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## APG, community to mark Memorial Day

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
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Aberdeen Proving Ground will join the nation in remembering America's service members, past and present, with a 9 a.m. Memorial Day program at the Edgewood Arsenal Cemetery on APG South (Edgewood), Monday, May 26.

The event will feature a color guard from the 20th CBRNE Command as well as a ceremonial walk to the site by members of Edgewood American Legion Post 17, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5337, Knights of Columbus, Corpus Christi Council #6188 and local scout groups.

The guest speaker is Col. Richard Schueneman, chief of staff, 20th CBRNE Command and Tim Baird of the Knights of Columbus will narrate.

Along with its local partners,

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### FOR YOUR INFO

**Memorial Day program at the Edgewood Cemetery on APG South (Edgewood) Monday, May 26 10 a.m.**



Brig. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford smiles while addressing the audience at the C4ISR Center of Excellence Campus May 20 after assuming command of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Crawford becomes the 14th CECOM commanding general.

## New CECOM commander

### Crawford becomes 14th CECOM leader

Story and photos by **PAMELA LEIGH**  
CECOM

The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) hosted an assumption of command ceremony on Tuesday, May 20, at the C4ISR Center of Excellence Campus

The ceremony formalized Brig. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford as the 14th CECOM commanding general. CECOM, a major subordinate command of U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC), has been without a commander since December 2013 when then-Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell was nom-

inated to his third star and became the chief information officer/G-6 of the Army. AMC Commanding General, Gen. Dennis L. Via presided over the ceremony and welcomed Crawford to the AMC family. Crawford previously served as the J6,

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## Asian American Pacific Islander observance slated May 29

By **DEBORAH INCE**  
APG News

Team APG will present the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 29 at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000.

Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward Chow, Jr. is the program's guest speaker. The event will include food sam-

plings from individuals as well as from local Asian restaurants, Asian Pacific displays, a martial arts demonstration and dance and musical solos by local performer Ashley Xu.

"It's important to learn about the different cultures that make up the fabric of this great nation and to recognize the tremendous contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the American experience," said Staff Sgt. Andrew Cog-

gins, lead organizer with the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense. "Both of these unique groups play a vital role in the diversity and strength of Team APG."

Chow has served as the director of programs for the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, the national vice president for the Vietnam

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A volunteer models traditional wear during last year's Asian American Pacific Islander observance at APG.

File photo

## ATC dedicates new buildings to fallen Warriors

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

In a solemn show of respect to the nations' fallen, the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's Aberdeen Test Center named two new Bradley Operations buildings in the organizations' Trench Warfare Complex for two Soldiers lost in the War on Terror during a May 15 dedication ceremony.

Hosted by Col. Gordon L. Graham, ATC commander, the program included

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Col. Gordon L. Graham - ATC commander

the unveiling of plaques designating the buildings as the Sgt. 1st Class Alwyn C. Cashe Memorial Building and as the Staff Sgt. Jeremy R. Horton Memorial Building. Family members of Cashe and Hor-

ton attended the ceremony and assisted with the unveiling.

Stepping away from tradition, Graham told the Family members he was, "certain God is here with us in spirit."

"We are honored to be given the opportunity to honor two Soldiers who dedicated themselves to their fellow Soldiers and something greater than themselves," he said. "And we thank you for giving us your sons. When you come to APG, know that you have a spot dedicated to your son and take pride in that."

Also offering remarks was Col. William H. Sheehy, program manager of the

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chance of rain 50%



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## STREET TALK

### What are your plans for the Memorial Day holiday?

I am going to the Outer Banks in North Carolina with my wife. It will be my first trip there. We usually travel for Memorial Day weekend. I am looking forward to spending time on the beach.



**Jim Hines**  
ATEC

I will be in Texas for work, so I will probably float in the Guadalupe River. It is a hot spot in Texas, very scenic. A six-mile tubing trip takes all day.



**Mike Volpe**  
Veteran

My Family will be enjoying the great state of Maryland. We will probably go hiking or sightseeing. It all hinges on what my Family wants to do.



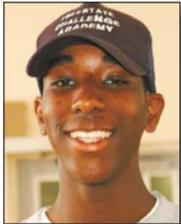
**Sgt. 1st Class Ophelia Sheppard**  
CMA

Lately, I am spending time being very grateful that my daughter, Sarah, is not suffering from Lyme disease symptoms anymore. My favorite thing to do is hang out with my Family. We may do a local adventure or two.



**Janet Jensen**  
ECBC

We get to go on leave for Memorial Day weekend. I have some projects for school to do that weekend. I will also have fun and relax. I am looking forward to home cooked food, seeing friends, [and] catching up on movies.



**Cadet William Green**  
Freestate Challenge Academy

# OPINION

## Practice what you preach

By **ART POWELL**  
U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

Before the director of Army Safety rides his motorcycle, he performs a safety inspection. It's a habit. "As commander of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center, and as a rider, I see how motorcycle safety is an important part of taking care of our Soldiers," said Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Edens, director of Army Safety and commanding general, USACR/Safety Center, Fort Rucker, Ala.

Before a recent group ride around Fort Rucker during National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, Edens and 20 other riders rallied to discuss the ride, inspect their machines and address safety issues. They were motorcyclists about to take to the road, rank didn't matter.

Edens, who has been riding only since 2012, paired up with his aide-de-camp, Capt. Bill Heidt, a rider since 2006.

"Age, rank or professional status do not necessarily have anything to do with safe riding," said Edens. "I waited more than 20 years to get my Harley, and of all the riders out here today, I'm likely the least experienced. I stand to learn something today, and it's a good opportunity for Capt. Heidt to give me a little mentoring since he's been riding longer than me."

The focus on safety during Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month couldn't come at a more critical time for the Army since the number of Soldiers killed in motorcycle accidents this year is up significantly from last year. Data from the USACR/Safety Center show the majority of deaths this year involve Army leaders above the rank of E-5. As of the pub-

lish date of this article, 15 of the 19 reported Army motorcycle fatalities involved Soldiers E-5 and above, to include an active duty colonel.

"The beauty of these bike rallies is that every rider can take away something to make them a better rider, and ultimately, a safer rider," said Heidt. "I shared some of my experiences and thoughts about riding with my boss, and I really think he appreciated me doing so."

The greatest threat to Army motorcycle riders is indiscipline such as speeding, alcohol use, lack of training and failure to adequately use personal protective equipment, according to statistics from the USACR/Safety Center.

"Soldiers receive motorcycle safety training based on their riding skill levels and it's critical that leaders hold their Soldiers, and themselves, accountable to the standards no matter how much experience they have," Edens explained. "They need to use what they learn from the required safety training the Army makes available."

Because the Army is spread out around the world and because it's always riding season somewhere, this means there is never a time when Army leaders don't need to be concerned with motorcycle safety.

"The Army's safety program covers many areas, and all of them require a 24/7 commitment," Edens said. "In motorcycle safety, the highway is a great equalizer where rank isn't the issue and skills, safe habits and experience lead the way."

To assist riders and Army safety professionals, several tools, including an updated Motorcycle Mentorship Program guidebook, are available at <https://safety.army.mil>.

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**Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Edens**  
Director of Army Safety and commanding general, USACR/Safety Center



## Memorial Day 2014 safety message

As our Army continues its transition to a peacetime force, this Memorial Day will be especially poignant for the Soldiers and Families who have served and sacrificed the past 13 years.

Some have lost husbands, wives, sons or daughters, while others have lost battle buddies considered brothers or sisters. During war, we are all touched by loss, but the spirit of the American Soldier lives on in each of you.

Thank you for your service and continued dedication to this great nation and the memory of those who have fought so bravely for it.

While we encourage you to enjoy the long weekend ahead, please remember to play it safe in all you do. The arrival of summer brings with it many enjoyable activities, but those do not come without risk. Already this fiscal year, more Soldiers have died on motorcycles, on the water and in catastrophic falls than in 2013.

Leaders, stay engaged and know what your Soldiers' plans entail; there is no way for you to know if you never ask. Soldiers, take ownership of your personal safety and make smart risk decisions while looking out for your buddies. Safety is really pretty simple -- make a plan and always do the right thing.

Thank you again for all you do for our Army every day. We wish you all a happy and safe Memorial Day and holiday weekend.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

**Timothy J. Edens**  
Brigadier General, USA  
Commander USAR/Safety Center

**Leeford C. Cain**  
Command Sergeant Major  
USAR/Safety Center

*Editor's Note: Look for weekly 101 Days of Summer safety messages from the Installation Prevention Team starting in the May 29 issue of the APG News.*

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### APG SEVEN DAY FORECAST

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# Bike to Work Day doubles participants

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

Despite the rainy weather, 80 people participated in APG's second annual Bike to Work Day event May 14, doubling the participation from last year's inaugural event.

The early-morning bike ride kicked off APG Wellness Wednesday, one of several events scheduled for the installation's Armed Forces Week celebration.

The event was Team APG supported and spearheaded by the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command and the Harford County Department of Community Services.

Riders were challenged to either bike to work or to participate in an 11.5 mile bike ride around the installation, starting in front of the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. Some riders did both.

Bike to Work Day coincided with National Bike Month. During May

12-16, communities across the nation hosted "Bike to Work" events.

"This event raises awareness for a more bike-friendly culture," said Alan Doran of the Harford County Department of Community Services. "This includes creating better lanes for bicyclists."

Doran said the event also promotes safety. He said that Maryland law states that bicycles are vehicles, and bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers of motor vehicles. Maryland law also states that motorists must maintain a distance of three feet when passing, he said.

Mary Arthur, from the U.S. Army

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**Riders head out on an 11.5-mile ride during the second annual Bike to Work Day May 14. The early-morning bike ride kicked off APG Wellness Wednesday, part of the installation's Armed Forces Week activities.**



## Summer Safety reminder: Don't drink and drive



ASAP

The APG Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) reminds Team APG members to use a designated driver if planning to consume alcohol.

Statistics show that over the average summer weekend almost 40 percent of all traffic deaths involve alcohol or drug impaired drivers.

Drunk driving is no accident—nor is it a victimless crime.

Every year, far too many people suffer debilitating injuries or loss of life as the result of impaired driving. And the human toll is only half the picture. Crashes cost the nation billions of dollars each year.

**This Army Substance Abuse Program display of a wrecked car inside a wine glass illustrates the dangers of drunk driving.**

Photo by Molly Blossie

"Drunk driving is not only dangerous, but also a serious, costly crime at best," said Cindy Scott, ASAP prevention coordinator. "Driving impaired is just not worth the risk. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for impaired driving can be significant. Violators often face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, attorney fees, time away from work, and dozens of other expenses."

Impaired driving is one of the most frequent crimes in America, killing someone every 39 minutes, Scott added.

"Remember, there is no excuse for impaired driving. Alcohol, other drugs and driving simply don't mix. Don't take the chance."

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

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

# ARMED FORCES WEEK

## Breakfast, tour and tournament usher in 2014 Armed Forces Week

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

The nation's flags framed a small meadow at the Ruggles Golf Course May 12, as Team APG ushered in the start of the 2014 Armed Forces Week activities. Opening day kicked off with a breakfast for Gold Star mothers and Family members, hosted by APG leaders followed by a tour of command facilities.

The AFW Opening Ceremony preceded the golf tournament. Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, welcomed golfers, Soldiers, government civilians and guests from the surrounding business community.

Guests included Gary Martin, deputy to the commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command; CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent; Col. Gregory McClinton, APG Garrison commander; and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin, as well as local business and elected leaders.

Noting that unity among services was the goal of the first Armed Forces Day, Utley thanked all for their "unwavering support of APG."

He invited listeners to join in the Bike to Work event set for that Wednesday as well as other Wellness Wednesday activities hosted by the U.S. Army Public Health Command and noted APG Soldier and Family achievements would be honored during the Military Appreciation Luncheon set for Thursday.

Quoting former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, Utley said that "Armed Forces Day, above all, honors the dedicated individuals who wear the uniforms of their country."

"Each serviceman, wherever he may



United States flags snap in the brisk breeze as Pfc. Stacy Dobson of the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense (JPEO CBD), sings the national anthem during the opening ceremony of the 2014 Armed Forces Week observance at Ruggles Golf Course May 12. The week's events included a Gold Star Mothers breakfast and organization tours, Bike to Work and Wellness Wednesday activities and the Military Appreciation Luncheon honoring APG's NCO, Soldier and Family of the Year hosted by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce.

be, whatever his task, contributes directly and importantly to the defense of the nation," he said. "The task of each one is the task of all the armed forces: to protect the freedoms which underlie the greatness of America."

Dent encouraged listeners to think

about those serving in harm's way and to visit hospitalized veterans during Armed Forces Week and over the coming Memorial Day holiday.

"It is an awesome privilege to say 'thank you' to those who have served," he said. "As we celebrate this week, I

encourage you to think about things we can do to help our service members and our veterans."

ATEC Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mark Penfold presented the invocation and Pfc. Stacy Dobson, JPEO CBD, sang the national anthem.

## Wellness Wednesday highlights health, safety

By **RACHEL PONDER**  
and **DEBORAH INCE**  
APG News

Healthy habits and smart choices were the focus of "Wellness Wednesday" activities at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center May 14. Team APG and the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command hosted the first-time event in celebration of Armed Forces Week.

The day-long event featured on and off post vendors who distributed information about tobacco cessation, Lyme disease, suicide prevention awareness, alcohol and drug abuse prevention, asthma, weight control, exercise, stress management, workplace safety, distracted driving and more. Several on-post organizations also presented demonstrations showcasing their latest technologies.

Philip Sause from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's Motorcycle Safety Program led the Safe Motorcyclist Awareness and Recognition Trainer, or SMARTrainer demonstration. A traffic situation simulator, the SMARTrainer offers several driving scenarios to measure how riders react to hazardous situations. Sause said motorcycle classes are required for Soldiers and are highly recommended for civilians. These courses

teach participants the special skills and mental strategies necessary for responsible motorcycle operation.

Sause said a concern for motorcyclists in hot weather is dehydration and heat exhaustion.

"Proper protective gear will keep you more comfortable than just wearing a thin t-shirt and shorts," he said.

For more information about motorcycle safety, visit <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/safety/mhso/program-motorcycle-safety.htm>.

At the Army Substance Abuse Program demonstration, attendees were asked to "drive" adult tricycles while wearing goggles that simulate drunken impairment.

Some of the symptoms of impairment include disorientation, image distortion and altered space perception. Master Sgt. Sheila Sango, from ATEC, said the goggles were a helpful teaching tool and that she hopes the experience will influence more people to just say "no" to drinking and driving.

"A lot of people believe they are not intoxicated, when they are," Sango said.

ASAP Prevention Coordinator Cindy Scott said she enjoyed watching people experience the goggles.

"When people get something out of



Photo by Deborah Ince

(From right) U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Recruitment/Outreach Program Manager Christina Bryant shows the ATC Roadrunner Simulator to ATEC Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Orosz. The simulator allows one person to steer a military vehicle while the other accurately pinpoints and shoots at targets.

something like this—that's the greatest thing to me," Scott said.

Another highlight was the Aberdeen Test Center Roadrunner Simulator. Developed by the ATC's Technical Imaging Division, the program simulates the type of data that is collected at ATC testing sites. Eventually the simulator will allow people to "visit" different ATEC testing locations around the world.

Recruitment/Outreach Program Manager Christina Bryant, from ATEC, said the simulator is primarily used at STEM outreach events for elementary and middle school students.

"I am glad to see that kids get this opportunity," said Barb DeSchepper from the Army Contracting Command-APG. "I wish they had something like this when I was younger."

Attendee Diana Reeves from ATEC said the event was informative.

"It's an opportunity for people to

come out and see what's at APG and get to see some displays and learn about what we do. We're here as a team to demonstrate what we do to support our service members. "

### Vendor representatives

Vendors included the U.S. Army Public Health Command; Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Army Communications-Electronics Command; Army Research Laboratory; ATEC; Army Community Service; APG Army Wellness Center; Installation Safety Office; Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers; APG Veterinarian Clinic; ASAP; Installation Voter Assistance Office; TRICARE Regional Office North; the Mid-Atlantic Asthma Foundation; Harford County Health Department; the Army Education Outreach Program; and the National Capital Lyme and Tick-Bourne Disease Association.

Master Sgt. Sheila Sango, from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, tries to navigate an adult tricycle while wearing goggles that simulate drunken impairment. The demonstration was sponsored by the Army Substance Abuse Program during Wellness Wednesday held in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center May 14.



Photo by Rachel Ponder



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# ARMED FORCES WEEK

## Chamber Military Luncheon awards

By **DEBORAH INCE**  
APG News

Winners of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Noncommissioned Officer (NCO), Soldier and Family of the Year were honored during the 38th Annual Military Appreciation Luncheon, at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood May 15.

Staff Sgt. Thomas Walker of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC), Sgt. Taylor Sykes of the 22d Chemical Battalion (TE) and the Rousayne Family all received accolades and praise from the community.

"I want to personally congratulate all those people who are receiving these awards," said guest speaker retired Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Mike Hayes, director of the Office of Military Affairs and the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development. "And we probably by almost any standard or measurement have the finest military we've ever had today. To stand out amongst your peers [and] be acknowledged as the best of the best is really exceptional."

As award winners, both Walker and Sykes will represent APG during programs and events throughout the coming year.

Both said they were surprised at their selection.

"I was surprised because I wasn't sure how my performance was, but I'm pretty happy about it," Walker said. "I am

proud to represent ATEC as [APG] NCO of the Year."

Walker has served the nation for 11 years, with deployments to Afghanistan and a host of other stateside assignments and is currently serving as the senior human resources G-1 NCO for ATEC. He is the recipient of numerous awards and citations, including the Army Commendation Medal.

This is the second year in a row that an ATEC NCO has received top honors.

Sykes said he understands the commitment that he now has to serve and represent his command and the APG community.

"I was a little overwhelmed because I know the responsibility that comes with it," he said. "[The position] comes with a lot more responsibility because I am charged with being a steward of the Army and the APG community and to represent that and all commands on APG."

Sykes is an Explosive Ordnance Disposal sergeant with the 25th Chemical Company, 22d Chemical Battalion, 48th Chemical Brigade and 20th CBRNE Command. He is the recipient of numerous awards and citations, including the Army Commendation Medal.

The Rousayne Family—consisting of Spc. Cassandra Rousayne, husband Heath and daughters Skylar and Cameron—received the 4th Annual Family of the Year award for their support of and com-



Photo by Molly Blossie

(From right) APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory R. McClinton congratulates Spc. Cassandra Rousayne, her daughters Skylar and Cameron and her husband Heath for being selected the APG Family of the Year during the 38th Military Appreciation Luncheon hosted by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood May 15.

mitment to the APG community.

Some of the Family's community volunteer efforts include participating in church Christmas and Easter plays held at the Harford Senior House; preparing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child for children in need overseas; delivering gifts to the Upper Chesapeake Pediatric Unit and coaching and participating in APG youth sports. Rousayne has also served as the local Armed Services Blood Program event coordinator for the past two years.

"We were honored of course," Rousayne said. "In our position, we don't serve and do things for recognition, so it's humbling, especially when you think of everyone else who is deserving of this award. It's just a way of life for us, and

it's nice for the girls to learn to serve and to be recognized."

APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton also thanked the award recipients for their service to the APG community.

"We are here as a group to recognize our military," he said. "This gives the community the opportunity to appreciate what they have done, and we owe you all a debt of gratitude. I'd also like to say thank you to the community for your support and to encourage you to continue to support the greater DoD initiative."

All award recipients received gifts from sponsors.

The Harford County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee hosted the event.

(From left), Chamber Military Affairs Committee Co-chair Bill Suchting presents the APG Soldier of the Year, Sgt. Taylor Sykes and the APG Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Staff Sgt. Thomas Walker, prior to the awards presentation during the 8th Military Appreciation Luncheon May 15.

Photo by Molly Blossie



### Taking a swing

Rick DeOliveira, from the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, takes a swing during the annual APG Armed Forces Week Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course May 12.

Golf tournament results are as follows: (all are first-place winners in their flight): Flight A- Jeff Litteral, Master Sgt. Kevin Hanly, Damion Peters and Mark Saxon from the Program Executive Office: Command, Control and Communications-Tactical scored 57 points; Flight B- Fred Orr, Ed Morneault, Richard Boyer and Brian Kelly from the U.S. Communications-Electronics Command scored 65 points; Flight C- Capt. Robert McCormick, Master Sgt. Shelia Sango, Master Sgt. Steve Theriot and Sgt. 1st Class Edgar Chamale from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command scored 68 points.

Photo by Deborah Ince

## ATEC awarded 'Cycle Smack Down' trophy

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Research Laboratory, who bikes to work most days said she has concerns about aggressive driving.

"Bike safety is a two-way street," Arthur said. "I expect people to be professional. Motorists and bicyclists need to follow the laws."

May is also Clean Commute Month, an educational campaign that promotes alternatives to commuting in single-occupant vehicles. Clean commuting options include teleworking, riding transit, bicycling, carpooling, or walking.

"This is my first time biking to work from Middle River," said Michelle Moore from the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center. "I will do it again when it isn't raining."

Bel Air resident Casey Uhlig, from ARL, said he usually leaves his car at a local park and ride and bikes to work the rest of the way. He bikes to work at least twice a week.



Photo by Rachel Ponder

The team from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command won the "Cycle Smack Down" trophy for having the most participants. Twenty-three people from ATEC either biked to work or participated in the group bike ride on post.

"I stick to roads with good shoulder lanes," he said. "The community needs to be more aware of bicyclists and support bike lanes."

Before the event, participants were challenged to form teams from their organization to try to win the "Cycle Smack Down" trophy. ATEC won the trophy with 23 participants. The event included refreshments and free raffle prizes from sponsors.

Health and Wellness Coordinator Gale Sauer, a contractor in support of ATEC, said the APG community is invited for a weekly group bike ride each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting at ATEC Headquarters, Bldg. 2202. Occasionally the group also rides on Thursday and Friday depending on the weather.

Anyone interested can e-mail Sauer at gale.m.sauer.ctr@mail.mil to be added to group's distribution list.

Sauer thanked everyone who participated to make APG's second annual Bike to Work Day a safe, successful event.

# Muster provides opportunities for vets

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

The Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs picked Armed Forces Day to host a Veterans Muster at the McFaul Activities Center in Bel Air May 17. Commission President Annie Brock said the day was the perfect backdrop for veteran service organizations to come together for the growing veteran populations of Harford and Cecil counties.

The event drew Veteran Service Organizations and businesses with veteran-focused programs from around the region.

Highlights included remarks by guest speaker Phil Surace, supervisor of the Disabled American Veterans National Service Office in Baltimore. Surace talked about benefits for all veterans, not just those eligible for compensation. He shared the background on DAV and other organizations and advised listeners how to apply for benefits.

"So many out there don't realize they are eligible for care which makes it so important to let them know what they need to do to follow up on claims and establish service connection," he said.

He added that the Maryland Veterans Affairs health system is among the best in the country and that he tells veterans inquiring about backlog that they should not tackle the system by themselves.

"I tell them to do it electronically or let us do it for them," he said, adding that it's satisfying to see many Vietnam era veterans who never filed before, but now are experiencing heart or prostate conditions, actually filing for possible benefits.

"I love helping get them on track and I love talking to younger veterans who will spread the word and carry this on," he said.

Brock recognized Vietnam-era veterans and the ground-breaking women who served in the Women's Army Corps

(WAC); as Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP); Women in the Air Force (WAF); Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), and U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve (SPAR).

Members of these groups in attendance received Harford County proclamations recognizing their service.

Vendors on hand included the Susquehanna Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6054; Harford Community College; Harford County Marine Corps League; Paralyzed Veterans of America and more.

One strong attention-getter was the Noncommissioned Officer Association (NCOA) display led by retired Sgt. Maj. Ed Daly, an APG civilian with CECOM-LRC. Daly said the brand new chapter, which is just over one-month-old, has 10 members and is growing. Known as the Four State Liberty Chapter, membership is open to residents of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Daly said.

"We're here to support veterans of Harford and Cecil County and we're hoping we take off and support the rest of the community."

He said the group meets 7 p.m. at Main Street Cigars, 2217 E. Churchville Road in Bel Air the first Tuesday of the month, he added.

"This is about coming together as NCOs. All branches, active, Guard, Reserve, retirees and their Family members are eligible to join."

Attendees said they appreciated the chance to view the wide variety of

resources for veterans under one roof.

Mary K. Moses, a member of the commission for more than six years, is the WAC representative and a member of Freestate Chapter 70 Women's Army Corp Veterans Association; the only chapter of the national organization



(From left) Veteran Jack Keck listens to advice from Phil Surace, supervisor of the Disabled American Veterans National Service Office in Baltimore during the Veterans Muster hosted by the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs at the McFaul Activities Center in Bel Air May 17.

in Maryland. A Harford County Government retiree, Moses served in the Army Reserves from 1977 to 1981. She called serving on both Chapter 70 and on the commission "rewarding."

Noting that membership in the Chapter is open to women of all branches who have served or are serving, Moses said giving back to the veteran community is the primary focus.

"We need to be there for them, especially our aging and hospitalized veterans, because they were there for us," she said.

The Freestate Chapter 70 WACVA meets 11 a.m., every first Saturday at the Aberdeen Senior Center on Franklin Street in the City of Aberdeen.

Vietnam-era veteran Jack Keck said he attended after he saw a flyer advertising the event.

"I learned some new things and I appreciate the information and any efforts to help from the Disabled American Veterans and the VSOs," he said.

Keck is the father of former Wounded Warrior and APG civilian Kelly Keck who died suddenly in March.

James Jenkins, a veteran in the Perry Point VA Medical Center's Domiciliary Program, said he learned how to re-file a claim he submitted years ago. A Vietnam-

era veteran, Jenkins said he was thrilled to learn he could receive the same benefits as any veteran.

"This community absolutely supports veterans," he said. "I haven't been here that long but other veterans have told me how they were helped so I'm convinced."

And helping fellow veterans is what it's all about, according to Richard Carey, a retired lieutenant colonel and vice-president for membership at the Susquehanna Chapter MOAA display.

"We do a lot locally and nationally for veterans benefits," Carey said, adding that MOAA lobbying efforts in Annapolis helped secure a \$5,000 exemption from Maryland tax for military retirees.

"If there's one thing veterans know, it's how to make things happen," he said.

Denise Perry, State Quartermaster and spokesperson for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6045 located at 206 Spesutia Road in Perryman, said visitors seemed interested in the different positions in the organization, its goals and the VFW as a national organization.

"We're busier than ever distributing information about local chapters and doing outreach to our young Iraq and Afghanistan veterans," she said. "They are our future."

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**Phil Surace**

Supervisor of the Disabled American Veterans National Service Office in Baltimore

# Spring has sprung on APG

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**

Photos by Joe Ondek  
APG News

APG's winged and furry friends are wide awake and some are making their presence known on APG roadways.

Use caution when driving this time of year, particularly at dusk, as APG critters are terrible at using cross walks.

Former APG biologist Joe Ondek was kind enough to share a few wildlife photos; some of APG "youngsters" starting out with the fresh, wide-eyed innocence that comes with each new spring.

If you see any of these critters milling about take the time to stop and observe how they manage to coexist with humans (and automobiles) on this great big sanctuary known as Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The ones pictured are common or native to Maryland. Their names are :

(Clockwise from top, right) Great Horned owl chick; opossum; robin; red fox; skunk; snap turtles; Canadian goose and goslings; Maryland shorebird; Oriole; white tailed fawn; raccoon; bald eagle; and an Eastern Tiger Swallowtail butterfly.

Missing is APG's signature animal, the groundhog. And many more species native to the area call APG home. They include wild turkeys, squirrels, rabbits, snakes, chipmunks, a variety of birds, ducks, geese, coyotes and much more. Visit the Maryland Department of Natural Resources at [http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Plants\\_Wildlife/espaa.asp](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Plants_Wildlife/espaa.asp) to learn more about wildlife native to Maryland natural areas as well as the state's rare, threatened and endangered species.

The more you know about Maryland critters the better you'll get to know APG.



# Researchers enable next generation simulation

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**  
RDECOM

U.S. Army researchers are developing technologies to enable the next generation of simulators for training uniformed construction and combat engineers.

Virtual training and simulation experts from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, along with industry partners, have made significant progress in dynamic-terrain research, officials said.

Julio De La Cruz, chief engineer of synthetic natural environments for RDECOM's Simulation and Training Technology Center in Orlando, Fla., said the results of the team's work will improve Soldiers' training effectiveness by providing a much more realistic experience. STTC is part of the command's Army Research Laboratory.

Requirements for construction-equipment training are shifting in order to support complex terrain interactions, De La Cruz said. The new simulations help Soldiers learn about soil resistance when digging and plowing; moving objects such as boulders, steel pipes, logs and crates; and supporting improvised explosive device detection and defeat.

"It gives Soldiers more realism by training in an environment they would be deployed to," De La Cruz said. "By bringing in the physics-based realism, when they dig into different types of soil, you can capture that information."

"We're happy to see this trainer as realistic and accurate [compared to] the actual equipment. It's a step up by bringing dynamic terrain into this capability."

The simulation advancements are geared toward enlisted Soldiers with the military occupation specialty of horizontal construction engineer. They use bulldozers, cranes, excavators, graders and other heavy equipment to move tons of earth and material to complete construction projects for the Army.

The commercial off-the-shelf systems used with currently fielded Construction Equipment Virtual Trainer simulators do not include terrain and soil models customized to key Army locations, De La Cruz said.

To provide Soldiers with experience working in varying soil compositions, researchers developed models for three geographic areas -- a desert profile comparable to the southwest United States or Afghanistan; a central U.S. profile modeled after Fort Riley, Kan.; and a third that represents Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., the Army's training location for construction equipment.

The current CEVT simulators are also standalone stations that do not provide collaborative training. Instructors at Fort Leonard Wood provided key feedback and recommendations to help shape the research effort and achieve the goal of training in an immersive environment, said Hector Gonzalez, an STTC science and technology manager for synthetic natural environments and the technical lead for this effort.

Greg Dukstein, engineering director for Dignitas Technologies, which performed research and development for STTC, said adding key Army locations to the simulator was a key aspect of the project.

"The trainers today have generic construction sites that look like a city's downtown," Dukstein said. "We integrated more geospecific terrain so they could do their training in an area like Afghanistan or Korea, critical areas around the world where the U.S. Army is involved."

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"Other programs are leveraging the capabilities that we researched and developed. The return on investment has been great on this," he said.

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**Greg Dukstein**  
Dignitas Technologies

# MWR customer satisfaction survey set for release

By **ROBERT DOZIER**  
IMCOM

The Department of Defense is set to release its latest survey to gauge customer satisfaction with Morale, Welfare and Recreation garrison facilities and programs.

As in 2009 and 2011, the MWR Customer Satisfaction Survey will go to select Soldiers and service members inviting them to volunteer their opinions about current operations.

DoD will focus this survey on select types of facilities and so management, training and financial resources can be maximized in the current fiscal environment.

This year's questionnaire focuses on fitness, libraries, outdoor recreation, recreation centers, auto service centers, single service member programs, leisure travel, swimming pools, sports and athletics.

Participation in the survey is confidential to encourage honest and full participation from Soldiers

and Family members who are patrons of Family and MWR services around the world.

Survey packages are expected to be distributed in mid-May directly to 120,000 randomly-chosen service members including active duty, National Guard and reserve Soldiers.

Officials at the U.S. Army Installation Management Command hope the statistical results

of the survey will show trends developing since 2009, which will be used to help define, taper or enhance garrison programs serving the children, youth, family members, Soldiers and retirees.

IMCOM uses surveys like this, as well as their website <http://www.ArmyMWR.com> and social media sites such as <http://www.Facebook.com/FamilyMWR> and <http://www.Twitter.com/FamilyMWR>, to stay connected with MWR customers in the Army community. Involvement in the survey will help ensure MWR fulfills customer needs in the years to come.



# PEO IEW&S personnel recognized during 2014 annual Federal Awards Ceremony

By **BRANDON POLLACHEK**  
PEO IEW&S

Six individuals and a team of business management experts from the Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S) received 2014 Excellence in Federal Career Awards during a May 2 event sponsored by the Baltimore Federal Executive Board (FEB).

The event honors outstanding federal employees who have performed exceptional work with high standards of performance in the federal government. The FEB's bronze level awards were presented to Willie Jackson, Gregg Pisani, Laura Stephenson, Patricia San Agustin, and the PEO IEW&S HQ Business Management Division team (Robin Albert, Karen Foley, Bob Huff, Kathy Kneten, Kim Howard, Ashley Rogers, Rachel Tomlinson and Tina Cote).

Mardel Wojchiechowski was honored with a silver level award and Andrew Kramer received a gold level award. This group was amongst the more than 200 federal employee recipients throughout the Greater Baltimore area who were honored.

"Receiving these seven awards from the Baltimore Federal Excellence Executive Board is a great reflection on the caliber of federal government employees who support PEO IEW&S and the greater Army as a whole," said Stephen Kreider, Program Executive Officer for IEW&S. "The awards recognize the significant contributions of each of those who were honored; but more importantly the final result of their commitment to providing our Soldiers with the critical systems they need to complete their mission."

**Willie Jackson**

Jackson, an assistant product manager, earned a bronze award in the Outstanding Professional Technical, Scientific & Program Support category. During the award period he was recognized for managing all aspects of development, manufacturing, technological relevance and sustainment of the mounted Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Device (RCIED) Electronic Warfare (CREW) systems.

His actions ensure that when vehicles go on missions in Afghanistan and other locations throughout the world, the Soldiers onboard are protected from RCIEDs. Jackson and a small team managed all tasks associated with keeping over 30,000 systems current and able to beat the ever changing threat.

**Gregg Pisani**

Pisani garnered a bronze award in the Outstanding Professional Administrative, Management & Specialist category for his work as a program analyst. During 2013, he was recognized for the

formulation, justification and execution of the budget for multiple programs.

Pisani manages a yearly budget of over \$300M and coordinates efforts with the Army Staff as well as other agencies such as Special Operations Command, PEO IEW&S, and the PEO for Aviation in Huntsville, Ala. Pisani also assumed management of Fiscal Year 11 procurement funds expiring that were released on May 30, 2013, and fully executed those funds prior to year-end. This resulted in the obligation of \$46.1million for two significant efforts that directly support combat operations in Afghanistan.

**Laura Stephenson**

Stephenson, a program analyst, earned a bronze award in the Outstanding Professional Administrative, Management & Specialist category. During the award period she for was selected as the PEO IEW&S lead for high visibility submissions required by the Army for Should-Cost Management.

This effort required her to enter all of the programmatic information, the cost initiatives for each program, the year that savings are to be realized, and the approvals received for the initiative for all of the 39 programs under PEO IEW&S.

**Patricia San Agustin**

San Agustin, management analyst, received a bronze award in the Outstanding Para-Professional Administrative/Management Analyst category. She showed great initiative when she took on the task to increase the number of certified Acquisition professionals within the PEO. She reviewed and analyzed

the records to ensure they were accurate and that certification requirements in the database were aligned to the employees' career field.

When she identified errors, she researched the cause, and then coordinated corrections with the Human Resources team lead and HHQs on corrective actions. Her efforts not only ensured the PEO was compliant with Department of the Army requirements, but also ensured managers and supervisors were informed on how to handle incidents of sexual harassment, that employees were knowledgeable about their rights and know where to turn to for help if they need it.

**PEO IEW&S HQ Business Management Division team**

The BMD team was recognized with a bronze award in the Outstanding Para Professional Technical, Scientific & Program Support Team category. The team executed \$3.3 Billion for Fiscal Year (FY) 13 covering multiple appropriations to include: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDTE), Other Procurement Army (OPA), Aircraft Procurement Army (ACFT) and Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) and Operations and Maintenance Army (OMA).

PEO IEWS is the third largest PEO to receive OCO OMA for execution. The team's effort ensured more than 80 systems, (both) Programs of Record (PORs) and Quick Reaction Capabilities (QRCs) were sustained, operated and maintained in Afghanistan. BMD team's customer relations and communication with Acquisition Supporting Command resulted in PEO IEWS getting funding

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**Stephen Kreider**  
Program Executive Officer for IEW&S

for a master black belt and 20 additional authorizations as part of Congressional mandate to grow the acquisition workforce.

**Mardel Wojchiechowski**

Wojchiechowski, a business/industry specialist, was honored with a silver level award in the Outstanding Professional Administrative, Management & Specialist category. During 2013 she was lauded by higher headquarters for creating a prioritized 1-N contract list, which captures the entire year of contract actions sorted by appropriation and PM.

The PEO IEW&S submission is considered the standard for all others in tracking to execution. It was used by ASAALT, the Army Contracting Command community and the PEO. Utilizing the list, PEO IEW&S executed more than \$1 billion in Operations OMA for the fiscal year.

**Andrew Kramer**

Kramer, Chief of Business Management Division for Project Manager Electronic Warfare, came away with the gold level award in the Outstanding Supervisor GS-13 and above category. As the business management division chief of the Army Project Manager for Electronic Warfare, he provides the strategic direction necessary for resolution of mission critical problems, policies, and procedures that enable the organization to develop, field, and sustain agile, affordable and holistic materiel solutions.

This is done by integrating electronic warfare, cyber warfare, electro-magnetic spectrum operations, and signals intelligence capabilities to provide the Warfighter freedom of maneuver on the battlefield. Kramer's span of control includes five product manager/product director offices plus his staff to manage and execute a budget totaling more than \$150M in FY13 budget execution authority, and planning/programming/budgeting for \$184M in FY14, and an additional \$533M in extended forecasts from FY16-20.

**\$3.3**  
**Amount in the billions that PEO IEW&S HQ Business Management Division team executed for FY13**

# Arlington National Cemetery to celebrate sesquicentennial



By **DAVID VERGUN**  
ARNEWS

"Arlington at 150" is the theme for sesquicentennial celebrations at Arlington National Cemetery, slated to run through June 16.

The first event, a wreath-laying ceremony at the gravesite of Army Pvt. William Christman, the first military burial at Arlington, was held May 13. The location is in Section 27, by the Ord and Weitzel Gate.

Christman died of rubella on May 11, 1864, just a year before the Civil War ended. His death from illness, not from battle wounds, was not uncommon during that time, when sanitary conditions and medical treatment were substandard compared to today.

Located in Arlington, Va., Arlington Cemetery consists of 624 acres overlooking the Potomac River and the nation's capital.

The property belonged to Gen. Robert E. Lee, commander of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. In May 1864, the Army of the Potomac seized his estate and subsequently used it for burial of Union Soldiers.

Arlington officially became a national cemetery June 15, 1864.

Other "Arlington at 150" events include:



U.S. Army photo

**Flags are placed on the grave sites of veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan every Memorial Day. Memorial Day, May 26, 2014, falls in the period of Arlington National Cemetery's sesquicentennial celebrations.**

- Renaming ceremony for the Old Amphitheater and Decoration Day observance, 5 p.m., May 30
- "Arlington at 150 Observance Program: A tribute to Arlington's Past, Present and Future," featuring historical vignettes and musical performances, pre-show, 8 p.m., June 13

- Final event: Wreath-laying ceremony, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 9 a.m., June 16
- "We are hoping for maximum attendance as all events are free and open to the public," said Jennifer Lynch, Arlington director of public affairs.
- In addition to the official events,

Arlington has partnered with Arlington National Cemetery Tours by Martz Gray Line to provide a series of narrated tours exploring Arlington's rich history, according to Jennifer Lynch, Arlington National Cemetery director of public affairs.

Tours are \$9 per person and include transportation around the cemetery, a speaker and a narrator from the Arlington National Cemetery History Office. "These tours are perfect for individuals or groups," Lynch said.

To purchase tickets for "Arlington at 150" tours call 202-488-1012 or go online to <http://www.ancctours.com/Arlingtonat150.php>.

- The tour schedule is:
- The American Civil War, 2 to 5 p.m., May 19, and June 2
  - Uncle Sam's Little Wars, 2 to 5 p.m., May 20
  - World War I: Bringing our Heroes Home, 2 to 5 p.m., May 21, and June 3
  - World War II: The Greatest Generation, 2 to 5 p.m., May 22
  - U.S. Military and the Cold War, 2 to 5 p.m., May 23
  - Late 20th Century to the Present, 2 to 5 p.m., June 4
  - Monuments and Memorials, 2 to 5 p.m., June 5
  - Medal of Honor, 2 to 5 p.m., June 6

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# DID YOU KNOW?

## There are thousands of trivia tidbits and facts about Memorial Day floating around?

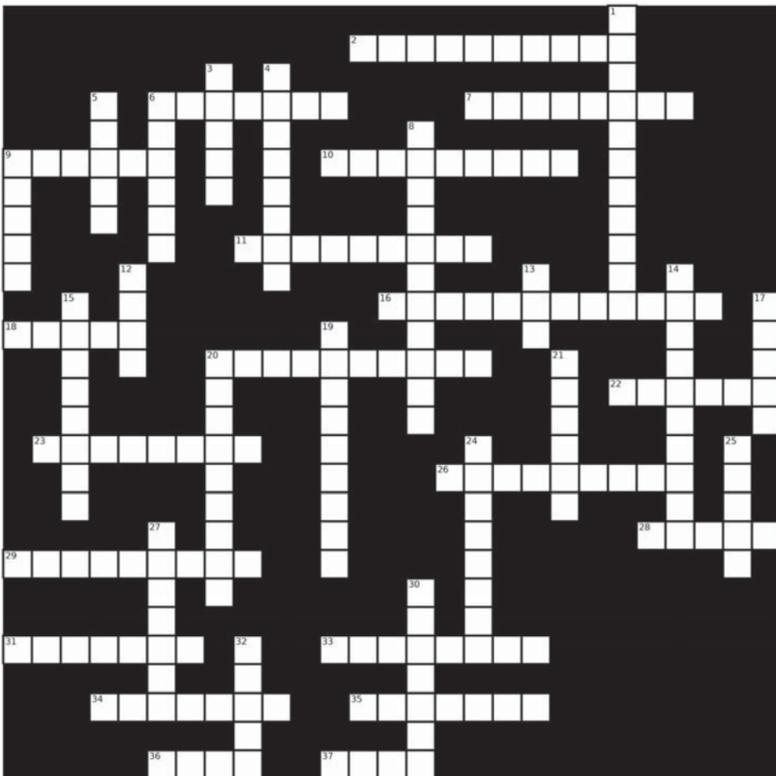
Some folks are challenged to soak up all the holiday trivia they can every year. Here are some of the better-known facts about the national holiday that ushers in the summer season.

1. Memorial Day was created to honor fallen Soldiers of the Civil War.
2. Boalsburg, Pa., Waterloo, N.Y., Carbondale, Ill., Richmond, Va. and a few others all lay claim to hosting the first Memorial Day celebration.
3. Nine southern states - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas – still observe Confederate Memorial Day.
4. Memorial Day was moved from May 30 to the last Monday in May in 1971 when Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Act.
5. Doyleston, Pa. hosts the oldest Memorial Day parade, dating back to 1866.
6. The Indianapolis 500 is the only major sporting event that is established to occur every Memorial Day weekend. The first race took place Memorial Day 1911.
7. Pirates of the Caribbean holds the record for the biggest Memorial Day weekend opening, raking in more than \$139 million in 2007.
8. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans will eat about 7 billion hot dogs, according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council.
9. Memorial Day is proclaimed as the most dangerous holiday due to high incidents of car accidents.
10. Memorial Day is seen as the “official” start of summer, kicking off not only summer sports and family vacations, but the annual wedding season.
11. Despite all the picnics and fun, Memorial Day is a time to remember, acknowledge and tribute service members past and present who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the nation’s freedom.



**Yvonne Johnson**, APG News

# 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.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Across</b>                                                  | 23. 14th CECOM commanding general                         |
| 2. C4ISR Center of _____                                       | 26. _____ and Training Technology Center                  |
| 6. Women Air Force Pilots (WASP)                               | 28. President, Harford County Commission on _____ Affairs |
| 7. _____ Wednesday                                             | 29. Army _____ Abuse Program                              |
| 9. APG NCO of the Year                                         | 31. Noncommissioned Association (NCOA)                    |
| 10. APG Garrison commander                                     | 33. APG Family of the Year                                |
| 11. _____ National Cemetery nears sesquicentennial celebration | 34. ATEC chaplain                                         |
| 16. Directorate of Plans, Training, _____ and Security         | 35. Construction Equipment _____ Trainer                  |
| 18. _____ in the Air Force (WAF)                               | 36. Women’s _____ Corps (WAC)                             |
| 20. U.S. Army Test and Command                                 |                                                           |
| 22. Deputy to CECOM commander                                  |                                                           |

37. \_\_\_\_\_ to Work Day doubles participants

### Down

1. U.S. Army Research, \_\_\_\_\_ and Engineering Command
3. Garrison command sergeant major
4. Harford County Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Affairs Committee
5. APG Soldier of the Year
6. Supervisor, Disabled American Veterans National Service Office, Baltimore
8. U.S. Army Communications-\_\_\_\_\_ Command
9. Tenth Soldier to receive Medal of Honor since 9/11
12. CECOM command sergeant major
13. Commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Simulator simulates data collected at ATC testing sites.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ driving is one of the most frequent crimes in America
17. Commander, Army Combat Readiness Safety Center
19. Army \_\_\_\_\_ Abuse Program
20. Women Accepted for Volunteer Service (WAVES)
21. ATC commander
24. \_\_\_\_\_ Officers Association of America
25. ATEC won the Bike to Work Day Cycle “ \_\_\_\_\_ Down” trophy
27. \_\_\_\_\_ Tiger Swallowtail butterfly
30. U.S. Coast Guard Women’s \_\_\_\_\_ (SPAR)
32. ATEC commander

### Solution to the May 15 puzzle



## ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

# ARCAM

### Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal

The ARCAM is awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity while serving as a member of an Army National Guard (ARNG) unit or United States Army Reserve (USAR) Troop Program Unit (TPU) or as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA). The first design bears the inscription “United States Army Reserve,” the other design bears the inscription, “Army National Guard.”

The ARCAM is authorized for award to Army personnel in the rank of colonel and below.

## CORRECTION

In the May 15 issue of the APG News, the U.S. Army PSI-CoE (Personal Security Investigation Center of Excellence) was misidentified as POI-CoE. The APG News regrets the error.



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# White becomes 10th Soldier to receive Medal of Honor since 9/11

Story and photo by **J.D. LEIPOLD**  
ARNEW

Former Sgt. Kyle Jerome White was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama during a May 14 White House ceremony, making him the sixth living Army recipient, and the 14th service member overall, to earn the medal in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Obama opened his remarks in the East Room by paying tribute not only to White, but to what he referred to as the “9/11 generation,” all those young citizens who came forth after Sept. 11, 2001, to volunteer their service knowing full well what the cost could be.

“For more than 12 years, with our nation at war, the men and women of our armed forces have known the measure of danger that comes with military service,” he said.

“But year after year, tour after tour, they have displayed a selfless willingness to incur it -- by stepping forward, by volunteering, by serving and sacrificing greatly to keep us all safe.

“Today, our troops are coming home,” he said, adding that by year’s end the war in Afghanistan will be over. “And, today, we pay tribute to a Soldier who embodies the courage of his generation -- a young man who was a freshman in high school when the Twin Towers fell, and who just five years later became an elite paratrooper with the legendary 173rd Airborne -- the Sky Soldiers.”

The president recounted the Nov. 9, 2007, ambush outside the village of Aranas, in which five Soldiers and a Marine would perish, as White’s unit of 13 Americans and a squad of Afghan soldiers descended into what was called “ambush alley.” Suddenly, the chatter of AK-47s and the smoke trails of rocket-

propelled grenades, known as RPGs, lit up the valley, sending shattered shards and chunks of red-hot metal and rock flying.

With the only route of escape from the three-pronged onslaught down a steep decline, White, 1st Lt. Matthew Ferrara, Spc. Kain Schilling, Marine Sgt. Phillip Bocks and an interpreter were left stranded as the rest of the unit slid 160 feet down the mountain.

The 20-year-old then-specialist emptied one 30-round clip from his M-4, but as he went to slide another into place, an RPG screamed in nearby and, “it was just lights out,” as White later described. That wouldn’t be the last time that day he would be rocked by a nearby explosion.

White saw his buddy Schilling trying to stay in the shade of what Schilling later recalled “as the smallest tree on earth.” Schilling had been wounded severely in his right upper arm, so White sprinted to Schilling, applied a tourniquet, then saw Bocks.

After four sprints and attempts to pull Bocks to cover, White was finally successful, and began administering first aid. He applied a tourniquet, but it was too late. Bocks’ wounds had been too severe, and he passed away. When White looked up, he saw Schilling take another round, this time, to his left leg. Again, he sprinted to Schilling, but out of tourniquets, he used his belt and was able to once again stop the bleeding.

While the one-way battle continued, White saw his lieutenant lying face down. He ran to Ferrara’s aid, but he was already dead. As White recalled in an earlier interview, he had accepted that he and Schilling weren’t going to make

**“I wear this medal for my team. I also wear a piece of metal around my wrist. It was given to me by another survivor of the [Nov. 9] ambush; he wears an identical one. This has made it even more precious than the medal of symbol just placed around my neck. On it are the names of six fallen brothers; they are my heroes.”**

**Kyle Jerome White**  
Medal of Honor recipient



Former Army Sgt. Kyle Jerome White received the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama for his life-saving actions during a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan, Nov. 9, 2007. White was awarded the nation’s highest military award at a White House ceremony May 13.

it through this firefight.

“It’s just a matter of time before I’m dead,” White had said. “I figured if that’s going to happen, I might as well help while I can.”

White next secured a radio, as both his and Schilling’s had been destroyed by small-arms fire. He relayed a situational report and called for mortars, artillery, air strikes and helicopter guns runs. Suddenly and for the second time that day, an explosion that “scrambled my brains a little bit there,” concussed White. A friendly 120-mm mortar round had fallen a bit short of its intended target.

Though struggling to keep Schilling and himself from falling asleep, White was eventually able to lay out a landing zone and assist the flight medic in hoisting all the wounded aboard. Only then did he allow himself to be medically evacuated.

Today, nearly seven years later, White and each of the surviving Soldiers of the Battle of Aranas, wears a stain-

less steel wristband made by one of the unit’s Soldiers. Each is etched with the names of those who didn’t come home: 1st Lt. Matthew C. Ferrara, Sgt. Jeffrey S. Mersman, Spc. Sean K.A. Langevin, Spc. Lester G. Roque, Pfc. Joseph M. Lancour and Marine Sgt. Phillip A. Bocks.

“Kyle, members of Chosen Company, you did your duty, and now it’s time for America to do ours,” said Obama. “You make us proud, and you motivate all of us to be the best we can be as Americans, as a nation.”

After the ceremony, White offered his thoughts to the media:

“I wear this medal for my team. I also wear a piece of metal around my wrist. It was given to me by another survivor of the [Nov. 9] ambush; he wears an identical one,” White said. “This has made it even more precious than the medal of symbol just placed around my neck. On it are the names of six fallen brothers; they are my heroes.”



**Sandra Ackerman**  
Family Advocacy Program manager

As the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) manager for Army Community Service, Sandra Ackerman says know-

ing she and her team have made a difference in people’s lives is what makes her job worthwhile.

Located at APG North (Aberdeen), Ackerman works to identify abuse against spouses, partners and children and break the cycle as early as possible. The program provides prevention and intervention services and resources for affected service members and their Families.

“The camaraderie with the team and knowing that you have done something to assist people to get back on their feet [is what I enjoy most about my job],” Ackerman said. “We don’t do it for them; we give them tools to make [them] more independent.”

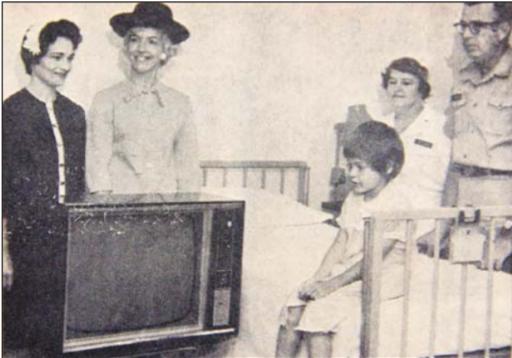
Ackerman holds bachelors and master’s degrees in social work and is currently working on a dissertation for her PhD in Psychology. She has been with FAP and the military since 2000 and has worked at APG since 2013. Her father was in the Air Force.

For more information about FAP, call Ackerman at 410-278-4372 or email [sandra.a.ackerman.civ@mail.mil](mailto:sandra.a.ackerman.civ@mail.mil). Located in the ACS building Bldg. 2503, Ackerman’s hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# APG NEWS

## This Week in APG News history

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News



### 50 Years Ago: May 21, 1964

**Clockwise from top left:**  
(From right) Col. Lowell Steele, commander of Kirk U.S. Army Hospital, Mrs. Robert Miller, nurse, and Patient Beverly Simson thank Mrs. Louis James and Mrs. Doward Gentry for a TV donation to the hospital by the NCO Wives Club.

(From right) Spc. Malcolm Spencer, Kirk U.S. Army Hospital Soldier of the Month, accepts a slice of cake from Pfc. Judith Fortier during a coffee and cake party honoring the 22nd anniversary of the Women's Army Corps.

Twenty APG volunteers were presented Gray Lady caps during a Kirk U.S. Army Hospital ceremony by Lt. Col. Josephine Ognibere, chief of Nursing Service; Col. Lowell Steele, Kirk commander and Maj. Gen. James Sutherland, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command.



### 25 Years Ago: May 24, 1989

**Clockwise from top:**  
Irene Armijo, center, coordinator of the Family Child Care program, shows Debbie Ford, left, how to apply a hand bandage on Pamela Brown, right, during First Aid Training certification for military spouses who wish to care for children in their homes.

(From left) Capt. Mansel Nelson, chemical engineer with the Detection Directorate of the U.S. Army Chemical Research, Development and Engineering Center, helps North Harford High School senior Jeff Livingston put on an M17 protective mask during a visit to the organization by Harford County Science Fair winners.

Brigadier Gen. James Ball, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, leads Thrift Shop volunteers in a ribbon cutting ceremony at the shop's new location in Bldg. 4506. (From left) Carolyn Lerwill, Beverly Ball, Kay Adkins and Evelyn Akin.

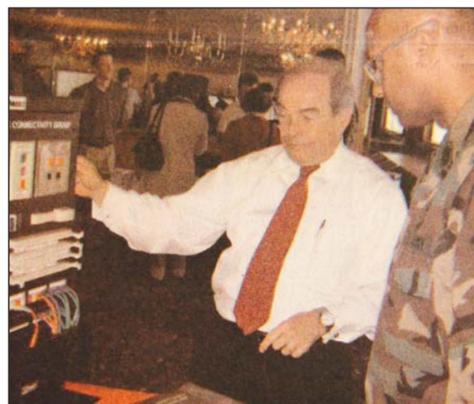


### 10 Years Ago: May 20, 2004

**Clockwise from top:**  
(From left) Vickie Ruzicka helps her 13-month-old daughter, Caelie Bratcher, play the beanbag toss game with Child and Youth Services Lead Gloria Jujan during the CYS Spring Fest at the Edgewood Area Youth Center.

(From left) Vendor Mark Fedner explains a network cabling system to Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Moten, U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit, during the Spring Information Technology Products and Services Expo at Top of the Bay.

(From left) Master Sgt. Louie O. Morohombsar of the Edgewood Area Guardian Brigade holds up his critter companion, "Freedom" for all to see before returning it to Ryan Taylor Henry during the conclusion ceremony of the 6th grader's "Travel Mate Project" at Mountain Christian School in Joppa.



## Leave Donations Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPM 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For information, contact Joan Campbell at 410-278-5668 or joan.s.campbell.civ@mail.mil.

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Armstead, Richard  
Beall, Dawn  
Birch, Garfield  
Blethen, Lena  
Blethen, Matthew  
Bruner, Stephen  
Cannon, Marcy  
Clark, Lyra  
Cobb, Joyce  
Crawford, Curtis  
Cwiertnie, Victoria L

Deans, Theresa  
Donahue, Karen  
Donlon, Jacqueline  
Doran, Kemi  
Eberhardt, Joanne  
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Fike, Curtis  
Gaddis, Lonnie  
Green-Farley, Jessica  
Gregory, Lisa  
Grimsley, Sylvia  
Hynes, Erin

Hoffman, William  
James-Stewart, Sonya  
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Lamar-Reeve, Kellie  
Little, Angela  
Lowry, Teresa  
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Mason, Tonya  
McCauley, Adrienne

McClintick, Jill  
Nunley, Dana  
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Sherrod, Irving  
Small, Errol

Solomon, Je'Neane  
Stewart, Kathleen  
Sumic, Angie  
Sweeney, Joseph  
Taylor, Audrey  
Teigue, Sarah  
Terrin, Danielle  
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Urban, Brenda  
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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## THURSDAY

### MAY 22

#### ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY

The Environmental Division of the Directorate of Public Works will host Endangered Species Day activities 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) theater. The event will feature the film "Nature's American Eagle" and is open to all ID card holders. For more information, contact Jessica Baylor at 410-436-7198 or email [jessica.m.baylor.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jessica.m.baylor.civ@mail.mil).

#### BAYSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER GRAND OPENING

Aberdeen Proving Ground housing residents and community are invited to attend the 10 a.m. grand opening of Corvias Military Living's Bayside Community Center, Bldg. 2658 Chesapeake Avenue near the Route 22 gate. The opening includes a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments and a tour. The center features a clubroom, multi-purpose room, fitness center, resort-style swimming pool and playgrounds.

Families are also welcome to attend the Resident Appreciation Celebration from 4 to 6 p.m. the same day at the Bayside Community Center. The celebration includes games, face painting and free food. For more information, call 410-305-1076.

#### KUSAHC EARLY CLOSURE

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will close at noon due to the 50th Anniversary program set for 1 p.m.

For more information, call 410-278-1724.

## THURSDAY

### MAY 29

#### ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER OBSERVANCE

Team APG will present the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance 10:30 a.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000 on the C4ISR campus. Guest speaker is Edward Chow Jr., Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The event includes entertainment and a food tasting. For more information, contact:

Master Sgt. Ryan Cole, 20th CBRNE, 410-436-0320

Sgt. 1st Class Howard Norcross, ATEC, 443-861-9251

Staff Sgt. Andrew Coggins, MRICD, 410-436-5138

Sheryl Coleman, ARL, 410-278-5964

Van le Phuoc, CECOM, 443-861-2088

David Xin, CERDEC, 443-395-8123

For sign language or other disability-related accommodations, contact Tracy Marshall, CECOM, 443-861-4366.

#### MONTHLY RAB MEETING

The next Restoration Advisory Board meeting will be held 7 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center. The topics of discussion will be an update on Canal Creek, Vapor Intrusion, and the New O-Field.

For more information, contact Rurik Loder at 410-436-7313 or email [rurik.a.loder.civ@mail.mil](mailto:rurik.a.loder.civ@mail.mil).

## FRIDAY

### MAY 30

#### SHE VET RESOURCE EXPO

The National Resource Society for Women Veterans, Inc., will host the SHE VET @ Resource Expo 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Howard University Armour J. Blackburn University Center, 2397 Sixth Street NW, Washington, D.C. (Shaw-Howard U Metro Station). Events include check in/registration, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Intro/welcome of guest speaker, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.; breakout workshops, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; lunch with guest speaker, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; access to resources/vendors, 1:30 to 4 p.m.; closing remarks, 4:15 p.m.

This event will provide face-to-face access to numerous resources for women veterans related to careers, affordable housing, medical assistance, and more. Organization representatives on hand will include the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Labor,

and other local, district, state and national employment, wellness, housing and financial service providers. The event is free and open to women veterans of all branches.

For more information, contact Belinda Fadlelmola at 202-275-6280 or email [Belinda.J.Fadlelmola@hud.gov](mailto:Belinda.J.Fadlelmola@hud.gov) or visit the NRSWV website at <http://www.meetup.com/The-Resource-Foundation-for-Women-Veterans/>.

## SUNDAY

### JUNE 1

#### CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN CONCERT

The APG North (Aberdeen) chapel will host a concert by Apostle, a local group of Christian Contemporary singers, 10:15 to 11:45 a.m., during the Protestant worship service. This event is open to the APG community. For more information, call 410-278-4333.

## THURSDAY

### JUNE 5

#### SOLDIER SHOW RETURNS TO APG

The U.S. Army Soldier Show brings its 90-minute song-and-dance variety show to Aberdeen Proving Ground for one performance, starting 7 p.m. at the post theater, Bldg. 3245. Doors open 6 p.m.

This production, consisting of active, National Guard and Reserve Soldier performers and presented by the Installation Management Command, is an annual crowd-pleaser. From classic 50s Rock & Roll to today's Top 40 hits in Pop, Country, Gospel and Hip Hop, there's something for everyone.

The show is free and open to all members of the APG community.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or visit the APG Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation website at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

## THURSDAY & FRIDAY

### JUNE 12-13

#### STRONG BONDS MARRIAGE RETREAT

The APG Chaplaincy will host a Strong Bonds Marriage Retreat starting 8:30 a.m. at Sandy Cove Ministries in North East, Md. Daycare will be provided. For more information, call the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel administrative office at 410-278-4333.

## THURSDAY

### JUNE 19

#### WOA MONTHLY MEETING

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

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

## SATURDAY

### JUNE 21

#### SAVE THE DATE: ARMY BIRTHDAY BALL

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

## ONGOING

#### 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 Invest-

ment 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.MilitaryFamily.org](http://www.MilitaryFamily.org) for more information. Looking for Job search information, contact the ACS Employment program 410-278-9669/7572.

#### THROUGH AUGUST 19 EDUCATION CENTER SUMMER SEMESTER

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

- Florida Institute of Technology, Through -July 25

- University of Maryland, June 16 - Aug. 10

- Harford Community College, June 30 - Aug. 1

- Central Michigan University, July 9 - Aug. 19

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

#### AIRBORNE HAZARDS & OPEN BURN PIT REGISTRY

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

#### INSIDE APG

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

#### CPR, AED CLASSES SCHEDULED

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

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

#### ARMY WELLNESS CENTER OFFERING SERVICES AT APG SOUTH CLINIC

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

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

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

#### REPORT POWER OUTAGES TO CORVIAS MILITARY LIVING

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

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

APG: 1-866-958-5412

Patriot Village: 1-866-871-6257

NH Office: 410-305-1076

#### SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS BONUS

South Dakota is paying a bonus to members of the armed forces who were legal residents of the state for no less than six months immediately preceding their period of active duty and who served on active duty during one or more of the following periods.

1. Aug. 2, 1990 to March 3, 1991 - All active service counts for payment.

2. March 4, 1991 to Dec. 31, 1992 - Only service in a hostile area qualifying for the Southwest Asia

Service Medal counts for payment.

3. Jan. 1, 1993 to Sept. 10, 2001 - Only service in a hostile area qualifying for any United States

campaign or service medal awarded for combat operations against hostile forces counts for payment.

4. Sept. 11, 2001 to a date to be determined - All active service counts for payment.

Veterans with qualifying service before Dec 31, 1992 [Desert Storm] and after Jan 1, 1993 [Operation Iraqi Freedom] may receive two separate bonuses of up to \$500.00 each.

Applicants living outside of South Dakota may obtain an application by email at [john.fette@state.sd.us](mailto:john.fette@state.sd.us). Include your branch of the military and dates of service. Those without email can send for an application and instructions from: SD Veterans Bonus, 425 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5070 or call 605-773-7251.

Applicants living in South Dakota may apply through the nearest county or Tribal Veterans Service Officer.

## MORE ONLINE

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

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Traffic rerouted due to construction

Parrish Road in APG South (Edgewood) is scheduled for repaving for two weeks beginning the week of May 27. No through traffic will be possible on Parrish Road. The front lot of Bldg. E-4585 on Hoadley Road will not be affected by the project. The lots for Bldgs. E-4585 and E-4586 will be accessible only from the Hoadley Road (western) end. The lots for Bldgs. E-4535 and E-4536 will be accessible only from the Wise Road (eastern) end. All other lots, buildings and parking areas should be accessed from Beal Road. Motorists should stay alert for signs and flaggers directing traffic.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

# Honorable Edward Chow named speaker

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Veterans of America, deputy assistant secretary and senior advisor for the Office of Policy and Planning for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the city administrator for the City of Kent in Washington state, and as an adjudicator and loan service representative for the Department of

Veterans Affairs in Seattle, Wash.

In 1967, Chow received the Bronze Star for his service during Vietnam and is a life member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also has served as a member of the National Japanese-American Memorial Foundation, the Vietnam Veterans of America's Nation-

al Board of Directors, the Organization of Chinese Americans, the Hispanic War Veterans Association and the Japanese American Veterans Association.

Chow holds a bachelor's degree in commercial science from Seattle University, a master's in public administration from the University of Puget Sound, a certificate of planning for nuclear

emergencies from Harvard University and a certificate from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs from the University of Texas Public Executive Institute.

This event is open to the APG community. For more information, contact Coggins at 410-436-5138 or email [andrew.j.coggins.mil@mail.mil](mailto:andrew.j.coggins.mil@mail.mil).

# Crawford: CECOM an Army crown jewel

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director of C4/Cyber and chief information officer, U.S. European Command. Prior to that, he served as the commanding general of 5th Theater Signal Command, and G6, United States Army Europe in Wiesbaden, Germany.

The ceremony was accompanied by the U.S. Army Field Band's Wind Ensemble from Fort Meade, Md., and included the traditional passing of the command colors from Via to Crawford. Both generals greeted the more than 400 Soldiers, dignitaries, employees, and assembled guests in attendance and offered their thanks for their warm reception to the post.

After formally thanking Deputy to the Commanding General, Gary P. Martin for his interim role as acting director, Via shared his confidence in Crawford's future command success. He offered his support and assistance to ensure CECOM's continued success in delivering and sustaining Army communications and electronics capabilities.

"Brig. Gen. Crawford knows communications, he knows the warfighter and he is well respected within the Army's Signal community and the Joint C4 (command, control, communications, computers) community," said Via. "He knows how to lead large, complex global organizations and he knows how to take care of Soldiers and civilians in the process. The men and women of CECOM are very fortunate to have Brig. Gen. Crawford take the reins of this great command today."

Crawford, a Columbia, S.C. native, said he considers CECOM one of the "Army's crown jewels" and "one of the Army's most historic, most innovative and most strategically promising military communities." To the 13,000 men and women in his new command, he offered his leadership philosophy:

"When it comes to leadership, I'm a firm believer that there is no replacement for a steady hand, a silent tongue and a tentative ear; especially during times of

crisis or evolutionary change," he said.

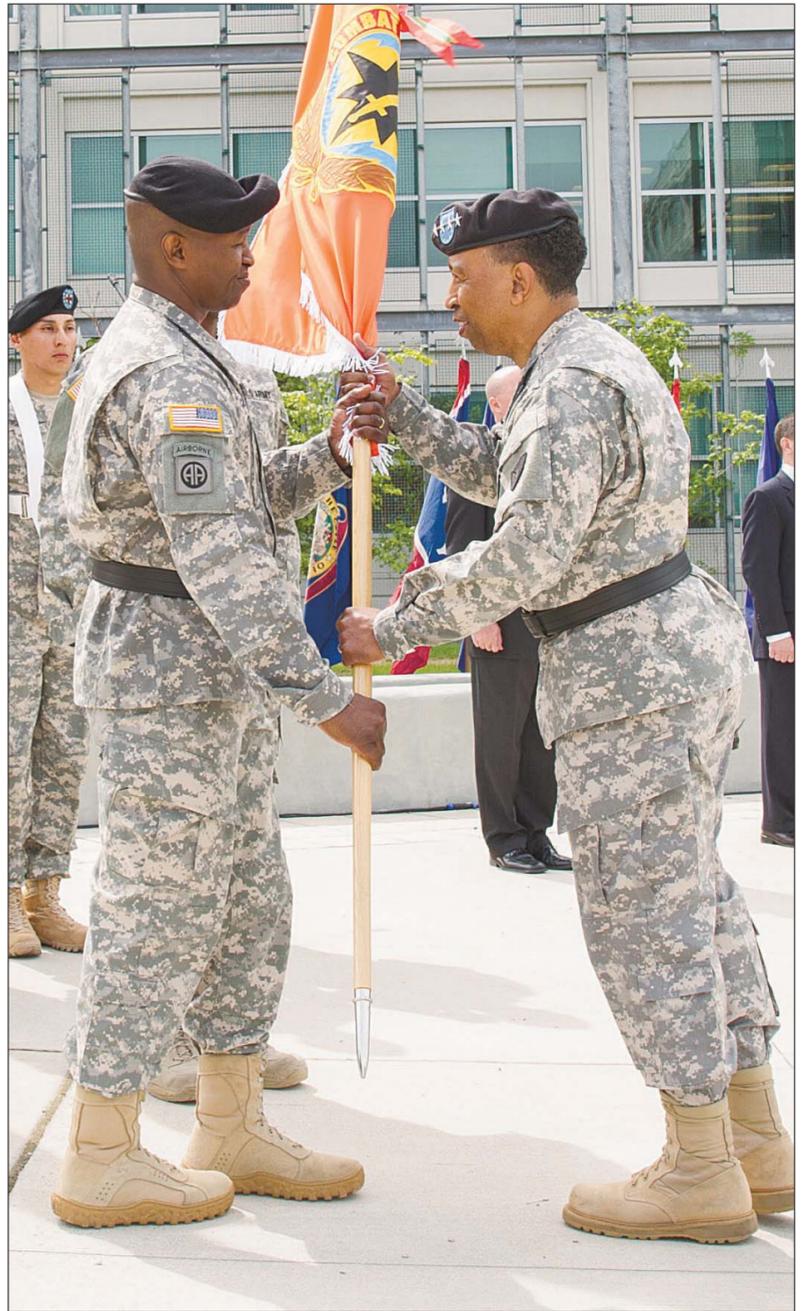
As CECOM commander, Crawford now leads a worldwide organization that serves as the critical link for the global readiness of complex, networked Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems and capabilities that provide the joint forces with the advanced information and technology they need to achieve dominance on today's battlefield.

During his 28 years of service, Crawford has served in a variety of leadership positions at tactical, operational and strategic levels to prepare him for this new role. He received his commission as a Signal Corps officer May 28, 1986, after graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering at South Carolina State University. He holds a Master of Science degree in Administration from Central Michigan University and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

In his assumption of command address, Crawford asked two things of his new workforce: "Never take for granted what an honor and privilege it is to serve. Know that your Nation adores you because of who you are and because of what you stand for. And always remember that you are the absolute foundation on which we stand, in this great profession... 'the profession of arms.'"

(From right) Gen. Dennis Via, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, passes the CECOM colors to Brig. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, during an assumption of command ceremony at the C4ISR Center of Excellence May 20.

Photo by Pamela Leigh



# Family of Fallen participate in ceremony

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Armored Brigade Combat Team, part of the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command in Warren, Mich.

Sheehy called Cashe and Horton "heroes who loved nothing more than being with their boys in training."

He noted that he trained at Fort Gordon in 1988 during the time Cashe trained there and said it was fitting that the two Warriors names were attached to a building related to trench warfare, "and not to some dining facility."

"I'm proud to be an infantryman and associated with these heroes," he said. "These two men have set the standard of integrity. Like Col. Graham said, it's our responsibility to honor them and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity."

Standing in for Col. Gary M. Brito, U.S. Army III Corps Operations officer, who was unable to attend, Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Szymczyk, ATC noncommissioned officer, shared Brito's comments about Cashe and then read the Infantryman's Creed.

The program included opening and closing prayers by ATEC Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mark Penfold, the posting of the colors by the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy color guard led by Instructor Andrew Cullum; and the singing of the national anthem by Bobbi Buchman of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command. Tracy Sheppard, director of the ATC Automotive Directorate, narrat-



Photo by Dave Roberts

A plaque depicting Staff Sgt. Jeremy R. Horton and a sign describing the Bradley Fighting Vehicle are displayed in front of a BFV during a reception after the May 15 ceremony dedicating two Aberdeen Test Center buildings to Horton and Sgt. 1st Class Alwyn C. Cashe. The two fallen Warriors were lost in the War on Terror in 2004 and 2005, respectively.

ed the program.

During a reception after the ceremony Family members talked about their Soldiers and their appreciation to APG.

"This means everything to us because he loved the Army," said Cashe's mother, Ruby Cashe who traveled from Florida with her daughter, three grandsons, and a great-grandson.

She recalled that Cashe was the last to die of four others hospitalized with injuries after the attack.

"He had told me before he went that

if ever he would be a leader of men he would never leave them for nothing," she said proudly. "He lived until every one of them had passed on."

Horton's mother, Gretchen Miller, said her Family appreciated Graham's sentiments as well as the honor being bestowed on her son.

"The colonel pretty much hit the nail on the head," she said. "This feels wonderful because I know how much Jeremy loved what he did. He once told me 'The people in the U.S. don't realize how

lucky they are,'" she said, "So I try to think about our freedom and other things we take for granted every day."

**Sgt. 1st Class Alwyn C. Cashe**

Cashe was born July 13, 1970 in Oviedo, Fla. He enlisted in the Army in 1988 and served with the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. Cashe was injured in Samarra, Iraq while on patrol when an Improvised Explosive Device detonated near his Bradley Fighting Vehicle, igniting the fuel tank. Though he was injured in the attack, Cashe helped evacuate the eight other occupants of the vehicle to safety. He succumbed to his injuries Nov. 8, 2005. Cashe was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals.

**Staff Sgt. Jeremy R. Horton**

Horton was born June 16, 1979 in Erie, Pa. He enlisted in the Army in 1997 and served with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division. In the early part of his tour he served in the commander's personal security detachment before being chosen as the weapons squad leader for the 1st Platoon. He then volunteered as the Alpha Section Leader and was the commander of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Horton was killed in action May 21, 2004 in Al Iskandariyah, Iraq after his convoy stopped when another vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb. Horton's vehicle subsequently struck an IED. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals.

# Hoadley Road only entrance for holiday

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APG is proud to carry on the time-honored tradition of honoring the sacrifices of those who have served our nation, said Rich Rivera, APG lead organizer.

Drivers and guests to APG are reminded that the installation will operate on holiday schedule and the only entry to the post will be through the Hoadley Road (Route 24) gate. Non-ID card hold-

ers must present a valid driver's license or photo ID and car registration for entry.

For more information call, the APG Garrison Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1147.

Community observances

APG leaders will participate in the following Memorial Day events around the community: Monday, May 26

11 a.m., Bel Air Amphitheater, Sham-

rock Park, 11 a.m., followed by BBQ at American Legion Post 39, 500 N. Hickory Street; 11 a.m., Veterans Memorial Park at N. Parke and S. Rogers streets; followed by luncheon at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10028, 821 Old Philadelphia Road, Aberdeen. Guest speaker is Col. Robert Batts, U.S. Army Public Health Command.

11 a.m., American Legion Susquehan-

na Post 135 at 300 Cherry Street, Perryville; wreath-laying followed by light refreshments.

Noon, Maryland Korean War Veterans Memorial. Guest speaker is Brig. Gen. JB Burton, commander, 20th CBRNE Command.



Want to make a difference in how services are rendered at APG? Tell us how we are doing. Visit <http://ice.disa.mil>. Click on "ARMY" then "Aberdeen Proving Ground."

# 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/>.



## KIDS HIT THE MAT DURING TAEKWONDO PRACTICE



(From left) Katrina Burbey, 12, practices a kick while her fellow classmates A.J. Chase, 13, Brandon Evans, 12, Logan Barth, 7, Cassandra Barth, 12, and instructor Sean Williams looks on; (From left) Jackson McMurtrie, 6, practice his punch while instructor Sean Williams helps James Brooks, 7, with his form. Instructor Sean Williams has a third degree black belt with the Pan American Han Moo Kwan Taekwondo Federation and a first degree black belt in karate through the Independent Karate Schools of America (IKSA). Taekwondo classes are located at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center. For more information, call 410-278-7571 or email [Jennifer.l.perez50.naf@mail.mil](mailto:Jennifer.l.perez50.naf@mail.mil)

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## FCC PROVIDERS, CHILDREN WELCOME SPRING

(From left) During a recent Family Child Care event FCC Provider Karleen Phillip, William Brierey-Johnson and Henry Funke play a parachute game in the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center. A combined group of 40 FCC providers and children gathered at the center for spring-themed activities, crafts and snacks. "We had a blast," said FCC Director Rhonda Simons. The FCC is an extension of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Child, Youth and School Services program. FCC provides reliable, responsible child care in small group setting. For more information call 410-278-7477 or e-mail [rhonda.a.simons.naf@mail.mil](mailto:rhonda.a.simons.naf@mail.mil).

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## TENNIS TIME

Sgt. Ernesto Garcia from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic gets ready for a volley during a men's singles match. The intramural tennis tournament concluded this week with no doubles champs. Garcia won the men's single championship May 20. For information about other intramural sports events, call 410-278-7933; go to the APG MWR website at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com); or email [usarmy.APG.imcom-fmwr.list.usag-mwr-sports@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.APG.imcom-fmwr.list.usag-mwr-sports@mail.mil)

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