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Drum Major Staff Sgt. Jonathan DeWitt leads the traveling unit of the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps onto the post theater stage during the installation's Army Birthday celebration June 12. A part of the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), the group performs historical music on fifes, rope-tensioned drums and single-valve bugles, averaging 500 performances annually as an official representative of the U.S. Army.

## APG marks Army's 239th Birthday

### Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps performance honors military history

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

The installation marked the Army's 239th birthday with a performance by the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps at the post theater June 12. The Army birthday and Flag Day are celebrated June 14.

APG Senior Commander Brig. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford hosted the event,

which was held indoors due to threatening skies. The annual Army Birthday Run was cancelled earlier in the day.

Before introducing the Fife and Drum Corps, Col. Gregory McClinton, APG Garrison commander, noted the installation was "honored to have the magnificent unit" as its guest.

"We are very fortunate to have them here, said Crawford. They are in high

demand throughout the Army and the world."

The program included the invocation by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Juan Crockett, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; and the singing of the national anthem by Pfc. Stacy Dobson of HHC Garrison.

Crawford said in many ways the ceremony was all about accomplishments of

the past and as an Army of Professionals, Soldiers as well as civilians should never forget "with respect and admiration comes accountability for our actions."

"Our Army illuminates who we are and what we stand for," he said. "We've got to remember at all times we serve something much greater than ourselves.

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### LISS disability grants available July 1

By **NANCY GOUCHER**  
ACS Exceptional Family Member Program

Funding for the Maryland Department of Developmental Disabilities Administration's (DDA) Low Intensity Support Services (LISS) grant becomes available July 1. Military and civilian families with Family members who have developmental disabilities are encouraged to apply.

DDA/LISS is designed to enable Families to meet the needs of a child or an adult with disabilities living in the home, or support an adult with

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## 89 cadets meet the ChalleNGe

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

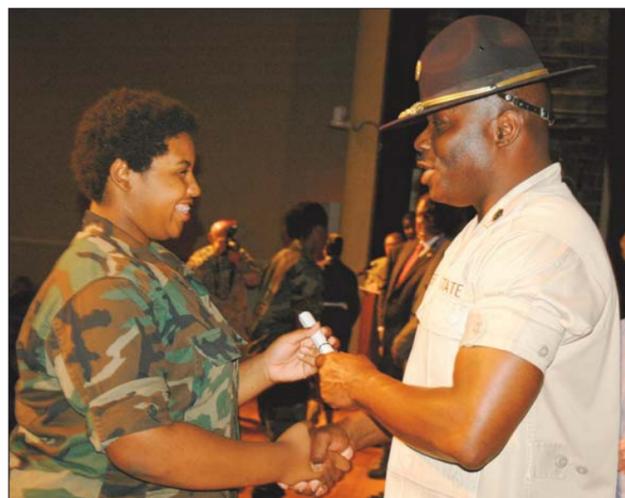
Military and community leaders, Family members, cadre and guests gathered to honor the 89 young men and women from Class #42 who successfully completed 22 weeks of rigorous training during the Maryland National Guard (MDNG) Military Youth Corps Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Completion Ceremony at the APG post theater June 14.

Led by Director Charles Rose, the cadets received completion certificates during the event. Several also received monetary awards and scholarships from supporting organizations and educational institutions.

During opening remarks Assistant Adjutant General for Mary-

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(From left) Cadet Kayla Coleman happily receives a certificate of completion from 1st Sgt. Job Stringfellow during the Maryland National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Academy completion ceremony at the APG post theater June 14.



## Bayside CDC starts children strong

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

Parents, friends and staff members cheered as 18 children graduated from the Bayside Child Development Center's Strong Beginnings Pre-K program June 12 during a ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center. This is the second class to graduate from the Bayside CDC, which opened March 2012.

The Army's Strong Beginnings program is designed to enhance school readiness and prepare children for success. The program, which equips students with basic academics and classroom etiquette, starts in

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(From left) Strong Beginnings Pre-K Spanish teacher Yani Peyton congratulates Dennis Young for completing the Bayside Child Development Center Strong Beginnings program during a graduation ceremony June 12 at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center.



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# STREET TALK

What's your favorite summertime outdoor activity?

"Anything with water brings inspiration to me. I like to sit by bodies of water and meditate and let the inspiration flow. Just like the water flows, inspiration flows."



**Larry D. O'Neal**  
Contractor

"I love to run and ride my motorcycle. I enjoy these kinds of activities because I'm Army. I want to be strong and healthy. That's how I was when I was in the Army – running with my troops and working out – and I want to continue to be fit to fight."



**Fred Posadas**  
Retired command sergeant major

"I like to go swimming at the new community pool in my neighborhood. And I like to walk my dog around the block."



**Micah Nelson**  
Family member

"Boating, hands down, boating. Just being outside, fishing, [and] going over to Sand Island. It's great to see everyone there. You get to know everyone, all the locals. The camaraderie, that's my favorite part."



**Marissa Bartol**  
Family member

"Soccer. I played it when I was young and in school in Nigeria. I'm decent at it, and I like the team concept. It's cool. So I like to play soccer and spend time with my family."



**Staff Sgt. Michael Obodozie**  
203rd Military Intelligence Battalion

# OPINION

## Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs addresses IG report recommendations

No veteran should ever have to wait to receive the care they have earned through their service and sacrifice. As the President said last week, we must work together to fix the unacceptable, systemic problems in accessing VA healthcare. I believe that trust is the foundation for everything we do – VA must be an organization built on transparency and accountability.

That's why we will release results from our nationwide audit, along with patient access data, for all medical centers next Monday. The data will demonstrate the extent of the systemic problems we have discovered.

As a veteran, I assure you I have the passion and determination to fix these problems – one veteran at a time.

The Inspector General confirmed we have serious issues when it comes to patient scheduling and access, and we have moved immediately to address those issues in Phoenix. VA has reached out to all veterans identified in the Office of Inspector General's interim report to discuss individual medical needs and immediately begin scheduling appointments. Getting this right is our top priority, and taking care of the veterans here in Phoenix is a good place to start.

We are using our current authority to immediately provide care in the community, to include primary care. In Phoenix, VA is working to award a contract which will extend the ability to use non-VA providers in the community for primary care.

We've deployed a dedicated human resources team to support the hiring of additional staff. We are using temporary staffing measures, along with clinical and administrative support, to ensure these veterans receive the care they have earned

through their service. That includes three of our mobile medical units to take care of patients right here. That's our first priority – to get all veterans off waiting lists and into clinics. But more work remains.

We now know there is a leadership and integrity problem among some of the leaders of our healthcare facilities, which can and must be fixed. That breach of integrity is indefensible. In Phoenix, we initiated the process to remove senior leaders. Across the country, VA has suspended all VHA senior executive performance awards for FY 2014. We will use all authority at our disposal to enforce accountability among senior leaders.

Additionally, we will remove the 14-day scheduling goal from employee performance contracts to eliminate any incentives to engage in inappropriate behavior. We will revise, enhance, and deploy scheduling training, and we will continue medical center audits and site inspections.

Veterans must feel safe walking into our VA facilities – they deserve to have full faith in their VA. I will not hold back from asking for help from other agencies, from community partners, from Congress – both sides of the aisle – or from the Veterans Service Organizations, who have been serving veterans for decades. They are all our valuable partners.

We will need the support of all our stakeholders to continue to improve the department. I look forward to working with them all to better serve our Veterans.

**Sloan D. Gibson**  
Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs



## CECOM G2 says think OPSEC

By 1950, five years had passed since the U.S. Army achieved victory during World War II. The Army had a major drawdown and cut troop units and staff. Most of the remaining junior personnel had not served in World War II nor did the draftees have actual combat experience.

June 25, 1950 was a picture perfect summer day, the sun was shining, spirits were high and Americans were preparing for a big installation softball event. It was a great day to leave the office behind, enjoy life, and relish downtime even if you were stationed in Korea.

But that was a historic day for operational security practices, and a busy day for unwitting others. Motor pools were emptied covertly and troops by the masses trudged south. The North Korean invasion of South Korea was just about to commence and lemonade was still being poured at the big post softball event.

There was no warning, just complete surprise. The U.S. Army's focus was on softball. An embassy Marine driving an orange painted jeep near the U.S. Embassy compound noticed a plane in the morning air flying lazy circles. He waved, and the North Korean Yak came in for a strafing run. The Marine barely survived, but the jeep was an early combat loss.

North Korea's use of intelligence and surveillance served them well in the attack of an organization not focused on operational security (OPSEC) in all working conditions, to include fun. The need to observe and implement good OPSEC practices is evident, and could have saved lives.

America's lack of OPSEC practices and the North Korean's exploitation of vulnerabilities and supporting

intelligence information provided North Korea with a critical advantage. While the operating assumption at the time was that there were no indications, no warnings, and no solid information to suggest a North Korean offensive was imminent, the historical record suggests otherwise and that American intelligence assessments may have been unduly clouded by innate cultural biases.

As we all know well, intelligence failures cost lives and it did in 1950. In turn, it is important that we make concerted efforts to recognize blind spots, realize innate biases, and train to resist cultural as well as cognitive biases that cloud, clutter, and convolute an analyst's assessment.

At CECOM and Team C4ISR, we must also use OPSEC. The technologies of Team C4ISR are highly targetable by hostile intelligence. Foreign intelligence entities (FIE) can target via computers, which is why we have a robust cybersecurity program. FIEs also look for our travelers in foreign countries who may be indiscrete or boast of knowledge pertaining to C4ISR. In turn, it is important to remember that when you travel to a foreign country for work or for vacation there is a reason you are required to get a foreign travel brief. Contact your local security manager or G2 for more information.

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# APG employees help keep Turkey Point Lighthouse shining bright

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APG News

For Tad Barteau, the Turkey Point Lighthouse isn't just a local historic landmark or a nautical beacon of light. It's "home," he says, and the lighthouse has a cherished place in his family's history.

"My great-grandma, Fannie Mae Salter, was the last light keeper at Turkey Point," said Barteau, an Army Test and Evaluation Command contractor surveyor at APG since 1991 who lives only a few minutes from the lighthouse.

"So, I grew up with stories about Turkey Point in my family. My mother lived there until she was 12, so when I'm in the lighthouse I think about her crawling around on the floor as an infant and toddler. It's my family place."

Barteau and fellow APG employee Tom Broughton, a CECOM technical writer-editor, are among several volunteers who give their time and energy to the Turkey Point Lighthouse every weekend between Easter and the end of October.

The lighthouse is located in Elk Neck State Park near North East, Md. The 181-year-old structure, which is about 50 minutes northeast of APG by car, was built by John Donahoo, the same architect behind APG's Pooles Island Lighthouse and the Concord Point Lighthouse in Havre de Grace. The three lighthouses were built to operate in concert with each other to safeguard mariners from shallow waters and hidden shoals in the upper Chesapeake Bay.

The 35-foot-tall Turkey Point Lighthouse, which was automated in 1947, was deactivated and decommissioned in April 2000. Two years later, the non-profit group Turkey Point Light Station Inc. (TPLSI) took over the stewardship of the light station, overseeing the maintenance of the lighthouse and the nearby oil house.

Broughton, a TPLSI volunteer for the past six years, admits he's not particularly a lighthouse aficionado. "We sometimes get people who might say 'I'm here!' like there's a shaft of light coming from the sky and the messiah has arrived," he says about some lighthouse enthusiasts. "I'm not one of those, but I enjoy getting outside and I'm attracted to history."

Broughton was recruited to volunteer at Turkey Point by a neighbor who was a past TPLSI president.

"Dean kept pestering me to become a volunteer and I kept telling him that I'm not a joiner," he recalls. "But I like giving back and North East is a neat town."

In their capacity as volunteers, Barteau and Broughton serve as docents and perform small repairs and cleaning



Courtesy photo  
Above: The Turkey Point Lighthouse in Elk Neck State Park was built in 1833 by John Donahoo, the same architect behind APG's Pooles Island Lighthouse and Havre de Grace's Concord Point Lighthouse. Turkey Point's adjacent lighthouse keeper's house was razed in 1972 after years of neglect and vandalism.

Photo by Alan Feiler  
Right: Tom Broughton (left) and Tad Barteau serve as volunteers at the Turkey Point Lighthouse. While Barteau is a surveyor at APG, Broughton is a technical writer-editor for CECOM. Barteau's great-grandmother, Fannie Mae Salter, was the last lighthouse keeper at Turkey Point.



chores at Turkey Point at least one day of one weekend a month.

"I try to offer [visitors] as much information as I can or that they listen to," says Barteau, whose great-grandfather, C.W. "Harry" Salter, was also a keeper of the lighthouse. "And I try to talk with them about the history of the area and get them oriented about where they are."

He pointed out that on any given day, four rivers -- the Susquehanna, the North East, the Sassafras and the Elk -- can be viewed from the lantern room of the lighthouse, which sits on a 100-foot bluff.

"It's a gorgeous place and the view is just incredible," he said.

Still, Barteau and Broughton feel the lighthouse -- which had a brief scene in the 1997 political thriller "Absolute Power" with Clint Eastwood -- suffers from a lack of exposure. Recently, TPLSI was informed the lighthouse will appear on state signage on Route 40 and I-95 that will hopefully point

more visitors toward the state park and lighthouse.

"Some people have lived in this area all their lives and don't know much about the lighthouse at all," Broughton says. "So we explain it all when they come visit us. It's really a family experience. People love it."

Approximately 4,900 tourists visit the lighthouse annually, with some coming from as far away as England, Russia and Japan, according to TPLSI president Rita Coleman. There is no charge to climb the lighthouse, but contributions are accepted.

Lighthouse supporters hope to eventually rebuild the once-adjacent lighthouse keeper's dwelling, which was razed by the state in 1972 after years of neglect and vandalism. That project would cost between \$550,000 to \$650,000, according to Broughton and Coleman.

A former cryptologic technician for the U.S. Navy, Broughton believes the lighthouse has another interesting feature

besides its rich history and panoramic view -- paranormal activity. He says while fielding questions from a Boy Scout troop several years ago, he felt something poke his shoulder sharply.

"I looked over my left shoulder and didn't see anybody, so I just kept talking," he says. "But I felt it a few more times. No breeze, no nothing. Another time, something touched the back of my leg while I was speaking to a visitor." He also says a visiting psychic once told him there were otherworldly energies ruminating inside the lighthouse.

Spirits and spooks aside, Broughton says he enjoys the camaraderie among the group of volunteers who keep the lighthouse accessible to the public. "While several people are involved, it's an interesting group and we are always looking for new volunteers," he says. "It's just a good thing to do."

For information about the Turkey Point Lighthouse, visit [www.tpls.org](http://www.tpls.org) or call 410-287-8170.



## Executive Resiliency

Approximately 50 Aberdeen Proving Ground senior leaders participated in a two-day Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Executive Resiliency Course June 10 and 11. The four-hour course, led by Philadelphia-based CSF2 small group instructor Megan Helf, gives an introduction to the 14 Master Resiliency Trainer modules and provides senior leaders with an understanding of the skills possessed by their unit Master Resilience Trainers. CSF2 is designed to build resiliency and enhance performance among Soldiers, their Families and Army civilians by providing hands-on training and self-development tools to cope with adversity and stress. Shown here (from right) Helf chats with Glenn Wait, deputy Garrison commander.

Photo by Alan Feiler

## FY 14 Annual Hydrant Flushing

DPW

The annual hydrant flushing at APG will start on June 23 and run thru Aug. 4. Flushing will be completed Monday thru Friday of each week between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. The schedule listed below is tentative and will be followed as closely as possible. Point of contact for this effort is Dennis Overbay at 443-206-8910 or City of Aberdeen representative, Roger Hall at 410-272-1449.

WEEK #	DATE	AREA
1	June 23 to June 27	2000, 3000 & 4000 Blocks
2	June 30 to July 4	4000, 5000 & 6000 Blocks
3	July 7 to July 11	4000, 5000 & 6000 Blocks
4	July 14 to July 18	Plumb Point & Start Restricted Areas
5	July 21 to July 25	ARL & Restricted Areas
6	July 30 to Aug. 4	ARL & Restricted Areas



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## At your service

### Teresa Wood Waitress

Teresa Wood is a waitress at Top of the Bay. A native of the Philippine capital of Manila who moved to the United States in 2000, she has worked for the facility for 11 years. Her husband, Michael Wood, is a retired Department of Defense civilian.

In her role at Top of the Bay, Wood waits

on customers, buses tables, serves food, operates the cash register, occasionally washes dishes (on an as-needed basis), and works events such as military ceremonial gatherings and weekend weddings.

Wood, who is known for her friendly smile and congenial manner, said she

thoroughly enjoys her job.

“I try to make people happy,” she said. “If they’ve had a bad day, I try to tell them a joke, to get their mind off things.” She also said she likes working with her colleagues at Top of the Bay. “Everyone here gets along,” she said. “It’s a nice place to work.”

In addition, Wood enjoys working in the historic facility, which once was the post Officers’ Club.

“The building is older than all of us, but I love it,” she said. “And I never get tired of that view.”

Although the food service industry occasionally draws cranky diners, Wood said she has never had any problems with Top of the Bay’s clientele.

“One-hundred percent of our customers are nice,” she said. “I’ve

never encountered anyone rude here. I believe that if you respect somebody, they will respect you back.”

While her customers come from a wide array of backgrounds and professions, Wood said she always strives to simply be herself and is never intimidated by patrons, regardless of their medals or stripes.

“I like to be myself, and I don’t get nervous around people,” she said. “You should always be yourself. And I like to work. I don’t like to sit. I don’t go to a gym, so this is like exercise for me. I’m always moving around. I’ve been moving around here for 11 years.”

Lunch is served in the Top of the Bay ballroom, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-278-2062; for catering services, call 410-278-2552.

# Understanding the Affordable Care Act

## OSJA Client Services Division

This article is provided to help you understand the Affordable Care Act and the importance of ensuring that you, as well as all your dependents, are in compliance with new federal law.

### Fees and fee waivers

As of Jan. 1, 2014, if you do not have health plan coverage that qualifies as minimum essential coverage, you may have to pay a fee that increases every year: from 1 percent of income (or \$95 per adult, whichever is higher) in 2014 to 2.5 percent of income (or \$695 per adult) in 2016. The fee for children is half the adult amount. These fees will begin in 2015 on 2014 federal income tax forms, and will reduce tax refunds by the total fee owed. Some people, including those with very low incomes, may be eligible for fee waivers.

Open enrollment ended March 31, 2014.

After this date, you cannot enroll in Marketplace coverage unless you have a qualifying life event such as moving to a new state, certain changes in your income, and changes in your family size (for example, if you marry, divorce, or have a baby).

If you did not enroll, or have un-enrolled Family members, you should continue to attempt to gain enrollment to avoid upcoming fees on your tax returns. There have been numerous waivers



and extensions of deadlines under the Affordable Care Act, so make sure you advise your tax preparer in 2015 if you have any uncovered months during 2014 so they may determine if you owe any fees for 2014.

### Minimum essential coverage

The Affordable Care Act, also known as the health care reform law, requires you to maintain basic health care coverage—called minimum essential coverage. Beginning in 2014, if you do not have minimum essential coverage, you may be charged a fee for each month you aren’t covered.

If you’re covered by any of the following in 2014, you meet the requirements and will not have to pay a penalty:

- Marketplace plans
- Individual insurance plans
- Employer plans (including COBRA and plans offered to Federal Civil Service workers)
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- TRICARE
- The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Veteran’s health care programs (including the Veterans Health Care Program, VA Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA), and Spina Bifida Health Care Benefits Program)
- Peace Corps Volunteer plans
- TRICARE
- The TRICARE program is considered minimum essential coverage. If you’re using any of the following health plan options, you have the

coverage required by the health care reform law:

- TRICARE Prime
- TRICARE Prime Remote
- TRICARE Prime Overseas
- TRICARE Prime Remote Overseas
- TRICARE Standard and Extra
- TRICARE Standard Overseas
- TRICARE For Life
- TRICARE Reserve Select (if purchased)
- TRICARE Retired Reserve (if purchased)
- TRICARE Young Adult (if purchased)
- US Family Health Plan

Additionally, minimum essential coverage if covered by either of these transitional health plans:

- Transitional Assistance Management Program (premium-free, 180 days)
- Continued Health Care Benefit Program (if purchased, 18-36 months)

### Insufficient health plans

Certain health care coverage does not meet the minimum essential coverage requirements and will result in a fee. Examples include:

- Coverage only for vision care or dental care
- Workers’ compensation
- Coverage only for a specific disease or condition
- Plans only providing discounts on medical services

### More information

Additional information regarding the ACA can be found on the ACA web site at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

Eligible individuals seeking legal services should contact the Client Services Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Bldg. 4305, 3rd floor, room 317 or call 410-278-1583. Attorney consultations require an appointment.

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# APG SUMMER SAFETY

## Maintain tires to stay safe on roadways

ISO

National Tire Safety Week was June 6-12 and the Installation Safety Office would like to remind drivers of the importance of tire maintenance.

Researchers and most experts agree that aged tires are a hidden danger on the road. Along with tread depth and proper tire maintenance, tire age is crucial to your safety. Aged tires have a higher potential for dramatic tread separation, which can lead to tragic endings for unsuspecting motorists. (See Photo 1)

### How can you tell when your tire was made so you can check age?

The Department of Transportation (DOT) came up with a serial number for tires, a code of four numbers at the end of the 12-digit DOT serial number can tell the consumer which week and year a tire was manufactured. (See Photo 2)

While tire life will ultimately depend on the tires' service conditions and the environment in which they operate, there are some general guidelines.

Some experts and vehicle manufacturers recommend that tires be replaced every six years regardless of use.

In addition, a number of tire manufacturers cite 10 years as the maximum service life for tires. Check the owner's manual for specific recommendations for your vehicle. Remember, it is

always wise to err on the side of caution if you suspect your vehicle has tires that are over six years of age.

### Tire pressure

Under inflation is a tire's #1 enemy. It results in unnecessary tire stress, irregular wear, loss of control and accidents. A tire can lose up to half of its air pressure and not appear to be flat.

### Alignment

Is your vehicle pulling to one side, or shaking? A bad jolt from hitting a curb or pothole can throw your front end out of alignment and damage your tires. Have your alignment checked periodically to ensure that your car is properly aligned.

### Rotation

Rotating your tires promotes uniform tire wear. Regularly rotating your vehicle's tires will help you achieve more uniform wear. Unless your vehicle owner's manual has a specific recommendation, the guideline for tire rotation is approximately every 5,000 miles.

### Tread

Measure it – and inspect it. Advanced and unusual wear can reduce the ability of tread to grip the road in adverse conditions. Visually check your tires for uneven wear, looking for high and low areas, or unusually smooth areas.

For more tips on tire maintenance and safety, visit the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center website at <https://safety.army.mil/>.



Courtesy photos (Photo 1) Above: This tire was bought as new -- it has never been on the road -- but was nearly 14 years old when purchased. Despite its deep treads, this tire's inside layers have been slowly decomposing and drying out, what experts say make it like "a ticking time bomb."



(Photo 2) Right: This picture indicates that the tire was made in the 41st week of 1994. Tires made in the 1990s have three numbers at the end of the DOT code, while tires made after 2000 have four numbers.

## 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; OPM 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For information, contact Joan Campbell at 410-278-5668 or [joan.s.campbell.civ@mail.mil](mailto:joan.s.campbell.civ@mail.mil).

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Parks, Denise  
Powell, Laura  
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Rodgers, Christopher  
Rushworth, Robert  
Sheckelford, Angela  
Sherrod, Irving  
Small, Errol

Solomon, Je'Neane  
Stewart, Kathleen  
Sumic, Angie  
Sweeney, Joseph  
Taylor, Audrey  
Teigue, Sarah  
Terrin, Danielle  
Trulli, Wayne  
Urban, Brenda  
Williams, Demetria  
Winne, Janeen

# APG NEWS

## This Week in APG News history

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News



### 50 Years Ago: June 18, 1964

**Clockwise from left:**  
Five newly-promoted E-8s gather around a chevron held by Sgt. Maj. Raymond Norris, center, after their promotion ceremony at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School headquarters. (From left) Master Sgts. Wayne River, Wayne Van Dyke, Richard Boyes, Alvin Davis and Harold Bowers.



(From left) Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Milton and 1st Sgt. LeRoy Baldwin of HHC Garrison accept the 1964 APG Intramural Bowling Roll-Off 1st-place trophy from Lt. Col. Kenneth Muhlemann after defeating the regular season champion, Kirk Army Hospital and four other teams to win the post title.

(From left) Future lifeguards, Pfc. Jon Heymers, Spc. Sharon Wolford and Spc. Barbara Mullins take instruction from Lawrence Kaye, deputy special services officer, during a senior lifesaving course.

### 25 Years Ago: June 21, 1989

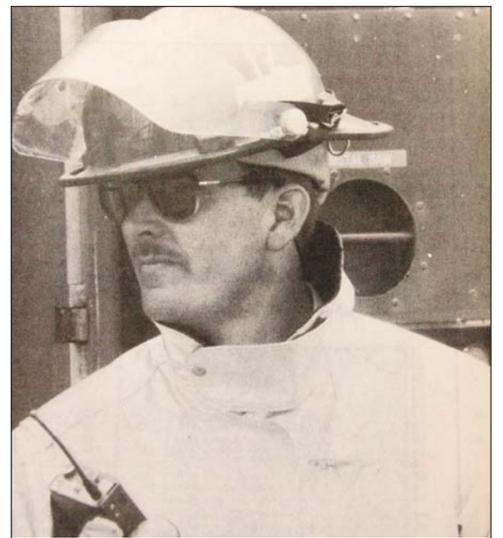
**Clockwise from top left:**  
Pvt. Darren Buzbee of Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion grimaces while doing push-ups during the first Community Recreation Division Army Physical Fitness Test competition at Fanshaw Field. Military and civilian teams of four competed in the push-ups, sit-ups and the two-mile run.



Capt. William Scott of Phillips Army Air Field fire station surveys activities during an emergency evacuation exercise for Safety Awareness Day.

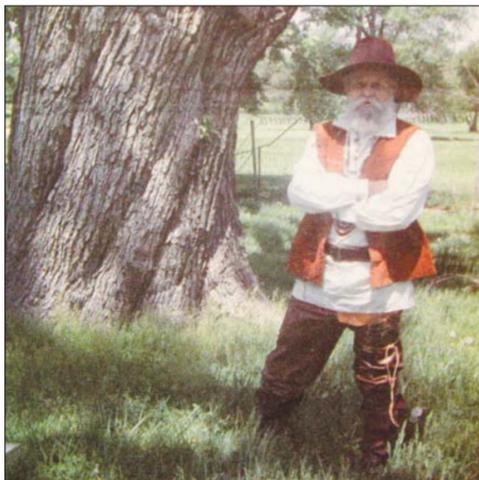


The roof of the Ryan building offers a vantage point from which Soldiers can be seen coming and going during the June 14, 1989 run for the Army birthday and Flag Day.



### 10 Years Ago: June 17, 2004

**Clockwise from left:**  
(From left) Col. Philip di Salvo, deputy director of the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, sprinkles a tree planted to honor the fallen with sand from Omaha Beach as former Staff Sgt. And World War II veteran Ralph Kelly looks on during the D-Day commemoration Ceremony at the Ordnance Museum June 4, 2004.



Karen Heroux of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center demonstrates how to use the four-foot chemical glove box on the 28-foot self-contained mobile trailer called STORM (Stations of Robotic Monitoring) during the Technology Partnering Showcase at Top of the Bay June 3, 2004.

Wearing historic mountain-men clothing, Joe Ondek, a contract environmental specialist, greets visitors to the Mitchell House open house during National Historic Preservation Week in May.



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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## TODAY

**JUNE 19**

### WOA MONTHLY MEETING

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association's Aberdeen-Edgewood "Silver" Chapter will meet 11:30 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, room 102. Lunch will be provided 11:30 a.m. and the meeting lasts from noon to 12:45 p.m.

For more information, contact retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Owen McNiff at 571-243-6561/443-861-1936 or email [omcniff@yahoo.com](mailto:omcniff@yahoo.com).

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Protestant Women of the Chapel will host Family Movie Night 6 to 8 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel. Bring the whole Family. For more information, contact Serenity Coats, PWOC president, at 419-250-3579 or email: [serenitycoats@hotmail.com](mailto:serenitycoats@hotmail.com).

## SATURDAY

**JUNE 21**

### SAVE THE DATE: ARMY BIRTHDAY BALL

Celebrate the Army's 239th birthday with an evening of dining, dancing and entertainment at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, 201 Waterfront Street on the National Harbor, MD 20745. Entertainment includes a unique, combined performance of the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own," the U.S. Army Field Band and the U.S. Army Soldier Show. For tickets and more information, visit <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/692317>.

## THURSDAY

**JUNE 26**

### CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITY CEREMONY

The APG Garrison invites the community to witness the transition from Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin to incoming Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams from Fort Carson, Colo., during a 1 p.m. change of responsibility ceremony at the post theater. For more information, call 410-278-1147.

### RAB MEETING

The next RAB meeting will be held on 7 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center, 1700 Van Bibber Road, in Edgewood. The topics of discussion will be an update on Other Edgewood Areas and Lauderick Creek Cluster 13. For more information, contact Karen Jobses at 410-278-6755 or email [karen.w.jobses.civ@mail.mil](mailto:karen.w.jobses.civ@mail.mil).

## MONDAY

**JUNE 30**

### WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY DEADLINE

In recognition of women winning the right to vote, Women's Equality Day will be observed with a guest speaker and awards ceremony in August. The event is sponsored by the U.S. Army Public Health Command and the APG Federal Women's Program committee.

The Outstanding Woman of the Year, Outstanding Supervisor/Manager of the Year and Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals award will be awarded at this time.

Submit nominations to Elizabeth Young, [elizabeth.h.young.civ@mail.mil](mailto:elizabeth.h.young.civ@mail.mil) or Tiffany Williams, [tiffany.n.williams.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tiffany.n.williams.civ@mail.mil) not later than Jun 30.

For nomination forms and samples, contact Teresa Rudd at 410-436-5501, [teresa.d.rudd.civ@mail.mil](mailto:teresa.d.rudd.civ@mail.mil).

## WEDNESDAY

**JULY 9TH**

### FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING

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

Training will be conducted by the APG Fire Department Fire Prevention Branch and will review what the post requires of tenants to assure fire safety in the buildings they occupy and for which they are responsible. It will include monthly inspection require-

ments fire extinguisher inspections.

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

## THURSDAY

**JULY 17**

### C4ISR HEALTH EXPO

The APG Community Health Promotion Council will host a Health EXPO 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mallette Mission Training Facility, Bldg. 6008. This event will include health screenings for vision, blood pressure, spinal scans and fat analysis and offer seated massage and advice on nutrition and tobacco cessation. Topics will focus on stress and weight management, financial wellness, sleep disorders, organizational skills, life insurance, physical fitness, dental care and more.

Guests can chat with representatives and view displays from the APG Army Wellness Center (AWC), Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP), Family & Morale Welfare and Recreation (FMWR), and various health care providers. Door prizes and promotional giveaways will be featured.

For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or email [tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil).

## ONGOING

### FEW SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE JULY 1

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW) is accepting applications for the Dottie Dorman Working Woman's Scholarship. The \$500 award is to offset college expenses incurred while in pursuit of continuing education.

Applicants must:

Be a female government employee (civilian or military) and employed in a federal job working in Baltimore, Cecil or Harford County.

Currently enrolled and pursuing college level studies at an accredited college or university.

Provide proof of enrollment for current semester.

Submit an essay explaining why they should be awarded the Dottie Dorman Working Woman's Scholarship.

All submissions should be typed and not exceed two pages.

Submit applications to: Maryland Tri-County Chapter of FEW, P.O. Box 1613, Bel Air, MD 21014

Criteria:

- You are currently in a position limited in promotion potential.
- There is lack of government funding.
- You are currently or recently involved in reduction-in-force (provide dates).
- All applications must be submitted by July 1.

For more information, contact Karen Jobses at 410-436-4299 or email [karen.w.jobses.civ@mail.mil](mailto:karen.w.jobses.civ@mail.mil).

### JUNE 23 THROUGH AUG. 4 HYDRANT FLUSHING

The annual hydrant flushing at APG will start on June 23 and run 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 443-206-8910, [dennis.a.overbay.civ@mail.mil](mailto: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, June 30 - Aug. 1
- Central Michigan University, July 9 - Aug. 19

For more information, contact the

Army Education Center at 410-306-2042/2037.

### 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the association and its 93rd annual reunion in Omaha, Ne. from Sept. 16 - 20, contact secretary-treasurer, Bob Haynes, at [2idahq@comcast.net](mailto:2idahq@comcast.net) or 224-225-1202.

### 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/](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/).

## INSIDE APG

APG commanders and subject matter experts will discuss topics of interest to the local community every Saturday and Wednesday at 7:50 a.m. during "Inside APG: Creating One Community Without a Gate," a monthly radio series on 970 WAMD. For more information about the series, to schedule or request an interview, call the Garrison Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1150. For previous interviews, follow these links: <http://youtu.be/a8vuMdxmG50>; <http://youtu.be/se7hTkwnbO8>

### 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.

July 16, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel  
 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](mailto: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:

June 5, 11 and 25; July 11, 23 and 29; and Aug. 5, 14 and 27.

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

### REPORT POWER OUTAGES TO CORVIAS MILITARY LIVING

During severe weather, all residential power outages should be reported to the Neighborhood Office at 410-305-1076. This will allow staff to determine if the outage is widespread or specific to the home and coordinate the responsible provider to restore power.

In the event a neighborhood office loses power, the phone system may also be affected. If the office cannot be reached, residents should call the following toll-free numbers to report outages and maintenance emergencies. Calls to the toll-free number will directly connect residents to the emergency on-call service.

APG: 1-866-958-5412  
 Patriot Village: 1-866-871-6257  
 NH Office: 410-305-1076

**CONSTRUCTION ALERT**

**Boothby Hill Road Partial Closing**

Between June 23 and July 11, Boothby Hill Ave between Bel Air Street and Aberdeen Boulevard will be closed to all traffic for repaving. The intersections at Bel Air, Frankford, Darlington and Combat will remain open.

There will be no through traffic at Havre de Grace, Susquehanna and Raritan. Motorists are cautioned to allow additional time for their commutes and to familiarize themselves with alternate routes. Those with destinations in the 5000 block will be able to access Havre De Grace Street from the Combat Drive / Convoy Road end. Havre de Grace Street traffic will not be able to cross Boothby Hill in either direction

**CONSTRUCTION ALERT**

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

# Slow down for the turtles, critters

By **JESS BAYLOR**  
DPW-Environmental Division

SLOW down for turtles! We are well into the time of year when all of the critters that call APG home are out and about enjoying spring, just as we love to do after a very long winter. One of those critters in particular is the turtle. There are many species of turtle at APG

They include the eastern box turtle (*Terrapene carolina*), snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*), eastern painted turtle (*Chrysemys picta*), eastern mud turtle (*Kinosternon subrubrum*), spotted turtle (*Clemmys guttata*), wood turtle (*Glyptemys insculpta*), red-eared slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*), northern red-bellied cooter (*Pseudemys rubriventris*), and eastern musk turtle (*Sternotherus odoratus*).

If traffic conditions are safe, drivers who notice a little lump trying to move as fast as its little feet can carry the heavy carapace across the road are asked to stop and allow the turtle to cross the road. Snapping turtles can and will bite humans so it is not advised to pick up a turtle to relocate it. Most turtle species have a very small home range. Not all turtles live in water and it is best to leave turtles where you find them, unless they are crossing the busy road.

Also, do not take turtles found in the wild home as pets. This has resulted in thousands of turtles disappearing from forests and fields.



Photo by Joe Ondek

Slow-moving turtles like these snapping turtles are in abundance on Aberdeen Proving Ground and unfortunately on APG roads. Drivers are asked to try to avoid running over turtles when safe to do so. It is not recommended that drivers pick up turtles to relocate them; only to allow them time to cross the road. Turtles can and will bite humans.

Unfortunately, incidents of turtles being hit on APG roads are becoming more common. With the help of Team APG we can help to save the lives of turtles each and every day. It is an easy step to remember, just slow down. And

remember, turtles are not the only critter you may encounter crossing the road, deer, opossum, skunks, groundhogs, snakes and turkeys are very common to see here at APG. We are working on getting awareness signage

posted in high traffic areas where high numbers of turtle mortality are being observed. For more information, contact Jess Baylor, Directorate of Public Works at 410-436-7198 or email [jessica.m.baylor.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jessica.m.baylor.civ@mail.mil).

## Exchange offers prizes for Homeward Bound Campaign

AAFES

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

Shoppers who visit the Exchange Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/AAFES](http://www.facebook.com/AAFES). BX.PX have a chance to win various prizes throughout the month, including:

- An MWR Vacations trip for two valued at \$999 or a 65-inch LG SMART television valued at \$1,699, June 27-July 10.

"The Homeward Bound giveaways are really heating up for June," said Exchange Chief of Staff Col. Tom Ockenfels. "Several military shoppers will have the chance to walk away winners."

To enter the Homeward Bound contests and for more information about upcoming promotions, visit [www.shopmyexchange.com/homewardbound](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/homewardbound).

## 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.

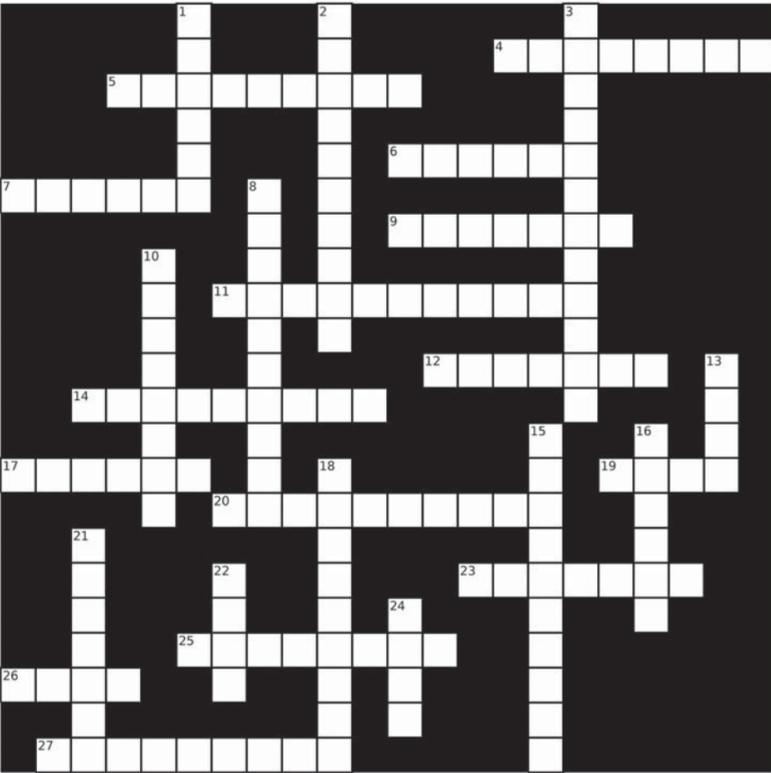
Through July 31, shoppers can enter the Promotion in Motion Smart Car Giveaway at Exchange locations worldwide for the chance to win one of two Smart cars, each valued at \$15,000.

"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](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ExchangeStores).

# 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. Safe \_\_\_\_\_ Water Act
- 5. Volatile Organic \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Total Organic \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. U.S. Army Combat Readiness/\_\_\_\_\_ Center
- 9. EFMP representative
- 11. Maximum \_\_\_\_\_ Level
- 12. Synthetic \_\_\_\_\_ Compounds
- 14. \_\_\_\_\_ contaminants
- 17. Fife and Drum Corps instruments include fifes, drums and \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. Bayside CDC director
- 20. Strong \_\_\_\_\_
- 23. Assistant adjutant general, Maryland Air National Guard
- 25. \_\_\_\_\_ Organic Compounds
- 26. Deputy to the Garrison Commander
- 27. Low \_\_\_\_\_ Support Services

- 13. ChalleNGe Academy director
- 15. Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Executive \_\_\_\_\_ Course
- 16. Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- 18. Division into two mutually exclusive, opposed or contrary groups
- 21. Turkey Point Light \_\_\_\_\_ Inc.
- 22. Waitress at Top of the Bay
- 24. \_\_\_\_\_ Day is celebrated the same day as the Army Birthday

**Down**

- 1. Exceptional \_\_\_\_\_ Member Program
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ was made a Texas state holiday in 1980.
- 3. Maximum Residual \_\_\_\_\_ Level
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ Care Act
- 10. Federally \_\_\_\_\_ Women

Solution to the June 12 puzzle



## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Dichotomy

Pronounced: dahy-kot-uh-mee

**Part of speech: Noun (plural, di-chot-o-mies)**

**Definition:**

- 1. Division into two parts, kinds, etc.; subdivision into halves or pairs
- 2. Division into two mutually exclusive, opposed, or contradictory groups: a dichotomy between thought and action
- 3. Botany. A mode of branching by constant forking, as in some stems, in veins of leaves, etc.
- 4. Astronomy. The phase of the moon or of an inferior planet when half of its disk is visible.

**Uses:**

- The huge dichotomy between the rich and the poor is one factor which separates the country.
- Experts in literature find no dichotomy between the author's early and late works.
- The main highlight of his mural is the visual dichotomy illustrating the difference between the moon and the sun.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

## ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

### NATO

**North Atlantic Treaty Organization**

NATO's essential purpose is to safeguard the freedom and security of its members through political and military means.

Politically, NATO promotes democratic values and encourages consultation and cooperation on defense and security issues to build trust and, in the long run, prevent conflict.

Militarily, NATO is committed to the peaceful resolution of disputes. If diplomatic efforts fail, however, it has the military capacity needed to undertake crisis-management operations. These are carried out under Article 5 of the Washington Treaty - NATO's founding treaty - or under a United Nations mandate, alone or in cooperation with other countries and international organizations.

There are currently 28 NATO members:

Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech, Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States.

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# Drinking water quality report for APG South (Edgewood) 2013

## About This Report

Once again, we are proud to present to you our annual drinking water quality report. This is the annual report concerning the quality of water delivered to the Edgewood Area of U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) for the period of Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013 (except where noted).

Under the Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), community water systems are required to report this water quality information to the consuming public. Presented in this report is information regarding the source of our water, its constituents and the health risks associated with any contaminants detected in quantities exceeding a drinking water regulatory maximum contaminant level (MCL), action level (AL) or treatment techniques (TT).

## How can impurities get in the water supply?

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can occur naturally or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may occur from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Consumers should be aware that drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

## Monitoring Your drinking water

The drinking water being delivered to the Edgewood area is pumped from

Winters Run and treated by the Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant located at Building E6110 on Route 755 (Edgewood Road), Edgewood, MD 21040. A source water assessment was completed in 2005 for our source (Winters Run) by the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE). The study found that our source, like most surface water sources in Maryland, is potentially most susceptible to non-point pollution from agricultural activities and urban stormwater runoff. The source water assessment report is available from MDE's Water Supply Program webpage under Source Water Protection [www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Water/Water\\_Supply](http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Water/Water_Supply).

Our water system uses only EPA-approved laboratory methods to analyze your drinking water. Our personnel collect water samples from the distribution system and from the Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant. Samples are then shipped to the accredited laboratory where a full spectrum of water quality analyses is performed. The results are reported to MDE. In the Edgewood Area, we monitor for the contaminant groups listed in Table 1 using EPA-approved methods. Table 1 also lists the monitoring frequencies for these contaminant groups.

## Definitions

- Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available treatment technology. Contaminants in drinking water, if detected, must be present in levels below the MCLs in order for the system to be in compliance with state and federal regulations.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. Please note that MCLGs are goals and not regulatory limits. Public drinking water systems are not required to meet MCLGs.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

## APG - Edgewood Area Water Quality Data (Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant)

Table 2 lists the only contaminants detected in the Edgewood Area drinking water distribution system during calendar year 2013 or, in some cases, during the most recent sampling period. We routinely monitor for a number of contaminants in the water supply to meet regulatory drinking water compliance requirements. Table 2 lists only

those contaminants that had some level of detection. Your drinking water has been analyzed for many other contaminants as well, but they were not detected in the Edgewood Area drinking water distribution system during 2013 or the most recent sampling period.

## TABLE 2 AND 3 NOTES:

1. The highest running annual average detected during 2013 is reported in the "Your Water" column and the range of individual results is presented in the "Range Detected" column.
  2. Removal of DBPP is monitored by measuring Total Organic Carbon (TOC) before and after treatment and computing a removal ratio. The running annual average ratios for both the Edgewood Area and Harford County systems were in compliance with this Treatment Technique for TOC during all of Calendar Year 2013.
  3. The detected level of these inorganic contaminants (IOC) is presented in the "Your Water" column. The range of detected levels is presented in the "Range Detected" column (the range of detection is not applicable (N/A) for the Edgewood Area System because IOCs are monitored once per year).
  4. Compliance for these parameters is demonstrated by comparing the 90th percentile of results to the regulatory Action Level for each parameter. This 90th percentile value is reported to you in the "Your Water" column. This value represents the concentration that ninety percent of the sites (not values) were below during the most recent round of monitoring (2012 for both systems). The range of values detected is presented in the "Range Detected" column.
  5. Compliance for this parameter is demonstrated by not having greater than one positive sample for the month. When a positive sample occurs, appropriate actions including recollection of samples are taken until the concern is addressed.
- At the Edgewood Area System in 2013 there were two positive samples out of 114 samples collected, one on

## ACRONYMS:

AL	Action Level
APG	Aberdeen Proving Ground
DBP	Disinfection By-Products
DBPP	DBP Precursors
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids
IOC	Inorganic Contaminants
L&C	Lead and Copper
M&T	Microorganisms and Turbidity
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal
MDE	Maryland Department of the Environment
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level
N/A	Not Applicable
ND	Not Detected
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
pCi/L	picocuries per liter
ppb	parts per billion
ppm	parts per million
RAD	Radionuclides
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
SOC	Synthetic Organic Compounds
TOC	Total Organic Carbon
TT	Treatment Technique
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes
UNREG	Unregulated Compounds
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds

## Contact Information:

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- Kelly Luster-Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147
- Richard Wiggins-Directorate of Public Works, 410-436-3808

**TABLE 1: Contaminant Groups and Monitoring Frequency**

Contaminant Group	Monitoring Frequency
Disinfection By-Products (DBP)	Quarterly
DBP Precursors (DBPP)	Monthly
Inorganic Compounds (IOC)	Once Per Year
Lead and Copper (L&C)	Once Every 3 Years
Microorganisms and Turbidity (M&T)	Daily
Radionuclides (RAD)	Once Every 3 Years
Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC)	Twice Per Year
Unregulated Contaminants (UNREG)	Once Every 5 Years
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	Once Per Year

July 19, 2013 (that also tested positive for E. coli), and one on August 12, 2013. All retests were negative.

6. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. Turbidity levels must be below 0.3 NTU in at least 95 percent of samples collected and never exceed 1 NTU to achieve compliance. For both the Edgewood Area and Harford County systems the percentages reported to you in the "Your Water" column are greater than 95 percent. The range of turbidity levels in NTU units is presented in the "Range Detected" column.

7. The level of these radiological contaminants (RAD) is presented in

the "Your Water" column and the range of individual results is presented in the "Range Detected" column. Because these contaminants are monitored once every three years, the range of detections is not applicable.

8. The annual average for the detected VOCs and SOCs are presented in the "Your Water" column, with the range of detected levels presented in the "Range Detected" column.

9. Chlorine is added to our drinking water to control the presence of microorganisms. The standard by which compliance with chlorine levels is determined is called the Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL). The MRDL is the highest level of a

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**TABLE 2: Contaminants Detected in Edgewood Area Drinking Water During Calendar Year 2013**

Substances We Detected (Units)	Group	Your Water	What's Allowed? (MCL)	Violation?	Range Detected	What's the Goal? (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
TTHM (ppb)1	DBP	69	80	NO	5.5 – 110	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)1	DBP	63	60	YES	ND – 150	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TOC (removal ratio)2	DBP	1.02	TT	NO	1.00 – 1.17	TT	Naturally present in the environment
Arsenic (ppb)3	IOC	3.4	10	NO	N/A	0	Erosion. Runoff from orchards.
Barium (ppm)3	IOC	0.032	2	NO	N/A	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)3	IOC	0.12	4	NO	N/A	4	Water additive to promote strong teeth
Nitrate (ppm)3	IOC	3.2	10	NO	N/A	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; natural deposits
Selenium (ppm)3	IOC	11	50	NO	N/A	50	Erosion. Discharge from petroleum refineries.
Lead (ppb)4	L&C	14	15 (AL)	NO	< 2 - 67	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Copper (ppm)4	L&C	0.54	1.3 (AL)	NO	0.01 – 2.8	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Total Coliform (presence)5	M&T	1	1 positive sample/				
month	NO	absent-present	0	Naturally present in the environment.			
Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Bacteria (presence)5	M&T	1		NO	absent-present	0	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity (NTU)6	M&T	0.20 NTU 100%	TT=1 NTU TT=% of samples <0.3 NTU	NO	N/A	TT	Soil runoff
Chlorine (ppm)9	VOC	2.6	4	NO	0.90 - 4.40	4	Water additive to control microbes

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disinfectant allowed in drinking water. The annual average chlorine level is presented in the “Your Water” column with the range of detected concentrations presented in the “Range Detected” column. The Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) is the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

10. The detected level of these unregulated contaminants (UNREG) is presented in the “Your Water” column and the range of detected levels is presented in the “Range Detected” column.

**Harford County Water Quality Data**

APG is not permitted to withdraw water from Winters Run during periods of low stream flows, as is often the case during drought conditions or during periods of maintenance to the Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant. When source water cannot be pumped from Winters Run, the water supplied to you through the Edgewood Area drinking water distribution system is actually provided by Harford County.

In Calendar Year 2013, Harford County provided you with drinking water from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, supplying 79.89 million gallons of water. In accordance with the Consumer Confidence Rule, we are required to provide you with water quality data for ALL sources of your drinking water. Table 3 lists the contaminants that were detected in Harford County drinking water during Calendar Year 2013. Harford County’s annual Water Quality Reports are posted on the County’s website at [www.harfordcountymd.gov](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov).

**Maximum Contaminant Level Violation - Edgewood Area System**

Routine testing of the APG Edgewood Area drinking water supply during 2013 showed that water at building

E5800 exceeded the State of Maryland MCL for haloacetic acids (HAA5), a disinfection by-product (DBP). The third quarter calendar year (3QCY13) HAA5 running annual average (LRAA) at building E5800 was 63 ppb, exceeding the 60 ppb MCL, measured as a running annual average. To determine HAA5 compliance, a running annual average is calculated using results from the four most recent quarters. APG Edgewood Area is required to test for HAA5 quarterly at two locations - buildings E5800 and E4301.

When 3QCY13 sampling results indicated a potential non-compliance with the HAA5 MCL, The APG Directorate of Public Works (DPW) initiated a switch to Harford County-supplied water in October 2013. The use of Harford County water, which has low DBPs, ensures consumers a safe supply. However, the 4QCY13 annual average result for building E5800 was 61.5 ppb, exceeding the MCL, which led MDE to issue a notice of violation in February 2014.

HAA5 are by-products which are formed when water containing natural organic matter is chlorinated during the water treatment process. The formation of these DBPs at low levels is not unusual and do not pose an immediate health risk. APG Edgewood Area water consumers did not need to take any action following the notice of violation. People who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

The most recent water testing conducted in 1QCY14 indicated that the APG Edgewood Area drinking water met all regulatory requirements and is safe to consume. The APG Edgewood Area water treatment plant is currently undergoing equipment upgrades to help reduce the DBP levels. During this time water is still being purchased from Harford County to ensure an uninterrupted supply of safe drinking water to APG

Edgewood Area. Therefore, in April 2013 the water system was restored to compliance for this MCL violation.

**Additional notes regarding your drinking water**

Lead, if present at elevated levels, can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. APG is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Special Precautions: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

**Your water is safe to drink**

As you can see by the tables in this re-

port, some contaminants were detected in the water provided to you by APG and by Harford County. Your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state drinking water health standards during Calendar Year 2013, except for the MCL violation for HAA5 as described above.

For more information, please call Richard Wiggins, DPW at 410-436-3808. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

We want our customers to be informed about their drinking water system. If you have additional questions or concerns, the following APG contacts can be reached by telephone or email.

- Richard Wiggins – Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division 410-436-3808; richard.j.wiggins6.civ@mail.mil

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- Kelly Luster – Public Affairs Office 410-278-1147; kelly.c.luster.civ@mail.mil

- Other means of communication and community outreach at APG regarding drinking water are as follows:

- Public Works Service Desk – 410-306-1400

- Military Housing, Corvias – 410-305-1706

- Installation Website – [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil) with various links under ‘Connect with us’ to APG on Facebook, Twitter, DoD’s Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE), etc.

- Installation Town Hall Briefings – Held at APG post theater and regularly scheduled as announced on APG’s website under ‘Community’.

**TABLE 3: Contaminants Detected in Harford County Drinking Water During Calendar Year 2013**

Substances We Detected (Units)	Group	Your Water	MCL	Violation?	Range Detected	MCLG	Typical Source of Contaminant
TTHM (ppb)1	DBP	32	80	NO	10 - 49	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)1	DBP	21	60	NO	6 – 33	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TOC (removal ratio)2	DBPP	N/A	TT	NO	0.8 – 3.4	TT	Naturally present in the environment
Arsenic (ppb)3	IOC	0.4	10	NO	ND – 0.5	0	Erosion. Runoff from orchards.
Barium (ppm)3	IOC	0.06	2	NO	0.03 – 0.11	2	Erosion. Drilling waste & metal refineries.
Beryllium (ppb)3	IOC	0.04	4	NO	ND – 0.12	4	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace & defense industries
Cadmium (ppb)3	IOC	0.04	5	NO	ND – 0.11	5	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries & paints
Chromium (ppb)3	IOC	1.2	100	NO	ND – 4.0	100	Erosion. Discharge from steel & pulp mills.
Fluoride (ppm)3	IOC	1.0	4	NO	0.1 - 1.0	4	Erosion. Water treatment additive
Mercury (ppb)3	IOC	0.08	2	NO	0.05 – 0.10	2	Erosion. Discharge from factories & refineries.
Nitrate (ppm)3	IOC	4.1	10	NO	1.0 – 4.12	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)3	IOC	1.1	50	NO	ND – 3.2	50	Erosion. Discharge from petroleum refineries.
Turbidity (NTU)6	M&T	0.28 NTU 100%	TT=1 NTU TT=% of samples <0.3 NTU	NO	N/A	TT	Soil runoff
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)7	RAD	2	15	NO	2	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Beta (pCi/L)7	RAD	4.2	50	NO	4.2	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Radium-226, 228 (pCi/L)7	RAD	1.5	5	NO	1.5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
1,1-Dichloroethene (ppb)8	SOC	0.04	7	NO	ND – 0.08	7	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Atrazine (ppb)8	SOC	0.1	3	NO	ND – 0.3	3	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate (ppb)8	SOC	0.07	400	NO	0.07 – 0.08	400	Discharge from chemical factories
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (ppb)8	SOC	0.18	6	NO	0.15 - 0.22	0	Discharge from rubber & chemical factories
Ethyl Benzene (ppb)8	SOC	9.3	700	NO	ND – 12.3	700	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Simazine (ppb)8	SOC	0.098	4	NO	0.080 – 0.116	4	Herbicide runoff
Toluene (ppb)8	SOC	0.03	1000	NO	ND – 0.06	1000	Discharge from petroleum factories
Total Xylenes (ppm)8	SOC	0.03	10	NO	ND – 0.06	10	Discharge from petroleum & chemical factories
Trichloroethene (ppb)8	SOC	0.2	5	NO	ND – 0.3	0	Discharge from metal degreasing sites
Chlorine (ppm)9	VOC	3.6	4	NO	0.7 – 3.6	4	Water additive to control microbes
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene (ppb)10	UNREG	1.5	N/A	NO	ND – 2.6	N/A	Solvent used in laboratories & electronic industry
Butylbenzylphthalate (ppb)10	UNREG	0.04	N/A	NO	0.03 – 0.04	N/A	Used as a plasticizer for vinyl foams
Chlorate (ppb)10	UNREG	285	N/A	NO	60 – 430	N/A	Used in pyrotechnics; naturally occurring
Chromium 6 (ppb)10	UNREG	1.3	N/A	NO	ND – 1.3	N/A	Used for chrome plating, dyes, pigments and leather
Cobalt (ppb)10	UNREG	0.04	N/A	NO	ND – 0.16	N/A	Used in production of certain high performance alloys
Diethylphthalate (ppb)10	UNREG	0.06	N/A	NO	0.05 – 0.07	N/A	Industrial uses include plasticizers, detergent bases & aerosols
Dimethylphthalate (ppb)10	UNREG	0.01	N/A	NO	ND – 0.03	N/A	Used in solid rocket propellants, plastics & insect repellents
Di-n-butylphthalate (ppb)10	UNREG	0.23	N/A	NO	0.15 – 0.30	N/A	Used as an additive to adhesives or printing inks
Isopropylbenzene (ppb)10	UNREG	0.15	N/A	NO	ND – 0.3	N/A	Constituent of crude oil & refined oils
Metolachlor (ppb)10	UNREG	0.11	N/A	NO	0.09 – 0.12	N/A	Runoff from herbicide used on crops
Molybdenum (ppb)10	NREGU	0.01	N/A	NO	ND – 0.05	N/A	Used as compounds in chemical applications & making alloys
N-propylbenzene (ppb)10	UNREG	0.4	N/A	NO	ND – 0.7	N/A	Used to make other chemicals
Nickel (ppb)10	UNREG	3.4	N/A	NO	1.6 – 5.8	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Perfluorooctanoic Acid (ppb)10	UNREG	0.1	N/A	NO	ND – 0.02	N/A	Used as water & oil repellent in fabrics & leather; production of floor waxes
Strontium (ppb)10	UNREG	128	N/A	NO	ND – 130	N/A	Used in manufacturing of television cathode ray tubes; refining of zinc; in toothpaste
Vanadium (ppb)10	UNREG	0.08	N/A	NO	ND – 0.30	N/A	Used as alloy additive, “ferrovanadium,” to improve steels
Contaminant	Group	AL	90th %	Number of Samples >AL	Violation?	Typical Source	
Copper4	L&C	1.3	0.13	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems	

# PHC kicks off performance triad

Public Health Command promotes sleep, activity, nutrition during Performance Triad kick-off week

By **CHANEL S WEAVER**  
USAPHC

It's not every day that one can convince more than 80 employees from the U.S. Army Public Health Command to voluntarily report before sunrise, but that's exactly what occurred on the morning of June 4.

On this particular day, these employees, clad in their diverse workout attire, showed up for a "Fun Run"—which consisted of a two-mile walk or five-kilometer run around APG South (Edgewood) in Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. The day was special because it was part of the Performance Triad kick-off week, an Army medicine initiative to motivate individuals to focus on three components that build and sustain individual health and unit readiness—sleep, activity and nutrition.

Although some may grimace at the thought of getting up so early to work out, these public health staff members saw it as an opportunity to take charge of their own good health.

"It's a real treat for me to be here," said Heather Sands, who works in the command's G-2 office. "Many aspects of my job require me to be sedentary, and it feels good to get active and breathe the fresh, crisp air."

Public Health Command employees were not the only individuals who showed up for the early morning walk.

Maj. Beth Sprangel, who works at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, was also in attendance. She and Dr. Rebecca Benisch, a USAPHC food safety specialist, walk together most days.

"If you can fit activity into your day



Photos by Graham Snodgrass  
**Bill Monk reviews a brochure that explains Performance Triad concepts. Monk was one of more than 80 employees from the USAPHC to voluntarily participate in the USAPHC Fun Run June 4.**

and with your friends, it is a win-win for physical and mental health," said Sprangel. "I am delighted to be here and give my support."

After receiving words of encouragement from both John Resta, director of

the USAPHC's Army Institute of Public Health, and Lt. Col. David Bowerman, USAPHC chaplain—as well as a safety brief from USAPHC 1st Sgt. Mahlon Thomas—the participants were on their way.

At the conclusion of the "Fun Run," they enjoyed healthy snacks to emphasize the importance of refueling after strenuous exercise.

Many of the participants also received water bottles to show the importance of staying hydrated; hand sanitizers to remind them to wash their hands frequently; and pamphlets that addressed all aspects of healthy living.

The Fun Run was not the only activity held for the kick-off. USAPHC employees also had the opportunity to attend a class on developing healthy sleep habits.

"Getting a good night's sleep is really tougher than you think," said Resta. "It requires discipline, and a commitment to ensure that your body and mind are adequately refreshed. When I am successful at getting enough sleep, I notice that I feel better and have more energy."

Another aspect of the week's activities allowed USAPHC employees to attend an open house at the APG South (Edgewood) Army Wellness Center to learn about free services that can help individuals attain a healthy lifestyle.

AWCs are a key element in the Army surgeon general's long-term strategy of refocusing Army medicine from a health-care system to a system for health by emphasizing primary prevention, which means stopping diseases and chronic conditions before they start. AWCs directly support the Performance Triad. They offer six core programs including health assessment review, physical fitness, healthy nutrition, stress management, general wellness education, and tobacco education. Each of these programs is based in science and uses the highest sports medicine, fitness training and health standards to help Army military and civilian personnel create environments where healthy behavior can take place.

Although the Performance Triad kick-off week was only five days in duration, it is the hope of the USAPHC that employees will continue to incorporate healthy habits into their lives.

"A healthy lifestyle is not something that happens in the doctor's office or a clinic—it starts with you, and health is determined by your day-to-day decisions," said Resta. "Sleep, activity and nutrition are vital components to healthy living."

# Ceremony hails Army of Professionals

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We serve the American people."

Crawford, assisted by CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent, led a cake cutting of the Army birthday cake to close the program. Participants included Dobson, James Amato, director of the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA), representing the installation tenants; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph Llanos of the U.S. Army Public Health Command and the installation's oldest Soldier; and Pvt. Daniel Brown, 22D Chemical Battalion the installation's youngest Soldier.

After the ceremony, guests took photos and chatted with The Fife and Drum Corps team members.

"I just loved them," said Donna Robinson, a Maryland Gold Star Mother from Baltimore. "We just love coming to APG."

Janice Chance, Maryland Gold Star Mother president and chaplain, said it was an honor to witness the performance.

"Watching these men and women perform makes you believe in the Soldiers who are doing everything to preserve and protect our freedom," she said. "We never forget our mission is to honor your service."

**Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps**  
[www.fifeanddrum.army.mil](http://www.fifeanddrum.army.mil)

The musicians of the unit recall the days of the American Revolution. They wear uniforms patterned after those worn by the musicians in George Washington's Continental Army — circa 1784 — which consists of black tricorne hats, white wigs, waistcoats, colonial coveralls, and distinct red regimental coats.

The drum major wears the light-infantry Cap and carries an esponentoon — an 18th century weapon carried by



Photo by Sean Kief

(From left) APG Senior Commander Brig. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford leads the traditional cutting of the Army birthday cake during APG Army birthday festivities at the post theater June 12. Participating with Crawford is Pfc. Stacy Dobson, who sang the national anthem, HHC Garrison; James Amato, director of the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA); Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph Llanos, U.S. Army Public Health Command and the installation's oldest Soldier; Pvt. Daniel Brown, 22D Chemical Battalion and the installation's youngest Soldier; and CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent.

officers — which is used to issue silent commands.

The Corps has entertained millions of people in major parades, pageants and historical celebrations throughout the nation and has served as a good-

will ambassador in Europe, Australia and Canada. Along with major sporting events including Super Bowl XVI, the Kentucky Derby, the Indianapolis 500 and the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y., the Corps supports

the President at all armed forces arrival ceremonies for visiting dignitaries and heads of state at the White House and has participated in every Presidential Inaugural Parade since President John F. Kennedy in 1961.

## Send newspaper submissions to the APG News

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

# Cadets urged to continue on path of excellence

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land Air National Guard, Brig. Gen. Allyson Solomon urged the cadets to continue on the path of excellence.

"Embrace some solid goals and accomplish them," she said. "Our state, our nation needs you to be a success."

Solomon noted that after the cadets graduate, they enter a post-residential phase, where they work closely with mentors in their community. The cadets are placed into jobs, continue their education or enter the military.

The keynote speaker, Wesley Collier Jr., a graduate of Class #17 in 2001, encouraged the cadets to make positive choices, consistently. Collier said after he graduated from Freestate, his friends tempted him to make bad decisions. Eventually, at age 20, he decided the best option for him was to leave Baltimore and enlist in the Army. Now Collier has a successful career as a police officer serving in Seattle, Wash.

"The choices you make in the next several years will significantly impact your life," he said. "The real challenge starts once you walk out that door."

Class speakers, cadets James Hernandez and Stephanie Anatsui shared their stories of achievement before the presentation of awards and certificates, led by Rose, Solomon, Collier and ChalleNGe 1st Sgt. Job Stringfellow.

After the ceremony Peggi Trusty, mother of Cadet Darius Monroe said she felt very proud seeing her son finish the program.

"I am so ecstatic," she said. "I can't wait to see what happens next."

Monroe said there were times during the 22-week program when he thought about quitting, but he decided to persevere.

"It helps knowing that there are people that love you and want you to succeed,"

he said. "It feels good to complete the program."

### Scholarships and awards

The top awards for Class #41 graduates went to the following:

- Awards**
  - Cadet of the Cycle, \$200, Dallas Anderson
  - Most Improved Cadet, \$200, Marlon Zeledon Jr. and DeAnn Lewis



Photo by Rachel Ponder  
(From left) Steven Rostek hugs his niece Cadet Zoie Perry after the Maryland National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Academy completion ceremony at the APG post theater June 14.

- Commandant Award for Leadership, \$200, Kayland Brown
- FCA Academic Excellence Award, \$200, Christian Zapata
- FCA Physical Fitness Award, \$200, Vivian Sandoval Carcus and Darius Monroe
- Scholarships**
  - Rotary Club of Towson, \$1,000, Wei Dupeyron
  - Nancy H. Sevier Scholarship, \$1,000, Carla Baiza
  - Maryland National Guard Foundation, \$1,000, Leonel Gomez
  - PEDRO 66 Award, \$1,000, Andrew Ly
  - Edward St. John Foundation, \$1,000, Janice Pena and DeAndre Banks
  - Raytheon Corporation, \$1,000, Damon Baylor Jr.
  - National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Foundation, \$1,000, Christian Zapata, Dion Sloan, Dakota Doyla and Justin Dice
  - Harford Community College, \$2,500, Thomas Ventura and Rashad Byrd

# Program provides head start to kindergarten

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September and wraps up in May. The preparatory curriculum includes math, reading, writing, social studies, science, music, Spanish and physical education.

After the little graduates, clad in blue caps and gowns, marched into the youth center's gym to "Pomp and Circumstance," student Maylee Lazzaro led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. During the program, the children demonstrated their musical skills by singing "A Ram Sam Sam" led by music teacher Sylke Bargsten. Later, they sang the "Hola Song" and "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" in Spanish, led by Spanish teacher Yani Peyton.

Strong Beginnings Lead Program Assistant Tomeika Dyer presented diplomas with assistance from Program Assistant Rose De La Paz and Program Associate Pre-K Michelle Wood. The children also received special awards for Spanish, physical education and music.

Bayside CDC Director Annie Hite said she enjoyed seeing the children learn and grow throughout the year.

"I am proud of the way the children



Photo by Rachel Ponder  
(From left) Dennis Young and Aidan Thiebaud sing "Itsy Bitsy Spider" in Spanish during the graduation ceremony for the Bayside Child Development Center Strong Beginnings program June 12 at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center.

looked forward to learning new things every day," she said. "It is amazing, the transformation the children have gone through."

At the end of the ceremony, Hite announced that the graduates will move on to kindergarten and are the "Class of 2027." Afterwards, the children danced to "Happy" by Pharrell Williams.

Tran Nguyen, a civilian spouse, said she was amazed at how much progress her daughter, Jamie, made during the school year.

"She can read and write her name, read simple books and speak Spanish," Nguyen said.

Grandparents Connie and Tom Thiebaud said they were happy to see their grandson, Aidan, reach this milestone.

"We are looking forward to attending all his graduations," Tom said.

The Strong Beginnings Program resumes in September for ages 4 and 5. The program is available at APG's three CDCs. For more information about Child, Youth and School Services programs visit [http://www.apgmwr.com/family/youth\\_services.html](http://www.apgmwr.com/family/youth_services.html).

# LISS application periods start July 1, Jan. 1

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developmental disabilities living in the community. LISS grants may include, but are not limited to respite care, camps,

individual and Family counseling, personal care, specialized equipment, housing adaptations, medical equipment purchases, and more.

The LISS program provides funding up to \$2,000 per person for the 2014 fiscal year. LISS will not reimburse for expenses previously paid prior to the request for funding. It is not once in a lifetime, nor income based.

### 2014 LISS changes

The maximum amount has been lowered to \$2,000 for 2014. This will allow more Families to benefit from the funding.

There are two month-long application periods: July 1 to July 31 and Jan. 1 to Jan. 31. Funding will be given out through a random selection process at the end of each application period.

Those not receiving funds in the first round are eligible to apply for the second application period. Be sure to save a copy of the application.

To complete a LISS application the following is needed:

- Driver's license/evidence of Maryland residency
- Child's medical assistance card (if available)
- Child's identification (birth certificate, etc.)
- Documentation of Disability:

- IEP-First page with diagnosis and last two pages that are the description page, or an evaluation report or autism waiver

- Invoices of any future services or items (LISS will not reimburse)

### Application information

New LISS forms, providers and additional information can be found on the DDA website at <http://dda.dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/liss.aspx>

### Workshop Date

Workshops to assist Families with applying for LISS will be held 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 25 at The Arc of Northern Chesapeake, 4513 Philadelphia Road Aberdeen, MD 21001. No walk-ins will be accepted. There will not be respite. Families must RSVP by Friday, June 20 to Tosha Johnson at 410-836-7177 ext. 383, or Vanessa Bolding ext. 373; or email: [tjohnson@arcncr.org](mailto:tjohnson@arcncr.org) or [vbolding@arcncr.org](mailto:vbolding@arcncr.org).

Forms and additional assistance is available through the APG Army Community Service, Exceptional Family Member Program, Building 2503 Highpoint Road, APG MD 21005. Call 410-278-2420 or email [nancy.e.goucher.civ@mail.mil](mailto:nancy.e.goucher.civ@mail.mil).

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Did you know today is Juneteenth, a holiday commemorating the abolition of slavery in America?

Though President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on Sept. 22, 1862 with an effective date of Jan. 1, 1863, Texas did not comply until 2,000 federal troops enforced the order with the reading of General Order No. 3 in Galveston, Texas by Union Gen. Gordon Granger (pictured at right) on June 19, 1865.

Former slaves rejoiced in the streets, thus the name Juneteenth.

The word Juneteenth is a blend – or portmanteau - of June and nineteenth and is recognized as a state holiday or special day of observance in most states.

The celebrations continued into the early 20th century but declined in popularity during the Civil Rights era and beyond.

Interest rekindled throughout the 1980s and 1990s within communities and organizations.

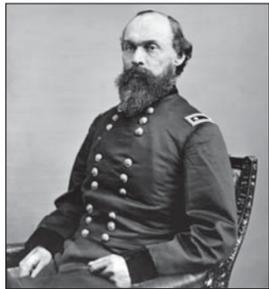
Juneteenth was made a Texas state holiday in 1980.

In 1996 the first legislation to recognize Juneteenth Independence Day was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1997 Congress recognized the day through Senate Joint Resolution 11 and House Joint Resolution 56.

In 2013, the Senate passed Senate Resolution 175 acknowledging Lula Briggs Galloway, late president of the National Association of Juneteenth Lineage, who successfully worked to bring national recognition to Juneteenth Independence Day and the continued leadership of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation.

As of May 2013, 43 U.S. states (including Maryland) and the District of Columbia have recognized Juneteenth as either a state holiday or special day of observance.



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## MORE ONLINE

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# APG SNAPSHOT

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APG leaders and spouses and U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps members pose together after the group's Army Birthday performance at the post theater June 12. (From left) Pfc. Matthew Harp, emcee; Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin; Vicky McClinton; Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton; Drum Major Staff Sgt. Jonathan DeWitt; APG Senior Commander Brig. Gen. Bruce Crawford and his wife, Dianne Crawford, Gloria Dent and CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent.

## PROFESSIONALS, PATRIOTS OBSERVE ARMY BIRTHDAY



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### Clockwise from top left:

Brig. Gen. Bruce Crawford, APG Senior Commander greets an Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps drummer; drum major Staff Sgt. Jonathan DeWitt explains how Soldiers of the Fife and Drum Corps stay with the unit their entire careers while chatting with APG Garrison Adjutant Janet Dettwiler; Fife and Drum Corps drummers execute precision hand movements during the performance.

The U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps is the official ceremonial unit and escort to the President of the United States. The Corps of musician Soldiers perform 12, 22 and 33 member shows throughout the year. The Corps leadership includes Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joseph M. Newby, commander; Sgt. Maj. William E. White Jr., Corps sergeant major; and Master Sgt. Russell Smith, field first sergeant.

Upcoming performances for the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps include:

- Saturday, June 28, 6 p.m., Military Tattoo, Fort McHenry, Baltimore
  - Friday, July 4, 9 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Ceremony, Charlottesville, Va.
  - Friday, July 4, 10 a.m., National Archives Independence Day, Washington, D.C.
  - Friday, July 4, 11:45 a.m., National Independence Day Parade, Washington, D.C.
  - Saturday, July 5, 6 p.m., Military Tattoo, Fort McHenry, Baltimore
- To request a performance, visit the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps website at [http://www.fifeanddrum.army.mil/request\\_procedure.html](http://www.fifeanddrum.army.mil/request_procedure.html).



## AEC Soldiers, civilians celebrate Army birthday

(From left) Master Sgt. Linwood Parker, ATEC Operations noncommissioned officer; Lorrie Chieffo, of the Army Evaluation Center workforce development office; and AEC Maj. Rob Barnhill, lead a cake-cutting celebrating the Army's 239th birthday with U.S. Army Evaluation Center personnel June 13. During the celebration, Col. Warline S. Richardson, AEC military deputy, (not shown) reminded personnel of the impact they make each day in the Army Profession. She expressed her gratitude for citizens who choose to serve the nation with competence, character and commitment, all hallmarks the Army Professional. "We [Soldiers and civilians] serve as a total force, a hybrid mix of Army professionals who share the same professional ethic," said Richardson. "As we celebrate the Army's birthday this year, let us all remember to serve with valor and integrity while living the Army values and recognize those who [sacrificed] for the freedoms we all enjoy today. Happy 239th birthday, Army!"

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