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Training addresses suicide, substance abuse issues

By **ALAN FEILER**
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Last summer, Curtis Thompson was paying a visit to Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala., when he met Roderrick "Skip" Johnson, a



Johnson

substance abuse/suicide prevention program manager for the U.S. Army Materiel Command Wellness Division. He was impressed, to say the least, and he knew he had to bring Johnson to APG.

"He's a professional and very passionate about his work," said Thompson, a retired Army officer who works in the Transition/Wellness Office at the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity at APG South (Edgewood). "He delivers the message in a very different way. It's hard to explain, you have to be there in attendance to feel the difference.

"Some of these speakers, you're like, 'Hurry up, hurry up!' But Skip leaves you with a taste in your mouth for more. He's got the gift. Folks will be in for a real treat."

The APG Army Substance Abuse Program will present Johnson March 26 and 27 for a series of two-hour training sessions, one on substance abuse and one on suicide prevention. On March 26, the first session will be held at CECOM/Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000, from 9 to 11 a.m. and also at the Post Theater, Bldg. 3245, from 1-3 p.m. The following day, the sessions will be held at the

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Photo by USAF Senior Airman Susan Moreno

Dust and noise, generated by APG test missions, like the event shown here at an APG test site, are the focus of a Joint Land Use Study currently looking at ways to accommodate new growth and economic development with surrounding communities, and protect public health, safety and the environment while protecting operational missions. JLUS findings will be released February 2015.

APG JLUS aims to promote compatibility with communities

By **ALAN FEILER**
APG News

It all comes down to being a good neighbor, according to Robert J. Melascaglia, installation master planner for the Master Planning Division at APG's Directorate of Public Works.

Melascaglia was referring to the Joint

Land Use Study, or JLUS, currently being conducted at APG. The JLUS is a cooperative planning effort between an active military installation, surrounding cities and counties, state and federal agencies and other stakeholders.

"That's the goal," Melascaglia said. "If there's housing right outside our

boundary, we're not going to build an industrial complex parcel next to it. We would build something similar to their land use, and we'd expect the same of them. It's a two-way street where we identify encroachment issues and how to minimize them. The counties have to

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FWP training workshop set for March 31

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

In honor of Women's History Month, the APG community is invited to attend a free training workshop from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mallette Training Facility, Bldg. 6008, March 31. The free annual event is hosted by the installation's Federal Women's Program (FWP) committee.

Workshop-goers will have the opportunity to attend one training in the morning and one training in the afternoon. In keeping with the 2014 National Women's History Month theme -- "Celebrating

Women of Character, Courage and Commitment" -- attendees will hear a presentation by U.S. Army Reserve Deputy Chief Maj. Gen. Marcia Anderson. Anderson has served since 2011 as the senior advisor to the Chief, Army Reserve on policies and programs for the USAR including

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Rachel Acevedo, from the Civilian Human Resource Agency, sang "I am Woman (Hear me Roar)," by Helen Reddy, at last year's Women's History Month observance at the Mallette Training Facility March 13.

Photo by Sean Kief



ROVR collects animal health records

By **JANE GERVASONI**
U.S. Army Public Health Command

Military Families value their electronic health record system and are grateful that they no longer have to take paper copies of their health records with them each time they move. Now, the U.S. Army Public Health Command is training veterinary personnel on a similar system for government-owned animals and privately-owned animals belonging to military Families.

The new system is called the Remote Online Veterinary Record, or ROVR, for short. The system will offer Army veterinary service personnel worldwide new methods for recording and maintaining veterinary clinical information about the animals they treat.

"ROVR is a secure, web-based application that provides the means to electronically record, store,

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Veterinarian Carol Bossone gives Maria Schnople's dog, Daisy, a routine check-up at the APG veterinary clinic. Information on the dog's health will be entered in the ROVR system and can be accessed by other Army veterinarians if Schnople and her dog move to another military installation.
Photo by Rachel Ponder



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2. Fold and seal your FPCA. If using the online FPCA, print, sign and put it in an envelope. By using the approved envelope template, you qualify for free postage. Get your envelope template at <http://www.fvap.gov/co/overview/materials/forms>

3. Address and mail the FPCA to your local election official. Be sure to include your return address, and affix postage if using a foreign postal service.

4. Your ballot should arrive at least 30 days prior to the election.

5. Fill out the ballot and send it in
For more information, the APG Installation Voting Assistance POC is Janet Dettwiler; APG North (Aberdeen), Bldg. 4305, Rm 151; 410-306-2302; DSN 458-2302

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STREET TALK

If you could go on a spring getaway, where would you go and why?

"I would go to Miami to visit my son. It has nice weather -- a lot better than here."



Betty D'Angelo
Exchange Associate

"I would go to Florida because I am sick of the snow this year. It's snowed too much this year."



Metrelle Taylor
CECOM

"I'm going to Sarasota, Fla., next week to watch the Orioles' Spring Training. And then we're going to Daytona to visit our granddaughters."



Denise Jamack
Exchange Associate

"I would go someplace warm to get away from the snow."



Maj. Jeffrey Strauss
PEOIEW&S



Col. Patrick Garman and wife, Kim
1st Area Medical Laboratory commander; Army spouse

"We would go to Hawaii because it's warm and go surfing at the break point at Hauula."

Celebrate National Social Worker Month

The Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP)

Social workers across the globe work diligently and tirelessly, joining forces with organizations, schools, medical facilities, health care companies, and politicians to name a few in joint effort of pursuit of the well-being of all mankind. The National Association of Social Workers is pleased to announce the 2014 Social Work Month theme: "All People Matter." According to the NASW this year's theme and logo were selected to help raise awareness about the American social work profession's 116-year commitment to improving social conditions and quality of life opportunities for everyone. Worldwide social workers believe that all people have dignity and deserve respect. NASW's goal for Social Work Month 2014 is to educate the public about how these values are essential to improving relationships within Families, making social support systems more effective, and building stronger communities.

What Is a Social Worker?

Social workers are professionals who help people with a wide range of issues including psychological, financial, health, relationship, social, educational, and substance abuse problems. Social workers improve people's lives by assisting them in a variety of ways. They provide counseling and training on coping and solving interpersonal issues, Family issues, life skills, and abuse. While social workers are more than just a resource; they are advocates providing a voice for those who otherwise might not get heard. Social workers believe that everyone has the right as well as the potential to lead a productive and fulfilling life given the right tools for success. Just as most fields of study social workers can specialize in areas according to their program of study. Some of the social work specialty areas include but are not limited to medical and public health social workers; child, family and school social workers; mental health and substance abuse social workers. ASAP Family is proud to celebrate the courage, hope, and strength of Social Workers throughout their careers. Please help social workers sow seeds of healing in the

lives of others.

Fast Facts about Social Workers:

- Social workers held approximately 595,000 jobs in 2006, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Social workers are the nation's largest group of clinically trained mental health service providers. Social workers provide more mental health services than psychologists, psychiatrists, and psychiatric nurses.(SAMHSA)
- The Department of Veterans Affairs is the largest employer of social workers in the country. Over 6,000 social workers are employed to assist Veterans and their Families with individual and Family counseling, client education, end of life planning, substance abuse treatment, crisis intervention, and other services.
- There are hundreds of social workers in national, state, and local office, including two U.S. Senators and six U.S. Representatives.
- The need for social workers is expected to grow twice as fast as any other occupation, especially in gerontology, home healthcare, substance abuse treatment, private social service agencies, and school social work (Bureau of Labor Statistics).

As we believe that public, community, and behavioral health is essential to improving lives, we acknowledge our social work colleagues in all areas of the profession. Learn more about the profession of social work and about those who represent the very best of the profession.

ASAP POC: Mrs. Devita Hampton, 2477 Chesapeake Ave., (410) 278-DRUG. For additional information about Social Workers please visit: HelpStartsHere.org.



APG is a natural, as well as a national, treasure

By **ALAN FEILER**
APG News

"Okay, boss, you're all set and good to go. Thanks, have a nice day."

Most mornings when I drive up to the 715 Gate at APG, I get the same officer with a slight Southern accent. He glances over at my driver's license and pass, determines that I don't in any way represent a threat to the security of our nation, and sends me happily on my way. Getting called "boss" and receiving kind wishes from a hard-working man in uniform is always a great way to start the day.

I usually get to APG a bit early – well, maybe not as early as some of you – because I drop off my kid at her high school in Towson and drive straight in from there. Folks in Baltimore are often shocked when I tell them I work at APG. "How long does that take you?!" "Oh, my God, that's really far!" When I alert them that the commute is actually not that bad, especially since I'm driving against traffic, and I mention that some APG employees come down from northern Jersey every day, they simply shake their heads. (They don't call it "Smalltimore" for nothing.)

I'm just like everyone else. Some days, I'm feeling up. Some days, I'm down. I get caught up in the peculiarities and joys and frustrations that we tend to call "life." Sometimes, probably like you, I'm so knee-deep in the petty little details that I don't, to borrow that ancient phrase, see the forest for the trees.

Here at APG, that's a shame, because there's an awful lot to see. Obviously, because of security reasons, many of us can't see it all. Still, coming to work every day and only focusing on the tasks at hand, it's easy to miss the natural splendor all around us.

When I tell some people here how surprised I've been since coming to APG to discover the natural beauty of an installation that (like most Marylanders) I simply thought of as an Army base where they blow up stuff, they seem perplexed.

Yes, there are a number of aging buildings on post that, shall we say, could use a little work. In fact, at some point, they prob-



ably need to be razed, something that APG's leadership is well aware of. I'm told there are more than 200 historic buildings at APG, many of which that have seen better days.

And yes, some sections of APG look almost like a busy modern city, with gleaming, tall buildings and parking lots that seem to never end (and seem to offer little in the ways of parking unless one cruises up and down the lanes for a long time).

But then there are other parts of the installation that are simply a revelation. A lot of mornings before coming to work, I can't stop myself from driving down Plumb Point Loop, past the rows of beautifully-constructed officers' residences and Top of the Bay, and parking my car by the fishing pier. I'll often get out with a cup of coffee in hand and walk up to the water's edge, to watch the ducks glide by gracefully and stare at the coastlines in the horizon stretching out to Cecil and Kent counties. I'll watch the herons fly overhead or a V formation of birds and find myself lost in the moment, marveling at nature's spectacular show.

I'm convinced there's no better way to begin your day than to gaze out at the rolling, sparkling waters of the Upper Chesapeake. Not to sound too maudlin, but it gives you a new lease on life.

Of course, there's also the wildlife all around APG. The white-tailed deer that stroll among us (and occasionally way too close), the Canadian geese that huddle in droves on the frosted fields, and the miles and miles of forest and fauna. I don't want to sound too much like a "tree-hugger," but there's so much natural wonder at APG, it's almost a crime that most Marylanders merely think of the installation as a place where Soldiers drill and bombs and chemical weapons are tested. It's so much more than that.

Late in the afternoon, when the sun is starting to sink and we're all going back to our homes and families, you'll often sense a stillness hanging in the air at APG. I've seen some incredible open skies and unforgettable sunsets on my way out of the post and heading back down the I-95 corridor.

Tomorrow is March 21st, the first day of spring. You owe it to yourself to take a few minutes before work or during your lunch break and take in the natural glory of this installation. Trust me, you won't be disappointed.

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Bullying, disability discrimination studied

By **NANCY GOUCHER**
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Studies have found that children with disabilities are two to three times more likely to be bullied than their nondisabled peers. Parents have legal rights when their child has a disability and is the target of bullying or disability harassment. Below are the actions parents can take to adjust their child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or enforce disability rights to eliminate bullying.

The IEP can be a useful tool for a bullying prevention plan. Every child receiving special education is entitled to a free appropriate public education (FAPE), and bullying can become an obstacle to receiving that education. The effects of bullying can result in an increased absenteeism from school; lowered academic achievement, increased anxiety; depression; loss of self-esteem and confidence; and feelings of alienation in the school environment. Parents and students, as part of the IEP team, can identify strategies to be written into the IEP to help stop bullying. Parents can request IEP meetings as frequently as needed to adjust their child's IEP.

Once a school knows or reasonably should know of possible bullying, it must take prompt and appropriate action to investigate what occurred. If bullying has occurred, a school must take immediate and successful steps to end

the bullying, eliminate any hostile environments, and prevent bullying from recurring. These duties are a school's responsibility even if the misconduct is covered by the school's anti-bullying policy. The school must effectively take these steps regardless of whether the student makes a complaint, asks the school to take action, or identifies the bullying as a form of discrimination.

Schools that limit their responses to a specific claim of anti-bullying policies may fail to properly consider whether the student misconduct also results in discrimination in violation of students' federal civil rights. Student misconduct that falls under anti-bullying policies may also fall under anti-discrimination statutes enforced by the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. The anti-disability discrimination statutes are Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. These statutes prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability. They define disability harassment and illustrate how schools should respond to bullying cases.

The Office of Civil Rights offers



Exceptional Families Exceptional Service



assistance to help schools achieve voluntary compliance with the civil rights laws. It enforces and works with schools to develop productive approaches to address and prevent discrimination. Schools needing assistance should visit the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

A complaint of discrimination can be filed by anyone who believes that a school that receives Federal financial assistance has discriminated against someone on the basis of a disability. The person filing the complaint need not be a victim of the alleged discrimination, but may complain on behalf of another person or group. Information about how to file a complaint with OCR is at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintintro.html> or contact OCR's Customer Service Team at 1-800-421-3481.

For additional information on disability rights contact Nancy Goucher, Exceptional Family Member Program Manager at nancy.e.goucher.civ@mail.mil, 410-278-2420.

RESOURCES

- Bullying and Harassment of Students with Disabilities: Top Ten Facts Parents, Educators and Students Need to Know

<http://www.pacer.org/publications/bullyingpdf/BP-18.pdf>

- Individual Education Plan and Bullying: <http://www.pacer.org/publications/bullyingpdf/BP-4.pdf>

- Harford County Public Schools: Board Policy Manual <http://www.hcps.org/Boe/PoliciesProcedures/boardpolicymanual.aspx>

- Harford County Public Schools (HCPS): Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment or Intimidation of Students http://www.hcps.org/BOE/PoliciesProcedures/docs/Equity_and_Non-Discrimination/0006-000%20Bullying,%20Harassment%20or%20Intimidation.pdf

- Harford County Public Schools (HCPS): Discrimination and Harassment http://www.hcps.org/BOE/PoliciesProcedures/docs/Equity_and_NonDiscrimination/0002-000%20Discrimination%20and%20Harassment.pdf

- Harford County Public Schools Bullying/Harassment/or Intimidation Form <http://www.hcps.org/students/docs/HarassmentReportingForm.pdf>

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Charles Novak Pre-kindergarten Instructor

Charles Novak is the pre-kindergarten instructor for the APG South (Edgewood) Child Development Center. Novak teaches the Army's Child, Youth and School Services' Strong Beginnings pre-kindergarten program, designed for 4-to 5-year-old children.

The Strong Beginnings program

consists of beginning math, social studies, reading and writing skills, and etiquette. The program lasts one school year and culminates with a graduation ceremony. Strong Beginnings is available at every Army garrison and has standard guidance and procedures.

In addition to teaching the Strong

Beginnings curriculum, Novak said his job responsibilities include lesson planning, conducting parent-teacher conferences, and being a good role model.

He said his goals include teaching lessons creatively and capturing the attention of his students, who usually have short attention spans. For example, during the winter he built an igloo out of milk bottles donated by parents and he used it to teach about the Inuit people, who use snow to build igloos.

Novak has worked at the CDC for a little more than a year. He previously worked at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center for five years as a homework and technology instructor. He also led the 4-H Astronomy Club.

A Fallston native, Novak has a master's degree in education from Towson University.

"What I like most about my job is being able to make a difference in a child's life," Novak said. "Working with children keeps me young."

To learn more about the Strong Beginnings program, contact Parent Outreach Services, located in Bldg. 2503, on APG North. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (last walk-in or appointment at 5 p.m.) or Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with last walk-in or appointment at 3:30 p.m.)

For more information call 410-278-7479/7571, or visit http://www.apgmw.com/family/youth_services.html.

Releasing personnel information could be unlawful

Story and photo by **DAVID VERGUN**
Army News Service

Releasing unauthorized portions of a Soldier's personnel records is a violation of federal law and could result in fines or prison sentences.

There have been cases recently where Soldiers or Army civilian employees have unintentionally violated the Privacy Act, said Peter A. Robinson, chief of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Office, Army Human Resources Command, or HRC, Fort Knox, Ky.

HRC is responsible for maintaining all Army personnel records of active and reserve components as well as veterans.

Commands throughout the Army also maintain personnel records and Robinson said he wants to ensure these human resource professionals are aware of important privacy concerns before responding to a records request.

Personnel records are covered under the federal Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act or FOIA. These statutes stipulate what portions of records can and can't be released and to whom.

Even acknowledging the existence of certain derogatory or adverse personnel information could violate the statutes, he said. For instance, telling someone "we found the information you're seeking but can't release it," is a violation of the statutes.

Robinson said the correct response to such a query would be to say "we can neither confirm nor deny" the existence of such records. The response is especially important when a requester is specifically seeking derogatory information. One example would be if a requester wanted to know if a Soldier had ever received non-judicial punishment.

Robinson emphasized that if there are any doubts about what to do, Soldiers and civilian employees should contact their unit legal office, their local FOIA office, or the HRC FOIA office.

While not a comprehensive list, some of the information that can usually be released includes a Soldier's name, rank, occupational specialty, duty status, service dates, duty assignments, awards and military education, he said.

Information that is not releasable, he said, includes personal phone numbers or email addresses, reasons why a



Soldier was discharged, medical information, information regarding adverse administrative actions and demographic material such as age, religion, marital status, children and relatives.

Rather than struggling to figure out what's releasable and what's not, Robinson advised those who process third-party FOIA requests seeking personnel information to call HRC's FOIA office at 502-613-4400.

Robinson provided a few examples of requests that HRC does not routinely handle.

Requests for criminal investigative files from civilian law enforcement agencies will normally be fielded by the Army's Crime Records Center in Quantico, Va., he said.

Those who seek child support enforcement, and who need information about a Soldier's status, should contact the Federal Parent Locator Service. That service is part of the Office of Child Support Enforcement, which is a branch of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Employers can request information pertinent to a position or job applicant, but Robinson said it would benefit employers to obtain the consent of the Soldiers or veterans first to gain greater access to material.

Other common requests are court orders or subpoenas seeking personnel records. Soldiers and civilians whose duties include processing personnel files for release should exercise caution

when these requests are made because those documents might not carry the proper scope of authority, he said.

If a subpoena is signed by an attorney and not a judge, for example, that would be insufficient authority, Robinson said. Another red flag would be a court order signed by a traffic court magistrate, when the related lawsuit is actually related to a divorce action. That would be a jurisdictional violation.

Another common request comes from people seeking default judgment against Soldiers. This relates to cases that go to court and require the determination of the status of Soldiers -- whether or not they are on orders, duty status, duty station and so on.

In that particular category, he said, Soldiers are afforded certain protections under the Soldiers' Civil Relief Act.

Again, Robinson emphasized, HR professionals in possession of personnel records should seek legal advice or HRC assistance prior to releasing records to a third party.

A particularly sensitive type of FOIA request involves casualty assistance cases.

FOIA officers need to be familiar not only with Army Casualty Assistance Regulation 600-8-1, he said, they also need to understand the supplement to that regulation, Army Directive 2010-02.

The directive is a guide on how information is sanitized for release to the primary next of kin, he said, meaning not releasing such things like sensitive material affecting national security.

Robinson pointed out that there have been cases where release of information to primary next of kin has been delayed due to not following the directive, which spells out the roles and responsibilities of the releasing authority.

Those delays were unacceptable, he emphasized.

Personnel at HRC are familiar with handling all kinds of FOIA requests, Robinson said, and they'll try to expedite the release of records and work with people to get them what they need.

Often, they will even call the requester to get clarification or more information rather than denying the request. Assisting the public is something they take pride in accomplishing, he said

ASAP hosts suicide prevention awareness training

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

Fifty-three junior leaders and first-line supervisors learned about suicide prevention awareness during the Ask, Care, Escort-Suicide Intervention (ACE-SI) event held March 12 at the Mallette Training Facility.

Military veterans Mike Phillips and Joe O'Connor, from the Army Suicide Prevention Program Mobile Training Team, led the daylong workshop. Suicide Prevention Program Manager Kenneth Gesch, from the Army Substance Abuse Program, facilitated the training.

Gesch said the purpose of ACE-SI training is to "train the trainers" so they can go back to their organizations or units and teach the course in small groups.

"The Army looked at how we conduct suicide prevention training and found that small groups are more effective," Gesch said. "People are usually more willing to participate in discussions in small groups."

Phillips said the ACE-SI training is now more interactive, with role-playing exercises. The ACE-SI training teaches participants skills so they can help individuals who exhibit suicidal warning signs. The training also teaches participants to encourage these individuals to seek professional help.



Military veteran Mike Phillips from the Army Suicide Prevention Program Mobile Training Team, talks to APG junior leaders and first-line supervisors during an Ask, Care, Escort-Suicide Intervention (ACE-SI) "train the trainer" event at the Mallette Training Facility March 12.

During the training, Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth O'Brien, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command's Logistics Readiness Center, shared his personal story about experiencing combat stress during a deployment and receiving help from

Army Behavioral Health.

"If you see a Soldier acting down and out, take time to be there for them, get to know them," he said. "I want to tell Soldiers that it is okay to seek help."

Course participant Frank Mayer, from

CECOM's Software Engineering Center, said he thinks training programs like ACE-SI helps reduce the stigma of seeking help for mental health issues. Mayer, who joined the Army in 1979, said he has seen the military become more progressive on social issues.

"The Army is improving every year, with programs that provide better support for Soldiers," he said.

Yolanda Smith, from the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center's CP&I, said she attended the program so she could provide assistance to those displaying suicidal warning signs. Smith said she encountered Soldiers struggling with suicidal thoughts while working as a Department of Defense civilian employee in Afghanistan.

"Because of the stigma that still exists concerning mental illness, many people who need help do not seek it. Stigmatization of suicide has very deep roots in our collective thinking and judgment. Many Soldiers believe coming forth would affect their security and clearance."

ASAP hosts suicide prevention awareness trainings throughout the year. For more information about upcoming trainings, contact Gesch at 410-278-7779 or e-mail kenneth.a.gesch.civ@mail.mil.

MWR travel fair offers getaways, special attractions

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

The community got a head start on spring and summer travel planning during the APG Travel Fair held at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center March 12.

The event, hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Leisure Travel Office, featured 25 vendors from Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia.

Vendors included the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Dover Downs, the Baltimore Orioles, the Armed Forces Vacation Club, Medieval Times, Spirit Cruises of Baltimore, Double Tree by Hilton, and the Maryland Zoo.

Jennifer Testerman, a recreation assistant who helped organize the event, said the MWR Leisure Travel Office provides a one-stop shopping center for all Family and MWR activities and events, local day trips, tours, discounted passes, tickets, hotel reservations, travel information, special items, coupon booklets and more.

Testerman said summer is the busiest season, with families and groups purchasing discounted tickets to amusement parks like Six Flags America, Kings Dominion, and Busch Gardens. She said the office also provides discounted tickets for local attractions, like movie theaters.

"Come see what we have to offer before planning your next trip," Testerman said. "Most discounts are available to anyone

with a CAC [Common Access Card]. Customers can also get information on Armed Forces Recreation Center resorts, which are exclusively for military Families.

Nicole Reynolds, a representative from Shenandoah National Park in Virginia, said she thought the fair was a great opportunity for those in the military community to learn more about the region. Shenandoah National Park is located about three hours (driving distance) from APG.

"We have many activities for all ages including hiking, camping and educational programs," Reynolds said.

During the fair, Joyce Glasby, from the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, represented the Hosanna School Museum in Darlington, Md. Established in 1867, the Hosanna School was the first African-American public school in Harford County. Glasby, a board member of the Hosanna School Museum, said the museum hosts educational events throughout the year. For more information, visit <http://www.hosannaschool-museum.org/events/>.

"The Cherry Blossom Festival [in Washington] and the New York City trips are the most popular bus trips," Testerman said.

"I found this event very educational. It gives us a chance to see what is out there," said Spc. Crystal Thomas from the APG Dental Clinic.

Testerman added that the Leisure Travel Office also hosts a number of day trips

to places and events such as the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. in April, the National Zoo, also in Washington, D.C., New York City, Gettysburg and Lancaster, Pa., and the annual Army-Navy game in December. For exact dates, prices, and more information, contact the Leisure Travel Office.

The Leisure Travel Office in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 410-278-4011, or e-mail usarmy.APG.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil.

Tickets also can be purchased at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, Bldg. E4140, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 410-436-2713.

For more information, visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/travel/ltotickets.html>.



(From left) Shannon Small, a sales manager with Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., talks with Spc. Crystal Thomas, from the APG Dental Clinic, about the restaurant located in Baltimore's Inner Harbor during the APG Travel Fair at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center March 12.

CERDEC military deputy retires after 29 years

By **ALLISON BARROW**
RDECOM CERDEC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Communications-Electronics Center honored Military Deputy Colonel Ronald Jacobs Jr. retired from 29 years of Army service, at a ceremony held here March 14.

CERDEC Director Jill Smith presided over the ceremony, shared photos and words of Jacobs' career and presented him with letters of commendation from Army leadership.

"Colonel Jacobs' relatively short tenure with the CERDEC has proven invaluable. His eagerness to take on new challenges as well as everyday tasks has allowed CERDEC to maintain mission continuity while reorganizing to better serve the C4ISR community," said Smith. "He drove the alignment and centralized management of the CERDEC operations, science and technology and systems engineering divisions to achieve efficiencies while increasing the effectiveness across the organization."

Jacobs came to CERDEC in August 2013 after commanding the Electronic Proving Ground at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Jacobs' career in the Army had a quick start. An admissions officer from West Point spoke at his Long Island high school during his senior year and inspired Jacobs so much that he spoke with him afterward, started on the paperwork, interviews and physicals, and was accepted on June 1, 1981 and reported one month later.

He graduated from West Point in 1985 and was commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery Officer.

His assignments covered all areas of the acquisition lifecycle, from research and technology development, to product management and deployment, to sustainment, including Military Deputy for the Communications-Electronics



Photo by Kashia Simmons

Jill Smith, CERDEC director, gives Military Deputy Col. Ronald Jacobs Jr. a framed poster with photos from his career.

You have to care about your people. Not only care about them but you have to take care of them. If you take care of your people, they'll take care of the mission.

Colonel Ronald Jacobs Jr.
Retired Military Deputy of The U.S. Army
Research, Development and Engineering
Command's Communications-Electronics Center

ics Command's Software Engineering Center and Product Manager for Network Operations – Current Force.

Being a part of an organization that covers each phase of the lifecycle and understanding the entire process was one of Jacobs' career goals.

"It's all important. Understanding the process is key and how you can influence it," said Jacobs. "Of course contracting is across all of those phases. You have a contract for the S&T work, for the PM work, for the Sus-

tainment work – so where can we collectively do some things together with one or two partners on the industry side as we move forward? Those are things we've tried to tackle in the past and are trying to tackle here at CERDEC," said Jacobs.

Jacobs received several awards and badges throughout his career, including the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Army Commendation Medal with five oak leaf clusters.

He earned a Master's of Science in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in 2009, a Master's of Science in Computer Science from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1999, a Master's of Science in Military Art and Science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1997 and the U.S. Army Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Certification in 2012.

When not working, Jacobs spends time with his wife and 5-year-old daughter who he says "keeps him young."

If Jacobs hadn't joined the military, he may have worked in carpentry, as designing and building come second nature to him, he said. He rebuilt a previous home from the ground up and is putting an addition on his current house.

"I get fulfillment out of the planning of it, the execution of it, and seeing the finished product and to stand back and say, 'yeah I did it,'" said Jacobs.

Throughout his career, Jacobs believes his personal philosophies of growing where you're planted and taking care of people have contributed to his success.

"You have to care about your people. Not only care about them but you have to take care of them," said Jacobs. "If you take care of your people, they'll take care of the mission."

"If more folks did that we'd be better off. Don't take the time, make the time."

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To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency).

For info, contact Cathy Davis at 410-306-0152 or cathy.a.davis4.civ@mail.mil.

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Army's tactical radios program streamlines product offices as former leader moves to new assignment

By **ARGIE SARANTINOS-PERRIN**
Project Manager Tactical Radios, PEO C3T

When Lt. Col. Troy Crosby deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) in 2012 and 2013, he helped lay the groundwork for Capability Set 13 (CS 13), an integrated network package that provides mobile communications down to the dismounted Soldier.

By fielding hardware and software upgrades for AN/PRC-117G radios, Crosby and his team ensured that U.S. troops outfitted with CS 13 network capabilities were connected during retrograde operations in remote and challenging terrain. He was also on the leading edge of the Army's plans to deliver major upgrades to its tactical radio fleet.

"We planned, developed and set many of the conditions for the execution of CS 13, even before the formal tactical radios program came into existence," Crosby said. "The use of CS 13 in theater today shows the value of networking radios that connect our Soldiers with the information they need."

Crosby carried out this mission, while assigned as the Product Manager for Network Systems (PdM NS), reporting directly to the Program Executive Office Command, Control, Communications-Tactical, following his selection for the role in 2011. In 2012, PdM NS became part of the new Project Manager Tactical Radios (PM TR), which was established to unite all tactical radio programs following the disbanding of the Joint Program Executive Office for the Joint Tactical Radio System.

With Crosby recently completing his assignment, the PdM NS mission will be realigned in order to further synchronize the Army's tactical radio portfolio. To commemorate the event and the many accomplishments of the product office, a retirement of charter ceremony was held at APG March 7.

With this realignment, PM TR is now comprised of three PdMs: Airborne Maritime and Fixed Station (AMF); Handheld, Manpack and Small Form Fit (HMS); and Mid-tier Networking



U.S. Army photo

Col. William Wygal, project manager Tactical Radios, presents Lt. Col. Troy Crosby with an award at the Retirement of Product Manager Network Systems (PdM NS) Charter March 7. Crosby became the PdM NS in 2011, reporting directly to the Program Executive Office Command, Control, and Communications-Tactical.

Vehicular Radio (MNVR). Also connected with the program are the Joint Tactical Network Center (JTNC) and the Project Manager for Joint Tactical Networks (PM JTN), which maintains the data repository of secure networking waveforms and applications.

"Lt. Col. Crosby's leadership and management of the Network Systems team were critical to the Army's successful fielding of 'the network' in Capability Set 13 in support of our Soldiers," said Col. William Wygal, the project manager for TR. "Troy supported procuring, testing, fielding, maintaining and sustaining current and legacy force radios for the Army in an outstanding manner."

As the PdM for NS, Crosby was responsible for oversight of not only the AN/PRC-117G, but also the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS), Enhanced Position Location Reporting System (EPLRS) and numerous other program of record and commercial off-the-shelf products that are currently in fielding or transitioning to sustainment, enabling the Army to continuously provide radio capabilities while simultaneously developing

the next-generation systems under PdMs AMF, HMS and MNVR.

"The most rewarding part of my job at NS was that we fielded radios and systems the whole time, as opposed to other programs in the development phase," Crosby said. "Our team fielded more than 1,500 hand-held radio systems to U.S. Special Operations Forces in Afghanistan."

CS 13 was fielded to two Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs) that deployed to Afghanistan in 2013, with two additional units currently undergoing CS 13 fielding and training operations in preparation for possible deployment. Meanwhile, components of CS 14 will be fielded to 10 additional units over the next calendar year. Both CS 13 and CS 14 provide advanced tactical networked communications throughout the entire BCT, from the static tactical operations center to the commander on-the-move in his vehicle to the dismounted Soldier.

"Each year the Army chooses systems and technologies that are mature and then integrates them into a capability set, which is fielded to different brigades," Crosby said. "These new

technologies will continue to cascade throughout the years."

Crosby's next assignment will be at the Pentagon as the Executive Officer to the Principal Military Deputy/Director, Army Acquisition Corps, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology).

In addition to his work as PdM for NS, Crosby has distinguished himself in and held numerous prior acquisition assignments. After joining the Army Acquisition Corps in 2004, he was the systems acquisition manager for the United States Army Special Operations Command, where he developed and fielded tactical communications and Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems. He also served as a Department of the Army System Coordinator for the then-Program Executive Office Integration, coordinating actions with the Department of the Army, Office of the Secretary of Defense and Congress.

Crosby was commissioned in the armor branch as a regular Army officer, after graduating from James Madison University in 1993. In addition, he holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Webster University and a Master of Science degree in Information Systems Technology from George Washington University. He is Level III certified in Program Management and Information Technology.

Crosby has received numerous meritorious and achievement awards, including an Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Iraq Campaign Medal with one campaign star and a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

He has deployed to Haiti for Operation Uphold Democracy, Bosnia-Herzegovina for Operation Joint Forge, Afghanistan for OEF and Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Lt. Col. Crosby leads by example, never asking anyone to do what he would not do himself," said Brian Baroni, former deputy for PdM NS. "He is dedicated to Soldiers, and he imparted that same dedication to the NS team. He cares deeply for the people that he leads and the Army which we serve."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THURSDAY

MARCH 20 SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS MARCH MEETING

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post March 2014 meeting will be at the Wetlands Golf Club, Aberdeen, md., at 11:30 a.m. March 20. The featured speaker is Rick Ayers, Emergency Manager and Deputy Director, Department of Emergency Services, Harford County Government, whose presentation is titled, "Harford County Emergency Response Plan."

For more information call 410-638-9699 or see www.same.org/chesapeake

For reservations, e-mail rsvp@fredward.com Walk-ins welcome.

WARRANT OFFICER ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association's Aberdeen-Edgewood Silver Chapter will hold its monthly meeting on March 20 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, Room 102. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will be held from noon to 12:45 p.m. For more information, contact CW4(R) Owen McNiff at: omcniff@yahoo.com or 571-243-6561/443-861-1936

SATURDAY

MARCH 22 VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) MARYLAND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OPEN HOUSE AND INFORMATION FAIR

The Veterans Affairs (VA) Maryland Health Care System is hosting an Open House & Information Fair on Saturday, March 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Baltimore VA Medical Center Primary Care Clinic, 1st floor, 10 N. Greene St. in Baltimore. Free parking is available on parking level one in the medical center garage, located off Fayette St.

If you served in the armed forces and received an honorable discharge, you may qualify for health care benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Veterans enrolled for VA health care meet the Affordable Care Act requirements for health care coverage.

VA staff will be available to answer questions and assist Veterans in completing their VA health care application. Veterans and their family members can also visit information tables to learn more about VA compensation benefits and available health care services.

Veterans interested in applying for VA health care during the Open House & Information Fair should bring a copy of their discharge paperwork (Form DD 214), a photo ID and financial information from the previous calendar year. Veterans may complete the application for VA health benefits at the Open House or access the application (VA Form 10-10EZ) on the VA Maryland Health Care System webpage at www.maryland.va.gov. Just click on "Become a Patient" to begin completing the VA health care application, and bring a printed copy of the form to the Open House. For more information about this free event for Veterans, call the Community Outreach Office for the VA Maryland Health Care System at 1-800-949-1003, extension 6071.

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 26 JOB FAIR & EXPO

All job seekers, active duty, retired, former service, Reserve/National Guard service members and spouses are invited to attend this job fair 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the APG Recreation Center. For more information call Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program manager at 410-278-9669/7572.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

MARCH 26-27 SUICIDE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TRAINING

APG ASAP will present "Skip" Johnson, HQ AMC, G-1 Wellness, Substance Abuse/Suicide Prevention program manager at the Redstone Arsenal, who will give 2-hour combined training classes (one hour on substance abuse and one hour on suicide prevention). The training sessions will be held at CECOM/Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000,, on March 26 from 9-11 a.m. and at 1-3 p.m. at APG Post Theater, Bldg. 3245; and on March 27 at APG South (Edgewood) Conference Center, Bldg. E4810. from, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. For information, call Cindy Scott at 410-278-4013, Ken Gesch at 410-278-7779, or the ASAP Main Number at 410-278-DRUG/3784.

MONDAY

MARCH 31 POWERFUL WOMEN SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Join ACS and other partners at this conference at Top of the Bay's Chesapeake Room from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Topics to be discussed include five drivers formula to starting a small business, contracting with the federal government, exporting your business, and networking with other agencies.

Event is open to all Veterans, retirees, active duty, Reserve/National Guard, civilians and spouses.

For more information, contact Employment Readiness Program at 410-278-9669/7572.

FEDERAL WOMEN'S PROGRAM WORKSHOP

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women's Program will be hosting its 24th annual Training Workshop during Women's History Month March 31 at Bldg. 6008, Mallette Auditorium, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Topics to be discussed "Time Management and Organization Skills," "Effective Presentation Techniques," and "Understanding Sharepoint: Making It Work for You." For a complete list of classes, and to register, go to www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/100. Several educational vendors and food vendors will also be available. For more information, contact Teresa Rudd, FWP Chairperson, 410-436-5501, and Elizabeth Young, FWP Vice Chairperson, 410-278-1392.

HERB CONTAINER GARDEN CLASS

Herb Container Garden Class (course number 25773) will be offered at Harford Community College, Havre de Grace Hall, room 206, Monday March 31 6 to 9 p.m. (6:00-9:00 PM).

Want fresh herbs? Grow them yourself! Learn how to grow a variety of different herbs in containers as well as in garden beds, and when and how to harvest your crop. The class will cover multiple uses of different herbs. Gain hands-on experience planting herb seeds, and leave the class with a planting. This Harford Community College class will be taught by Master Gardener volunteers from the University of Maryland Extension, Harford County.

Registration is required. Cost is \$19.00 per person. Register online at www.harford.edu. For more information call 443-412-2376. Walk-in registration is available at Harford Community College, Edgewood Hall, Entrance 3.

TUESDAY

APRIL 8 DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY TRAINING SYMPOSIUM

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) will host an all-day Acquisition Training Symposium Tuesday, April 8 at its Fort Belvoir campus

(Scott Hall). The theme is "Achieving Better Acquisition Outcomes in

Austere Times - Improved Processes, Reduced Overhead". The event offers training sessions tied to the Better Buying Power 2.0 initiatives. In a period of fiscal challenges and technological opportunities, the training will focus on learning hard skills - training in the latest USD(AT&L) policy, practices and techniques that attendees can take back to the workplace and apply. The training symposium also will be available via VTC at many DAU regional campuses. The forum provides four Continuous Learning Points (CLP) for continued DoD acquisition certification.

For more information and to register, go to www.dauaa.org and click on "Training Events."

FRIDAY

APRIL 11 SOCIETY OF ITALIAN AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN FIRST ANNUAL SPRING GALA

Don't miss this opportunity to make history and be a part of something very special and unique here in Harford County! This event will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight in the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood, Md. For tickets or more information, contact Elio Scaccio at 410-206-8818.

FRIDAY

APRIL 25 STUDENT EARTH & ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

APG will host their 'Student Earth &

Arbor Day Celebration' with the theme of "The Wonders of Water" on Friday April 25. This event will take place at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center, Bldg. 2522 on Bayside Drive.

The event will feature interactive displays and hands-on Earth Day science activities provided by the event sponsors and the Maryland Master Gardeners (with worm composting), LEAP: Science is FUN! (Harford County Public Library), the American Rescue Dog Association, the Anita C. Leight Estuary, and Scales & Tails (afternoon only). This event is sponsored by Team APG STEM, APG Garrison, Corvias Military Housing, the Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society, the National Defense Education Program, and the Senior Science Society. Arbor Day is officially celebrated on the last Friday in April nationwide, but on the first Wednesday in April in Maryland. Earth Day is officially celebrated on April 22 nationwide.

The event will be open to school groups, civilian and contractors working on post and the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The afternoon activities are restricted to Child, Youth and School Services and APG housing residents from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY

MAY 2-4 SECOND INDIANHEAD DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION

Attention, 2nd Infantry Division Veterans! The Penn-Jersey Branch of the Second Indianhead Division Association will have its annual reunion in Lancaster, Pa. at the Continental Inn. All veterans of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division are invited, especially those in the nearby states of Delaware, Maryland, New York, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. For more information, call Jack Woodall at (610) 274-1409 or send an email to warriorvet@verizon.net.

ONGOING

BEGINNING MARCH 3 FINRA FOUNDATION MILITARY SPOUSE FELLOWSHIP FOR THE ACCREDITED FINANCIAL COUNSELOR® PROGRAM

The Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education® (AFCPE®), in partnership with the National Military Family Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, is pleased to announce the FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship for the Accredited Financial Counselor® Program application period. This program provides up to 50 military spouses with the education necessary to enter the financial counseling career field. Visit www.Military-Family.org for more information. Looking for Job search information, contact the ACS Employment program 410-278-9669/7572.

THROUGH APRIL 2 COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

The U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center is currently accepting applications for the 2014-15 SSCF program through April 2, 2014. The SSCF Program is a 10-month educational opportunity conducted under the auspices of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) at Huntsville, Ala, Warren, Mich, and APG.

The SSCF program prepares government civilians at the GS-14/15 levels or equivalent for senior leadership roles by provides training in leadership and acquisition. Program components include completion of DAU's Program Management Course (PMT 401), courses in leadership, applications of acquisition to national defense issues, research in acquisition topics, mentoring, and a distinguished speaker program.

For complete program information and application requirements, visit: <http://asc.army.mil/web/career-development/programs/defense-acquisition-university-senior-service-college/announcement/>.

For APG specific program information, please visit: <http://www.dau.mil/sscf/Pages/apg.aspx>

For more information about the program, please contact Jim Oman at james.oman@dau.mil or 410-272-9470.

THROUGH APRIL 23 TOILETRIES DRIVE

CECOM, RDECOM, PHC, ACC Garrison APG, JPEO-CBD, 29th CBRNE Command, ATEC, MRICD, Kirk and CMA are collecting toiletries to benefit Harford County's Sexual Assault and Spouse Abuse Resource Center (SARC), a non-profit agency that provides 24/7 shelter to victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, child abuse and stalking. Items requested include toothpaste, toothbrushes, body/hand soap (bar or liquid), lotion, toilet paper, tissues, deodorant, anti-bacterial, shaving cream, shaving

razors, towels and washcloths, loofas. For more information or donation locations, contact your unit's SHARP SARC or VA for information.

TUESDAYS THROUGH MAY 20 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

American Sign Language basic and advanced classes begin Feb. 25 and run through May 20, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. E3330-31, Room 270, APG South (Edgewood). Bring your lunch. Class is free. Text book (encouraged, but not required) is "A B C, A Basic Course in American Sign Language". To register or for more information, call Beth Ann Cameron, 436-7175, Pat Reeves at 436-2917 or Randy Weber at 436-8546.

CORVIAS 2014 GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Corvias Foundation has announced that applications for the 2014 Our Future Scholarships and the 2014 Our Family Educational Grants are now available.

Applications for the 2014 Our Family Educational Grants must be submitted by May 8, 2014. Grants are given in the amount of up to \$5,000 to spouses of active-duty service members at the installations listed above. Applicants may be in any stage of the educational process. Recipients will be notified by July 10.

Families do not have to reside in on-post housing to qualify. Eligible service members stationed at these installations can serve in any branch of the military.

To apply, go to <http://corviasfoundation.org>. For more information, call 401-228-2836 or email info@corviasfoundation.org

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.

April 16, Edgewood Conference Center
May 21, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel
June 18, Edgewood Conference Center
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.

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>

ARMY WELLNESS CENTER OFFERING SERVICES AT APG SOUTH CLINIC

The Army Wellness Center (AWC) is now seeing clients at the APG South (Edgewood) Clinic, Bldg. E4110 twice a month. Clients will now have the opportunity to have their metabolism and body composition assessment done without having to drive to APG North (Aberdeen). Service members and their Family members, retirees and Army civilian employees can make an appointment at the AWC or can be referred by their unit or primary health care provider at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Clients can reach their goals by making a positive, long-lasting change in their health and well-being. For more information or to schedule your appointment with the AWC please call 410-306-1024.

CYSS PARTNERS WITH HOMESCHOOLERS

APG Child, Youth and School Services is trying to establish a partnership with authorized users who homeschool their children in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. CYSS is willing to open its facilities during the week so homeschooled children can have access to classrooms, the computer lab and gym on a scheduled basis. For more information, call 410-278-7571/7479.

MORE ONLINE

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

Army Field Band returns to touring

By **JONATHAN AGEE**
Army News Service

After more than a year of restricted travel, the U.S. Army Field Band returns to the road this month, where they will share the Army story with audiences in the Northeast.

Soldiers of the U.S. Army Field Band departed Fort George G. Meade last Monday, March 10, and will return April 17. The Soldiers will perform community outreach concerts in 10 states throughout the Northeast as part of the band's spring tour.

"Our Soldiers are thrilled to get back on the road and do what we do best -- showcase Army excellence through our music," said Col. Timothy Holtan, commander and conductor of the Army Field Band. "We put together a musical program that has something for everyone. If you are in the Northeast, or know someone who is, come out to our concerts, enjoy wonderful music, and speak to a few of America's Soldiers who live the Army values and showcase its profession."

The band's last tour took place throughout the Midwest in the fall of 2012. Shortly after the Soldiers returned, the band was restricted to a 100-mile radius from Fort Meade as part of sequestration.

"During restricted travel, we demonstrated resiliency," said Holtan. "We toured locally, engaged students, and produced educational content. We even implemented online education clinics where we worked with students throughout America in a virtual forum. But getting back on the road is where



Members of the Soldiers' Chorus perform in Torrington, Conn., during fall tour 2011. The band will return to the Northeast this month as part of spring tour 2014.

Photo by Master Sgt. Robert McIver

we belong -- I can't wait!"

All Army Field Band concerts are free and open to the public; however, due to venue size restrictions, tickets are required. Information about tickets and performance locations can be found on the band's website: <http://www.armyfieldband.com/pages/schedule/sched.html>.

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

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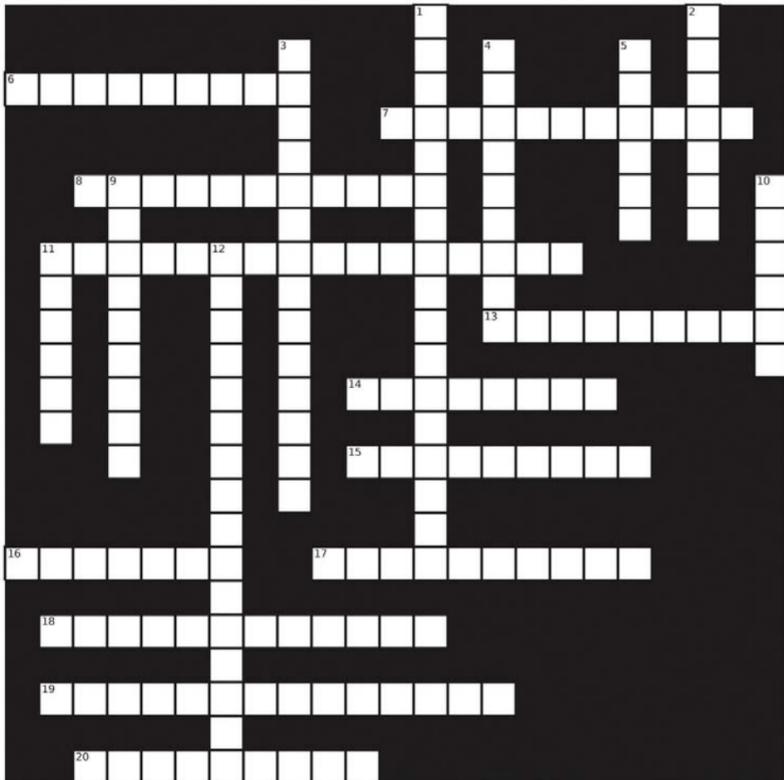
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The APG Crossword



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

- 6. ASAP is the acronym for the Army Abuse Program.
- 7. The sister of a signer of the Declaration of Independence and former Maryland governor is buried on APG. That statesman is _____ (2 words).

8. ACC-APG is the acronym for Army _____ Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

11. PEO ACWA is the acronym for Program Executive Office, Assembled _____ (2 words) Alternatives

13. Parents have the right to take actions to adjust their child's Individual

_____ Plan (I.E.P.) or enforce disability rights to eliminate bullying.

14. Ospreys are sometimes called _____ (2 words) because it is the only hawk on the continent that has a diet consisting almost exclusively of live fish.

15. The 2014 National Women's History Month theme is Celebrating Women of _____, Courage and Commitment.

16. Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's _____ Travel Office recently hosted a travel fair.

17. ROVR is the acronym for Remote Online _____ Record.

18. Joint _____ (3 words), or JLUS, is a cooperative planning effort between an active military installation, surrounding cities and counties, state and federal agencies, and other stakeholders.

19. The APG Army Substance Abuse Program will present a series of two-hour training sessions, one on _____ (2 words) and one on suicide prevention next week.

20. One of the goals of JLUS is to protect the health and safety of _____ and workers;

words)(MNVR).

4. There are a number of private cemeteries on APG, one of which is the Phillips Cemetery, also known as the Old _____ Cemetery.

5. The Chesapeake Bay estuary supports the largest breeding _____ population in the country

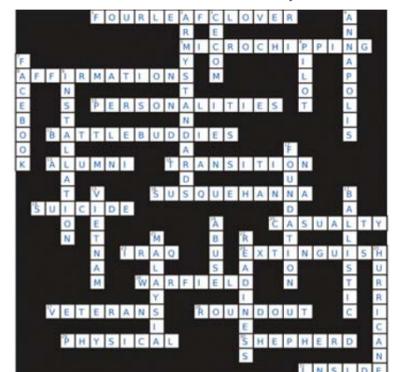
9. The Veterans Arrais (VA) Maryland Health Care System is hosting an _____ (2 words) and Information Fair on March 22.

10. FWP is offering free training on March 31 in honor of _____ History Month

11. One of the upcoming day trips offered by FMWR's Leisure Travel Office is to the _____ Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C.

12. ROVR will create patient records that can be transferred and shared, with access worldwide using the _____ (3 words), or CAC.

Solution to the March 13 puzzle



Down

1. One way to make sure your vote counts is to contact your Installation _____ (2 words) Officer.

2. ACE-SI is the acronym for Ask, Care, Escort-_____ Intervention

3. PM Tactical Radios was recently realigned and is now comprised of three Product Managers: Airborne Maritime and Fixed Station (AMF); Handheld, Manpack and Small Form Fit (HMS); and Mid-tier Networking _____ (2

Accessing Higher Education Track

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

The 2014 training dates are April 16 – 17 and Sept. 17 – 18.

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



AER Campaign kicks off for 2014

Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief has launched its annual campaign, which runs through May 15. The campaign started March 1.

This year's campaign theme is "Army Emergency Relief -- A Soldier's First Choice," Army Emergency Relief, or AER, officials announced. They said the purpose of the campaign is to create a greater awareness of how AER can resolve short-term financial difficulties as well as provide an opportunity for Soldiers to help their fellow Soldiers.

"Since 9/11, almost \$800 million has been distributed to Soldiers and their families in the form of interest-free loans, grants and scholarship to children and spouses of active-duty and retired Soldiers," said AER's director, retired Lt. Gen. Robert Foley. "In the last four years, nine new categories of assistance have been added to include dependent dental care, replacement vehicles, HVAC and appliance repair, rental vehicles, relocation travel, cranial helmets and infant car seats."

AER provides an average of \$74 million in assistance to about 53,000 Soldiers and Family members annually.

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sioned officers have done over the last decade leading Soldiers in combat, AER has implemented a new policy allowing sergeants and above direct access to AER assistance without going through their chain of command.

AER is placing an increased emphasis on connecting with spouses this year, according to organization officials. Recognizing that spouses make daily family financial decisions, especially when their Soldiers are deployed, tailored presentations will be made available to Family Readiness Group representatives and spouses during this year's campaign.

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

Additional program information is available at www.aerhq.org.

Analyzing the protective capability of body armor

Story and photo by **JOYCE M. CONANT**
ARL

Researchers from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, or ARL, continue to expand body armor analysis work to protect Soldiers -- not only protecting their lives, but also their daily life functions after treatment and recovery.

The team of researchers, who work in the Warfighter Survivability Branch of ARL's Survivability Lethality Analysis Directorate, implement methodology to better understand and analyze the protective capability of body armor, both in terms of mitigating injury and life changing outcomes. For example, eye injuries have a low level on the threat to life scale but are very significant in terms of quality of life and the Soldier's ability to perform military tasks. The addition of new injury outcome metrics provides a method of scoring and quantifying protection in multiple meaningful dimensions.

"Current ballistic protection continues to excel at protecting our Soldiers," said Rebecca VanAmburg, electrical engineer. "So there has been a paradigm shift not just to focus on threat to life, but other dimensions of injury as well. By performing survivability analysis that examines the multiple dimensional aspects of trauma, we can best continue to optimize how we protect and also very importantly, how we communicate these protection levels in meaningful ways."

Soldiers' quality of life is a major piece. "We are using the models we already have and characterizing injury and classifying them," said Patrick Gillich, personnel methodology team leader. "We always care about Soldiers' threat to life -- injury and loss of life, but what about quality of life and daily function? We are focusing on the simple things we all take for granted -- the simple daily function tasks."

There are four steps in the body armor analysis process. First, they look at the physical body armor and how it fits on the Soldier. Then the armor is modeled on their human model. Next, the human model fitted with body armor is modeled in a threat environment. As the final step, they perform analysis to determine the armor's effectiveness in a threat environment.

Team member Latrice Hall enhanced the Army's current methodology for performing personnel vulnerability methodology by incorporating quality of life measures. She proofed the implementation of this new analytical capability and has communicated it to DoD's test and evaluation community.

"I implemented the metrics Rebecca uses and performed studies to help us understand the impact that the addition of new dimensions have on our analysis," said Hall. "It's important to perform comprehensive testing to check the quality of the outcome to ensure it's accurate."

The importance of this research is to continually communicate the protective capability of body armor to developers



Researchers from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory continue to expand body armor analysis work to protect Soldiers not only protecting their lives, but also their daily life functions after treatment and recovery. Shown here is electrical engineer Rebecca VanAmburg (left) explaining how hard armor shapes can be designed to protect a chosen level of injury. Helping her is Latrice Hall.

in a manner that easily quantifies the differences between systems. With their analysis, small area of coverage changes can be shown to have a significant increase in quality of life outcomes.

These analyses have been used in the decision to field Army plate carriers, neck protection, and urogenital protection.

"The reason why we do this is we want to be able to help the Soldier stay in his or her job and help them go back to their daily lives after they are injured," said Gillich.

The team continues to focus on protecting other parts of the body, which may limit lower level injuries that have a significant effect on quality of life.

"We are also looking at other parts of the body -- such as the urogenital region and the forearm," said VanAmburg.

"When evaluating the need for additional body armor we determine which metric most effectively evaluates the injuries sustained in that body area. For instance, when evaluating the need for ballistic undergarments, it was important to not only assess the injuries sustained in that body region, but also how those injuries affect the Soldier's quality of life."

The goal of every researcher at ARL is to ensure the Army's Soldiers are the best trained and most lethal and well protected in the world. VanAmburg supports that goal and said, "We are using our expertise to quantify the protective capability of body armor that protects Soldiers. We are able to assess several dimensions of injury to provide meaningful analysis to the body armor community."

USAMU hosts Army National Junior Rifle Championship

Story and photo by **MICHAEL MOLINARO**
U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit PAO

Dozens of the nation's top junior air-rifle shooters competed at the 2014 U.S. Army National Junior Air Rifle Championship Feb. 24-26 at Pool International Range Complex at Fort Benning, Ga..

Hosted by the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU), juniors between the ages of 14 and 18 from around the country competed for national titles in two divisions—Sporter and Precision—under the watchful eye of the USAMU's world-class shooter/instructors

"I really enjoyed this match," said Ashley Durham. "It was a huge honor to work with the AMU team. They are good at what they do, so to compete in front of them was really cool."

Durham and her Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) teammates from Dalton McMichael (N.C.) High School brought home the Sporter Division title, holding off Fountain-Fort Carson High School. Durham led the way, adding the Sporter Division individual championship to her collection of trophies.

David Sink, from Columbia, Md., took home top honors in the Precision Division while he and his teammates from Queen Anne's 4-H won the Precision national team championship.

Taking time out from training for the upcoming competition season, USAMU Soldiers from the International Rifle section provided instruction and mentorship for the competitors. For some of them, this match took them back to the days when they were a young shooter finding



The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and International Rifle section hosted the 2014 U.S. Army National Junior Air Rifle Championship at Pool Indoor Range in Fort Benning, Ga. More than 80 junior shooters from across the country competed in the event.

their way in the sport.

"I shot this very competition when I was a junior," said Sgt. 1st Class Hank Gray. "It was hosted by the (National) Guard back then. It's rewarding to go from a competitor to host and do the same thing for the future generation of shooters like it was done for me."

The USAMU supports our nation's youth by fostering junior participation in prestigious state and national rifle competitions, promoting firearms safety, and connecting them with the expertise and professionalism of the Army and its Soldiers. Gray said he and his teammates enjoyed the exchange with the junior shooters and the opportunity

to answer their questions about shooting and the military.

"The neat thing about being a member of (the USAMU) is that we are looked at as the experts," Gray said. "As a former junior shooter they know we have been there -- they know the things we are going to tell them are things we experienced before. I made the same mistakes and this is how you get past them."

Despite being billed as a national championship and the prestige that goes along with it, attendees said that the professionalism of the USAMU is what stood out the most at this year's event.

"Being here has been very uplifting," said retired Air Force Master Sgt.

Scott Davis, who brought the McMichael High team to the match. "The USAMU made it more than just a fun match -- they provided a learning environment. They were the first to step in and show the kids how to do something or another way of doing it."

"All of (the juniors) commented on how top notch the USAMU Soldiers are." USAMU is part of the U.S. Army Accessions Brigade, Army Marketing and Research Group and is tasked with enhancing the Army's recruiting effort, raising the standard of Army marksmanship and furthering small arms research and development to enhance the Army's overall combat readiness.

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This Week in APG News history

By **ALAN FEILER**, APG News



50 Years Ago (March 19, 1964)

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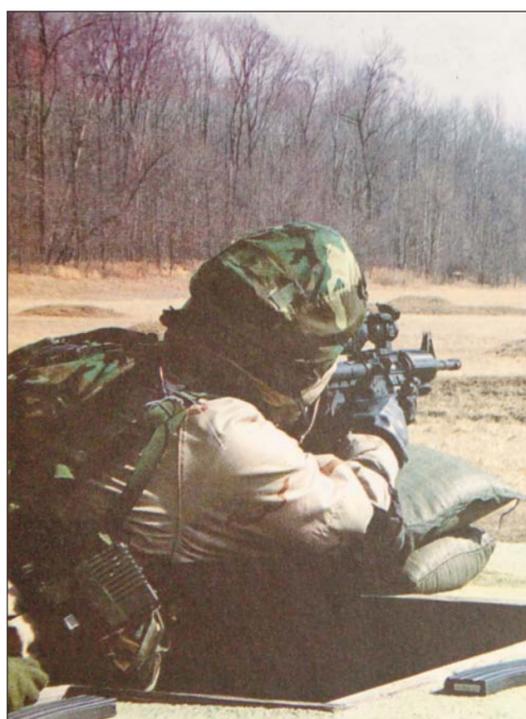
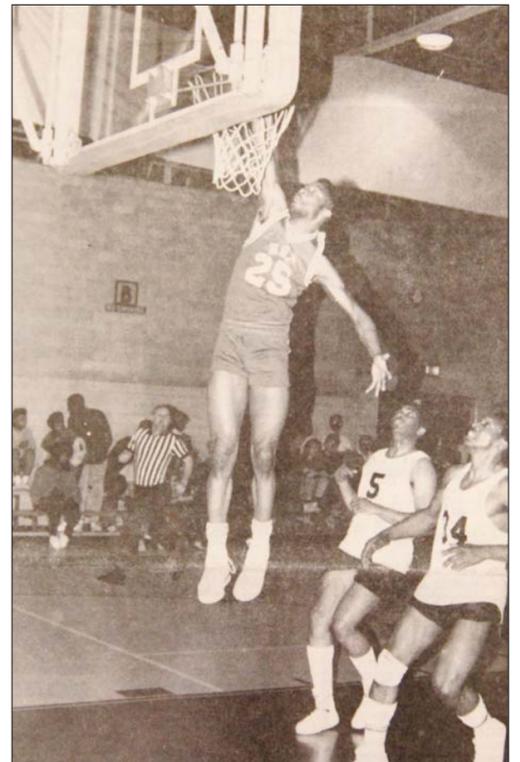
1st Lt. Shirley J. Mead was recently assigned executive officer for the Proving Ground WAC Detachment. She was previously a civilian policewoman in Auburn, Washington. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Mead of Black Diamond, Washington. "I carried a revolver and I had the power to arrest if the occasion demanded it," Mead said. "That's something the 'Meter Maids' are not empowered to do." .. Members of the Officers' Wives Club modeled spring fashions from Evelyn's of Bel Air at a luncheon at the Officers' Open Mess. The show was sponsored by Ladies of the U.S. Army Ballistic Research Laboratories. ...The Proving Ground Wildlife Program recently received a donation of 50 Chinese ringneck pheasants from Argyle Day, manager of the APG Marylander Club. The birds were presented to the program almost fully grown in the Cherry Tree Farm section of the industrial section of APG. Because of their age, it is expected they will reach maturity without the usual loss of younger birds from such predators as owls, hawks, vultures and eagles.



25 Years Ago (March 22, 1989)

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The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School's Federal Women's Program will celebrate Women's History Month with a luncheon tomorrow. The featured speaker will be Awilda R. Marquez, co-founder of Women Entrepreneurs of Baltimore, a non-profit organization that provides entrepreneurial training and start-up capital to low-income women. Shown in APG News was 2nd Lt. Romona West, who "exemplifies the role Ordnance women have played in defending the United States." ... David L. Porter Jr. of Headquarters Support Troops led his team to a 64-50 victory over Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, on March 15. ... Capt. Gustav F. Perna recently took over the B Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, from Capt. Steven J. Rauch, who served as B Company's commander since February 1988. Perna comes to the B Company from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, where he was chief of Direct Support/General Support Division.



10 Years Ago (March 18, 2004)

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Soldiers from the 1/17th Infantry Battalion in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, participated in an ARL encapsulation study by placing combat Soldiers in simulated field environments with experimental equipment at the APG Test Center's KD Range. "We look at their performance in relation to how well they can perform common tasks in wartime or in training," said Master Sgt. Lamar Garrett of ARL's Human Resources Engineering Directorate. ...Twenty-one law enforcement officers recently graduated from the APG Police Academy during a ceremony at Top of the Bay. Among the speakers were Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; Robert W. Krauer, APG provost marshal, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security; and Ken Masoner, deputy provost marshal. Maj. Joseph DiGregorio, a Catholic chaplain, offered the invocation and benediction. ... A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held March 4 for the opening of a new five-bedroom prototype housing unit that was renovated to house a family of 11 at Bayside Village. "I've seen the house and it's really neat," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert E. Potter, whose family moved into the unit. Potter arrived at APG from Bamberg, Germany, in Dec.



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New technologies to support signal battalions

Story and photo by **AMY WALKER**
PEO C3T

In preparation for the Army's Network Integration Evaluation, or NIE, 14.2 this spring, the 86th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, or ESB, is training with new tactical communications equipment that is smaller in size for easy transport, yet significantly increases capability.

"These new network technologies will increase our readiness and agility," said Lt. Col. Keith Dawson, commander of the 86th ESB, which will be evaluating the equipment at NIE 14.2 in May. "They will enable us to deploy in smaller teams instead of deploying as an entire battalion like we did in the past."

ESBs are modular in nature and primarily support other units that don't have their own communications equipment. As the Army continues to evolve its force structure while becoming a leaner and more expeditionary force, it is looking to increase the capability and versatility of these units. Upgrades and new technologies fielded by the Warfighter Information Network-Tactical, or WIN-T, program, the Army's tactical communications network backbone, are filling these requirements.

In line with the 86th ESB's motto, "The first voice heard," the unit is the first to be fielded with some of the new technologies.

"For NIE 14.2, we will conduct demonstrations with new equipment, such as 4G LTE and a new line-of-sight radio, for a proof-of-concept as to what future ESBs are going to look like," said Maj. Rickie Meers, 86th ESB operations officer (S3).

As part of their training in support of NIE 14.2, a hands-on demonstration of the new equipment, along with WIN-T Increment 1B upgrades, was held at Fort Bliss, Texas, in late February. The event enabled Soldiers and commanders to better understand the capabilities and the space and manpower requirements needed to deploy the equipment.

"This new equipment is good, but we have to take it out into the field and use it; we have to learn how to pack it up in trucks, get it deployed, so we can put it on airplanes," Dawson said. "We hope to provide lessons learned from the NIE to the rest of the Army."

ESBs can support higher headquarters at corps and division, but they also have smaller teams to support units within a brigade combat team, or BCT, or when needed, to provide network support for natural disaster relief efforts or other emergencies around the world. As their name suggests, the expeditionary nature of these units requires an ability to be agile and the new WIN-T technologies and upgrades support those requirements.

"A lot of the equipment is more maneuverable and it's going to make it



During Network Integration Evaluation (NIE) 14.2, the Army will evaluate a 4G LTE system that allows Soldiers to use the Secure Internet Protocol Router (SIPR) Network on the battlefield via mobile devices and Wi-Fi. The equipment shown was part of a demonstration for Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) Increment 1 advancements, at Fort Bliss, Texas.

easier and quicker to deploy; making it a lot easier for our Soldiers to pack up and go when they need to," Meers said. "Plus the capability, the amount of bandwidth and data we can pass through, has also greatly improved."

The Army's semi-annual NIEs, which are held in a realistic operational environment at Fort Bliss and White Sands Missile Range, N.M., provide operational test data for programs of record, validate network baselines for fielding and collect Soldier feedback on promising industry capabilities. NIE 14.2 will include increased joint and coalition force participation, and to help support the coalition aspect of the event, the WIN-T Increment 1 program is introducing the Mission Network Enclave, or MNE, a small baseband package that enables Soldiers to share information with coalition partners. When needed, MNE can also be reconfigured for disaster response to provide commercial internet to first responders.

During NIE 14.2, the 86th will also evaluate a 4G LTE system that allows Soldiers to use the Secure Internet Protocol Router (SIPR) Network on the battlefield via mobile devices and Wi-Fi. These capabilities could help reduce the many wires and cables cluttering tactical operations centers and further untether commanders and Soldiers in command post areas.

Also being evaluated is a radio-bridging and voice cross-banding module that allows Soldiers to fuse radio and phone networks. Additionally, a new line-of-sight, or LOS, radio reduces size,

weight, and power, known as SWaP, and significantly increases throughput from 16 megabits per second (Mbps) to approximately 200Mbps.

"These new LOS radio systems are lighter and easier to set up, so it will make it easier to deploy; throw them in the back of a truck or on an airplane and you're gone," Meers said. "The bandwidth is exponentially better. I started 10 years ago and you wouldn't even have thought about having 200 megabits going through a LOS system; it's just great."

The Tropo Lite, a transit case-based tropospheric, or tropo, scatter communications system, is being assessed to replace the Army's current truck and trailer-based system. Tropo systems shoot microwaves instead of satellite radio frequencies, allowing for secure, high-speed transfer of large volumes of data between sites and over terrestrial obstructions such as mountains. They also reduce the Army's reliance on expensive commercial and military satellites. Nicknamed "Tropo-in-a-can" by the Soldiers because of its smaller size and transportability compared to legacy capability, the Tropo Lite is also much faster to set up.

"I can put it in a helicopter, take it to a remote site, and hook it up without requiring three trucks and six Soldiers," said Sgt. Maj. Roberto Marshall, 86th's former command sergeant major. "Now I only need two Soldiers, a small truck and we are up and running."

The 86th ESB also received on-going WIN-T Increment 1B upgrades that add a Network Centric Waveform modem,

which optimizes bandwidth and satellite utilization. The upgrades also provide a Colorless Core capability that encrypts data as it is transported over satellites and line-of-sight links, enabling Soldiers to send information securely across the battlefield. The upgrades improve the security and efficiency of the network, and since these capabilities are inherent in the mobile WIN-T Increment 2 network, they also increase the interoperability of both increments.

"The 1B upgrades makes it a lot easier for commanders on the ground to plan and execute their missions when they don't have to worry about interoperability," Meers said. "With this new 1B equipment it's not going to be a second thought; it's just going to work."

ESBs will be able to support any unit on the battlefield or area or operations within their footprint with the new WIN-T technologies once they are deployed. Vetting the proof-of-concepts through the NIE will help work out any initial bugs and improve tactics, techniques and procedures to provide Soldiers with the best capabilities possible.

"I am excited about the improvements we are going to get from this equipment," said CW2 Keith Hudson, 86th ESB network technician responsible for implementing the components in the tactical network. "As the equipment is being fielded, it is challenging our Soldiers to think outside the box -- how can I do this and how can I get better performance out of my equipment? That input is going to improve the Signal Corps holistically once the equipment is deployed to all ESBs."

Joint land use study promotes good neighbor policy

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grow and APG has its mission. So how do we do this best?"

The APG JLUS is a yearlong study funded through a grant from the Department of Defense, the Office of Economic Adjustment, and contributions by Harford County's Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor (CSSC), the JLUS project manager. The APG JLUS Study Area encompasses all land and operational areas near APG locations and use area that may impact current or future military operations.

Besides APG North (Aberdeen) and South (Edgewood), the JLUS area includes the Churchville Test Area, Graces Quarters, Carroll Island, Pool's Island, Spesutie Island and smaller properties containing utilities, towers and other range infrastructure.

The goal of JLUS is to protect the health and safety of residents and workers; preserve long-term land use compatibility between APG and the surrounding communities; promote comprehensive community planning that addresses compatibility issues; enhance a cooperative spirit between the installation and community officials; and coordinate comprehensive plans and regulations between local jurisdictions and APG.

Guiding JLUS's development will be an executive committee, an advisory committee and the public, via community workshops.

Eight members of the compatibility/community/military planning firm Matrix Design Group, along with two CSSC members, toured APG North and South, as well as Graces Quarters and Carroll Island last week. They collected data, conducted site investigations, interviewed officials on the installation and met with representatives of the cit-



Photo courtesy of CSSC Office

Tim McNamara, chief of infrastructure & community relations & security for Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense (JPEO-CBD), presents an overview of the APG South (Edgewood) to Celeste Werner, deputy project manager for Matrix Design Group. Todd Beser, second from left, with APG's DPW Environmental Division and Chesapeake Bay Program, and Dave Goad, chief, Compliance & Conservation Team with Aberdeen Test Center, far right, also made presentations during the site tour.

ies of Aberdeen and Havre de Grace and Baltimore, Cecil, Harford and Kent counties.

"They've been on the go the whole week," Melascaglia said of the Matrix team. "This is the first major step with JLUS."

The tours of APG North and South, some of which were in restricted secure areas, were hosted by the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, or ATC. In particular, the issues of noise exposure and dust generation are the paramount concerns of the APG JLUS. The team was given a detonation presentation by ATC that featured a kinetic bul-

let fired from an Abrams tank and shot one mile downrange.

"Every time you hear a 'boom! boom!' they're testing munitions or gun barrels for tanks and things like that," said Melascaglia. "There are impacts on the community. That noise propagates to the North Shore, over in Kent County. The ATC uses noise sensors to calibrate the noise models based on climatic conditions. Those models tell them how the noise will propagate across the bay, and who will hear the effects of that noise. So the goal is to minimize that impact and not to fire if the noise goes over 140

decibels."

Dust tends to be mainly an issue in APG's Perryman Area, where driving test tracks were constructed in a manner that stirs dust in the air. "Some of it migrates beyond the fence," Melascaglia said.

He said many JLUS studies address endangered species on installations, but that issue does not pertain to APG. The bald eagle population here is now designated a threatened species, he said, and regulations are in place not to have construction or any work encroach a 500-meter buffer radius around their nests.

Melascaglia emphasized that the key word in the JLUS acronym is 'Joint.' While the Matrix group employs 24 compatibility factors (such as air quality, energy development, roadway capacity, etc.) to ensure that an installation's ability to conduct mission is not encroaching upon neighboring communities. The JLUS also examines if those municipalities are developing in a manner to affect an installation.

The APG JLUS report is expected to be released February 2015. The recommendations will be reviewed and implemented in a fashion where "we'll figure out how we can best serve each other's interests," Melascaglia said.

The JLUS team also visited Phillips Army Airfield at APG North and the Weide Air Aviation Support Activity facility at APG South, to determine if air traffic from the installation impacts the local community.

Matrix officials will return to APG periodically, but the bulk of the research for the APG JLUS was conducted last week, according to Melascaglia, who reports directly to Garrison Commander Col. Gregory R. McClinton regarding updates on the study.

Suicide, substance abuse trainer returns to APG

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APG South Conference Center, Bldg. E4810, from 9 to 11 a.m. and also from 1 to 3 p.m.

Last July, when he first spoke at APG about suicide prevention, Johnson, a retired Air Force officer, was an unqualified hit, according to Thompson. “We have a hard audience,” he said. “They’ll sniff you out if you can’t deliver the message. If you give a class and it’s not right, they’ll let us know. But we didn’t get a single bad comment when he was here. He captures you. It’s a powerful presentation, and you learn a lot.”

That’s important, Thompson said, since the topics of suicide prevention and substance abuse are high on the Army’s list of priorities to address. “No one is immune to any of this,” he said. “With suicide, you have to know the signs. We’re training Soldiers and civil-

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HR Specialist- CMA Transition/Wellness Office

ians to detect any changes with their fellow employees or Soldiers. If someone becomes withdrawn, notice it and ask the hard questions – ‘Are you thinking of committing suicide?’”

The Army is trying to destigmatize the subjects of suicide and substance abuse to enable Soldiers and civilians to feel comfortable enough to seek counsel-

ing or therapy, Thompson said. “People should get the help they need without the fear of losing their job or a promotion,” he said. “We’re getting there. We have to reach out.”

In particular, that pertains to young Soldiers who do not yet “have the life experiences, especially when it comes to losing loved ones,” Thompson said.

“Can you imagine being just out of high school or college and sent to Afghanistan? It must be tough, and it all comes down to having the coping mechanisms and resiliency.”

Thompson encouraged Team APG members to attend Johnson’s training sessions even if they do not have an immediate concern about suicide or substance abuse in their lives. “Parents, in particular, should know these things,” he said. “If you have kids, you should definitely show up. Everyone should show up.”

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For information about the training workshops, call the ASAP main number at 410-278-DRUG/3784.

Workshops, displays offered as part of FWP conference



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force structure, Congressional budget and appropriations process, development of manpower and personnel policies, as well as Department of The Army and Department of Defense Matters.

Teresa Rudd, the program’s chair called Anderson a “history-making, inspirational woman.” In 2011, Anderson became the first African-American woman to achieve the rank of major general in the USAR.

Rudd said the training topics were based on the needs of the community.

“Every year, the FWP receives feedback from workshop attendees,” she said. “This helps the committee select workshop topics that are specific to the needs of the APG workforce.”

Trainings will include: Time Manage-

U.S. Army Reserve Deputy Chief Maj. Gen. Marcia M. Anderson spoke about the contributions of African-American women in the military, at an event at the Pentagon, Feb. 25. Anderson will be the guest speaker during the Federal Women’s Program training workshop at the Mallette Training Facility March 31. Anderson will speak from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Photo by Lisa Ferdinando

ment and Organization Skills; Effective Presentation Techniques; Understanding SharePoint: Making it Work for You; Personnel: Retirement, Reduction-In-Force & Rules; Conflict Management; and Thrift Savings Plan/Financial Planning.

During the lunch break, attendees can visit educational vendor displays by Women in Defense, Harford Community College, Susquehanna Toastmasters Club, the University of Maryland, the Army Education Center and more.

Rudd said attendees should receive their supervisors’ permission to attend the daylong event. Men and women are encouraged to participate and can attend for all or part of the day’s activities.

“The FWP workshop is a great opportunity for those in the APG community to network and share ideas,” Rudd said.

For more information and to register, visit www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/100, or call Rudd at 410-436-5501; FWP Vice Chairperson, Elizabeth Young, 410-278-1392; or FWP Secretary Kristine Augustyniak, 410-278-2830. Attendees can also register the morning of the event. Because space is limited in some trainings, participants are encouraged to register early.

Military animals’ records can be tracked using ROVR

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retrieve and transmit the elements of veterinary clinical encounters at all levels of care,” according to Col. Erik Topping, deputy commander for veterinary services at the USAPHC. “It is a state-of-the-art means to collect, manage, analyze and report data and information rapidly and accurately to all levels of the Department of Defense.”

The Army provides veterinary health services for all components of the DOD and to other governmental agencies with complete veterinary medical and surgical care for all government-owned animals including those belonging to other governmental agencies such as the Secret Service, Border Patrol, Customs Service and the Transportation Security Administration.

Currently, veterinary personnel doc-

ument their clinical findings and other statistical data using hard copy records, spreadsheets and other databases. These methods lack the ability to encrypt data, don’t allow access by all veterinary personnel, and are generally hard to manage, according to Michael Tackett, U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center Veterinary Services Systems Management program manager.

“The DoD veterinary services community operates in approximately 144 sites worldwide,” explained Tackett. “The new system will be capable of encrypting data and providing worldwide access for veterinary service personnel in theater or garrison.”

ROVR was designed to address many of the concerns of the veterinary community and is being trained and fielded throughout the USAPHC regional commands across the world through April.

“Access to this system is based on a user’s common access card,” explained Lt. Col. Kay Burkman, veterinary staff officer at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas. “ROVR will create patient records that can be transferred and shared, with access worldwide using the CAC.”

Burkman has been involved with this project since it was first conceived in 2005. She has spent the last 2 ½ years working primarily on program development, beta testing and devising training.

“Every clinic is different, so we tailor our training to meet the needs of those using the system,” she explained. “A facility exclusively treating government-owned animals will have slightly different needs than one that treats primarily privately-owned animals.

“In February, we trained veterinary treatment facility personnel from APG and Carlisle Barracks (Pa.) on how to use this system,” Burkman explained. “We have already trained veterinary personnel at more than 100 VTFs including Joint Base San Antonio, and veterinary personnel have been very enthusiastic about ROVR’s capabilities.”

The system has a lot of benefits for VTF users as well as pet owners according to Burkman. ROVR even has more functionality than the current electronic health system for military beneficiaries, she said.

One of the biggest benefits to pet owners is that the information stored in

the system can be transferred to any military VTF around the world. This will make a difference for those who take pets with them when they have a permanent change of station.

The same is true for military working dogs and other government-owned animals such as the caisson horses used at Fort Belvoir, Va. Information on the animals’ past and present health will be available to any veterinary provider with a CAC.

“ROVR provides the functionalities necessary to consolidate the 144 independent veterinary treatment facilities into a global practice with the capability to provide standardized, evidence-based veterinary care to any animal, anywhere,” Burkman explained.

In addition, ROVR will be able to help track animal disease trends, clinic inventory, manage appointments, provide billing statements, track drug interactions, generate rabies and veterinary health certificates and support clinical documentation of patient records.

Although the USAPHC is hosting the training, many veterinary services personnel, the DoD Veterinary Services Activity, the Defense Health Agency and DoD’s Health Affairs contributed to the design of the system and are involved in the management of the system. These organizations, animals and owners will benefit from the information available in the system, according to Topping.

“The entire program including development, testing and fielding has been a huge team effort,” said Tackett. “This is a partnership that will improve patient care by automating medical records and providing worldwide access from any CAC-enabled government computer.”

ROVR still has some growing to do, but so far, design defects have been minimal and will be fixed once the system is fielded.

At APG, the veterinary clinic staff, which received training in February, is already using the new system in the VTF.

“Change is always challenging,” said Carol Bossone, non-appropriated fund veterinarian at the clinic, “but this system seems to offer functionality that we have not had before. I am hopeful that the end result will be a valuable tool that is versatile, flexible and seamless.”

DID YOU KNOW?

A Maryland patriot’s sister is buried at APG?

William Paca (1740-1799) has a unique place in Free State history. A diplomat, lawyer, planter and patriot, he was a signatory of the Declaration of Independence. He was also governor of Maryland and a federal judge. In addition, Paca, an Abingdon native reportedly of Italian extraction, is the man for whom Paca Street in downtown Baltimore is named. His residence in Annapolis is now listed as a National Historic Landmark.

Much less, however, is known about his well-heeled kid sister, Martha Paca Phillips (1744-1829). She was actually one of his five sisters. Still, because of her overachieving, well-connected bro, Phillips is arguably the best-known person buried at APG.

She’s buried in APG’s Old Baltimore Cemetery, also known as the Phillips Cemetery, near the site of the original Baltimore County courthouse. Back then, believe it or not, Bawlmer County stretched all the way up to the land we now know as APG.

Around 1670, the merchants and frontier settlers of the northern Chesapeake Bay used to trade and spend time in a tiny tobacco port backwater on the Bush River called Baltimore Town (and eventually known as Old Baltimore). It was also simply called Bush.

Old Baltimore was the original location of the county seat. Also, it was the site of the original courthouse for Baltimore County by 1676. In addition, it was the site of a cemetery and reportedly a much-utilized tavern.

In 1683, the Maryland Assembly made this hamlet a port of entry for ferries and other vessels crossing the Atlantic from Europe, but a decade later the courthouse was inexplicably moved west to what was called Simm’s Choice on the Gunpowder River. It was moved again in 1712 to what is now Joppa, and eventually to Baltimore City in 1768 (and then to its current site in Towson in 1851).

It appears that Old Baltimore basically faded from the face of the earth in the years after the courthouse was moved, and the area became part of Harford County. Still, the cemetery near the original courthouse remains.

That’s why today, the graveyard – off of Old Baltimore Road, in a restricted area of APG – is called the Old Baltimore Cemetery. Besides Martha Paca Phillips and her husband, James Phillips (1740-1803), the cemetery is the final resting place of other family members and most likely other distant relatives.



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APG SNAPSHOT

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



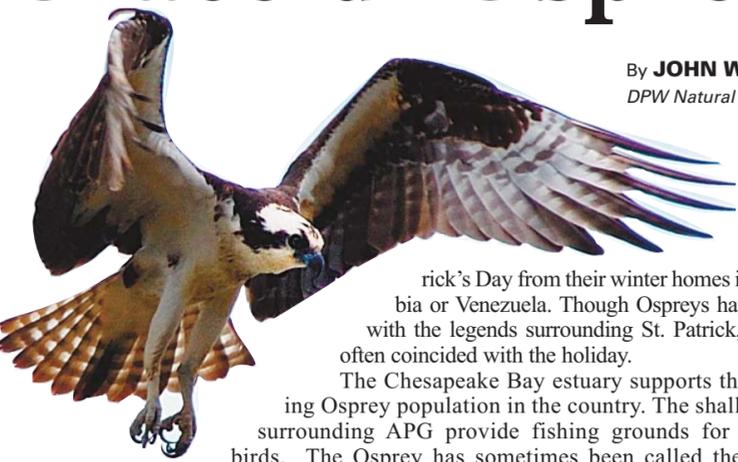
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YOUTH CENTER HOSTS DISABILITY AWARENESS EVENT

The APG South (Edgewood) youth center hosted Disability Awareness Night for children and their Families March 14. During the event, Tanya Hodges, from the U.S. Army Public Health Command, spoke about her daughter, Elicia Parker, a fourth grade student, who is autistic. Renee Main, director of the APG South youth center, also shared that she is dyslexic and talked about some of the challenges she faced in school. After the discussion, the children participated in several educational activities.

Clockwise from left: Second grader Mia Vickers tries to draw a square with her feet. This activity was designed to show the children what life would be like if they were not able to use their hands. ... (From left) Rodney Thomas Jr., a sixth grade student, and Samantha Devorak, a seventh grade student, paint with their mouths only. ... Marisol Macias, a fourth grader, writes a phrase backwards. This activity was designed to teach the children about dyslexia.

Graceful Ospreys return to APG



File photo

By **JOHN WROBEL**
DPW Natural Resources Branch

These graceful birds of prey return to the Chesapeake Bay every year around St. Patrick's Day from their winter homes in Brazil, Colombia or Venezuela. Though Ospreys have nothing to do with the legends surrounding St. Patrick, their return has often coincided with the holiday.

The Chesapeake Bay estuary supports the largest breeding Osprey population in the country. The shallow tidal waters surrounding APG provide fishing grounds for many of these birds. The Osprey has sometimes been called the "Fish Hawk," because it is the only hawk on the continent that has a diet consisting almost exclusively of live fish. Ospreys are proficient anglers, hovering in the air before plunging feet-first in the water for fish or flying close to the surface dragging one or both feet through the water to flush out their prey. If you notice an Osprey flying with its catch, try to see which direction the fish is pointing. An Osprey will typically line up the fish head first for less wind resistance.

Ospreys usually mate for life and return each year to their old nesting site. During the six months they spend at APG, they devote their time building or repairing nests, incubating eggs and procuring food for their young. Constructed mainly of sticks, the nests can be as large as 6 feet in diameter and 10 feet high. Some nests have been occupied for up to 10 years at the same location. Throughout APG you will be able to see nest platforms for osprey that have been placed adjacent to power lines to prevent the birds from nesting on electrical poles and potentially being electrocuted. Their nests can also be seen on navigation buoys in the water.

Osprey numbers plummeted between the 1950s and the 1970s when pesticides such as DDT poisoned the birds and thinned their eggshells. Thanks to pesticide bans and the construction of artificial nest sites, Osprey populations have rebounded and are still growing.

Contracting cutoff dates for Fiscal Year 2014

Tenant Contracting Division

The Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground (ACC-APG), tenant and garrison contracting divisions, have established their Fiscal Year 2014 (FY 14) cutoff dates for submission of Acquisition Packages to include purchase requests (PRs) and accompanying acquisition documentation.

Early planning and customer support continues to remain the key to a successful year-end by identifying and submitting these packages BY OR BEFORE the date listed below. This greatly enhances the ability of the ACC-APG tenant and garrison contracting divisions to meet customer needs. Any packages which might be accepted after the cutoff date shall be handled on a best effort with no guarantee of award.

The following schedule has been established for the submission of acquisition packages for FY 14. This cutoff date is for the PR and ALL supporting documentation and approvals. Incomplete acquisition packages will not be accepted by the tenant/garrison divisions. Failure to include the necessary documentation could result in delay, untimely, or non-award of requests.

- Cutoff Date:** (to include but not limited to the actions listed below) May 15.
- Noncommercial items over \$150,000*
 - Noncommercial items between \$2,500 for services; \$3,000 for supplies; \$2,000 for construction and \$150,000
 - Commercial items under \$150,000
 - Commercial items over \$150,000
 - Services under \$150,000
 - Services over \$150,000
 - Delivery orders and task orders under existing contracts
 - GSA schedule procurements
 - Short-of-award over \$2,500**
 - Maintenance for FY 2014 – (FY14 Contract Modifications and Options for Existing Maintenance Contracts)

* There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chiefs prior to this date. The ACC-APG tenant/garrison contracting divisions encourage customer activities to coordinate their projected FY-end require-

ments with their respective branch chiefs during the third quarter in order to discuss acquisition methods and identify those documents, reviews, and approvals required to accompany the procurement package.

**Customers submitting short-of-award PRs, especially for services requirements, must consider whether funding will materialize. A substantial amount of effort is expended to prepare these pending actions and they must be prioritized after PRs that are funded and PRs that are subject to the availability of funds. Short-of-award actions, if not funded in FY14, should be funded immediately in FY15 as a bona fide need.

Subject-to-availability-of-funds (SAF) will only be accepted by the Tenant/Garrison contracting division branch chiefs. APG activities should consider maximizing use of their government purchase cards to execute small dollar transactions for authorized items rather than submitting a purchase request to the contracting office.

ALL acquisition packages must be submitted electronically and at a minimum shall include the following:

Funded purchase request, statement of work/description of requirement/purchase description, independent government cost estimate (IGCE), service acquisition strategy (Greater than \$150,000 inclusive of options), service contract approval, COR nomination completed in VCE-COR tool, quality assurance surveillance plan (QASP), NEC approval (IT hardware, software and services), evaluation factors, complete sole source justification (Less than \$150,000 and J&A for greater than \$150,000, if appropriate), Antiterrorism/Operations Security (AT/OPSEC) cover sheet, and market research.

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