.

"The Safety Office employees work as a team; our responsibility is to keep people safe," he said. "We remind people about the safety regulations and personal protection equipment so they can stay safe in their jobs."

Kravitz has worked at APG since June 2002. He conducts training for electrical and mechanical endeavors, forklift driver safety, and the hazardous communications program. He also conducts inspections and provides safety advisory information for APG tenants on an as-needed basis. Part of his job includes sending articles about safety issues to the APG News.

In addition, Kravitz is coordinating lawn mower safety training due to a recent lawn mowing accident at APG.

"Mowing a lawn is one of those things that everybody does and no one even thinks about," he said. "But people have to pay attention to what they are doing while working, whether it's using a weed eater, lawn mower, climbing a ladder, shoveling snow or painting."

"Trying to keep people safe is a very gratifying job," Kravitz added. "Being called about a safety issue is very satisfying because you realize one way or another that you've made an impact."

Kravitz said he loves working at APG because of the sense of community and mission.

"I'm 72 and still working. I wouldn't work here if I didn't like it," he said. "Since I've been here people have become more cognizant about safety. There's been a definite culture shift."

For more information about ISO issues, contact Kravitz at 410-306-1084, or email ronald.kravitz2.civ@mail.mil.

ATEC, AEC NCOs conduct Master Resiliency training

By **LINDSEY MONGER**
ATEC

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command and Army Evaluation Center conducted a Master Resiliency training session focused on Real-Time Resilience July 10 at Aberdeen Proving Ground as part of the Army's Ready and Resilient Campaign Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program.

The Army's Ready and Resilient Campaign aims to improve the readiness and resiliency of the Total Army – Soldiers, Civilians and Families. Ready and Resilient builds upon mental, physical, emotional, behavioral and spiritual resiliency to the Total Army to enhance the ability to manage challenges. MRT sessions are part of this effort, according to Master Sgt. Linwood Parker, ATEC Master Resiliency Trainer.

Capt. Robert McCormick, commander, Headquarter and Headquarters Company, ATEC, strongly praised the work of the trainers and encouraged all ATEC Department of the Army civilians to participate in the training.

"The skills being taught in these sessions are not just for Soldiers, they are 'Life Skills,'" said McCormick. "They provide tools in dealing with stress, improving interpersonal communication, and enhancing relationships. These are abilities that we should all work to improve on a continuous basis and MRT can assist in this process."

Parker and Sgt. 1st Class Milvia Kendrick AEC military evaluator, started the session by dividing the audience into groups to discuss Real-Time Resilience initiatives and techniques.

According to the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program, Real-Time Resilience techniques are used to deal with counterproductive thoughts that interfere with the ability to effectively engage with the task at hand. It is used to lower anxiety and anger and to enhance a person's attention and positive attitude.

During the session, ATEC's Lt. Col. David Law, military evaluation officer; Lt. Col. Aaron Lilley, senior mili-



Photo by Lindsey Monger

(From left, standing) ATEC Master Resiliency trainers Master Sgt. Linwood Parker and Sgt. 1st Class Milvia Kendrick of the ATEC Army Evaluation Center, lead a session about combating counterproductive thoughts and attendees, (from left, seated) Capt. Elisabet Guillen, Lt. Col. David Law, Capt. Daniel Dotson and Lt. Col. Aaron Lilley, share their personal experiences during MRT training at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center July 10.

tary evaluator; Capt. Elisabet Guillen, resource manager; and Capt. Daniel Dotson, military evaluator; shared their personal experiences combating counterproductive thoughts.

Though monthly MRT training is mandatory for Soldiers, civilians are encouraged to attend as the nature of the discussions benefit any Army professionals within the ranks, explained Parker.

"We are one team of military and civilian Army professionals. The healthier our lifestyles, the healthier our workforce... and the more resilient we become to facing challenges in the workplace and in life as we work to accomplish the mission," Parker said.

The MRT program falls under the personnel readiness Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness focus of the R2C campaign. Each month, trainers introduce new topics for discussion that will help Soldiers and civilians acknowledge ways to be more resilient throughout their everyday lives. Make-Up days are in

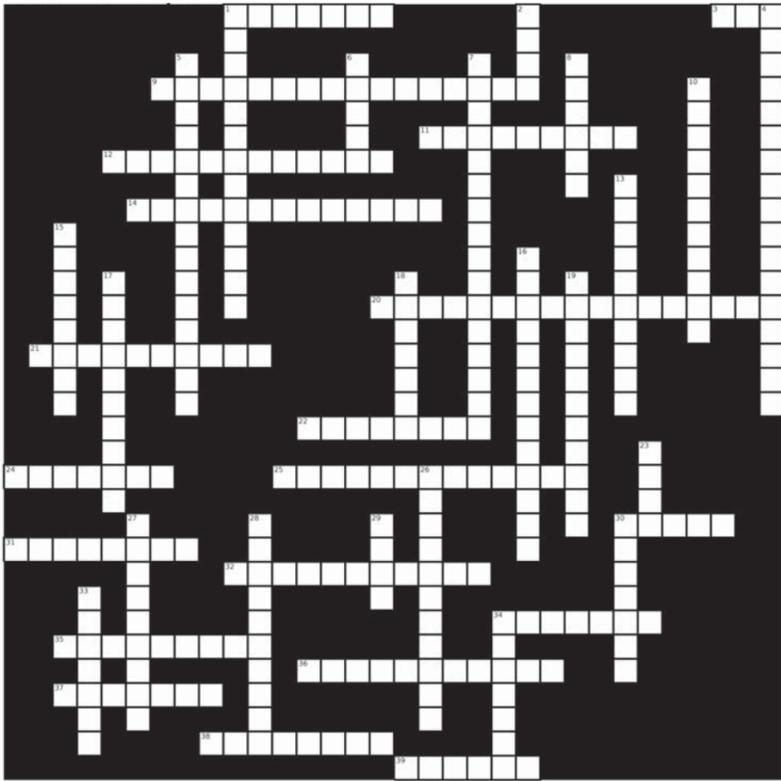
place for those who are unable to attend the first training each month in an effort to increase participation.

MRT trainers will hold make-up sessions each month in an effort to accommodate potential scheduling conflicts. This month's make-up session training on Real-Time Resilience is set for 9 a.m. July 24 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

The next training session will be led by Sgt. 1st Class Carmela Brown-Nelson, research, development test and evaluation noncommissioned officer, ATEC, and is set for 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 14 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. The make-up session for this class, set for 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 28, will focus on building Character Strengths.

For more information about ATEC's Ready and Resilient Activities, visit website calendar at www.atec.army.mil. To learn more about the Army's Ready and Resilient Campaign, visit www.army.mil/readyandresilient.

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

- 1. Acronym of Army's largest component
- 3. The stage name of Laurence Turaud, who served in the Army in the 1970s
- 9. Army officer who "discovered" the Grand Canyon in Arizona
- 11. Headquarters of U.S. Army Reserve

- 12. Maryland lighthouse reactivated by Army in 2011 after 72 years
- 14. The Army has 158 _____ worldwide
- 20. Who was the first Sergeant Major of the Army?
- 21. Fast food mogul who received his culinary start in the Army
- 22. In 1990, he sang the anti-war

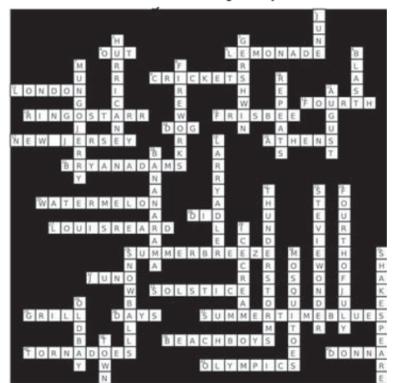
- 24. Name of the Army's elite infantry soldiers
- 25. First active duty Army soldier to enter space
- 30. The Army's biggest truck is the _____ Equipment Transporter
- 31. The U.S. Army Herald _____ is the official fanfare ensemble for the President of the U.S.
- 32. Singer Jackson Browne was born in 1948 on an Army base in this country
- 34. Arkansas fort where Elvis Presley began his Army career
- 35. Term commonly used for the U.S. Army during the Civil War
- 36. Army officer for whom Colorado peak is named after
- 37. Which Army Division did Gen. Douglas MacArthur lead briefly during World War I?
- 38. Commanded the Western Front for the American Expeditionary Force during WWI
- 39. The Army official motto is, "This We'll _____"

Down

- 1. Pioneered modern guerrilla warfare
- 2. About 70 percent of the Army's energy costs last year was spent on _____
- 4. Only U.S. president to receive the Medal of Honor (posthumously)
- 5. Only Soldier to wear Airborne, Air Assault and Astronaut wings
- 6. The Army has how many core values?
- 7. Was posthumously promoted in 1976 to General of the Armies of the U.S.
- 8. This 1791 battle is considered one of the Army's biggest defeats
- 10. Deceased rock star stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in 1961
- 13. War of 1812 battle in which Gen. Andrew Jackson became a national hero
- 15. This Italian-born, Academy Award-nominated actress is the daughter of an

- Army officer
- 16. Only enlisted soldier to become an American president
- 17. In 1955, he signed a code for U.S. soldiers to live by during times of war
- 18. Gen. George S. Patton said, "To be a good Soldier, learn _____"
- 19. The first U.S. Army was known as the _____ Army
- 23. U.S. Army Old Guard _____ and Drum Corps
- 26. Surname of most famous U.S. general during First Gulf War
- 27. In 1802, Congress established the U.S. Military Academy in _____, N.Y.
- 28. Number of U.S. presidents who served in the Army
- 29. In World War I, Sgt. Alvin C. _____ captured more than 100 German soldiers
- 30. In the 1955 film "To Hell and Back," Audie Murphy starred as who?
- 33. In the film "Kelley's Heroes," this infantry division was featured
- 34. "The Army Goes Rolling Along" is based on the artillery tune the " _____ Song"

Solution to the July 17 puzzle



Exchange ringing in back to school savings

Exchange

With the first bell about to ring on a new school year, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is giving lessons in savings.

The Exchange is helping military shoppers make the grade with competitive prices and tax savings on supplies students need to head back to class as well as special events and savings opportunities for the whole Family.

As several states roll out "sales tax holidays" on school supplies, the Exchange will match local sales tax discounts to offer an additional percentage off (equivalent to the local sales tax rate) select back-to-school items, effectively doubling the Exchange's everyday tax-free benefit <<https://www.flickr.com/photos/aafespa/14640602536/sizes/l/>>. The sales tax holidays start in Mississippi on July 25 and continue in 15 states on

various dates through Aug. 10. Shoppers can check with their state's tax website for sales tax holiday dates and included items.

"Every day is a sales tax holiday at the Exchange," said Chief Master Sgt. Tony Pearson, the Exchange's Senior Enlisted Advisor. "By shopping for back-to-school supplies during state sales tax holidays, the Exchange benefit becomes even more valuable."

In addition to extra tax savings, from July 25 to Aug. 7, military shoppers can receive 0 percent interest and payments for six months on purchases of \$199 or more when using a MILITARY STAR® card. Unlike other retailers, no interest will accrue even if the balance isn't paid in full before January 2015.*

On Aug. 9, select Exchange locations will host a special back-to-school event in their malls as part of the yearlong Homeward Bound campaign. The event will include product samples, giveaways and more.

"The Exchange is here for every member of the military Family," Pearson said. "Saving on supplies helps get the school year off to a successful start."



Accessing Higher Education Track

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

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

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

Exchange to give away two Smart cars

Exchange

Summer is about to get sweeter as the Army & Air Force Exchange Service teams up with Welch's/Sour Jacks to offer two military shoppers a chance to drive home a brand-new Smart cars.

Through July 31, shoppers can enter the Promotion in Motion Smart Car Giveaway at Exchange locations worldwide for the chance to win one of two Smart cars, each valued at \$15,000.

"It's smart to enter this sweepstakes for a chance at a brand-new car," said Exchange Chief of Staff Col. Tom Ockenfels. "Military shoppers can stop by their nearest Exchange to fill out an entry form. It's that easy."

Authorized shoppers 18 years and older can enter the Promotion in Motion Smart Car Giveaway. No purchase is necessary, and the drawing will take place on or about Aug. 29.

For more information, visit the Exchange website at www.shopmyexchange.com/ExchangeStores.

Exchange Homeward Bound Campaign Offers Sizzling Giveaways in July

AAFES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Homeward Bound campaign is heating up with a variety of giveaways to celebrate the homecoming of America's Warfighters and honor those who serve.

Military shoppers who visit the Exchange Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AAFES.BX.PX can enter to win prizes throughout the month. Prizes include one of six \$5,000 Exchange gift cards courtesy of Burger King, through July 31; two chances to win a trip for two to Las Vegas, Nevada to watch the Mr. Olympia competition. Shoppers can enter July 7-14 to win a trip from Nutrex Sports Nutrition or from July 18-24 to win a package from lovate nutritional products; one of 10 \$750 Exchange gift cards, courtesy of GoPro from July 25-31.

For more information about upcoming Homeward Bound promotions, visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/homewardbound>

WORD OF THE WEEK

Mellifluous

Pronounced: muh-LIF-loo-uh s

Part of speech: Adjective

Definition:

1. Sweetly or smoothly flowing; sweet-sounding: a mellifluous voice; mellifluous tones.
2. Flowing with honey; sweetened with or as if with honey.

Use:

- He was known for a swinging instrumental style balanced by mellifluous vocals.
- Their personal relationship has reportedly been as fractious as their music was mellifluous.
- He gave a rippling, mellifluous account of the concerto.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

NFIP

National Flood Insurance Program

The National Flood Insurance Program provides a means for property owners to financially protect themselves by offering flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners if their community participates in the NFIP. For more information, visit <https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/>; email FloodSmart@dhs.gov or call Toll-free 888-379-9531 (TTY: 800-427-5593).

Leave Donations

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**FRIDAY
JULY 25
DENTAL CLINIC CLOSURE**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Dental Clinic will close Friday, July 25 and resume normal business hours Monday, July 28. For more information, contact Spc. Crystal Thomas at 410-278-1798.

**SATURDAY
JULY 26
GIANT VOICE WILL BE NOISY**

A diagnostic test of the Giant Voice system is set for 1 p.m. During the test, a loud tone will be played at all towers in APG North (Aberdeen) and South (Edgewood). The tone should last approximately three minutes. Due to the towers being located in highly populated areas, this noise may cause some disruption.

For more information, call 410-278-1147.

KOREAN WAR ARLINGTON CEREMONY

The Korean War Veterans Association of America and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea will tribute veterans of the Korean War 10:40 a.m. at the Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheater to commemorate the 61st anniversary of the signing of the armistice bringing a cease-fire to North and South Korea in 1953. Prior to the ceremony a wreath presentation will take place at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Korean Ambassador to the United States, Ahn Ho-young is the keynote speaker and Larry Kinard, president of the national KWVA also will speak.

Also, Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe will dedicate the Medal of Honor: Korean War Forever Stamp.

For more information, contact Jim Fisher, commemoration coordinator at 703-740-7596 or email jfisher@hrmgroup.net.

**MONDAY -FRIDAY
JULY 28 – AUGUST 1
LEAD FOR TOMORROW**

The Greater Excellence in Education Foundation will host the Lead For Tomorrow high school leadership program for Harford County Public Schools, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. LEAD for Tomorrow gives HCPS high school students a glimpse into the world of business, government and community. They identify their impact on key societal issues while developing resources to prepare for college and the workforce.

Regular attendance is required for a graduation certificate. The class will be limited to 30 participants. Applicants will be selected based on their leadership essay.

For more information, to apply or view the itinerary, visit <http://www.geefinc.com/programs/lead-for-tomorrow>

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
JULY 29 & 30
SUBSTANCE ABUSE/SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING**

Skip Johnson, Substance Abuse/Suicide Prevention program manager from HQ

Army Materiel Command G-1, returns to the APG Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) for a round of training sessions with the community. Attendance can go toward annual training requirements. Training sessions will be held both days at the APG North (Aberdeen) theater at the following times:

9 to 10 a.m., Substance Abuse
10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Suicide Awareness
1 to 2 p.m., Substance Abuse
2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Suicide Awareness

For more information, contact Cindy Scott ASAP prevention coordinator, at 410-278-4013, cynthia.m.scott4.civ@mail.mil; Ken Gesch, suicide prevention program manager at 410-278-7779, kenneth.a.gesch.civ@mail.mil; or call ASAP at 410-278-DRUG/3784.

**THURSDAY
AUGUST 7
ABILITYONE VENDOR DAY**

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

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

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 12
ASBP BLOOD DRIVE**

Team APG will host an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. To register, go online to www.militarydonor.com, search for drive using sponsor code: APGMD. For more information, contact Capt. Richard Mozeleski, HHC Garrison commander, at 410-278-3000 or email richard.d.mozeleski2.mil@mail.mil.

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 15
OPERATION HOMEFRONT SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

The Operation Homefront Back to School Brigade will distribute school supplies to eligible recipients 2 to 6 p.m. at a location to be announced. Eligible recipients include children of deployed, wounded and active duty service member in the ranks of E-1 through E-6. To register, or for more information, go to www.operation-homefront.net and click on "Upcoming Events." Users must create a profile to register. Identification of all children registered will be required the day of the event. For more information, email Operation Homefront representative Rosanne Coleman at rosanne.coleman@operationhomefront.net.

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 19
GARRISON TOWN HALL**

All members of Team APG are invited

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A valid driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance are needed to access Aberdeen Proving Ground. Please obey all posted traffic speeds.

This event is the result of a partnership between the ACS ERP; the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER); the Susquehanna Workforce; and the APG Military Personnel Office/Directorate of Human Resources.

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

**THURSDAY
AUGUST 21
WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY**

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

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

For more information, contact Karen Jobs at 410-278-6755 or email karen.w.jobs.civ@mail.mil.

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 22
DENTAL CLINIC CLOSURE**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Dental Clinic will close Friday, Aug. 22 and resume normal business hours Monday, Aug. 25. For more information, contact Spc. Crystal Thomas at 410-278-1798.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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
HYDRANT FLUSHING THROUGH AUG. 4**

The annual hydrant flushing at APG runs through Aug. 4. Flushing will be completed 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday of each week. The schedule below is tentative and will be followed as closely as possible. The points of contact for this effort are Dennis Overbay, APG Directorate of Public Works, at 443-306-8910, dennis.a.overbay.civ@mail.mil, or City of Aberdeen representative, Roger Hall at 410-272-1449.

**THROUGH AUGUST 19
EDUCATION CENTER SUMMER SEMESTER**

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

- Florida Institute of Technology, Through –July 25
- University of Maryland, Through Aug. 10
- Harford Community College, Through – Aug. 1
- Central Michigan University, Through – Aug. 19

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

CPR, AED CLASSES SCHEDULED

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

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

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

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

CONSTRUCTION ALERT

300 Block Traffic Pattern Change

Traffic patterns will be disrupted July through September in the 300 block starting the first week in July to conduct steam line replacement work. This work will repair steam leaks emanating from steam vaults. Temporary fencing will define the staging area for pipes and equipment. Phase 1 fencing will be in place through Sept. 24. Phase 2 fencing will go up Sept. 25 through Oct. 15. Work began July 7. For more information, contact the Directorate of Public Works' Jeff Presgraves at 410-306-1848, jeffery.a.presgraves.civ@mail.mil; or Devon Rust at 410-306-1125, devon.a.rust.civ@mail.mil.

CONSTRUCTION ALERT

BY THE NUMB#RS

Korean War casualties:

June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1953

169,365
Total Casualties

103,284
Wounded

54,246
Dead [33,652 Killed in Action]

8,196
Missing in Action

3,746
Captured

*Yvonne Johnson, APG News
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This Week in APG News history

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News



50 Years Ago: July 23, 1964

Clockwise from top left:
An Army patrol boat keeps vigil near restricted waters of APG while ranges are in operation.

Marjoree Cucksee is one of the few women technicians in the U.S. Army Missile Command at APG. Cucksee is a chemist in the Propulsion Laboratory of the Directorate of Research and Development.

Visitors from Queen Anne's County Schools examine rear view projector devices used by the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School during a visit to observe training facilities. OC&S Training Specialist Robert Harmon, second from right, leads the tour.

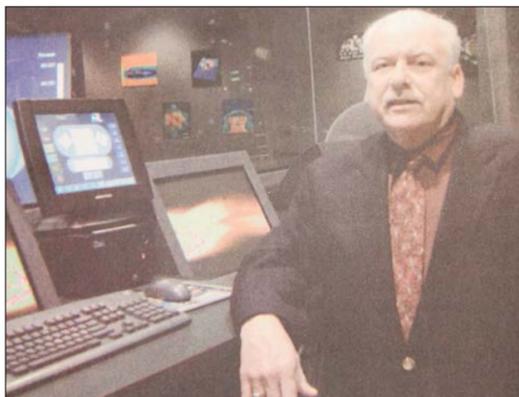
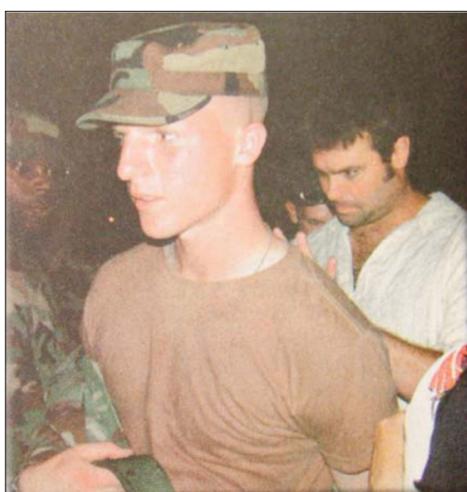


25 Years Ago: July 26, 1989

Clockwise from top left:
(From left) George Hollenbaugh and Frank Winter of the Technical Escort Unit move "victim" Sgt. Lenore Sewell of the U.S. Army Chemical Research, Development and Engineering Center during a chemical exercise in the Edgewood Area

Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer accepts the Maryland National Guard colors from Maryland Adjutant General Maj. Gen. James Frettard during the dedication ceremony for the new Edgewood Armory.

Sgt. Johnny Garrett videotapes property for "Operation Identification," a program developed by the Crime Prevention office that involves taping items in the homes of housing area residents for identification in case of theft and for insurance purposes.



10 Years Ago: July 22, 2004

Clockwise from left:
Pvt. Matt Moss, Company B 16th Ordnance Battalion, is happy to have his t-shirt signed by Troy Gentry of Montgomery Gentry after the group's first concert at APG.

Erin Henderson, 4, throws a completion despite his defenders during the Maryland High School All Stars Game at Towson University, July 9, 1989. The son of Eric Henderson, athletic coach for the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, Eric went on to join his brother E.J. in the National Football League.

Charles Nietubicz, director of the Army Research Laboratory Major Shared Resource Center, stands in the control room of the center's Scientific Visualization Laboratory.



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The Korean War Aug. 26, 1950

A .50 Cal. Machine gun squad of Co. E, 2nd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, fires on North Korean patrols along the north bank of the Naktong River, Korea.

U.S. Army Center of Military History photo

20th CBRNE training shifts to combat training centers

By **WALTER T. HAM IV**
20th CBRNE

Units from the 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives) are integrating into decisive action training rotations at the U.S. Army combat training centers.

In 2014, the 20th CBRNE Command began training with U.S. Army combat units at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California; and at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

"It is essential to integrate CBRNE operations into decisive action training during this critical time of transition for our Army," said Lt. Col. Eric Towns, commander of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), based at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

The 22nd Chemical Battalion supported the Vermont National Guard's 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team training rotation to Fort Polk.

According to Towns, the exercise demonstrated his task force's ability to respond to CBRNE hazards in support of combat operations.

At Fort Polk, the CBRNE task force conducted counter-proliferation of chemical agents, dismantled conventional and chemical improvised explosive devices, and responded to chemical hazards.

"We find more maneuver units regaining the decisive action mindset," said Towns. "As (Forces Command's) sole provider of CBRNE forces, we must ensure that maneuver commanders at all levels are capable of incorporating our unique capability set into their formations.

"Our capabilities will be essential in the preservation of combat power during the next conflict," said Towns, from Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Lt. Col. Brant Hoskins, the commander of the Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington-based 110th Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), led a CBRNE task force during the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team rotation to the National Training Center, as a part of Exercise Atropian Phoenix 2014.

At Fort Irwin, the CBRNE task force included Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) units, chemical reconnaissance and decontamination units, CBRNE Response Teams, a Nuclear Disablement Team, and a Heavy Mobile Expeditionary Laboratory.

"We have focused significant energy on developing the relationship between my unit and 2-2nd Infantry, for several months, and that paid dividends during the rotation," said Hoskins. "This enabled us to leverage all the resources of the brigade for our missions, rather than just those available to my task force."

From its Aberdeen Proving Ground headquarters in Maryland's science, technology and security corridor, the 20th CBRNE Command commands units on 19 military installations in 16 states and deploys around the world. To stay ready for its high stakes global mission, the 20th CBRNE Command trains regularly with allied, interagency and joint partners.

Brig. Gen. JB Burton, the commanding general of the 20th CBRNE Command, said the U.S. Army's combat



Courtesy photo

An Explosive Ordnance Disposal Soldier from the 20th CBRNE Command trains on Fort Irwin, Calif. The 20th CBRNE Command has begun training with U.S. Army combat units at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California; and at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

training centers provide a realistic venue for training Soldiers to operate in an all hazards environment.

Burton said the rotation to Fort Irwin for Exercise Atropian Phoenix was a milestone for his command.

"This was another chance to get our Soldiers into a Combat Training Center rotation in support of a brigade combat team decisive action rotation," said Burton, who commands the U.S. Army's sole formation tasked with combating chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats.

"Our Army's Combat Training Centers remain some of the crown jewels of our Army, where our Soldiers and units

get the opportunity to train against a living, thinking opposing force of professionals who want to win," said Burton.

Burton said training rotations to the combat training centers enable his command to train for a variety of complex threats.

"Our mission requires that we provide integrated CBRNE formations in support of expeditionary operations," said Burton, who visited his troops on Fort Irwin during Exercise Atropian Phoenix. "Those integrated CBRN and EOD capabilities require an integrating headquarters which has the CBRN and EOD expertise necessary to effectively employ those forces."

Battle stresses hope, faith to conquer adversity



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tion, every cultural context and every national origin," he said. "Prosperity has to do with our being well. Not just economically.

"Prosperity is a holistic concept that deals with our being well economically, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Prosperity is more than a state of mind. It is an assessment of our total well being."

Battle stressed the importance of hope and not succumbing to adversity.

"Through it all, through every circumstance, through every cloudy day, through every dark night, through every

Mike A. Battle Sr., senior adviser to the U.S. Department of State's African Bureau and retired Army Reserve chaplain, delivers the keynote address July 16 during the Community Prayer Luncheon at Top of the Bay.

Photo by Conrad Johnson

trying moment, we are never crushed, we are never in distress, we are never in despair, we are never abandoned, and we will never be destroyed," Battle said.

"There is nothing permanent about adversity. There is nothing transcending about adversity. There is nothing that is everlasting or eternal about adversity. Adversity is temporary. Adversity is momentary. It will pass.

"Never allow adversity to be the constant in your life. Never allow prosperity to be the delusional constant in your life. Let God be the constant. Open your eyes. You will survive. You will have faith. You will have power. You will be able to overcome the adversity. Prosperity is just around the corner."

The event included several gospel musical performances by Laymetha Reed-Guy and scripture readings by Soldiers and Army civilians.

CID offers reward for night vision device

The Aberdeen Proving Ground office of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID) is offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the location and return of an AN/PVS-7A Night Vision Device. Anyone with information concerning this should contact the APG CID Office at 410-278-5261/4071 (DSN: 298-5261/4042); or the APG police at 410-306-0565 (DSN 458-0565). The payout of cash rewards to military and federal employees for information leading to a conviction is contingent upon exceptional actions regarding the information provided.

This reward will terminate June 26, 2015.

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MRICD ceremony hails Bilynsky, farewells Schoneboom

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address each concern.

“He’s made a lasting, positive impact on the mission,” Carvalho said.

Welcoming Bilynsky, Carvalho noted, “His extensive training gives him the tools to take the command to the next level of excellence.”

“The great MRICD staff and the American people deserve the best from this command [which is] making a real difference on the battlefield ... saving Soldiers and saving lives.”

Noting the day was special personally and professionally, Schoneboom thanked all for coming and said he was grateful to have the ceremony in the new building.

“For a farm boy from a small town, I’ve had a full and rich career,” he said. “Over the past 29 years, I’ve met and made remarkable friends who enriched my life in a number of ways.”

He acknowledged senior leaders in the audience, named several who provided “incredible mentorship” throughout his career, and said, “It’s been an honor and a blessing to serve with all of you.”

“No matter what success is attributed to me, it could not be accomplished without a team,” he said, adding his thanks to the MRICD workforce, particularly the command staff.

Schoneboom welcomed Bilynsky and wished him well.

“I know this staff will support you like they supported me,” he said.

Bilynsky said he was honored and humbled by his selection to lead the MRICD.

“I take this responsibility as a sacred oath and I will continue the work started by Col. Schoneboom and take [MRICD] to the next level,” he said, adding that the organization’s overall mission remain, “rendering threats harmless to protect our Warfighters.”

“I will work with others to accomplish these goals [and we will] work together with all of you to strengthen our nation’s chemical defenses and support our allies,” he said.

The ceremony included music by the brass quintet of the U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own,” from Washington,



(From left) Maj. Gen. Joseph Carvalho Jr. presents the Army Legion of Merit to Col. Bruce A. Schoneboom, outgoing commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense during a change of command ceremony at the organization’s new campus July 22. Carvalho is the commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

Photo by Sean Kief

D.C., the posting and retiring of the colors by the MRICD color guard, the invocation by Elder Larry Presley and a poetry reading by Larry O’Neal. Capt. Carl Smith served as the master of ceremonies.

Col. Roman O. Bilynsky

Born in Chicago, Illinois and raised in East Hanover, New Jersey, Bilynsky earned a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry from Rutgers University in 1986. He joined the Army ROTC program and

trained at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He completed his internship and residency at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, Texas and went on to receive a child neurology fellowship at the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Bilynsky’s past assignments include Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany; Patterson Army Health Clinic at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; Gen. Leonard Wood Army Community Hos-

pital at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; the Office of the Surgeon General in Falls Church, Virginia; and three tours in Iraq.

His military education includes the Officer/NCO NBC course; the Medical Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties Course; and oversight of the CBRN medical surety mission at the Fort Leonard Wood (Chemical School).

Bilynsky is married with two children.

DID YOU KNOW?

July 27 marks the 61st anniversary of the end of the Korean War?

Thankfully, the conflict that once was called “The Forgotten War” and its veterans have gotten plenty of attention in recent years, especially after its 50th year and particularly on this date. Incidentally, July 26 holds another important anniversary: Desegregation in the U.S. military became official policy when President Truman signed Executive Order 9981 July 26, 1948.



Here are more interesting facts about the Korean War from www.schmoop.com

- Officially deemed a “United Nations peace action, the Korean conflict was never officially declared a “war” by any of the foreign nations involved.
- Though black soldiers had fought in every American conflict since the Revolution War, Korea was the first war in which black and white troops were officially integrated
- Gen. Douglas MacArthur never actually spent a single night in Korea during the entire time that he commanded American forces there. He did make an appearance in Pyongyang Oct. 20 1950, but returned to Tokyo that night.
- Up until March 1991, a Military Armistice Commission composed of Communist and anticommunist delegates met monthly in Panmunjom, the “truce village” on the border between North and South Korea, but the delegates always failed to bring about any resolution to the stalemate that kept Korea divided in half.
- Compared to WW II, there are few movies about the Korean War. Some of the most well known include “The Manchurian Candidate” (1962), “Pork Chop Hill” (1959), and “Birthday Boy” (2004).
- Even though 16 countries participated in the Korean War, it is still not considered a “world war.” Fifteen United Nations countries sent combat troops to Korea: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Columbia, Ethiopia, France, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, and Turkey. Four countries sent medical assistance: India, Italy, Norway, and Sweden.
- The U.S. dropped more bombs in Korea (635,000 tons, as well as 32,557 tons of napalm) than in the entire Pacific theater during WW II.
- Roughly a quarter of all Americans killed in action during the Korean War died between August and December 1950, mostly during the battles of the Pusan perimeter, Chosin Reservoir, and Kunu-ri Pass.
- The top-scoring American flying ace of the Korean War was Air Force Captain Joseph McConnell. Flying F-86 Sabres, he shot down 16 enemy planes, including three MIG-15s in a single day. He died tragically in a test flight accident in August 1954.
- Many soldiers died of frostbite during the Korean War before ever reaching the battlefields. The temperature in some areas fell below zero for long periods of time.
- There were 6.8 million American men and women who served during the Korean War period, from June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955. There were 54,200 American deaths during the period of hostilities (June 27, 1950–July 27, 1953). Of these, 33,700 were actual battle deaths.
- Officially, the Korean War was never more than a “police action” because President Truman never asked Congress for a formal declaration of war.

Yvonne Johnson, APG News

Crawford receives second star, thanks mentors, Family, fellow alumni

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“Brig. Gen. Crawford has a long history of exemplary service and I can’t think of a more qualified leader to be promoted to major general,” said Via.

Crawford recognized his mother Sarah, wife Dianne, and niece Kamirin, by presenting them bouquets of flowers. He also thanked his other immediate Family and friends including his two sons 1st Lt. Bruce Crawford Jr. and Corey. Crawford recognized the impact that they had on his life, and he also highlighted many others who have helped through his 28 years of service.

“I’ve been truly blessed for the guid-

ance, care and concern that all of you have taught me over the years,” Crawford said after being promoted. “I thank all those who saw more in me than I saw in myself.”

Crawford is a native of Columbia, S.C., and was commissioned May 28, 1986, after graduating with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from South Carolina State University. He also holds a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Crawford said he is a product of an environment of nurturing Family members and encouraging mentors, including his then ROTC instructor from SCSU.

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Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford
APG Senior Commander



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APG SNAPSHOT

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



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

BLACK TIGERS AT RUGGLES: GROOVING ON THE GREEN

On a warm and breezy summer evening the Black Tigers Band delivers Jazz on the Green at Ruggles Golf Course as music lovers listened, tapped their feet, sang along and danced on the clubhouse patio and lawn. Listeners judged the first-time event a huge success. Band members include Tony Elliott on lead guitar, Natalie Phillips on guitar and vocals; Keith Grissom on bass; John Abrams on keyboard and sound technician Rodney Jones.



CHAPEL HOSTS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Twenty-five children attended the APG Main Post Chapel's Ecumenical Vacation Bible School July 14-15. This year's theme was "Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a Kind." The two-day event included a movie, snacks, stories, songs and crafts. Adult and teen volunteers helped make the event a success. "All of us are unique and special in our own way," said VBS coordinator Jeanne Colopietro. "It takes each of us to make a community."

(Left, from left) Jay Coats, Desia Henley and Mara Benise-Kissell make a joyful noise during the opening songs. (Bottom, from left) Volunteer Jamie Colopietro helps Jada Tisdale make a dog toy. Dog toys made during the VBS were donated to a local animal shelter.

Photos by Rachel Ponder



NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

Clockwise top right:
The audience responds to a question from APG Garrison Commander, Col. Gregory McClinton during the Newcomers Orientation gathering at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, July 16.
(From left) Cindy Scott, a prevention coordinator with the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) shares a laugh with 4-year-old Melanie Lane, her dad Pfc. Everett Lane and her mom, Megan Lane.
(From left) Dec Ford of ACS presents a door prize to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Fernando Ocegquera at the end of the July 16 Newcomers Orientation.

Photos by Molly Blossie

