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Ravens camp honors military

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The Baltimore Ravens honored local service members, veterans and their families Monday night during the team's annual Military Appreciation Night, which coincided with its open training camp at M&T Bank Stadium. Of the 28,000 fans who took advantage of the chance to watch their favorite NFL team in action for free, nearly 3,500 troops and their families received reserved end zone seating, special edition t-shirts, and an extended autograph signing session with players and coaches after the game.

For more than two hours, the team's offensive and defensive squads battled each other as coaches evaluated them through various scenarios.

Highlights of the night included wild applause for a stunning reception by wide receiver Torrey Smith who made a dramatic, one-handed catch, hauling in a pass from behind his head, and a welcoming roar for former Raven Ray Lewis who put in a surprise appearance.

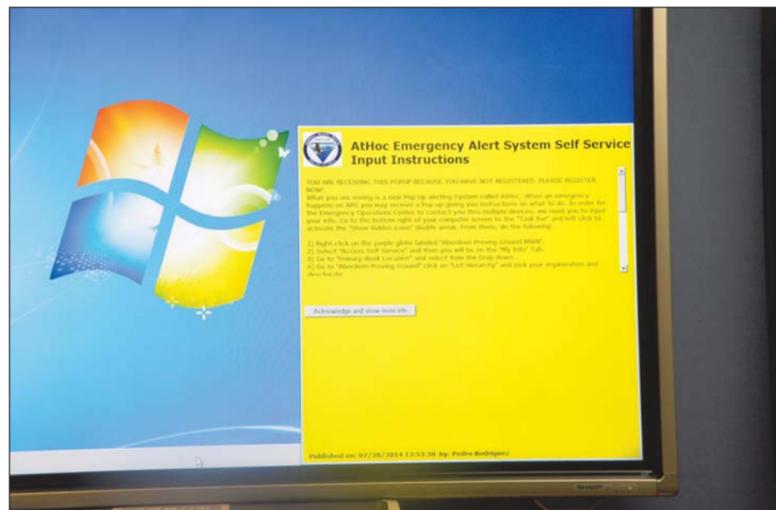
Ravens Head Coach John Harbaugh helped launch Military Appreciation Night, which has become a Ravens tradition, in 2008. Harbaugh is well known for his support of the military through his morale-lifting travels



Army Reserve Sgt. Timothy Kirkendall and his 9-year-old son Matt eagerly wait in the end zone seating reserved for service members and their families as Ravens Rookie Brett Van Sloten autographs their football during Military Appreciation Night at M&T Bank Stadium July 28. The annual salute to the military coincided with the team's open training camp.

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Mass notifications on the way



This yellow pop-up screen is the first thing APG computer users will see when it's time to register in the new AtHoc emergency mass notification system. The screen will guide users to easy-to-follow registration instructions that will enable emergency managers to send pop-up notifications to every .mil address.

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In the near future, the Aberdeen Proving Ground workforce and families will be just a few keystrokes away from being notified about impending or present emergencies, thanks to a new emergency mass notification system on the horizon.

Known as At Hoc, the system will provide the installation with an effective and reliable mass notification system to be used during a crisis to warn affected personnel and provide senior leaders with an accountability profile.

Why is AtHoc considered necessary? The answer is very simple, according to Pedro Rodriguez, an emergency manager and CBRNE specialist with the Garrison's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Plans & Operations Division.

Rodriguez said the Garrison currently uses Dialogic (telephone alert system) or email notifications, both of which have to be managed and takes time to deploy. "In those systems I rely

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AER campaign exceeds goal

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Emergency Relief fund exceeded its goal of raising \$55,000 by more than \$2,300 during the 2014 campaign which ran from May 15 through June 15.

AER, the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization, is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own." This year's campaign theme was "Army Emergency Relief -- A Soldier's First Choice." The purpose of the campaign is to create a greater awareness

"You never know; an emergency can happen any time. Now that I am a civilian, I give back to AER."

Karena Evans
PEO C3T

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Blood drives, bone marrow registries in August

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers, civilians and Family members will have two opportunities to roll up their sleeves and "Give to the red, white and blue" in August. The Armed Services Blood Program visits the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 12 and returns Thursday, Aug. 21, to the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, also 9 to 1 p.m.

The host of the Aberdeen drive, Capt. Richard Mozeleski, commander of the HHC Garrison, said both events are open to those with access to APG, including service members, civilians, contractors, retirees and Family members. Donors can register in advance online at <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/default.aspx>. Walk-ins are welcome.



Mozeleski said that in addition to the blood drives, a Bone Marrow Registry will be held during both events.

Bone Marrow Registry

Sponsored by the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Center, and also known as the DOD Marrow Donor Program or Salute to Life, the program works exclusively with military personnel and their Family members, government civilians, Army reservists, Coast Guard and National Guard members to facilitate marrow and stem cell donations.

According to the Salute to Life website at <https://www.salute-to-life.org/index.html>, each year, more than 12,000 people are diagnosed with diseases that require an infusion of stem cells and more

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Where do you go for some quiet time or to be alone?

"I just go to my sitting room, just to watch TV and to veg out."



Maj. Anthony Garifo
PEO C3T

"The gym. That's where I release my energies and stress. It's a great stress-reliever; to run, sweat, forget about what's going on, and just be alone."



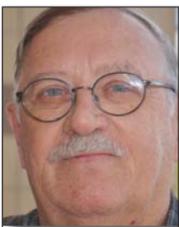
Esperanza Vildosola
Military spouse

"The basement in our house. There are two couches there. I can lie down there and think and watch movies."



Danila Darley
Military Family member

[There's a] place where you can catch a fish, toss it on a bank, and an eagle will steal it. Then the eagle goes in his nest, eating it and watching you. It's one of the places where you can be one with nature."



Anthony Tucker
Retired military

"I usually go to the gym and work out, and take classes or be alone. That's my time."



Ivonne Darley
Military spouse

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Youth STEM Programs: Our investment in the future

MAJ. GEN. BRUCET CRAWFORD
APG Senior Commander

My family and I recently participated in the launch of a new STEM pilot program here on APG called Real-world Internships in Science & Engineering (R.I.S.E). The two-week internship includes 16 Harford County high school students who have voiced their interest in the critical areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Several APG organizations to include CECOM, SEC and CERDEC have established relationships with our local schools and have taken the initiative in providing the time and resources for these programs that give students practical, real-world experiences in STEM that they would otherwise not receive in their classrooms.

Here on APG, we are blessed to have some of the most talented professionals working everyday to improve and prepare our Armed Forces for a future environment where innovations in STEM will be crucial for the security and progress of our Nation.

These students have an amazing mentorship opportunity to work side-by-side with these professionals creating real results that will hopefully open new doors to their curiosity in STEM.

From a broader perspective, I view these programs as part of our inherent responsibility to give back to our community and invest in our overall future. We are living in a time of rapid evolutionary change such that our youth are learning how to solve problems that don't even exist yet. It's been predicted that the education and technology that they will learn in their first two years of college will most likely be obsolete by the time they graduate.

This is why I applaud the efforts of the various CECOM and APG teams to recognize the need of supporting our youngsters' interest in STEM. The R.I.S.E program is only one of several initiatives here on post. Our K-12 Education-



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al Outreach Program is critical to sustaining an installation workforce focused on technical capabilities. Just last year, the STEM Education and Outreach Center opened and we've had many APG employees and organizations supporting events such as the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, the APG STEM Expo and the USA Science and Engineering Festival, just to name a few.

Through these varied programs, we reach about 25,000 students in this region alone. All of this shows that APG is making a tremendous impact and contribution to our youth and the future.

Growing up in South Carolina, I was the lucky beneficiary of a local support system that helped spur my interest in serving my country and receiving a higher education. I would not be where I am today had it not been for the encouragement of mentors who took it upon themselves to help me.

I encourage everyone to find a way to contribute to building an interest in STEM for our next generation. You would be amazed how just a pat on the back and a kind word of encouragement can make a difference in a young person's life. We owe it to our family, our community and our Nation to put our best foot forward for our collective future.

APG Strong

Letter to the APG Workforce

MAJ. GEN. BRUCET CRAWFORD
APG Senior Commander

As many of you are likely aware, the Department of the Army has completed a draft environmental assessment for the Army 2020 force structure realignment and is making the draft available for public comment for sixty days, which started June 26.

This document discusses possible effects to installations based on current budgetary projections that require the Army to analyze the impacts of a reduction of the Active Component to 420,000 Soldiers. These reductions are necessary to achieve the savings required by the Budget Control Act of 2011.

Nearly all Army installations will be affected in some way by force reductions, and Aberdeen Proving Ground is listed as one installation being assessed for this possibility.

The document is called the Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA) because it is a follow-up to an assessment conducted in 2013 about stationing changes to brigade combat teams at 21 Army installations and joint bases. With the deeper force reductions now anticipated, the Army must consider additional installations that have the

potential to lose 1,000 or more Army employees. The Army has added nine more installations to the study including Aberdeen Proving Ground.

This supplemental environmental assessment will now list APG as a site for potential reductions of 1,000 Soldiers and 3,300 civilian employees. The overall numbers in the supplemental environmental assessment do not reflect actual or projected losses; rather, they are designed to provide an assessment of the possible environmental and socioeconomic impacts of the greatest cumulative reductions being considered at each installation (worst case scenario for each). This analysis combined with public feedback, an assessment of installation capabilities, plus strategic and operational requirements would then inform the Army decision-making process.

The bottom line is nothing is definite regarding these possible reductions.

But, we need you to be aware that the process is underway and we will keep you informed as the process continues. You can find and comment on the associated documents at: <http://aec.army.mil/Services/Support/NEPA/Documents.aspx>. Thanks in advance to all for your continued efforts.

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MDNG ChalleNGe Academy inducts 134 cadets into program

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The Maryland National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Academy inducted 134 cadets into Class #43 during the Crossover Ceremony at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center July 28.

Freestate ChalleNGe Academy (FCA) gives Maryland teens who have withdrawn from high school a unique opportunity, a second chance at an education. The mission of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program is to produce program graduates with the values, life skills, education, and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens.

For 22 weeks, cadets ages 16-18 voluntarily live in the academy's residential program, a structured, disciplined, military-style environment. While in the residential phase, cadets forgo the comforts of home like sleeping-in, chatting on cell phones, and seeing family and friends on a regular basis.

Before being accepted into the program, candidates go through an acclimation phase, where they adjust to their new environment and decide if they want to stay in the program. On Saturday, July 26, the candidates participated in the "Rites of Passage" activity. During this event, they walked to stations spread out along a 7.5 mile course and had to complete different exercises at each station. Throughout the day, they were quizzed on rules from the FCA handbook.

During the July 28 ceremony, cadre, teachers and staff welcomed the 104 young men and 30 young women who make up Class #43. FCA Deputy Direc-



(From left) Cadets Sam Cole-Pinkney, Cierra Donald and Laura Guzman recite the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Honor Code during the Crossover Ceremony at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center July 28.

tor and Program Coordinator Charles Holloway challenged each cadet to resist the temptation to quit.

"I believe in all of you," Holloway said "Take [this program] one day at a time."

FCA Director Charles Rose said the cadets' self esteem will grow when they realize all they can accomplish.

"By the time you graduate your standards will be higher," Rose said. "If you want to go forward in life and accomplish your goals this is the best opportunity you are going to ever have."

Commandant Job Stringfellow led the cadets in reciting the FCA Honor Code, which guides cadet's actions while they are attending FCA. They pledge to live honestly, respectfully, and to represent the academy well.

After the ceremony several cadets said they were eager to begin their new journey.

"I came here so I could change my life and make my mom happy," said Cadet LaToya Ames. After graduating from FCA Ames plans to enroll in college and study social work.

Cadet Daniel Jacques said he came to FCA for a fresh start and to prepare for the GED.

"I am both excited and nervous," Jacques said. "I want to break some bad habits. I came to Freestate to better myself. I want to pass the GED then go to culinary school."

The Freestate ChalleNGe Academy serves applicants from around the State of Maryland and accepts applications year round. To learn more about the FCA program visit <http://www.mdmildep.org/fca/>.

APG firefighters step up for Memorial Stair Climb

By **ALAN FEILER**
APG News

Norman "Jay" Bannon IV and Jason Schaffer of Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services were among 200 firefighters from around the country who recently climbed 110 flights at the Hilton Baltimore to benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and honor the memory of victims of Sept. 11, 2001.

Because the Hilton is 20 stories tall, participants of the 2014 Memorial Stair Climb on July 18 trekked up a side stairwell there five-and-a-half times to reach 110 flights, the same number as those in the World Trade Center towers.

Climb events are held across the nation for the foundation, a non-profit organization that provides financial and emotional assistance to families of firefighters who fell in the line of duty.

Bannon, a six-year fire department veteran who works at APG South (Edgewood), said Battalion Chief Jimmy Ray alerted post firefighters about the climb earlier this month. The \$60 registration for the two participants from APG was sponsored by the department's chief officers.

"I was intimidated about doing it, but I knew I'd do everything in my power to do it," Bannon said.

He said participating in the climb was particularly meaningful because the foundation has provided aid and comfort to the family of his late uncle, David R. Barr Jr., a captain with the Community Fire Company of Perryville, Maryland. Barr, 64, died in the line of duty last November.

"I saw firsthand what the foundation did for my aunt and cousins. I wanted to give back," Bannon said.

Schaffer, 36, who started working for the fire department at APG North (Aberdeen) in January, said he was inspired by the memory of 9/11 victims.

"This was an opportunity to honor the men and women who lost their lives that day and the firefighters who went into a situation they probably knew they wouldn't get through," he said. "What we went through [during the climb] was minimal to what those guys did. This was a small way to honor them."

Bannon said climbing 110 flights in one morning was no small feat. "Every trip [up the stairs] was between 35 and 45 minutes," he said. "It wasn't easy, but it wasn't as hard as I thought it would be. I just tried to keep a steady, moderate pace."

Only groups of five firefighters at

a time were allowed to climb the stairs (and then take the elevator back down). Bannon and Schaffer -- both of whom wore full firefighter gear -- were joined by colleagues from Kentucky and other parts of Maryland.

"It was a continuous loop," Bannon said. "The first two-and-a-half trips were the hardest for me. You got into a groove after that. ... I would say it's probably the hardest thing I've done physically, but also one of the most rewarding. Knowing I'm benefitting a good cause and honoring the 343 firefighters not able to finish that journey [on 9/11], I felt I was completing a journey for those who could not."

Schaffer said he thought he was in peak physical shape before the climb.

"I was fine for the first 70 [flights], but then it wore me down," he said. "You definitely slow your pace after that. By 110, I was pretty exhausted. Your muscles start cramping on you."

Helping the firefighters' morale were the hotel staff and guests in the lobby cheering them on every time they got off the elevator and prepared to climb the stairs again. Also inspiring Bannon was the memory of Father Mychal Judge, a New York City Fire Department chaplain who died on 9/11. Each climb participant was asked prior to the event to take the identification card of a 9/11 firefighter victim, and Bannon chose Judge.

"I knew his story, that he was the first firefighter given a death certificate on 9/11, and something drew me to his card," Bannon said. "I was asking for his help when going up those steps the first couple of times."

To prepare for the climb, Bannon said he routinely stretched out a few days prior to the event and ate bananas regularly for increased potassium to help prevent leg cramps. He also made sure to be properly hydrated.

Bannon said he and the other firefighters chatted frequently while trekking the stairway. "If anyone needed a break, we stopped together," he said. "We checked on each other constantly. Firefighters stick together, no matter what."

Reaching the 110th flight provided a euphoric sensation, Bannon said. "There was a feeling of relief, but also that you really accomplished something," he said.

He said he and his wife, Jenn, hope their sons, Jake, 7, and Aidan, 6, learned something by watching their father participate in the climb.

"It was a good opportunity to teach



Courtesy photos

Above: (from left) APG firefighters Norman "Jay" Bannon IV and Jason Schaffer were among 200 firefighters from around the country who on July 18 climbed 110 flights

at the Hilton Baltimore to benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Right: A Franciscan friar and Catholic priest who served as a New York City Fire Department chaplain, Father Mychal Judge was the first certified fatality of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

them about honor and respect and what you can do for others," said Bannon, who plans to participate in other climbs later this year. "I hope this showed them you can do things for others and make a sacrifice."

Schaffer said he also plans to undertake more climbs in the future. "I'll be back next year, hopefully bringing more guys," he said. "It was just so cool to meet other firefighters from all over and have everyone together. It meant a lot to me."



ALL THINGS MARYLAND

Bromo Seltzer Tower refuses to fizzle out



By **ALAN FEILER**
APG News

You could say Baltimore's iconic Bromo Seltzer Tower is a testament to one man's quirky fascination with the world and his penchant for dazzling and inspiring others; not to mention his knack for making a quick buck off people with hangovers and indigestion.

Captain Isaac E. Emerson (1859-1931) was a young Baltimore chemist and entrepreneur in 1888 when he concocted the fizzy headache cure, stomach ailment remedy and alleged "morning after" elixir he called Bromo Seltzer (after East Java's bubbling Mount Bromo volcano).

Captain Emerson – who was given his honorific after organizing the Maryland Naval Reserves in 1894 (he also personally financed a naval squadron during the Spanish-American War) -- grew fabulously wealthy off the patent medicine. In high society circles, he became well regarded as a captain of industry, philanthropist, socialite, yachtsman and world traveler.

During a grand tour of Europe in 1900, Captain Emerson became enamored with the Palazzo Vecchio, Florence's massive 13th century town hall and campanile clock tower. When commissioning architect Joseph Evans Sperry to build his Bromo Seltzer headquarters and factory at the corner of Eutaw and Lombard streets, he requested a tower modeled after the Romanesque fortress and palace.

When it opened to much fanfare on June 23, 1911, the Emerson Bromo Seltzer Tower was the tallest building in Baltimore – and hands-down the most unique. Considered a modern-day marvel, the tower was toured by delegates of the 1912 Democratic National Convention, which was held at Baltimore's Fifth Regiment Armory.

Beneath its castle-like turret, the 15-story edifice featured a four-dial gravity clock bearing the letters B-R-O-M-O S-E-L-T-Z-E-R rather than the typical Roman numerals. Designed and installed by the Seth Thomas Clock Co., it was the largest pendulum-operated timepiece in the world, even bigger than London's Big Ben. (Today, the Bromo



At the time of its 1911 opening, the Bromo Seltzer Tower, headquarters of the Emerson Drug Co., was the tallest building in Baltimore and featured a 51-foot illuminated replica of the antacid bottle that could be viewed from certain points of the Eastern Shore. Today, it is the cornerstone of the west side's Bromo Tower Arts & Entertainment District.

tower clock is electrically-motored and, yes, it still works.)

Topping the 289-foot tower and its ramparts was a 51-foot replica of a cobalt blue Bromo Seltzer bottle. Weighing 20 tons, the steel antacid bottle rotated at a rate of 107 feet per minute, was capped by an illuminated crown and lined with 596 incandescent light bulbs. At night, it could reportedly be seen from as far away as the Eastern Shore resorts of Tolchester Beach and Love Point. The bottle was taken down in March of 1936 because scraps of metal were raining down on pedestrians.

By 1967, the Bromo Seltzer manufacturer relocated to Lititz, Pa., and the tower had fallen into disrepair. It was saved from the wrecking ball by a cadre of preservation-minded citizens and an agreement to donate the building to the city if the structure remained standing. (Its adjacent six-story factory was not spared, however, and today is the site of the Baltimore City Fire Department's John F. Steadman Fire Station.)

In 1973, the tower was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Eventually, the building was taken over by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts and renovated to house artists' studios, galleries and exhibition space.

It is now the cornerstone of the Bromo Tower Arts & Entertainment District on Baltimore's west side, located near the Hippodrome Theatre, the Baltimore Convention Center, Everyman Theatre, and the Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center.

Today, the Bromo Seltzer Tower – which received some national TV exposure over the past two decades because of its proximity to Camden Yards -- remains as much of a beloved kitschy landmark on the Baltimore skyline as it did when first appearing on the landscape 103 years ago.

The Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower is located at 21 S. Eutaw Street. Tours of the tower's clock room and artists' studios are now available every Friday from 1 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information or to take a ride on the tower's original 1911 Otis elevator, call 443-874-3596, 410-752-8632, or visit www.bromoseltzertower.com.

IMCOM civilian mentor program shapes Army installation management future

Story and photo by
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U.S. Army Installation Management Command walks the talk, increasing its investment in employee development through a revitalized, year-long mentorship program, which kicked off with a three-day orientation July 15. Twenty-eight mentees paired with their 28 mentors and five senior mentors, from installations around the globe, gathered to begin participation in the IMCOM Headquarters Centralized Mentoring Program.

Maj. Gen. Camille Nichols, IMCOM's deputy commanding general, praised the participants for their initiative.

"I commend you all for being here," Nichols said, "and taking that first step. You're your own best personnel manager. When I look back there were times I really did need some guidance and still do to this day. . . I believe you never stop that opportunity."

Ms. Karen Perkins, IMCOM director of human resources, spoke about the personal impact of the "Army's investment."

"The power in this room and the potential here in this room is exponential," Perkins said. "Think about how much knowledge, skill and life experience that you have to give to this program over the next year. This is about individual leadership, too. It's a life changing opportunity."

Workforce development/human resources specialist, Debbie Caraway, believes this year's holistic approach combined with the direct impact of capstone projects on IMCOM's lines of effort may yield immediate results in individual professional development and organizational process improvements.

"The goal is to provide growth experiences that will allow (participants) to accept positions of greater responsibility," said Caraway. "It contributes to building the bench and is very important during this time of dynamic change within the

Department of Defense to provide the people in the organization the opportunity to enhance their individual capabilities. It ensures loyalty, a better skilled, more capable team member and mission capability for the organization."

With volunteered help from community, business and education partners, such as United Services Automotive Association social media team, National Basketball Association's San Antonio Spurs organizational management team, University of Texas San Antonio career services division and U.S. Army Medical Command partners, the mentor/mentee teams spent time on team building, leadership, organizational development, defining the objectives and desired outcome of the program and general discussion about skills, career goal setting, networking, continued education, customer service and the health/work performance relationship.

Caraway described it as a 360 degree growth opportunity that turns "individual development into mission success."

"The holistic perspective is going to address academics," Caraway said, "it's going to address commercial activities . . . and those skills related to service providers. It links into the CG's lines of effort and priorities for the organization and it will allow participants to grow as individuals in many areas, not just their individual functional expertise."

Following orientation, mentees travel to their respective mentor's installation and shadow them at work before the longest and final phase of the program begins in earnest – capstone projects.

"We've developed a project menu based on command lines of effort and our intent is for the teams to take on something of value to the organization," said Caraway. "They'll have to develop a problem statement, to identify an expected outcome, a briefing that will include recommendations to leadership. It's growth for



U.S. Army Installation Management Command mentors and mentees work on teambuilding skills, building a block tower in total silence, during the IMCOM Headquarters Centralized Mentoring Program three day orientation, which started July 15.

the individual to develop things like mission assessments and working problem resolution and it provides an opportunity to develop project management skills," said Caraway.

Projects, like human capital development, will be briefed to senior mentors at the programs conclusion and according to Caraway, these projects and participants' efforts lead to innovations and improvements.

One of the selected mentors, Paul Yoshimiya of U.S. Army Garrison Benulex, saw immediate value in the program – personal and professional – when he first participated as a mentee.

"My whole goal was to come back as a mentor," Yoshimiya said. "I spent a couple dozen years in the Army and mentoring is ingrained into the system and on the civilian side it really isn't. It is one team and one fight and when you leave your fox-

hole and you are able to meet people, talk to people, have a mentor to go to, you'll make positive impact. It's not a year program. It's a relationship for life."

The HCMP is an annual program that runs for 12 months. It is open to civilians command wide – garrisons, regions, IMCOM headquarters and Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management staff. Mentor participants are employees in grades 13-15 (or equivalent) and mentees are employees in grades GS 11-13 (or equivalent). The program also includes non-appropriated fund and local national employees. Mentor and mentee applications for the next session will be available in Spring 2015.

For more information, contact IMCOM headquarters workforce development team at (210) 466-0402 or IMCOM regional workforce development staff.



APG SUMMER SAFETY

Too busy to drive? Beware distractions

USACR/SC

Distracted driving isn't a man or woman thing. How many times have you watched someone — regardless of gender — eat, shave, comb their hair, read, text, talk or play with a cellphone or find other things to occupy their time behind the wheel? Has driving become so boring, or are some folks just trying to be masters of multitasking?

Here are some eye-opening facts about distracted driving from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration:

Maryland Fast Facts:

- In 2011, a total of 231 persons lost their lives and 29,050 persons were injured in distracted driver-involved crashes.

- Between 2007 and 2011, male drivers represented 78 percent of those killed and 53 percent of those injured in distracted driver-involved crashes.

- In 2011, 30 percent of the total distracted driver involved crashes involved rear-end collisions.

- In 2010, 3,092 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver, and an estimated additional 416,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver.

- Roughly 18 percent of injury crashes in 2010 were reported as distraction-affected crashes.

- Eleven percent of all drivers under the age of 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crash. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted.

- Approximately 40 percent of all American teens say they have been in a car when the driver used a cell phone in a way that put people in danger.

- Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times more likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves.

- Text messaging creates a crash risk



Courtesy photo

23 times worse than driving while not distracted.

- In June 2011, more than 196 billion text messages were sent or received in the US, up nearly 50 percent from June 2009.

And here are some national statistics

- Distracted driving is a factor in 1 out of 4 crashes nationally.

- In 2010, over 3,000 people died in crashes involving a distracted driver, and nearly half a million were injured.

- More than 800,000 vehicles are being driven by someone using a hand-held cell phone at any given moment during daylight hours.

- Research shows drivers who use hand-held devices are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves.

Maryland laws:

In Maryland, [and on Aberdeen Proving Ground], drivers are prohibited from using a cell phone without a hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle. The fine for a first offense is \$40 and subsequent offenses \$100. The law is a secondary offense, meaning that a driver must first be committing a primary offense such as

speeding or reckless driving before they are ticketed for a cell phone offense.

Texting laws prohibit a person from using a text messaging device to write, send, or read a text or electronic message while operating a motor vehicle in motion or in the travel portion of the roadway; specifying exceptions for use of a global positioning system, or text messaging to contact a 9-1-1 system; etc. The activity is a misdemeanor or crime. A civil penalty is imposed and a fine of not more than \$500 can be enforced if convicted.

ARL 3D printing technology featured on 'Harford Happenings' TV show in August

ARL

Unique capabilities within the U.S. Army Research Laboratory's additive manufacturing research group (3D Lab) in the Composite and Hybrid Materials Branch is spotlighted in the August episode of "Harford Happenings," a local television program produced by the Harford County government. The ARL segment marks the first time "Harford Happenings" filmed on location, and the first time the show features a military organization.

"It was a pleasure to expand our program beyond the studio and outside of county government to include three dimensional printing at Aberdeen Proving Ground," said Sherrie Johnson, who hosts the program. The former television reporter and anchor is currently the Harford County Public Information Officer. "It was an excellent addition to "Harford Happenings" with an up close and personal look at 3D Printing. The information was interesting and timely. We appreciate the opportunity to visit APG and all it has to offer."

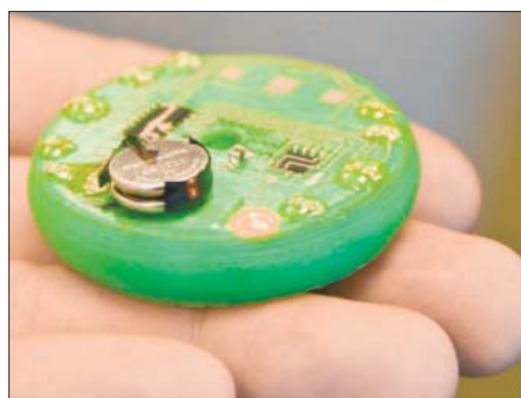
Inside the ARL 3D lab, Larry Holmes, the principal investigator for additive manufacturing materials development, explained that ARL's explorations could

one day help future Warriors to communicate via a communication device printed on the spot from the materials found around in the middle of the jungle or desert.

ARL has unique additive manufacture printing machines that allow researchers to print hybrid composite materials embedded with sensor technology. These machines combine new additive manufacturing processes with traditional printed circuit board processes, allowing for the fabrication of complex structures and devices that contain plastics, ceramics, and metals optimized for unique material benefits of each.

Holmes said the Army is a long way from producing such wonderment as a fully printed phone.

"To get there, where hardware and software can be built by a 3D printer with functionality fully integrated, we first have to conquer the process of printing multifunctional materials," he said. "This will involve many years of material and technology development/improvement. Three-dimensional lab personnel are studying structural dynamics and material property requirements to define the path forward to develop new technology for 3D printing."



Three-dimensional lab personnel in the U.S. Army Research Laboratory are studying structural dynamics and material property requirements to define the path forward to develop new technology for 3D printing. The Harford Cable Network show "Harford Happenings" will feature ARL printing technology during several airings in August.

U.S. Army photo

ARL is also 3D printing skull bone surrogates and has hopes of printing lung, heart or liver surrogates to represent human characteristics in more realistic ways for tests ARL researchers conduct. Holmes said 3D printed specimens will support ongoing efforts across ARL to investigate possible improvements to current Soldier protection systems like combat helmets loaded in a blast event, protecting Soldiers to a greater extent than ever before.

"What we're doing at ARL is designing materials and technologies that are

going to be used maybe in the commercial area or in the general public 20 to 25 years from now. I think it's interesting for (Harford County residents) to know what's happening in their own backyards," said Holmes.

The show will air in August on Harford Cable Network, Comcast channel 21, Armstrong channel 7 and Verizon FIOS channel 31 each Monday at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday and Saturday at 7p.m. and Thursday 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The show can be viewed at <http://hcn.pegcentral.com/player.php?video=9f88e4220bd5d8ac9352a6e09edb0504>.

Obtaining CAC and DOD identification 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 our entire population: 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 only a "click" away. 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.

Using your CAC, log into the Appointment Scheduler at www.apg.army.mil; scroll down to the "@ APG box" and select the ICON "ID Cards". 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, CAC One

and CAC Two.

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.

C4ISR ceremony appoints first product support managers

By **NANCY JONES-BONBREST**
PEO C3T

With an emphasis on elevating and expanding total lifecycle management, the first portfolio product support managers of Aberdeen Proving Ground's Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) campus were appointed during an assumption of charter ceremony July 21.

Held at the headquarters of the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T), the ceremony assigned Product Support Manager (PSM) charters to Daniel Quinn, with Project Manager (PM) Mission Command, Brent Smith with PM Warfighter Information Network-Tactical and David Harrison with PM Tactical Radios.

"This is incredibly important," said Brig. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes, program executive officer for C3T, during the ceremony. "This will ensure we're making the right moves, long term. The PSMs are critical in helping the project managers make those decisions that will keep our systems viable for the Army and in making sure that every dollar we spend is used wisely."

Acting as a trail boss for lifecycle support, the PSM serves as the lead logistician for the development and implementation of comprehensive portfolio strategies, including modernization, investment and sustainment.

The PSM appointments by PEO C3T will also help to increase cooperation between the acquisition and sustainment communities located on the C4ISR campus. Gary Martin, deputy to the Commanding General, Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM), also attended the ceremony and pledged his support.

"We're not simply looking at a product system manager, but more of a portfolio manager who can make the right recommendations for investment decisions across a family of systems," Martin said. "I think this is going to yield signifi-



Photo by Chad Padgett

(From left) Brig. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes, program executive officer for C3T, welcomes the newest portfolio Product Support Managers, Daniel Quinn, Project Manager Mission Command; Brent Smith, PM Warfighter Information Network-Tactical; and David Harrison, PM Tactical Radios; along with Gary Martin, deputy to the commander, Communications-Electronics Command, during an assumption of charter ceremony July 21.

cant benefits for the Army and significant benefits for our community."

The new PSM role includes managing the package of product support functions required to maintain the readiness and operational capability of weapon systems, subsystems and their components. This includes development, acquisition, testing, fielding, sustainment, contracting, cost estimating, integration and interoperability.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) issued a memorandum for PSM implementation in 2011, which defined the position while giving flexibility in implementation.

"One of the primary objectives of a portfolio PSM is to leverage enterprise opportunities across programs and Department of Defense components in order to develop and implement the best comprehensive product support strategies at the best value for the Soldier," Quinn said. "The PSM provides weapon system support expertise to the project manager in the execution of the PSM's duties as the total lifecycle manager."

Driving investments that yield the best value in product support is also a primary role of the PSM.

"PEO C3T's implementation of a portfolio PSM shows dedication to producing a supportable product across the equip-

ment suite," Smith said. "It will allow us to leverage similarities in products to enhance the supportability overall. In this fiscally-constrained environment, that synergy is critical to our program success."

Part of the C4ISR campus, PEO C3T guides a workforce of more than 1,600 personnel who develop, deliver and support more than 40 major Army programs that provide Soldiers with the communications networks, radios, satellite systems and other hardware and software they require to communicate on the battlefield.

Designated a lifecycle management command, CECOM provides the critical link to sustaining C4ISR systems, equipment and capabilities.

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20th CBRNE Command Soldiers compete for top honors in July

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

Soldiers from 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives) tested their mettle in the Best Warrior Competition July 21 - 25.

Staff Sgt. Hector Pena from the 48th Chemical Brigade, Staff Sgt. Keith Thomas from the 52nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group, Spc. Kyle Schultheis from the 52nd EOD Group and Spc. Dallas Poulson from the 71st EOD Group participated in the 20th CBRNE competition.

Pena was selected as Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Schultheis earned Soldier of the Year and will represent the command in the U.S. Army Forces Command competition.

A native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and an Iraq War veteran, Pena serves in the 2nd Chemical Battalion's 172nd Chemical Company at Fort Riley, Kansas; part of the 48th Chemical Brigade.

"I'm thankful to my command for letting me represent our unit and our Soldiers," said Pena. "The highlight (of the competition) for me was to be able to participate in something at this level."

A native of Browns Valley, Cali-



Staff Sgt. Keith Thomas from the 52nd EOD Group participates in a land navigation test during the 20th CBRNE Command Best Warrior Competition at Aberdeen Proving Ground July 22.

Photo by Bethani Edwards

fornia, Schultheis serves as an EOD technician in the Fort Drum, New York-based 725th EOD Company; a part of the 52nd EOD Group's 63rd EOD Battalion.

"It's been a great training experience," said Schultheis. "I can't wait to take it back to my command and show them what I've learned."

During four long, hot days at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, the Soldiers participated in physical readiness and marksmanship tests, land navigation, water survival, warrior task challenges, a 12-mile road march and a selection board.

The Best Warrior competitors were recognized by 20th CBRNE Commander Brig. Gen. JB Burton and Command Sgt. Maj. Harold E. Dunn IV during a July 25 ceremony at APG South (Edgewood).

Burton said the troops who participated in the "Soldier-Warrior focused" competition demonstrated the high caliber of Soldiers who serve in the

U.S. Army's only formation that combats chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats.

"Your participation helped us to raise the bar," said Burton. "You went above and beyond and proudly represented this unique command; the only one of its kind in the Department of Defense."

With specialized units on 19 military installations in 16 states, the 20th CBRNE Command trains and operates with joint, interagency and allied partners around the globe.

Soldiers and civilians from the 20th CBRNE Command counter Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) eliminate CBRN and explosive ordnance hazards and defeat Improvised Explosive Devices.

The command sergeant major said the participants in the hard fought competition performed well under pressure.

"The competition was incredibly close," said Dunn. "It was very evident how much hard work and preparation each competitor applied prior to arriving."

"The Best Warrior Competition truly tests both the mental and physical capabilities of our Soldiers," Dunn added. "Each Soldier that competed in this year's event provided an example for all others to aspire to emulate."

Dunn said the highlight of the Best Warrior Competition was seeing the 20th CBRNE Command Soldiers in action.

"It is an amazing thing to see our troopers step onto the field to execute operations. Their desire and inner will to push themselves, their perseverance and determination, and flawless character and integrity while performing their duties as Soldiers in the most stressful of situations is compelling," said Dunn. "I am truly proud to serve alongside them."

Spc. Dallas Poulson from the 71st EOD Group participates in a marksmanship test during the 20th CBRNE Command Best Warrior Competition July 22.

Photo by Laurena Bell



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Harbaugh says event is about families bonding

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overseas to cheer troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Harbaugh downplays his role in bringing Military Appreciation Night to M&T Bank Stadium, preferring instead to credit Ravens organizers.

“Mainly it’s the people in the Ravens organization that put the whole thing together,” he said. “I just come out here to hang out with great people. To see the faces of the kids whose parents have been overseas and sacrificed so much, that just makes it a special night, a family night. That’s the beauty of the sport.”

From the military standpoint, it’s much different, he added.

“What the military does, that’s life and death, that’s important,” he said. “And what we do is important in the sense that maybe moms and dads can bond with their kids over something like this. Maybe it’s something they’ll remember for the rest of their lives.”

“That’s what it’s all about.”

The post-practice fireworks were cancelled due to high winds, but service members expressed no disappointment.

Kelvin Chandler, a military retiree and recruiter for the Freestate Challenge Academy, attended the event with his grandson in tow. The Ravens fan enjoyed the special seating just a few yards from the players on the field, and said he was grateful to share the special night with his grandson.



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Baltimore Ravens Coach John Harbaugh checks out a photo of himself and Sgt. Lorena Gibson of the Maryland National Guard’s 1229th Transportation Company, taken when he visited the unit while it was deployed to Afghanistan, during Military Appreciation Night festivities at M&T Bank Stadium July 28. Harbaugh autographed the photo and returned it to Gibson.

“It’s great that [the Ravens] show appreciation for those who served and those who continue to serve and their families,” he said. “We appreciate them.”

“We had a great time,” added Army

Reservist Sgt. Timothy Kirkendall of the 352nd Military Police Company out of Rockville, Maryland as he watched rookie tackle Brett Van Sloten out of the University of Iowa sign a football

for his 9-year-old son Matt.

“I’m already a Ravens fan,” he said, “and I brought him because I wanted him to experience their appreciation of the military. This was awesome.”



Sgt. Jerry Willis APG North Dental Clinic NCOIC

As the noncommissioned officer in charge of the APG North Dental Clinic, Sgt. Jerry Willis is responsible for supervising staff and overseeing the clinic’s day-to-day operations.

The APG Dental Clinic Command provides annual dental examinations, cleanings, emergency and routine care to

Soldiers. Willis said he wants patients to feel comfortable and leave the clinic happy. He noted that some Soldiers feel anxious about visiting the dentist, based on painful procedures they had in the past. He hopes to help change these preconceived notions.

“Dentistry has evolved so much in

the past decade that most procedures are painless, or dental pains that a patient may have are alleviated quickly,” he said. “I enjoy knowing that when a Soldier enters my dental clinic that they will leave having a completely different notion.”

Willis said Soldiers appreciate the “Go First Class” program, established by the U.S. Army Dental Command last year. This time-saving program bundles appointments so Soldiers receive multiple treatments in one day.

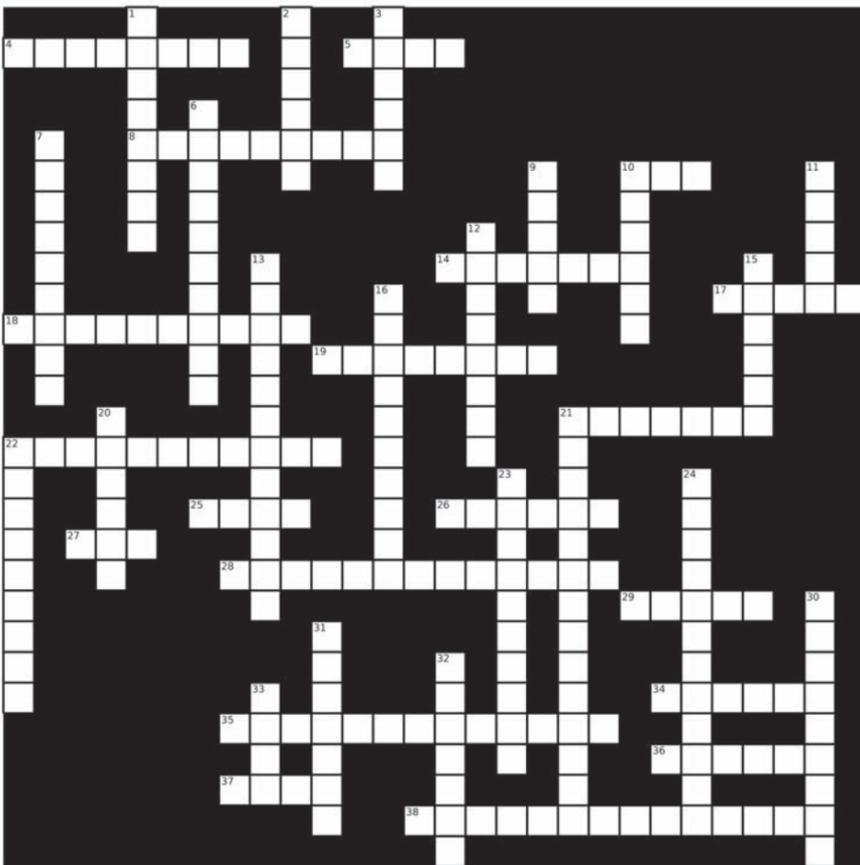
As a teen, Willis’ high performance in the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) inspired him to join the military. This year marks Willis’ nine-year anniversary with the U.S. Army. Before coming to APG, he served at the Fort McPherson Dental Clinic Command in Atlanta, Georgia, and with the 618th

Dental Company in South Korea. At APG, he has served with the APG Dental Clinic Command for three years, as the senior dental NCO, supply NCO and training NCO. In March, he assumed the role as the APG North Dental Clinic NCOIC.

“I like helping people,” he said “Being a dental technician, helps me provide a great service to the men and women of the armed forces.”

The APG North Dental Clinic is located in Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Bldg. 2501 on Oakington Road. To contact Willis, call 410-278-1794 or e-mail jerry.h.willis2.mil@mail.mil. His duty hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, visit <http://kusahc.narmc.amedd.army.mil/Pages/dental.aspx>.

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**
- 4. Ravens head coach John _____
 - 5. Hot _____ Permit
 - 8. Chief of Army Retirement Services _____
 - 10. Oversees the 3D Lab at APG _____
 - 14. IMCOM deputy commanding general Maj. Gen. _____ Nichols
 - 17. Baseball great Rod _____
 - 18. The Second Division Association _____
 - 19. Where Danila Darley spends quiet time _____
 - 21. Hometown of Staff Sgt. Hector Pena _____

- 22. Assistant Chief of EMS at APG _____
- 25. Clinic where APG North Dental Clinic is located _____
- 26. Bromo Seltzer Tower architect Joseph Evans _____
- 27. Nickname of APG firefighter Norman Bannon IV _____
- 28. Harford County Circuit Court judge _____
- 29. Ravens rookie Van Sloten _____
- 34. Steals fish from Anthony Tucker _____
- 35. Home state of APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford _____
- 36. Famed London clocktower _____
- 37. K9 from the working dog unit back in '89 _____
- 38. Freestate ChalleNGe Academy recruiter _____

- Down**
- 1. Land where Mount Bromo is located _____
 - 2. Father _____ Judge died on 9/11 _____
 - 3. APG island where Great Blue Herons nest _____
 - 6. Upcoming final sale at Building 2458 _____
 - 7. Military spouse _____ Vil-dosola _____
 - 9. _____ Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center _____
 - 10. Common _____ Cards (CAC) _____
 - 11. Chow-Shepherd mix named pet of the week in '04 _____
 - 12. Ravens No. 52 _____

- 13. Invented Bromo Seltzer _____
- 15. National _____ Firefighters Foundation _____
- 16. "_____ Driving" is a serious problem in Maryland (and APG) _____
- 20. Clinic where Sgt. Jerry Willis works _____
- 21. Host of "Harford Happenings" _____
- 22. Host of the Armed Services Blood Drive at APG _____
- 23. David R. Barr Jr. was a firefighter for the Community Fire Company of _____
- 24. Military _____ Night _____
- 30. Spc. _____ Rousayne _____
- 31. Budget _____ Act of 2011 _____
- 32. Federal Motor _____ Safety Administration _____
- 33. Freestate ChalleNGe Academy director Charles _____

Solution to the July 24 puzzle



BY THE NUMB#RS

Getting to know APG's natural resources and wildlife

- 17,000**
Acres of forestry
- 1,450**
Great blue herons nesting on Pooles Island
- 205**
Count of eagles by mid-winter 2014
- 96**
Species of forest and grassland birds nesting at APG
- 55**
Individual forest stands [groups of trees of uniform species, composition, age and condition]
- 44**
Successful eagle nests in 2013-2014, producing 78 eaglets
- 14**
Species of oak trees on the installation

Alan Feiler, APG News
*(Source: Jessica Baylor, DPW Environmental Division)
Photo by Joe Ondek*



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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THROUGH FRIDAY

THROUGH 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>

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 bcouncil@bism.org.

IRONBIRDS MILITARY APPRECIATION

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

visit the IronBirds website at www.aberdeen.ironbirds.milb.com.

TUESDAY

AUGUST 12 BLOOD DRIVE/BONE MARROW REGISTRY

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

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

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

"This is a chance for people to give in a way they never considered," she said.

For more information, contact Capt. Richard Mozeleski, HHC Garrison commander, at 410-278-3000 or email richard.d.mozeleski2.mil@mail.mil.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 12-13 THRIFT SHOP SALE

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

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

FRIDAY

AUGUST 15 OPERATION HOMEFRONT SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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

recipients include children of deployed, wounded and active duty service member in the ranks of E-1 through E-6. To register, or for more information, go to www.operationhomefront.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 U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association's Aberdeen-Edgewood "Silver" Chapter will hold its quarterly meeting at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, room 102. Lunch will be provided 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will be held noon to 12:45 p.m. For additional information, contact retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Owen McNiff at 571-243-6561, 443-861-1936 or email omcniff@yahoo.com.

BLOOD DRIVE/BONE MARROW REGISTRY

The Armed Services Blood Program returns to the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All those with access to APG are eligible to donate. To register, in advance, go online to www.militarydonor.com, search for drive using sponsor code: APGMD. Walk-ins are welcome.

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For more information, contact Rousayne at 410-436-6695 or email cassandra.rousayne@us.army.mil.

DENTAL CLINIC CLOSURE

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

SATURDAY

AUGUST 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, CERDEC, at 443-395-0419

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 18 MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

Save this date for APG's Annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) to

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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.

HOT WORK PERMIT

The APG Fire and Emergency Services has a new number phone number to request a

Hot Work Permit. A permit can be obtained by calling 410-306-0001.

When is a Hot Work Permit required?

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

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

For more information, call 410-306-0001.

THROUGH AUGUST 19 EDUCATION CENTER SUMMER SEMESTER

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

- University of Maryland, Through Aug. 10
- 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.

ARMY WELLNESS CENTER OFFERING SERVICES AT APG SOUTH CLINIC

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

Aug. 5, 14 and 27.

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

AIRBORNE HAZARDS & OPEN BURN PIT REGISTRY

VA encourages all Gulf War Veterans – anyone who served in the Persian Gulf area from August 1990 to present – to sign up for the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry which is established by Public Law 112-260. The registry provides an opportunity for veterans to receive information updates and to help VA improve its understanding of deployment-related health effects. During deployment, Gulf War veterans may have been exposed to smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires, and air pollution. Veterans must complete an online health questionnaire to participate in the registry. For more information, visit www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Privy

Pronounced: PRIV-ee

Part of speech: Adjective

Definition:

1. Participating in the knowledge of something private or secret (usually followed by the word “to”): Many persons were privy to the plot.
2. Private; assigned to private uses.
3. Belonging or pertaining to some particular person, especially with reference to a sovereign.
4. Secret, concealed, hidden, or secluded.
5. Acting or done in secret.

Part of speech: Noun, (plural: PRIV-ies)

6. Outhouse
7. Law. A person participating directly in or having a derivative interest in a legal transaction.

Use:

- It seems that only you are privy to this information.
- And everyone, it seems, has secrets — secrets to which even the actors aren't privy until each script arrives.
- But it's safe to suggest that very few are privy to any real, actual battle plan that's being drawn.
- His privy sits beyond a sandy lane that winds through a low swale known as the Bottom.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

FMCSA

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

The primary mission of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities involving large trucks and buses.

The FMCSA was established as a separate administration within the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Jan. 1, 2000, pursuant to the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999. FMCSA is headquartered in Washington, DC and employs more than 1,000 people in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. In addition, the FMCSA provides information about your rights when moving across state lines (interstate moves). Consumers should submit household goods commercial complaints or dangerous safety violations involving a commercial truck or bus to this agency.

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

See more photos from events around APG
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>

**MORE
ONLINE**

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

APG NEWS

This Week in APG News history

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

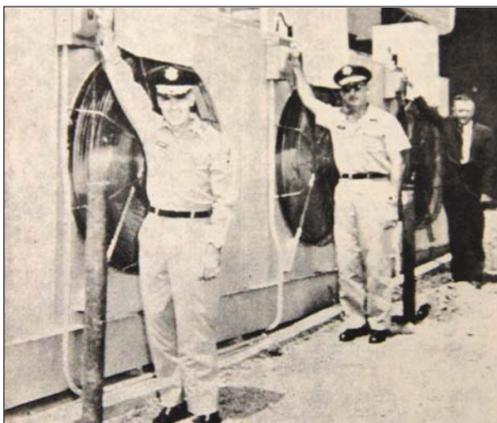


50 Years Ago: July 30, 1964

Clockwise from top left:
(From left) Army Intelligence School Instructor, Lt. Col. Frank DeLucia, gives an impromptu exam to 1st. Lts. John Hudders and Peter Westbrook and Capt. John E. Blackstoe of the Pennsylvania Army Reserve. Blackstoe is a state assemblyman serving his two weeks of active duty.

(From left) Dr. Frank Grubbs, acting technical director of the Terminal Ballistic Laboratory looks on as Col. Charles Ostrom Jr., commander of the U.S. Army Ballistics Laboratories breaks ground for a new radiation applications building. Also looking on is Dr. Edward Minor, chief of the Terminal Ballistic Laboratory.

(From left) Brig. Gen. David Hiester, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Col. Elmer Grubb, APG commander, and his special assistant, Jerry Nolan, man the switches to the Noncommissioned Officer Club's first air conditioning system.

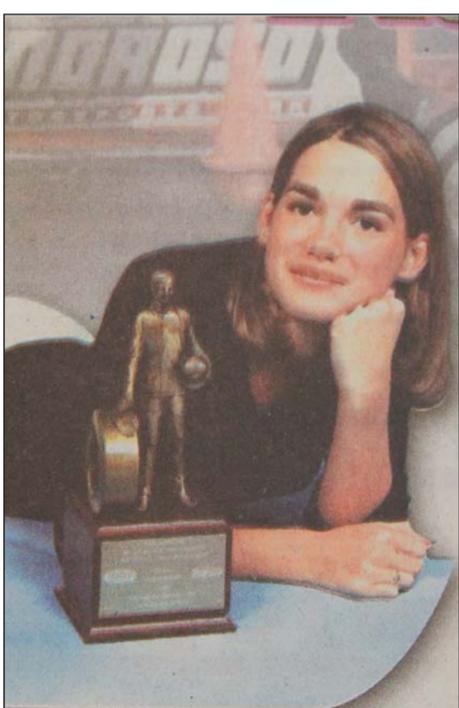


25 Years Ago: August 2, 1989

Clockwise from top left:
The 3rd Infantry Division (Old Guard) Fife and Drum Corps performs at the retirement of Col. G. H. Neubert, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Center.

(From left) Project Engineer Howard G. Nason of the U.S. Army Combat Systems Test Activity, and Chris Craig, a senior test driver, prepare the Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck for testing. Nason recently was named the Environmentalist of the Month for the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command.

Spc. Robert Melvin, a volunteer trainer, lets Beno, a K9 from the working dog unit, attack his protected arm. Melvin is a candidate for the six-week Dog Training Course at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.



10 Years Ago: July 29, 2004

Clockwise from left:
Kia Guyer, a 20-year-old intern at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, and the daughter of a paralegal at the U.S. Army Environmental Center, is a seasoned dragster who earned a first-place win at the Junior Drag Racing League Championships at Indianapolis Raceway Park.

Codie, an 18-month-old Chow-Shepherd mix, is the warm and friendly pet of the week at the post Veterinary Treatment Facility. "He's sweet and playful," says Dodie McMillan, a civilian veterinary technician who works at the VTF.



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Registry provides hope against rare diseases

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than 70 percent of patients are unable to find an appropriate match within their own family and require an unrelated donor

Spc. Cassandra Rousayne of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense is hosting the APG South (Edgewood) event.

Rousayne said providing “two opportunities to give back” benefits the community.

“This is a chance for people to give in

a way they never considered,” she said, adding that those deferred from donating blood are still potential bone marrow donors.

The procedure consists of a sterile cheek swab and information forms each donor fills out. Donations are placed in an individual packet, sealed and then mailed to the Salute to Life headquarters in Rockville, Maryland.

Noting that bone marrow matches save lives of people afflicted with rare blood cancers, Rousayne said she works

with an NCO who supported a Soldier who died because no match could be found.

“Losing someone that way makes you feel so helpless,” she said. “Bone marrow transplants require an exact match.”

She said the need is becoming more urgent due to the ethnic mixes so prevalent in the United States.

A famous case occurred in 1996 when Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Rod Carew lost his 18-year-old daughter to leukemia after 70,000 bone marrow

transplant volunteers failed to match. Carew was black with West Indian and Panamanian roots and his wife was white with Russian-Jewish roots.

Rousayne said information about the procedure will be on site and people can learn more on the website <https://www.salutetolife.org/index.html>.

For more information, contact Mozeleski at 410-278-3000 or email richard.d.mozeleski2.mil@mail.mil or Rousayne at 410-436-6695 or email cassandra.rousayne@us.army.mil.

AtHoc App register notifies, work, home devices

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on Key leaders or the units Emergency Action Officers to decimate the information to their workforce which takes time and in some instances not everyone gets the word. I have no way of reaching the masses,” he said.

With AtHoc, The Garrison Emergency Operation Center’s emergency managers can send pop up notifications, call work phones, cell phones, send text messages, and notified individuals thru a free APP that can be download on apple and android phones all at the same time.

Registration

AtHoc is an Army fielded program paid for by the Army. The system has been launched to about 1,100 personnel within the Garrison and 11,200 initial licenses already have been purchased for about half the APG population.

One problem so far, is that folks are just not registering when they receive the self registration popup. Most are closing the popup without reading it and following the simple instructions on how to register. Some think is one of the daily pop ups that loads on your computer when you log into windows so they just x it out. And some might have privacy concerns, which might account for why some people have not responded to repeated requests to log in and register, Rodriguez said.

“Access to the information requested

might concern some people, he said, “but only contact information is requested. We need all your contact information so we have as many means to notify you during an Emergency.

When I sent the pop up instructing you to register your information into AtHoc, Users will see a yellow pop-up screen. The pop up is titled “AtHoc Emergency Alert System Self Service Input Instructions” and it prompts users to go to the task bar on the bottom right of the computer screen and then right click to activate the “Show hidden icons” double arrow. From there, it reads:

1-Right click on the purple globe labeled “Aberdeen Proving Ground MWN”

2-Select “Access Self Service” and then you will be on the “My Info” tab.

3-Go to “Primary Work Location” and select from the drop down

4-Go to “Aberdeen Proving Ground” click on “List Hierarchy” and pick your organization and directorate.

Rodriguez noted that users who log onto the APG domain via common access cards (CAC) will automatically receive network popups from AtHoc but to receive emergency notifications via Telephones, email, Text messages, and the AtHoc APP users must register their emergency contact information.

AtHoc app

The Installation Mass Warning and Notification (MWN) system includes a



APG computer users can click on this purple globe icon to access AtHoc self service features that include registration of work and home phones and devices as well as downloading the AtHoc app.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson

mobile notification smartphone application to several other forms of notification such as desktop alert, email, phone, and text message. The AtHoc notifier is a smartphone app which displays as a purple globe on your main mobile phone screen with the rest of your mobile applications. The AtHoc Notifier is available for iOS and Android smartphones

“Instructions for self registration and the phone app are easy to follow and written instructions are available as well, Rodriguez said. “Personnel can be assured that only emergency managers have access to the information they share and that it will only be used in an emergency.”

AtHoc has countless advantages that overshadow privacy concerns, he added.

In an active shooter scenario, for example, text messages can be sent to cell phones giving personnel instructions without making unnecessary noises. It can be used for snow emergencies warning of post closures or to evacuate the post in an orderly fashion giving organizations set times to release personnel to avoid gridlock.

Rodriguez said AtHoc will be fielded to critical areas first and then to the entire APG population. He cautioned that while the system has a lot of potential it will not be overused as people tend to ignore constantly reoccurring pop-ups.

“You’ll only receive a notification if we’re either testing the system, requesting additional information or in an actual emergency,” he said.

Military retirees, past recipients support AER goal

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of how AER can resolve short-term financial difficulties, through interest-free loans and grants, as well as provide an opportunity for Soldiers to help fellow Soldiers.

While thanking all contributors, Capt. Richard Mozeleski, commander of the APG Garrison’s Headquarters and Headquarters Company, said the military retiree population donated the largest amount, with contributions totaling more than 80 percent.

“We have a large retiree community,” he said. “Some retirees have been donating every year, for 30 or 40 years.”

AER assistance is based upon a valid need and is flexible in responding to all types of financial situations. For example, AER can help with travel costs for emergency leave situations; pay rent, mortgage or utilities; buy food; cover emergency car

repairs, and other basic living expenses, depending on the need and situation.

Karena Evans, the AER campaign coordinator for the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T), said that as a veteran, she knows first-hand the difference AER can make in the lives of Soldiers and their families.

As a private, Evans received an interest-free AER loan so she could afford to travel to her grandmother’s funeral. She said she felt a sense of relief when she learned that AER could provide financial assistance.



“You never know: an emergency can happen any time,” she said. “Now that I am a civilian, I give back to AER.”

Evans added that AER maintains two scholarship programs, the Spouse Education Assistance Program for military spouses and the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for Family members. Both scholarships provide financial assistance for students who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree.

“These programs are excellent,” she said. “They provide educational opportunities to military Family members,” she said.

Soldiers needing AER financial assistance can contact their unit chain of command or go directly to the AER office, located in the Army Community Service, Bldg. 2503 on the first floor. By having reciprocal agreements in place with the other military aid societies, Soldiers and Families not located near an Army installation can also receive AER assistance at the nearest Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard installation with the respective Military Aid Society, or from the American Red Cross call center at 877-272-7337.

Donations to AER can be made throughout the year by check, money order or credit card. Anyone can donate to AER including organizations and businesses. For more information, visit the AER Headquarters website at www.aerhq.org, or call ACS at 410-278-2500.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know Aug. 7 marks the 72nd anniversary of the start of the World War II Battle of Guadalcanal?

The Guadalcanal campaign, code named Operation Watchtower, was actually a series of battles that lasted Aug. 7, 1942 to Feb. 9, 1943. At stake was the strategic air base within the Solomon Islands which was desperately needed by Japanese troops. U.S. Marines launched a surprise attack that led to six months of air, naval and ground battles and devastating losses on both sides but an eventual U.S. victory.

The campaign’s noted battles include:

- Battle of Savo Island, Aug. 9, 1942
- Battle of Cape Esperance, Oct. 11-12, 1942
- Naval Battle of Guadalcanal, Nov. 13-15, 1942
- Battle of Tassafaronga, Nov. 30, 1942
- Operation I-Go, April 1-16, 1943

Called “Ironbottom Sound” by Allied Sailors because of the dozens of ships and planes that sank there, the waters at the southern end of Guadalcanal are considered sacred. Each year on the battle’s anniversary a wreath is dropped there to commemorate the lost and strict silence is observed on ships that cruise through the area.

Here are the U.S. losses just in ships, according to Wikipedia.com. Just some of the stunning numbers associated with the cost of this months-long battle that historians say destroyed the Japanese forces’ mystique and gave the Allies their first decisive victory and confidence that they could win the war.

- Allied ships lost
- United States
 - USS Aaron Ward - destroyer
 - USS Astoria - cruiser
 - USS Atlanta- anti-aircraft cruiser
 - USS Barton- destroyer
 - USS Blue - destroyer
 - USS Calhoun - destroyer
 - USS Cushing - destroyer
 - USS DeHaven -destroyer
 - USS Duncan -destroyer
 - USS George F. Elliot -attack transport
 - USS Gregory -destroyer
 - USS Jarvis -destroyer
 - USS John Penn - attack transport
 - USS Kanawha - fleet oiler
 - USS Laffey - destroyer
 - USS Little - destroyer
 - USS Monssen - destroyer
 - USS Northampton - heavy cruiser
 - USS Preston - destroyer
 - USS Quincy - cruiser
 - USS Seminole - oceangoing tug
 - USS Serpens - (Coast Guard manned liberty ship)



Courtesy photo

United States Marines rest in the field during the Guadalcanal campaign in Nov. 1942.

- USS Vicennes - cruiser
- USS Walker - destroyer
- YP-284 -Yard patrol craft
- PT-37 - Patrol boat
- PT-44 - Patrol boat
- PT-111 - Patrol boat
- PT-112 - Patrol boat

PT 123 - Patrol boat
Read more about this strategic series of battles on the Naval History & Heritage Command website at <http://www.history.navy.mil/>.

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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 Rachel Ponder

KUSAHC HOSTS ARMY PERFORMANCE TRIAD RUN/WALK

TeamAPG members participate in a 5K run/walk, hosted by the Army Performance Triad team, at APG North (Aberdeen) July 23. One goal of the run was to help prepare runners for the Army Ten Miler, which takes place Oct. 12 in Washington, D.C. "Events such as this 5K run /walk get us out from behind the desk and encourage groups of people to step up their daily activities," said Lt. Col. David Zinnate, commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, who also participated in the event. Zinnate said the next APG Army Performance Triad event set for Aug. 20 will include a Healthy Kids run/walk. Performance Triad run/walks are free and

open to the entire APG community. "The goal of the Performance Triad is not only to improve the health of our Soldiers, DA Civilians, and contractors but to also improve the health of our families and the surrounding communities of APG," he said. The next Army Performance Triad event is set for 6 to 8 a.m. Aug. 20 and will be a 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) run and a 5 kilometer (3.1 mile) walk. Check the APG News or the www.TeamAPG.com website for more information. For more information about the Army Ten Miler, contact Bryon Reasin, MWR sports program and facility manager, at 410-436-3375 or email byron.a.reasin.naf@mail.mil.



RAVENS APPRECIATE TROOPS

Nearly 3,500 service members, veterans and Family members enjoyed the Baltimore Ravens annual Military Appreciation Night festivities held in conjunction with the team's open training camp at M&T Bank Stadium July 28. (Clockwise from left) Baltimore Ravens Coach John Harbaugh shakes the hand of Sgt. Lorena Gibson of the Maryland National Guard's 1229 Transportation Company out of Baltimore; Pvt. William Craven of Company F, 128th Brigade Support Battalion of Reisterstown, Maryland, and his son Alex, 5, show off their autographed Ravens football; Kelvin Chandler, a military retiree and recruiter for the Maryland National Guards Freestate Challenge Academy, was pleased to share the Baltimore Ravens' Military Appreciation Night with his grandson; and Rookie Free Agent Tackle Zachary Orr, 45, and Baltimore Ravens Coach John Harbaugh sign autographs for service members and their families at the end of the open training camp and Military Appreciation Night festivities at M&T Bank Stadium July 28. View more photos on the APG Flickr site at www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/.

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