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Steam leak repairs to affect parking, traffic

By **RACHEL PONDER**
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Planned construction in some areas of APG North (Aberdeen) will create parking and traffic issues for some APG commuters in June.

Repair project set to last 120 days starting June 5.

Johnson Controls Inc. or JCI Service will start construction June 5 to repair steam leaks in the Garrison parking lot behind Bldg. 305 which also serves workers in surrounding buildings. Ninety-seven parking spaces will be lost

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Soldier Show returns to APG June 5

Stand Strong theme highlights resiliency

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The 2014 U.S. Army Soldier Show returns to Aberdeen Proving Ground for one performance, 7 p.m., Thursday, June 5 at the post theater. Doors open 6 p.m.

While this year's show, with the theme, "Stand Strong," tributes the 200th anniversary of Francis Scott Key's "The Defence of Fort M'Henry," which became the national anthem, the over-

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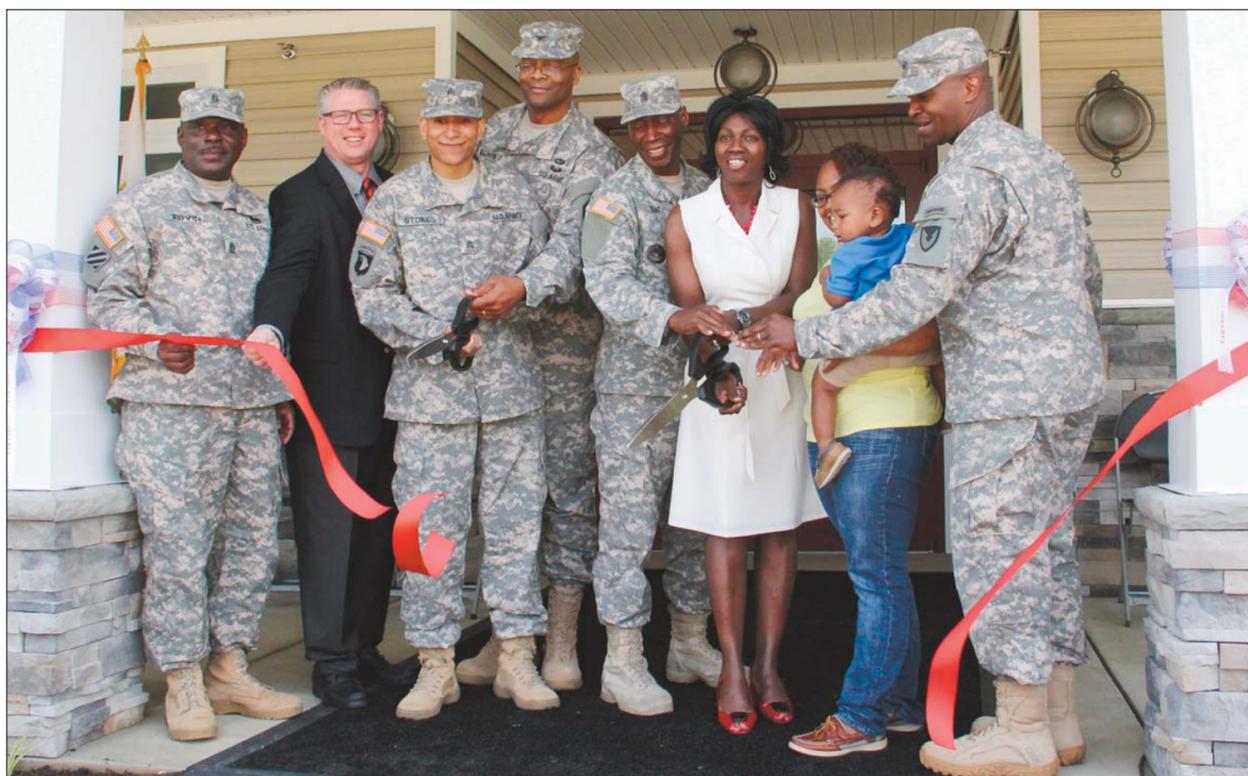


Photo by Molly Blossie

APG leaders and Family members cut the ribbon signaling the opening of the new Bayside Community Center May 22. (From right) APG Senior Commander Brig. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford; military spouse Kiyah Stokes holding her son Avery, 1; Crawford's wife, Dianne Crawford; CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent; Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton; Bayside resident Sgt. Jamaal Stokes, from the from the 20th CBRNE Command; the Director of Corvias Group's Military Housing Division Michael Steiner; and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin.

Long awaited center opens

Bayside facility features swimming pool, fitness center

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Corvias Military Living and Aberdeen Proving Ground residents and leaders celebrated the grand opening of the new Bayside Community Center in Bayside Village during a ribbon-cutting ceremony May 22.

The center, located in Bldg. 2658, provides first-class amenities for post residents. The clubroom features a full-size pool table, arcade games and flat screen TV. The multi-purpose room has a full kitchen, three computer stations, and a fitness center which is accessible 24 hours-a-day. An attached playroom for

children and a fitness studio with a large TV and DVD player for personal training round out the fitness center. The Bayside Community Center grounds include a swimming pool, two playgrounds and a pavilion.

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KUSAHC marks 50 years at APG

By **DEBORAH INCE**
APG News

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic celebrated 50 years of health-care excellence for the Soldiers, retirees and Families of Aberdeen Proving Ground May 22 during a ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel.

The original Kirk Army Hospital was initially constructed in 1964 as a 75 bed hospital. The building set a precedent for future hospital building designs and was the first to provide all patient care services under one roof. The hospital was reorganized as Kirk

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(From left) Lt. Col. David R. Zinnante, commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, presents Jane Kimbrell Davis, granddaughter of Maj. Gen. Norman Thomas Kirk, with a KUSAHC 50th anniversary coin during the KUSAHC 50th Anniversary Ceremony. Photo by Molly Blossie



20th CBRNE Command hosts Memorial Day Tribute

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

A message of remembrance for fallen Warriors as well as for those who silently served the nation greeted attendees to the Memorial Day Tribute at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Edgewood Area Cemetery May 29.

American flags marked the graves of the small, gated cemetery and patriotic selections from the U.S. Army Field Band brass quintet from Fort George G. Meade filled the air as Soldiers from the 20th CBRNE Command greeted and seated guests under a shaded canopy.

The ceremony's guest speaker, 20th CBRNE Command Chief of Staff Col. Richard A. Schueneman, told listeners that the

warm May weather and budding flowers "proclaim that today is a day to tell the story of service members who are no longer able to smell the scents of spring."

He said that along with honoring the sacrifices of the nation's heroes who paid the cost of freedom in battle, the nation should honor those who served and then returned to civilian life.

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(From left) Master Sgt. David Henderson of the 20th CBRNE Command escorts Kimberly Jordan, president of the Corpus Christi Council Ladies Auxiliary during the wreath laying portion of the May 26 Memorial Day Tribute at the Edgewood Area Cemetery as Sgt. Ivelisse Maddalena and Spc. Christopher Roper look on.



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STREET TALK

What are you looking forward to this summer?

I am going to Hawaii with my wife, kids, mom and dad. I love the water and I want to take surf lessons for the first time.



Capt. Malik Bell
CECOM

At the end of summer I am getting married at West Point N.Y. We already finished the wedding planning. I am looking forward to marrying my best friend.



Capt. Chase Cleveland
CECOM

I am coming off a nine week leave of absence for medical reasons, so I am just happy that I am back to work. It feels good to be on my feet again.



Shelia Jones
Veteran

I have a Family reunion coming up in July, in Louisiana. We have about 300 people coming, which is actually a small Family reunion compared to some Family reunions (in Louisiana). We get together every two years. I look forward to catching up with them.



John Pelican
Contractor

I will attend my mother-in-law's wedding at Myrtle Beach, S.C. After a long, drawn out winter, I am excited to spend some time at the beach. I am also PCSing this summer. I look forward to new opportunities.



Master Sgt. Keyana Washington
KUSAHC

OPINION

USACR/Safety Center commander shares motorcycle safety concerns

I don't like to start these columns, or any of my correspondence to the field, with bad news. Truthfully, our Army is still doing very well overall with regard to safety; as of April 28, total accidental fatalities were down four percent from fiscal 2013. That's a great accomplishment, and I don't want to take away from it by focusing on the negative. But, I think it would be a disservice to you and our Soldiers to gloss over the fact that motorcycle fatalities are up sharply from this time last year, that indiscipline is still their leading cause, and that NCOs continue to make up a disproportionate share of the deaths.

Obviously, that kind of news begs immediate consideration. May was National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, a time to take advantage and give this problem the attention it deserves. We had the entire month to make our Soldiers aware just as riding season got into full swing for many of our installations. We can't let unseasonably cold temperatures lull us into complacency about our motorcycle riders; the longer they go without riding, the more eager they'll be to hit the road when the days finally stay warm.

The Army does a tremendous job in training Soldiers on motorcycle safety. Civilians in the general population don't have nearly the same training opportunities as our riders, especially progressive training courses that build upon basic skills. There's simply no excuse for Soldiers killing themselves via indiscipline on their bikes, and while it's true leaders can't be with their subordinates 24/7, they can set the example and follow the standards themselves. Honestly, that seems to be where we're falling most short, given that 10 of the 14 motorcycle fatalities reported this year have been leaders.

Command Sgt. Maj. Leeford Cain, USACR/Safety Center, last month published a note to the field addressing this issue (https://safety.army.mil/Portals/0/docs/CSM/CSM_motorcycle_message_js_22April2014.pdf), and I'd like to reiterate a couple of his points. First, what's the status of your unit's motorcycle mentorship program, and are the right people leading it? If you can't answer that question, perhaps it's



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time to revisit your training and mentor selection. Check out the new "Leader's Guide for Selecting a Motorcycle Mentor" at <https://safety.army.mil> for tips on forming the best team possible. Second, are your leaders disciplined? The leaders we've lost to indiscipline-based motorcycle accidents aren't the only ones out there, but their poor example can have an irreversible impact on our formations if left unchecked or written off as "we can't fix stupid."

Between training, mentorship and disciplined, engaged and accountable leadership, we have the tools we need to reduce motorcycle losses. Each works, and each saves lives. I encourage you to widely share a letter we recently received from a junior leader and motorcycle rider who had a close call with a reckless driver just after finishing required safety training. It's very powerful and speaks to the lifesaving effects of training, if the trainee takes what he or she learns seriously. The letter is available at <https://safety.army.mil/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=cG356XF6vdk%3d&tabid=2094>.

While not directly related to Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, we have had a major overhaul to the Travel Risk Planning System, or TRiPS. The system offers users a wide variety of functionality and upgrades, including better travel planning options, improved user email compatibility, and freestanding applications for smartphones. Please make leaders aware of these changes and encourage them to use the upgrades as a means to improved communication with their Soldiers. TRiPS attached to a DA31 will never make Soldiers safe, but it has proven effective when used by first-line leaders to force dialogue with their Soldiers and actually assess and mitigate the risk posed by their travel plans.

Thank you all for the hard work you do every day in safety that directly impacts readiness — I know your jobs aren't easy. It's not my intent to be negative here, but I know you want to face the harsh realities head on. Our Soldiers' lives are simply too important to sugar coat facts, especially when far too many are dying for no good reason. Please let me know what more I can do to help.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

Brig. Gen. TIMOTHY J. EDENS

Commander, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

Inaugural JSS Competition set June 7

Volunteers needed for judging, other activities

Team APG is hosting its inaugural Junior Solar Sprint Competition at Aberdeen Proving Ground 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, June 7, at the STEM Education & Outreach Center, Bldg 4508 Darlington Street.

Junior Solar Sprint (JSS) is an education program funded by the Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP) in which students design and build solar-powered cars to compete in local races. JSS merges elements of teamwork, design and engineering concepts, recycling/reuse of materials, and vehicle racing in the building of a solar vehicle.

To enable 5th through 8th-grade students to participate in the JSS competition APG STEM is requesting approximately 20-25 volunteers to help support judging and other activities. Volunteers not available for the entire event can cover specific events such as registration from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. or serve as a judge from 9 a.m. to noon.



The winning team of the JSS Competition at APG is eligible to attend the national competition and receives an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. to attend.

For more information, contact Dr. Sandra Young at 410-306-0679 or email sandra.k.young26.civ@mail.mil; or email Matthew Kiefert at matthew.g.kiefert.ctr@mail.mil.

About AEOP

The Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP) is comprised of Army-sponsored research, education, competitions, internships and practical experiences designed to engage and guide students as well as teachers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). From elementary school through graduate school, students of all proficiency levels, interests, ethnic, economic and academic backgrounds are encouraged to participate in real world experiences involving these important disciplines. More information is available at www.usaeop.com.



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Memorial Day ceremony honors nation's past and present heroes



During the national anthem, Vietnam veterans Linda and Robert Poole and Boy Scouts, from Troop 143 of Port Deposit, salute the American flag during a Memorial Day ceremony at American Legion Susquehanna Post 135 in Perryville May 26.

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

Members of the Perryville community gathered to remember all who laid their lives on the line for their country during the annual Memorial Day ceremony at American Legion Susquehanna Post 135 May 26.

The guest speaker, Sgt. Maj. Adrienne D. Harris, from the 1st Area Medical Laboratory, asked the audience to reflect on Soldiers, past and present, and their Families.

"There is no time like today to know the veterans who so faithfully guarded our nation," she said. "As you must know, fewer and fewer veterans who survived World War II are still with us today. We must seize this day to speak to them, and learn their stories."

Harris said it is [everyone's] responsibility to take care of veterans and to pass on their stories to the next generation, so that their sacrifices will always be remembered.

"Resolve today to never let that man in the cap pass you by," she said. "Shake his

hand. Tell him you appreciate him and you appreciate his service. Let him know that you appreciate the years he gave so that you and I could be free."

Harris shared the stories of two heroes who died while in service. Army Chaplain (Capt.) Emil J. Kapaun, a prisoner of war, passed away on May 23, 1951, while serving in the Korean War.

"Kapaun had a chance to fall back into safety with a portion of his unit, but he chose to stay in the thick of the battle to minister to the dying and aid the wounded," she said. "He would brave a barrage of bullets, bounding from foxhole to foxhole to check on his boys. Over and over he risked his life to retrieve the wounded or the bodies of the fallen. When the wounded were beyond saving he gave them spiritual comfort."

For his actions, Kapaun was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor presented by President Barack Obama on April 11, 2013.

"His death was a tragedy, but his life we must learn from," Harris said. "Resolve today, as citizens of this nation, to take

his story and tell your children and your grandchildren so his legacy and investment might always be remembered."

Harris then told the story of 1st Lt. Ashley White-Stumpf who was killed Oct. 22, 2011, by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan where she was serving as a member of a cultural support team working with a Joint Special Operations Task Force. Harris said White-Stumpf wanted to serve in a meaningful way.

"In her mind, deploying was the way for her to change lives and do more for her coun-

try as well to do more for the people of Afghanistan," Harris said.

White-Stumpf was survived by her parents Deborah and Robert White, her twin sister Brittney, brother Josh and husband Capt. Jason Stumpf. Harris asked the audience to never forget Gold Star Families.

"So many mothers, fathers, wives and husbands, extended Family and friends do their duty every day to ensure their loved one is remembered," she said. "They carry on each day with pictures on the mantles and mementos of a life not fully lived. They carry on understanding that their Soldier chose this life of service and thus they understand the potentiality of their death as the sacrifice for the sake of freedom."

The ceremony included the invocation by American Legion Chaplain Judy Fortier, music by the Perryville High School Band and choir and the posting of colors by Perryville Boy Scout Troop 144. American Legion Vice Commander Kevin Schriebler read the honor roll of local Soldiers who died while in service and volunteers from the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 135 and Ladies Auxiliary conducted the traditional Placing of Wreaths.

After the ceremony, attendees expressed appreciation of Harris's message and the overall ceremony.

"It was a tear jerker," said Vietnam veteran Linda Poole. "It brought back so many memories."

Assistant Scout Master Rick Pavao, from Troop 144, said he was glad that his troop could participate in the service. He added that the troop has an ongoing partnership with Post 135.

"Young people need to attend events like these to be aware of the sacrifices Soldiers made," he said. "Americanism is part of the Boy Scout program. We teach the Scouts proper flag etiquette and the importance of patriotism."

Resolve today to never let that man in the cap pass you by. Shake his hand. Tell him you appreciate him and you appreciate his service. Let him know that you appreciate the years he gave so that you and I could be free.

Sgt. Maj. Adrienne D. Harris
1st Area Medical Laboratory

CYSS ceremony appreciates FCC providers

By **DEBORAH INCE**
APG News

Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) honored Family Child Care (FCC) providers May 21 during the annual FCC Provider Appreciation Ceremony in Bldg. 2503 on APG North (Aberdeen).

FCC providers offer care to children in their own homes and receive the same training as those working for the installation's Child Development Centers. Fifteen providers were honored during the ceremony.

"This is a phenomenal group of ladies who go above and beyond what is required to provide for these children," said FCC Director Rhonda Simons. "Because they all work at home, this ceremony is a way to get them together and see everyone."

Honorees were divided into two groups: the Essential Piece award group and the Above and Beyond group which consisted, of members who have been with FCC for seven years or more.

Honorees of the Essential Piece award included Janine Morrison, Jennifer Bea-

We want to remind you all that we're here for you and we want to encourage you to keep up the good job. The children you care for are always going to be a part of your Family and you are always going to be a part of theirs as well.

Ruth Strauss
CYSS coordinator

sley, Jessica Davignon, Karleen Phillip, Kelly Sizer, Naomi Prince, Natasha Henley, Stephanie Ryan and Tanica Thomas. "Above and Beyond" award recipients included Diane Williams, Georgina O'Brien, Jennifer Amos, Kim Davis, Lidia Lopez and Stephanie Porter. All honorees were given engraved glass plaques and miniature gift baskets.

"You all are phenomenal," FCC Program Associate Alexia Baker said. "We

have a very unique program here, and we appreciate you all so much."

Attendees included APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory R. McClinton and his wife Vicky; Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director Mike Lupacchino and CYSS coordinator Ruth Strauss.

Lupacchino thanked the providers for their service to the APG community. "Thank you for everything you do," he

said. "For the commitment that you have this is only a small token of appreciation for what you do for us and the Army Families. Hopefully we can continue to grow this program and help make it bigger and better."

According to Simons the workload for FCC providers often requires more flexibility than most, as they must simultaneously care for children within multiple age groups and extend their hours to accommodate for parents' long work hours and any long-term or extended hour care needs. FCC certified homes are located both on post and in surrounding communities off post.

"We want to remind you all that we're here for you and we want to encourage you to keep up the good job," Strauss said. "The children you care for are always going to be a part of your Family and you are always going to be a part of theirs as well."

For more information about FCC or CYSS, visit http://www.apgmwr.com/family/youth_services.html.

SOLDIER FOR LIFE

Soldier For Life town hall today

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."
—General George Washington, November 10th, 1781

SFL Home Soldiers (AD/NG/AR) Retired Soldiers Veterans Military Families/Gold Star Families Education Employment Health MyArmyBenefits About SFL

The Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. John F. Campbell, will host a Soldier For Life (SFL) Facebook Town Hall, 11 a.m. to noon, Thursday, May 29, at www.facebook.com/VCSAJohnCampbell. Log on to participate in the discussion.

The Soldier for Life (SFL) initiative highlights focused support to Soldiers in each phase of the Soldier Life Cycle: "Start Strong (commission/enlistment), Serve Strong (Career/Service), Reintegrate Strong (Transition), and Remain Strong (lifetime service to the nation/good stewards to local communities).

The Army is committed to ensuring Soldiers at all phases of the Soldier Life Cycle know they are valued members of the Army Family and have easy access to programs/resources pertaining to education, health, employment and retiree services. Read more about this Army initiative at <http://www.soldierforlife.army.mil>.

U.S. Army graphic

Smartphone app aids victims of sexual assault

Story and photo by **DAVID VERDUN**
ARNEWS

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command recently developed a “We Care” app that can be used by victims of sexual assault, someone who witnesses sexual harassment or assault, and those in need of suicide prevention help.

“The app is aimed at empowering victims and bystanders to get help, intervene, and support those impacted by Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault or suicide,” said Ellen Helmerson, in the Office of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, known as TRADOC, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1/4. She’s also TRADOC’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Program representative.

Instead of wondering, “What should I have done,” the app “lets you know, here’s what I should do,” she said.

The app, designed for Soldiers at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., has buttons for the National Suicide Prevention Hotline, DOD Safe Helpline, post chaplain, post medical treatment facility, and the SHARP hotlines for both Fort Eustis and Langley Air Force Base.

The best thing about the app, Helmerson said, is you just push the button to get help. No dialing is involved. Besides that, it’s free.

Additionally, there are options at the bottom to click for information on what to do if you witness an assault, or are assaulted, or are thinking about suicide. Manuals and links to a variety of the most useful sites are also clickable. Helmerson called it “a one-stop shop.”

The app can be used for Android and Apple Smartphones, tablets and iPads. To find the app at the app store, search for “We Care JBLE.”

The app came out April 30, and Hel-



Persons interested in the We Care app can access it via Smartphones like Androids and iPhones.

merson said TRADOC intent is to get it distributed to other TRADOC installations. She thinks it could eventually go Army-wide, including to the Reserve Components.

Helmerson recently met with local area college representatives near JBLE. She suggested to participants that this is something they may want to consider adopting and adapting for their own institutions.

As she was talking, Helmerson said,

the participants were downloading the app.

“We’re fighting the same fight as colleges,” she said. “We have the same vulnerable populations in our formations. We can all learn from each other how to address this issue.”

“If it helps one person, then our time and effort was really worth it,” Helmerson said.

The We Care app was created at the Sustainment Center of Excellence, Fort

Lee, Va., under the guidance of Post Commander Maj. Gen. Larry Wyche and the Mobile Team Technology Integration Branch, headed by Matt MacLaughler, Diane Jenkins, Tyler Gross and David Garrish. The app was initially piloted in 2012 at Fort Lee, and then fielded for use in the summer of 2013.

The same team also modified the app for use at JBLE and obtained the necessary security approvals to host the app at the Apple and Android app stores.



Accessing Higher Education Track

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

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

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



APG SUMMER SAFETY

Preventing pool chemical injuries

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

According to a study released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, injuries from pool chemicals led to nearly 5,000 emergency room visits in 2012.

Nearly half of the preventable injuries were in children and teenagers and more than a third occurred at a home. Pool chemical injuries were most common during the summer swim season, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and almost half occurred on weekends.

“Chemicals are added to the water in pools to stop germs from spreading. But they need to be handled and stored safely to avoid serious injuries,” said Michele Hlavsa, chief of CDC’s Healthy Swimming Program.

Residential pool owners and public pool operators can follow the following simple and effective steps to prevent pool chemical injuries:

Read and follow directions on product labels.

Wear appropriate safety equipment, such as goggles and masks, as directed, when handling pool chemicals.

Secure pool chemicals to protect people and pets.

Keep young children away when handling chemicals.

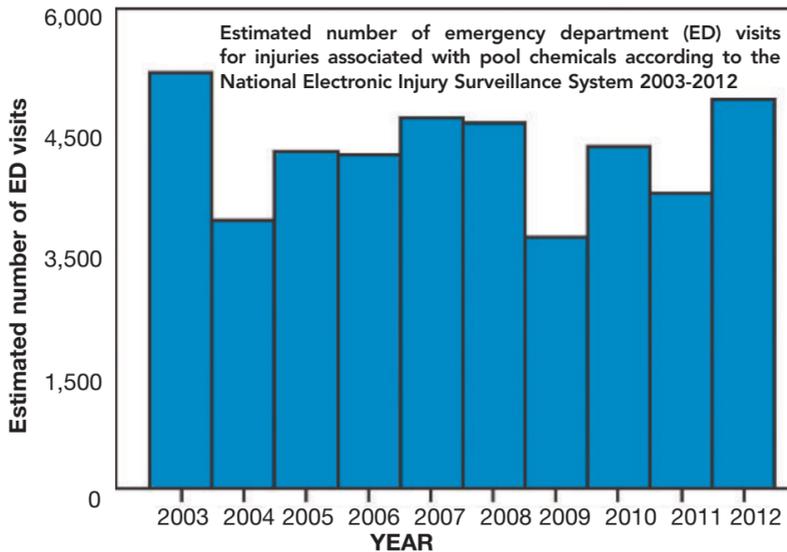
Never mix different pool chemicals with each other, especially chlorine products with acid.

Pre-dissolve pool chemicals only when directed by product label.

Add pool chemical to water, never add water to pool chemicals.

The study analyzed data from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission’s National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS). NEISS captures data on injuries related to consumer products from about 100 hospital emergency rooms nationwide. The NEISS data can then be used to calculate national estimates.

Recreational Water Illness and Injury RWII Prevention Week was observed



May 19–25. The theme, “Healthy and Safe Swimming: We’re in it Together,” focused on the role of swimmers, aquatics and beach staff, residential pool owners, and public health officials in preventing drowning, pool chemical injuries, and outbreaks of illnesses.

Chlorine and bromine do not kill germs instantly; most are killed within minutes. So it is important to keep germs out of the water in the first place by not swimming when ill with diarrhea and making sure kids take bathroom breaks. Protect yourself by not swallowing pool water.

For more information about healthy swimming, visit www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming

Triple A’s of Healthy Swimming Awareness, Action, Advocacy

Recreational water illnesses (RWIs) can be caused by germs spread by swallowing, breathing in mists or aerosols of, or having contact with contaminated water in swimming pools, hot tubs, water parks, water play areas, interactive fountains, lakes, rivers, or oceans.

Everyone can help keep germs out of the water by remembering that chlorine and other disinfectants don’t kill germs instantly. Additionally, the mixing of chlorine with urine and sweat uses up the chlorine in the pool, which would otherwise kill germs.

We all share the water we swim in, and we each play an essential role in helping to protect ourselves, our families, and our friends from RWIs. The Triple A’s of Healthy Swimming were created to provide swimmers with the tools they need to be activist swimmers and take the lead in preventing RWIs where they swim.

Follow the steps below to ensure a healthy and RWI-free swimming experience.

Awareness

- Visit the CDC Healthy Swimming website to learn how to prevent RWIs and follow the Steps of Healthy Swimming:
- Keep feces, germs, and urine out of the water.
- Don’t swim when you have diarrhea.
- Shower with soap before swimming.
- Take a rinse shower before getting

back into the water.

- Take bathroom breaks every 60 minutes.
- Wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers.
- Don’t swallow waters you swim in.
- Take children on bathroom breaks every 60 minutes or check diapers every 30–60 minutes.
- Change diapers in the bathroom or diaper-changing area and not at poolside where germs can rinse into the water.

Action

- Check the free chlorine level and pH before getting into the water.
- Most superstores, hardware stores, and pool-supply stores sell pool test strips.
- Ask the pool operator the following questions:
 - Are the free chlorine level and pH checked at least two times per day and more often when the pool is heavily used?
 - What is the latest pool inspection score?
 - Has he/she completed specialized training in pool operation?
 - Encourage pool operators to take steps known to kill germs.
 - Go to the Water Quality & Health Council (WQHC)’s Healthy Pools page to order and receive free test strips. Please note that any questions regarding your order or the availability of test strips should be addressed to the WQHC, not CDC.
 - Educate other swimmers about RWIs to promote healthy swimming.
 - Add ultraviolet or ozone disinfection technology to pool water treatment.
 - Pools: Proper free chlorine level (1–3 mg/L or parts per million [ppm]) and pH (7.2–7.8) maximize germ-killing power.
 - Hot tubs/spas: Proper disinfectant level (chlorine [2–4 parts per million or ppm] or bromine [4–6 ppm] and pH [7.2–7.8]) maximize germ-killing power.
 - Hyperchlorinate regularly; not even some of the toughest germs can tolerate free chlorine levels at 20 ppm for 12.75 hours.

DID YOU KNOW?

The month of June finishes on the same day of the week as April and December of the previous year?

June soon will be busting out all over. It’s the high season for summer breaks, family [and singles, couples and group] vacations, beach excursions, amusement park trips, and countless other activities. June is much more than that, however. Here are some uncommon tidbits about this spirited first month of summer.

Did you know ...

- Publius Ovidius Naso, the Roman poet known as Ovid, declared the month was named for the Roman goddess Juno in the *Fasti*, a poem about the Roman calendar.
- No months start on the same day of the week as June in common or leap years. (Check your calendars. I’ll wait).
- June in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to December in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa.
- June ends on the same day as March in all years.
- Unusual observances in June include Aquarium Month, Candy Month, Dairy Month, National Accordion Awareness Month, Rose Month, Turkey Lovers Month, and Fight the Filthy Fly Month.
- Some interestingly odd day observances include Flip a Coin Day, June 2; Repeat Day (I said “Repeat Day”) June 3; Hug Your Cat Day, June 4; Name Your Poison Day June 8; Blame Someone Else Day, June 13; Go Fishing Day, June 18; Forgiveness Day, June 26 and Hug Day, June 29. (Nope, I did not make this up).
- Famous deaths on June 1 include Pope Gregory XVI, 1846; James Buchanan, 15th U.S. president, 1868; Leslie Howard, actor, 1943; Helen Keller, blind and deaf author, 1968; Henry S. Firestone Jr., U.S. tire manufacturer, 1973; David Ruffin of the Temptations, 1977; Arthur Nielson, American market analyst, 1980; Ray Combs, TV show host of Family Feud, 1996; Hank Ketcham, American cartoonist, 2001; and Yves Saint Laurent, French fashion designer, 2008.
- Finally, Iceland folklore says that if you bath naked in the morning dew on the morning of June 24, you will keep aging at bay for longer. (I did not make that up either. Have a great June!).

Yvonne Johnson, APG News



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APG firefighters top academy graduates

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The Directorate of Emergency Services sent six firefighter recruits to the Department of Defense Fire Academy at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas in January.

It was the first time the directorate had sent recruits to the internationally accredited fire program.

Of the five certified firefighters they received back May 13, three graduated at the top of the class and all are former DES police, taking on new careers.

"This is probably just the beginning," said Capt. Ruff, who expressed little surprise at the recruit's success. "They know the post and they're very motivated and excited about their new careers."

The school lasts four months and blends military and civilian counterparts into the same class, noted APG Fire Chief Scott Delay.

He said that firefighters graduate with an International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certification for Firefighter I & II, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, Aircraft Rescue Firefighting and Basic First Aid.

"There are capstone exercises for each block of training and our personnel did very, very well," he said.

The firefighters, who include Tim Henke, Schaeffer, Kurt Riley, Jeremy May and Nick Wilson graduated May 8.

May completed the course with a 99 percent average and was the course Honor Graduate. Schaeffer was named a "High Achiever" and leader/mentor of the class's military recruits, and Henke received Distinguished Honor Graduate and a Commander's Coin for Perseverance for completing the course after the death of his father.

"This is probably the beginning," Ruff said, noting that until recently the department received seasoned firefighters from other commands.

He added that the new firefighters still will receive in-house training as well as training for Emergency Medical Technician certifications. A sixth firefighter is currently still in training and two more are set to graduate in June, he said.

"There will be more in the future," he said, adding that the school offers other classes in supervisor development.

"We expect to continue to do well."

Firefighter Jeremy May

A former Special Reaction Team (SRT) police officer, May has served at APG 10 years. He said he stuck to a strict schedule of hitting the books and working out to achieve honor graduate status.

"I believe in knowing what I'm doing to keep people safe," he said. "I just wanted to soak up everything there was to learn."

He described his transition from law enforcement to firefighting as "smooth" and said the training was challenging.



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

From left, APG's newest firefighters, and recent graduates of the Department of Defense Fire Academy, Vincent Sistrunk, Jeremy May, Jason Schaeffer, Kurt Riley, Nick Wilson, and Tim Henke pose together at the Directorate of Emergency Services building. Sistrunk is the most recent graduate of the academy. Two more APG recruits graduate in June.

"Everybody went from square one," he said. "There were a lot of young recruits. We were the oldest ones there and we kind of took them under our wings. Having a book in front of me kind of took my mind off of home and missing my 4-year-old son."

With a bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration in criminology, May said he plans to continue his education to gain all he can in his new career.

"There's a lot more I want to do," he said. "This is new and exciting and I want to become all I can. It's like starting all over again and I'm looking forward to going on that first call."

"I just want to take care of the people around me."

Firefighter Tim Henke

Henke achieved a 97 percent average. He said he went into training "with no hesitation."

"The training was great. We were working with a bunch of 18-year-olds who looked up to us even though we had no more training than they did."

He said the written tests and physical evaluations the most challenging.

Henke's father passed away unexpectedly just days before graduation. He said with three evaluations remaining he knew he couldn't leave but that he knew his father, who was planning to attend the ceremony, would have wanted him to stay.

"It was tough," he said, "but my mom told me to stay out there; to finish what I started. I knew he was already proud of me."

"And now, I'm looking forward to my new career."

Henke was able to return in time for his father's funeral.

Firefighter Jason Schaeffer

The APG police officer of the year in 2012 and former SRT officer, Schaeffer said he loved the training challenges.

"There was a lot of studying, it was fast paced with a lot to absorb and more than I thought it would be," he said. "It was the first time in 17 years I had to learn something completely new."

Schaeffer finished with a 96 percent average. He said while mentoring the young Soldiers was an unexpected experience, transitioning from law enforcement to firefighting was much easier.

"If you've done well [in law enforcement] it's a very easy mental shift," he said. "It's still all still teamwork and helping people, only in a different way."

"I've changed careers but I'm still helping people. I feel lucky because I've been a police officer and now I'm a firefighter. That's every kid's dream."

Firefighter Kurt Riley

Also a former SRT officer, Riley said that while the transition is "a definite change" after 13 years, maturity had a lot to do with why he and his fellow graduates performed so well.

"We had a little more life experience and that brought a lot to the class," he said. "The younger ones would always want to get on our team because they knew we would do it right."

He said that his past experiences in Marine Corps boot camp coupled with the professionalism required in the SRT, supported his efforts to achieve in the academy.

"It helped me maintain and keep my bearings throughout the training," he said. "I learned a lot and I got a lot out of it."

He said he's excited about "this whole different side of community service and that he expects his past experiences to support his future in firefighting."

"I was a Marine, a federal police officer, an SRT team member and now I'm a firefighter," he said. "There's not much more for me to achieve."

Firefighter Nick Wilson

An Army veteran and former Marine and Wildlife police officer, Wilson said the school was more physical than he expected and that his past also helped him through the experience.

"I'd been through the Army and police academy so I knew I could do this," he said. "We didn't go there to take the lead but I think our professionalism showed and the younger ones simply followed us."

He said he's looking forward to the additional training they will undergo with veteran firefighters and EMTs within the DES Fire Department.

"I expect it to be even more fulfilling," he said. "This is where I expect to end my career. Public service is what makes me happy."

Former DES patrol officer Vincent Sistrunk is the most recent graduate of the academy.

"I'm just thankful for this new opportunity," Sistrunk said.

Capt. Howie Travers, the recruits' shift commander, said they will remain in an in-house training phase, learning equipment and apparatus for another week or so before going out on their first run.

"They're a great bunch of guys and we're happy to have them," he said. "They know Aberdeen Proving Ground and that helps a lot."

Sesame Street tour shares coping tips with APG youth

By **DEBORAH INCE**
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Elmo, Cookie Monster and friends sang and danced their way into hundreds of hearts May 19, during the Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families performance at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater.

Created in 2008 as a way to help service members and their Families cope with challenges such as deployments and relocations, the Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families will perform 200 shows at 69 installations in 32 states this year. The tour began in April and ends in October.

Sesame Street character "Katie" was added to the show in 2011 to directly relate to military children and the difficulties they face with relocation.

"I think it is great to see so many smiling, happy faces when you take the kids to see the show," said Nicole McClendon, USO Entertainment tour producer.

McClendon said the show's organization is also a thank-you to those you serve.

"This is a thank-you card to our servicemen and women as well," she said. "They do so much and this is a way to give back."

The approximately 30 minute show focuses on helping military children cope with relocation and having to move away from friends and Family. Characters offered options such as using letters and phone calls to staying in touch with one another, and focused on teaching young viewers healthy ways to deal with their emotions.

Jennifer Hunt a security specialist with the Communications-Electronics, Research, Development and Engineering Center, who attended the show with her daughter Arianna, said she thinks the show sends a good message to children.

"I thought it was fun and exciting," she said. "I'd like to see MWR do more outings like this. It's a good family outing."

The show is designed for military children ages 1 to 6. For show information and healthy tips for helping children cope with relocation, visit <http://www.uso.org/sesame/>.



Photos by Kelly Luster

(Above) Sesame Street character Katie greets children after the Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families tour at the APG North (Aberdeen) theater May 19. Katie was added to the show to relate to military children and the difficulties they face during relocation.

(Left) Two year-old Braylen Luster is all agog watching his Sesame Street heroes as mom Jamie looks on during the May 19 Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families tour.



Got medical questions?

Phone the TRICARE Nurse Advice Line

Special to the APG News

Sometimes it is difficult to know if and when to seek medical help for acute health problems, so having professional help at a moment's notice is invaluable. The Military Health System's (MHS) new Nurse Advice Line (NAL) for TRICARE beneficiaries does just that. TRICARE beneficiaries in the continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii can call the NAL toll-free 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The NAL is a team of registered nurses who are available to answer a variety of urgent healthcare questions. They can help you decide whether self-care is the best option, or if it is better to see a healthcare provider. There will always be

a live-person on the line to address beneficiary concerns.

The NAL offers a variety of solutions for all TRICARE beneficiaries. For pediatric issues, the NAL will route the beneficiary to a pediatric nurse. If follow-up is necessary or requested, the NAL will call the beneficiary back to check the child's status a few hours later. The NAL will make same-day appointments with the beneficiary's primary care manager (PCM) for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries who



are enrolled to Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs). If a same-day appointment is not available, the NAL will redirect the beneficiary to the closest urgent care center, and advise the PCM that an urgent care referral is needed so the patient does not have to worry about paying any point of service co-pays. All other TRICARE beneficiaries who are not enrolled to a MTF will receive professional health advice about their urgent health concern and when to

seek urgent care.

When calling the NAL, a customer service representative will verify the beneficiary's eligibility through the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Beneficiaries with an acute health care concern or question will be connected with a registered nurse that will ask the beneficiary a series of standard questions to determine the next steps and allow the NAL nurse to provide the best advice possible.

Beneficiaries can still call their PCM or clinic. The NAL is simply another option for beneficiaries to access the care they need and want in a timely fashion. To access the NAL, dial 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273); select Option 1.

Army launches enhanced software

By **KRISTEN KUSHIYAMA**
RDECOM

Army Research Development and Engineering Command organizations recently launched a system that will optimize product development and sustainment processes to better synchronize and track development of Army communications systems.

The RDECOM Communications-electronics, research, development and Engineering Center (CERDEC) and tank and automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) have worked together the past year to customize and implement a commercial software tool called Windchill. This CERDEC-specific system is part of the Army Materiel Command's initiative to establish the AMC Enterprise Product Data Management System.

CERDEC accelerated the implementation of its own Windchill-based Product Lifecycle Data Management, or PLDM, system by collaborating with TARDEC, which used existing modular engineering tools and Windchill in its PLDM system.

CERDEC's PLDM system will provide increased capabilities that will optimize product development and sustainment processes to achieve programmatic goals better, according to Robert Vella, CERDEC PRD deputy director.

The PLDM system, which will be used across the Army's command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, or C4ISR, community, serves as a technical data repository for managing a product's lifecycle.

Technical data is defined as recorded information of a scientific or technical nature about efforts, or products and supplies developed or procured by an agency, said Ron Michel, CERDEC PRD director.

The CERDEC PLDM repository for this technical data allows scientists, engineers and quality technicians within government and industry to manipulate and analyze data through methods such as configuration management and quality management and tracking throughout the product's lifecycle.

CERDEC PRD sought input from CERDEC directorates and other organizations to include program managers directly supported by CERDEC PRD about existing systems and needs to determine the need for a new system.

"The CERDEC PRD PLDM system assists our product managers in stan-

dardizing their products through the configuration management rigor provided by that system," said Paul Richard, acting project manager Mobile Electric Power. "Additionally, their system enables sharing of technical data across the enterprise in an efficient and effective manner, and it makes our operations that much more robust."

Richard's organization is responsible for the standardization of mobile electric power generation systems across the Department of Defense.

"Sharing of the technical data across the enterprise increases communications as well as the efficiency and effectiveness of our operations and that is most valuable," Richard said. "Developing, implementing and managing a PLDM system ultimately improves our operations and increases the value of our contributions on behalf of the Warfighters."

He added that CERDEC's PLDM will allow individuals who work with these systems to ensure proper sustainment of them.

"CERDEC PRD's PLDM System

benefits PMs by providing the backbone of a configuration management system that helps to control cost and schedule across the entire acquisition life cycle by facilitating communications, and improving rigor, efficiency and the effectiveness of PM operations overall," Richard said. "It is accessible and used by our core staff and PRD matrix support engineers to create Technical Data Packages needed to support follow-on re-procurement actions and provisioning data to support sustainment and organic support of our weapon systems."

Michel added that CERDEC's PLDM system replaces a system initially implemented in the early 2000s.

"Its supportability and utility became increasingly problematic for our engineers, the primary users of the technical data it contained," said Michel. "Support to other agencies requiring use of the technical data became increasingly cumbersome and resulted in delays in transmittal of needed technical data."

Creating a new and enhanced system will improve CERDEC PRD's support to

the Program Managers, he said.

"The CERDEC PLDM system removes the problems such as insufficient technical capabilities and maintenance issues associated with the former system that was utilized, and furthers the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the technical data management process for all elements of AMC, as well as for the PEO product and program managers and other agencies that utilize technical data," Michel said.

"The system's increased efficiency and effectiveness will also bring about cost savings due to the need for less people to be involved in the new process. The Army is looking to expand these types of PLDM systems across RDECOM's technical areas as the command has created a working group to increase involvement in order to broaden this general capability further within the enterprise."

To request access to the system, potential Army Team C4ISR PLDM users can visit <http://www.cerdec.army.mil/contact/>.

CERDEC Product Lifecycle Data Management



The U.S. Army recently launched the CERDEC PRD Product Lifecycle Data Management System that will optimize product development and sustainment processes to better synchronize and track development of Army C4ISR systems. CERDEC's PLDM system will enhance product development and sustainment processes to achieve programmatic goals better.

Corvias awards scholarships to military children

Corvias

The Corvias Foundation has awarded 11 college scholarships of up to \$50,000 to outstanding high school students. Since its founding, more than \$5 million in scholarships has been awarded to the families of active-duty service members.

The scholarships provide reliable, recurring financial assistance over each student's four years of study, as well as a support network for his or her academic and professional growth. Students receive scholarships of up to \$12,500 per year for four years to pursue a secondary education at colleges and universities around the country.

The foundation awarded the scholarships based on merit and need. Each student was required to respond to four questions that highlighted different aspects of their lives as students and as active-duty military family members. In

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John Picerne

Founder, Corvias Foundation.

the fall, each winner will attend the four-year institution of his or her choice.

"This year we were honored to expand on our commitment to bettering the communities in which we serve and extend this scholarship opportunity to six new Air Force bases," said John Picerne, foundation founder. "We are extremely proud of each of our scholarship recipients and we look forward to seeing all they will achieve."

The eleven graduating seniors are the Family members of active-duty ser-

vice members stationed at Fort Bragg and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina, Fort Meade, Md., and Fort Sill, Okla.

Chris Buckley and Sara Russell, both of Fort Meade, will attend the University of Maryland and University of Texas at Austin to study mechanical engineering and environmental science, respectively.

Fort Bragg winners Jeanmary Aray Freites plans to attend St. Lawrence University, in New York; Megan Conroy will attend Duke University; Cher-

rel Manley plans to study pharmacy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Katelyn Mann will attend Green Mountain College and Zia Matti will enroll in St. Cloud State University to pursue a degree in chemistry.

Carla Aviles-Jimenez of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base will pursue her interests in publishing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Kamrie Risku will pursue a degree in psychiatry at North Carolina State University.

From Fort Sill, Samantha Ciaramitaro will study advertising and broadcasting at the University of Texas at El Paso, and Oluwasegun Paul Emenogu Ntia will pursue neurosurgery at Ohio State University.

Corvias Foundation scholarship applications are available each November at www.corviasfoundation.org or call 401-228-2836 for more information.

Taking protective eyewear into future

By **JANE BENSON**
NSRDEC

When it comes to the very best in vision protection for the warfighter, researchers at the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center make sure the eyes have it.

“Eyesight is fundamental to a Soldier’s job, making vision protection of critical importance,” said Brian Kimball, U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center, known as NSRDEC, researcher.

A warfighter’s vision can be impacted by dust, sand, fog and changes in lighting. There are also outright threats from blast and ballistic fragmentation and lasers.

NSRDEC researchers are working to find better ways to prevent sight impairment and eye injury, now and in the future. They are also working on cutting-edge technologies for vision enhancement and shared vision applications.

“At NSRDEC, our mission is the Soldier,” Kimball said. “We are honored and humbled by their service, bravery and dedication, which challenge us to pursue science and technology solutions that will enhance their safety, comfort and effectiveness.”

“The number of injuries has come down with the use of protective eyewear. Although you can’t prevent all injuries, the majority can be avoided, or reduced in severity, by wearing the proper protection,” said Michelle Markey, who is involved with the science and technology research at NSRDEC, as well as end-item technical support for both the Army and Marines.

“Improvements are always ongoing,” Kimball said.

NSRDEC officials said the success of ongoing vision protection technologies to the collaborative nature of the Department of Defense vision protection community, which has a long history of working together and sharing resources, capabilities and technology.

“This community consists of scientists, engineers, medical professionals and dedicated program and project managers,” Kimball said. “These combined resources provide capabilities that could not be realized otherwise.”

Ballistic fragmentation protection

“Ballistic fragmentation protection is always the primary consideration,” Kimball said.

Soldiers face a variety of ballistic fragmentation threats, including debris from explosions and weapons firing. They also face increased threats from improvised explosive devices.

Polycarbonate, known for its durability and ease of use in manufacturing, has long been the Army’s staple material for impact resistant eyewear.

However, Army researchers are taking ballistic fragmentation eye protection

into the future. NSRDEC is working to incorporate new, lightweight, transparent nylon materials into protective goggles and spectacles.

“The material is a significant improvement,” Markey said. “We are looking at a 15 to 20 percent improvement in impact resistance.”

“And it is lighter weight,” Kimball added.

This new material, the result of research conducted by Dr. John Song, a materials research engineer at NSRDEC, is approaching the manufacturing stage of product development.

Laser danger

Lasers are an increasing threat to Soldiers. Battlefield lasers can cause flash blindness, corneal hemorrhaging, retinal lesions and burns, and possibly permanent blindness.

“Laser light is coherent, collimated and of a single wavelength, so that your eye focuses it to a very fine spot,” Kimball said. “In this way laser light is more intense than regular white light.”

Handheld versions of lasers are readily available to anyone, anywhere. Military system-based lasers are also becoming more prevalent on the battlefield. Laser hazards can come from systems such as target designators and laser-range finders.

Current laser protective lens technologies use dyes and/or optical films to absorb or reflect laser energy. Natick researchers are aiming to increase the survivability and mobility of warfighters in situations where lasers pose a threat and/or hazard. They are working to provide protection in low light conditions, especially protection that will work better at night. Their goal is to make laser protection part of a single, multifunctional lens system.

Sand, fog and scratch challenges

Researchers continuously face the difficult challenge of developing scratch- and fog-resistant coatings that do not interfere with ballistic fragmentation or laser protection. Natick researchers consider solving this problem is an important priority, because Soldiers tend to take off their eyewear if it is scratched or remove their eyewear when it fogs -- thus, sacrificing protection altogether.

“The most common complaints they have in the field are scratching and fogging,” Markey said. “We are always looking into new technologies.”

Researchers also discovered during desert conflicts that improved scratch resistance coatings are needed to protect lenses against blowing sand abrasion, such as that from sandstorms.

NSRDEC, with support from Program Executive Office Soldier, devised new methods of evaluating abrasion and fog resistance. “We are perfecting and finalizing these new methods of testing and will be investigating new coatings,” Kimball said.



Army researchers work to advance laser eye protection at the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center, Natick, Mass. U.S. Army photo

A prescription for success

Many Soldiers wear prescription eyeglasses. Currently, vision is corrected by installing a prescription lens carrier with corrective lenses behind the Soldier’s protective eyewear. Technologies currently being investigated by NSRDEC also have application to prescription lenses, and will help make vision correction part of the single-lens system envisioned for the future. NSRDEC foresees this as a joint venture with the U.S. Army Public Health Command and program offices.

One of the most important contributors to successful advancements in eyewear protection is early and frequent testing of new materials and coatings to make sure an advance in one area isn’t detrimental to another area. Sometimes new coatings that may protect against scratching or other problems lessen impact protection and have to be abandoned.

“If we have a new capability, one of the first things I do is shoot it (with a ballistic fragment impact simulator),” Markey said.

“The key is to test it as early as you can,” Kimball said.

Looking into the future

Hindsight may be 20/20, but future sight will be even better, according to researchers.

The key to future systems, Kimball said, is to “do it all in a single lens format.”

NSRDEC researchers are developing an active eyewear system that will protect the user from ballistic fragmentation and lasers, as well as provide vision enhancement in a single lens. The lens will be able to quickly adjust from very clear all the way down to a true sunglass state, allowing the Soldier to more readily adjust to rapidly changing lighting conditions. The system will protect against dangerous forms of light, to include lasers.

In addition to providing protection against numerous threats and adapting to different types of light, a single-lens system would also include vision enhancement.

“The system will have tremendous potential to give the warfighter the edge over opponents and to ultimately light-

en their load by providing information and functionality that will one day replace complex stand-alone systems,” Kimball said.

Soldiers will benefit from features such as zoom magnification, variable polarization, multi-spectral enhancement and selective light filtering capabilities. The technology will allow for increased situational awareness and enhanced target recognition. The single-lens system will also feature improved impact protection and hearing protection/augmentation. Energy harvesting technologies are also being investigated to make the system self-powering.

NSRDEC researchers are working to ensure that these new developments will be environmentally robust -- meaning it will function under a wide range of conditions without the performance being adversely affected -- and low in bulk and weight. Nanotechnology will allow for the creation of new materials, they said.

Eye protection for the warfighter was first developed in the 1940s, and included goggles to protect from the sun, wind and dust. From the 1980s until the beginning of the new millennium, new advances in impact protection and laser protection became available. Since then, coatings, materials and capabilities have been improved continuously to ensure the warfighter has the very best protection that technology can offer.

Protective eyewear is crucial to preventing permanent or temporary injuries to the eye in conflicts, past and present. Eyewear protection has proven to be extremely important in recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, where warfighters face ongoing threats from improvised explosive devices. Protective eyewear has saved the eyesight of countless Soldiers exposed to shrapnel and the flying debris common with the use of these devices, Kimball said.

“Fortunately for our Soldiers, warfighter vision system research is a challenging area that has attracted some of the brightest minds in the country,” Kimball said.

Army tests network capabilities at NIE 14.2

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The howling, 55-mile-per-hour wind gusts over miles of unforgiving terrain would be reason enough to call off many tests of new equipment. But for the Soldiers of 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, the conditions here were nearly “perfect.”

After all, they’re evaluating the Army’s tactical network and the capabilities that run on it. To test in sunny, 80-degree weather with no wind would seem pointless.

“Before a new capability is fielded and put into operation in an austere environment, we make sure not only does it work here but that it makes sense,” said Lt. Col. Ernest Tornabell IV, the brigade’s deputy commanding officer. “We’re able to really put the network and its capabilities through the paces and then give feedback down to the individual Soldier.”

With an unprecedented level of Joint and international involvement, Network Integration Evaluation, or NIE, 14.2, the seventh in a series of semi-annual field evaluations which focused on improvement and simplification of the Army’s networked capabilities, came to a close May 22. More than 900 Marines, a British mechanized brigade headquarters, and 3,800 Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, fought side-by-side in a combination of live, virtual and constructive battles.

“The Army doesn’t fight alone, so it’s important we’re able to communicate with one another,” Tornabell said. “By working with our joint partners, it allows them to see how we do things, some of the products we’re using and it gives us all a better understanding if we go down range together. It lets us know where the holes are.”

Aimed at keeping pace with rapid advances in communications technology to deliver proven and integrated network



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capabilities for Soldiers, the NIEs yields Soldier input to help shape future capabilities. As the U.S. mission in Afghanistan concludes, the evaluations will enable the Army to respond to the emerging needs of regionally aligned forces and assess dynamic “leap-ahead” capabilities from industry and the Army science and technology community.

“As the war ends and the drawdown continues, if we don’t keep pushing modernization, then 20 years from now we’re going to still look like this Army today,” said Lt. Col. Rob Goodroe, armor team chief for the Test and Evaluation Division of the Brigade Modernization Command.

When he joined the Army in the early 1990s, Goodroe said his equipment looked like it came straight from the Vietnam era.

“Everything had stayed the same,” he said. “The NIEs allow us to increase our capabilities.”

With a focus on assessing the network’s ability to provide timely situational awareness while conducting Joint force entry operations and on making systems more intuitive for the Soldier, NIE 14.2 also looked at solutions to enhance command posts and improve home station training capabilities. Formal follow-on tests began May 6 on the software-programmable Manpack radio; the Army’s situational awareness and friendly force tracking capability Joint Battle Command-Platform (JBC-P); and the Common Data Link/Universal Ground Station. An operational test was conducted on the smartphone-like Nett Warrior mission command system for dismounted Soldiers. Additionally, there were 12 Systems Under Evaluation and 15 demonstration systems.

For the first time, the NIE also ran in conjunction with the Joint Staff-led BoldQuest exercise at nearby White

Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. This collaboration with Joint and coalition forces was meant to drive advances in interoperability.

“With this we get a lot of lessons-learned for how we work with Joint and coalition forces, and how we fight together, how we communicate and how our systems operate together,” said Col. Paul Cravey, operations officer for the Brigade Modernization Command. “It moves the ball forward. You become more efficient and you save money by combining these exercises since everyone is here on their own dime.”

The NIEs provide an operational environment to incrementally enhance the network. Already, groundbreaking communications technologies evaluated through the NIE process have made it into the hands of Soldiers in Afghanistan who are conducting advise-and-assist missions in austere environments. The focus now is to simplify emerging tools and applications, ensuring user interfaces are intuitive, command posts are right-sized and operational flexibility is increased.

“We want to make the capabilities effective and efficient,” said Maj. Chris Lane, executive officer for the 2nd Brigade. “The common denominator is that a Soldier should be able to understand it. If I train a Soldier on the equipment, he should be able to figure out how to use it.”

With the next NIE set for this fall, the Army will use NIE 15.1 to assess its updated integrated network baseline. This will set the conditions for future network development and refine focus areas for industry innovation. The Network Baseline Assessment will validate the performance of current integrated network capabilities in a variety of operational scenarios, while pinpointing remaining capability gaps that need to be filled to meet the Army’s needs for next-generation mission command.

Farmers markets offer healthy choices to Soldiers and Families

By **JANE GERVASONI**

U.S. Army Public Health Command

As part of the Department of Defense Healthy Base Initiative, some military posts have introduced farmers markets to encourage healthy eating. These seasonal markets can offer locally grown fruits and vegetables, meats and baked goods.

The U.S. Army Public Health Command recognizes the possible health benefits of the fresh fruits and vegetables offered at these markets, and USAPHC veterinary food inspection specialists keep a close eye on the safety of the items sold.

“Foods from local growers are often picked the same day they are sold, so they are very fresh and are more nutritious,” explained Chief Warrant Officer 5 Christopher Finch, USAPHC Food Protection Program deputy program manager. “Freshness is one of the biggest advantages of local farmers markets.”

However, since they come straight from the farm, they also need to be washed carefully to remove any contamination.

Finch suggests a common-sense approach when buying food from farmers markets.

“Even though we all know vegetables are healthy, if not handled correctly they can cause a lot of problems,” he said.

To avoid illness, the Food and Drug Administration recommends that raw fruits and vegetables be washed with clean, cold water to reduce bacteria that can be present on fresh produce.

To help avoid other health risks, no canned goods other than jarred jams and jellies and no unpasteurized milk or milk products will be available at the installation farmers markets. Only meats from approved source vendors will be offered for sale.

“The first market of the year was



Photo by Graham Snodgrass
Sgt. Jerrocco Walker, Public Health Command Region--North food inspector, examines kale and other produce at the farmers market to determine the freshness of the vegetables offered for sale.

held at Fort Meade, Md., on May 21.” said Finch. “With the help of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and our Public Health Command region food inspectors, we evaluated the six farms and vendors participating to ensure they meet minimal federal food-safety standards to protect buyers.”

Collaboration among installation organizations such as Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, USAPHC food inspectors, and installation preventive medicine personnel was the key to planning the event, according to Capt. Nadia Kendall-Diaz, environmental health chief at Fort Meade’s Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center.

“Everyone got together early, kept open minds and worked with all of the different regulations and post policies to plan an event that was designed to benefit Fort Meade personnel,” said Diaz.

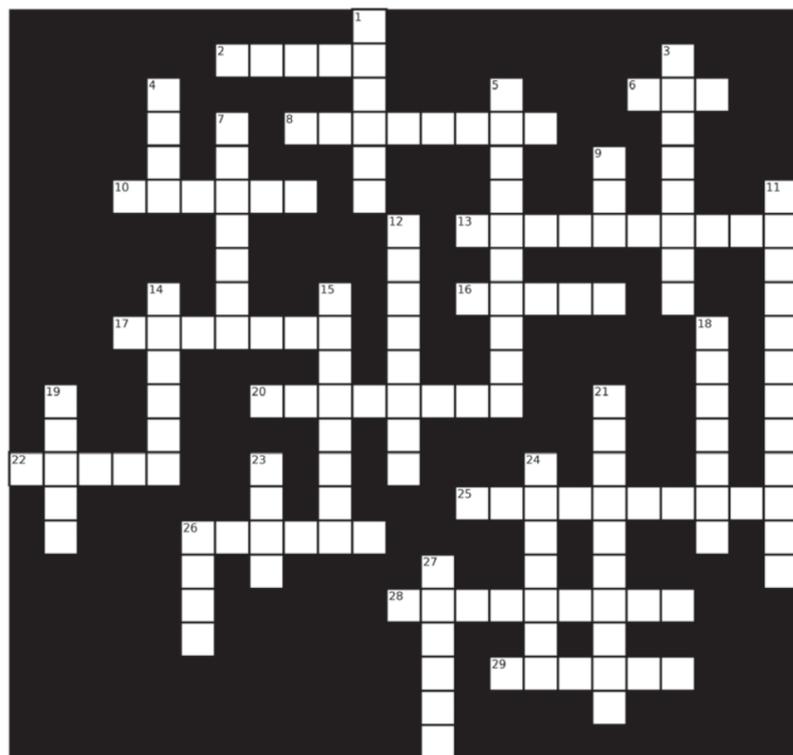
“Lessons learned from the first farmers market will benefit these events in the future,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Richard Belcher, USAPHC food safety inspector.

Fourteen installations in nine states plan to host weekly farmers markets during the growing season, and USAPHC veterinary food inspectors will be at each one to ensure state regulations are followed.

The DOD Veterinary Services Activity is developing a policy for farmers markets on military installations, and veterinary food inspectors from the USAPHC are providing input using information gained by visiting the markets.

“Going to farmers markets gives the buyer a chance to get to know the farmer and ask questions about products or preparation methods,” Finch said. “They also provide a learning opportunity for children and their families about healthy foods and where they come from.”

The APG Crossword



Answers to this puzzle may be found in this edition of the APG News, or may be common knowledge. The completed puzzle will be published in next week’s paper.

Across

2. _____ Advice Line
6. _____ swimming is offered at both APG pools
8. New APG Senior Commander
10. Sgt. Maj., 1st Area Medical Laboratory
13. American Legion Post 135 located there
16. _____ leak repairs may affect parking, traffic
17. _____ Community Center opened May 22
20. Died June 1, 1868
22. APG Fire Chief
25. _____ Network _____ Integration _____
26. Stand _____ theme of U.S. Army Soldier Show
28. Commander, U.S. Army Combat _____ Safety Center
29. _____ Strong, final phase of Soldier Life Cycle

Down

1. _____ Street Tour shares coping skills
3. A feature of new community center
4. Product Lifecycle _____ Management
5. Centers for Disease Control and _____
7. _____ foundation awards scholarships to military children
9. Completed Fire Academy with 99 percent average

11. _____ Water Illness
12. _____ Army _____ Educational _____ Program
14. _____ Child Care
15. Special _____ Team
18. _____ Pool located in APG North (Aberdeen)
19. U.S. Army _____ Band
21. 20th CBRNE Command chief of staff
23. Initially constructed as 75-bed hospital
24. _____ Pool located in APG South (Edgewood)
26. Materials research engineer at NSRDEC
27. U.S. Army Public _____ Command

Solution to the May 22 puzzle



ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

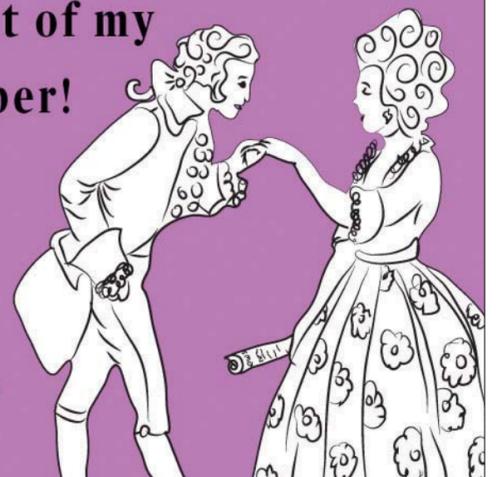
NCOES

Noncommissioned Officer Education System

The NCOES provides leader and MOS skill training in an integrated system of resident training at four levels (primary, basic, advanced, and senior).

Each course is specifically designed for each level of increased responsibility and accountability. The courses include: Warrior Level Course (WLC), Advanced Leader Course (ALC), Senior Leader Course (SLC), and U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA).

Don't even think about trying to charm me out of my APG newspaper!



Check out the latest edition online

www.teamapg.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY

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.

SOLDIER FOR LIFE TOWN HALL

The Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. John F. Campbell, will host a Soldier For Life (SFL) Facebook Town Hall, 11 a.m. to noon, at www.facebook.com/VCSAJohnCampbell. Log on to participate in the discussion.

The Soldier for Life (SFL) initiative highlights focused support to Soldiers in each phase of the Soldier Life Cycle: "Start Strong (commission/enlistment), Serve Strong (Career/Service), Reintegrate Strong (Transition), and Remain Strong (lifetime service to the nation/good stewards to local communities).

The Army is committed to ensuring Soldiers at all phases of the Soldier Life Cycle know they are valued members of the Army Family and have easy access to programs/resources pertaining to education, health, employment and retiree services. Read more about this Army initiative at <http://www.soldierforlife.army.mil>.

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.

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 Fadlilmola at 202-275-6280 or email Belinda.J.Fadlilmola@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.

TUESDAY

JUNE 3 PERFORMANCE TRIAD KICKOFF

The U.S. Army Public Health Command (PHC) will host Performance Triad Campaign activities open to all APG employees. The Performance Triad emphasizes the importance of healthy sleep, activity and nutrition for the Total Army Family.

The first event is the Army Wellness Center (AWC) Edgewood Annex Open House, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bldg. E411-T (Temporary Clinic). Learn about how the free AWC services can help you achieve a healthy lifestyle. For more information, call 410-306-1024.

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 4 AREA FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING

DES Fire Protection Inspector William J. Bond will conduct Area Fire Marshal Training 1 to 3 p.m. at Bldg. E4810 in APG South (Edgewood). This training will focus on the tenant requirement to inspect and ensure the fire and life safety of the buildings they occupy and include the information needed to conduct adequate monthly inspections of buildings and fire extinguishers.

This training is open to APG Soldiers, civilians and contractors.

For more information, contact Bond at 410-306-0093 or email william.j.bond1.civ@mail.mil.

PHC 5K RUN/2-MILE WALK

The Performance Triad continues with the PHC 5K Run/2-Mile Walk, 6:15 to 8 a.m. starting from Hoyle Gym in APG South (Edgewood). For more information, contact Capt. Jodi Santiago at 410-436-8394 or email jodi.l.santiago2.mil@mail.mil.

THURSDAY

JUNE 5 HEALTHY SLEEP HABITS

The PHC Performance Triad events conclude with the Healthy Sleep Habits class, 11 a.m. to noon or 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in Bldg. E1570, first floor conference room in APG South (Edgewood). Bring your own lunch to this Brown Bag Class to receive an overview and introduction to healthy sleep habits. The class is designed to provide general information to address sleep habits and improve the quality of sleep. For more information, call 410-306-1024.

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.

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.

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 Investor Education Foundation, is pleased to announce the FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship for the Accredited Financial Counselor® Program application period. This program provides up to 50 military spouses with the education necessary to enter the financial counseling career field. Visit www.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/.

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.

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. 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.

KEYSTONE CLUB

This free class for high school students meets every other Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center, Bldg 2522. This unique leadership development experience provides opportunities for young people ages 14-18. Youth participate in activities, both in and out of the club, in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. With the guidance of an adult advisor, Keystone Club aims to have a positive impact on members, the club and community. Participants may bring up to two non-DoD friends. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

YOUTH CENTER OPENINGS

The Aberdeen and Edgewood programs currently have immediate openings for the 2013-2014 school year at their School Age & Youth Services facilities. Openings are available in both locations for eligible users. For more information, call 410-278-7571/7479.

MORE ONLINE

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

CONSTRUCTION ALERT

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.

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APG NEWS

This Week in APG News history

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News

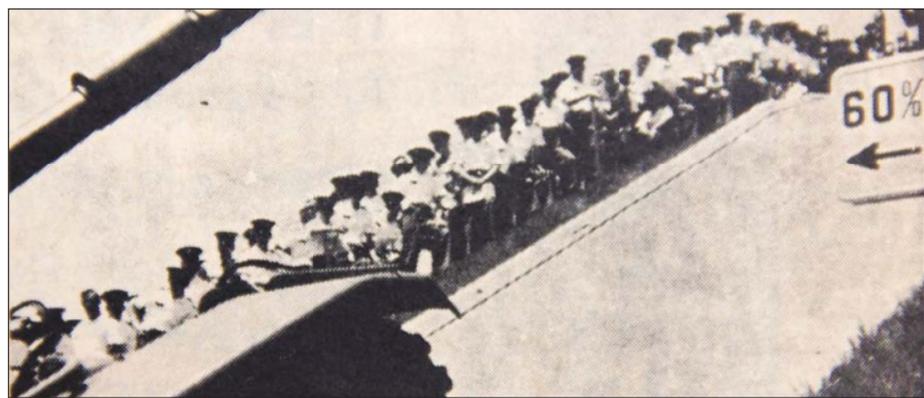


50 Years Ago: May 28, 1964

Clockwise from top left:
(From left) Secretary of the Army Stephen Ailes is greeted by Maj. Gen. James W. Sutherland Jr., commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, during a visit to APG to view the Army's latest weapons and equipment.

(From left) Maj. Leon A. Eskridge Jr. congratulates Pvt. Rodolpho Aleman of the 324th U.S. Army Band for being selected as the first U.S. Army Garrison Soldier of the Month.

West Point cadets watch as a U.S. Army M60A1 main battle tank grunts its way up a steep 60 percent grade at the Munson Test Course. The entire U.S. Military Academy Class of 1964 visited APG May 24-25.

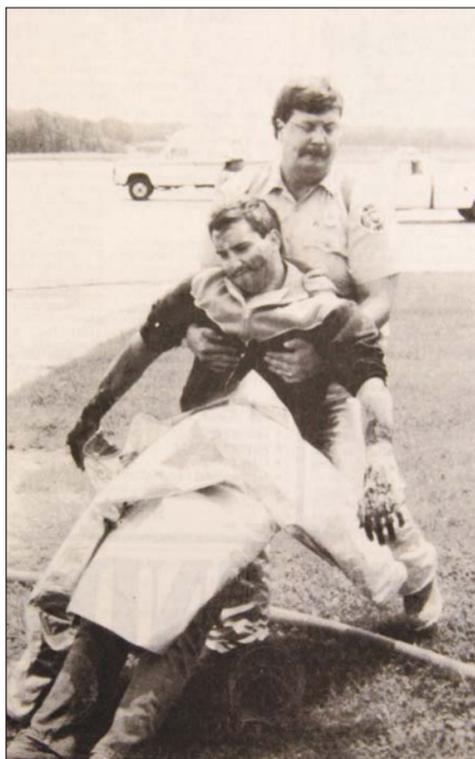


25 Years Ago: May 31, 1989

Clockwise from left:
(From left) Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Emergency Medical Technician Mark Williams, Trooper Dan Cornwell of the Maryland State Police Medevac Team and KUSAHC paramedic Dave Morlock roll a victim toward a Medevac helicopter during an emergency exercise at Phillips Army Airfield.

Three-year-old Michael Harris, the son of Capt. Allen Harris, stays fit "playing" racquetball at Russell Gymnasium.

The Soldiers of Company A, 601st Ordnance Battalion give 1st Sgt. Franklin Arnold a warm welcome at the finish line after the Sickle Cell Anemia Walk-A-Thon. More than 800 APG Soldiers participated in the May 21 event.



10 Years Ago: May 27, 2004

Clockwise from top left:
(From left) Kevin Flamm, program manager for the elimination of chemical weapons, helps Lt. Col. Paul Fletcher, non-stockpile chemical materiel program manager, unveil the dedication plaque for the Col. Garland M. White Munitions Assessment and Processing System (MAPS) facility.

Solid-filled ordnance "bombs" uncovered during excavation activities at the old Kurt Iron and Metal facility in Baltimore were loaded and transported to APG for safe disposition during the early morning hours of May 6, 2004. Col. Timothy Madere, commander of APG's Guardian Brigade, was called in as senior on-site coordinator for the explosive ordnance disposal operation.

(From left, in jeep) Col. Kevin Smith, OC&S chief of staff; Brig. Gen. Mike Lenaers, Chief of Ordnance; and Lt. Gen. Richard Hack, Army Materiel Command deputy commander and chief of staff review the troops during the 192nd birthday celebration of the Ordnance Corp at Fanshaw Field May 14, 2004.



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
Cwiernie, Victoria L

Deans, Theresa
Donahue, Karen
Donlon, Jacqueline
Doran, Kemi
Eberhardt, Joanne
Evans, Doretha
Fike, Curtis
Gaddis, Lonnie
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Gregory, Lisa
Grimsley, Sylvia
Hynes, Erin

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Sherrod, Irving
Small, Errol

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



At your service

Timothy Knox APG Alcohol & Drug Control Officer

As the installation Alcohol and Drug Control Officer, Timothy Knox of the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) serves the APG community in the prevention of and education about high risk behavior involving alcohol and drugs.

“Our mission is to daily serve

and strengthen the APG community in six different functional areas,” Knox said, “Prevention and Education, Suicide Awareness, High Risk Behavior Reduction, Civilian counseling, Treatment and Rehabilitation and Drug Deterrence through testing and detection.”

Knox holds a master’s degree from Troy University and is a certified Employee Assistance and Substance Abuse professional.

A military retiree as well, he said that working with his staff and taking care of the Army community is what he enjoys most about his job.

“I enjoyed taking care of Soldiers, Civilians and Family members for 20 years while serving on active duty and this is a continuation of that passion,” he said. “I mostly enjoy working with the ASAP staff; they are unique in their skill sets and personalities [and] they are some of the most dedicated technicians, clinicians and administrators in the Army’s inventory.”

ASAP is located in Bldg. 2477 Chesapeake Avenue on APG North

(Aberdeen) and is open 7 a.m. To 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, click on the Army Substance Abuse Program on the APG Garrison website at <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/>.

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Show weaves Soldier issues into production

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arching message is one of strength and resilience.

“The show tells the Army story—via music, song and dance—by showcasing those things that instill strength and character in our Soldiers and their families, inspiring them to exemplify Army values and take care of themselves and each other,” said Lt. Gen. David Halverson, commander of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

The show weaves physical readiness training, the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, sponsorship, ceremonial drill, and even the loss of a Soldier and suicide prevention into the production.

The human factor in song is delivered by this talented group of Soldiers singing classics and popular songs the audience can connect with.

Specialist Abigail Mary of Camp Humphreys South Korea and Pfc. Bryan McNeill of Fort Campbell, Ky., for example, sing A Great Big World’s “Say Something” as they prevent Spc. Enjolee Williams of the Texas National Guard from committing suicide. The mood builds with Kelly Clarkson’s “People Like Us” to a crescendo with Yolanda Adam’s “Still I Rise.”

A medley of nine songs ranging from “Over the Rainbow” which debuted at the start of World War II, to the 2001 Daryl Worley hit “Have You Forgotten?” offers something for everyone.

There is a nod to younger children in



Courtesy photo

The 2014 U.S. Army Soldier Show, “Stand Strong,” will tribute the 200th anniversary of the national anthem during a stop for one performance at the APG post theater June 5. The show starts 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com.

the audience, as well, with a short scene based on the recent Lego’s movie.

The entire show, artistically, is reinforcing the Army messaging,” said

artistic director Victor Hurtado. “Social media and [mass] media is not the only way to deliver those messages—sometimes you need that human factor.”

For more information, go to the APG Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) website at www.apgmwr.com.

Center boasts first-class amenities for residents

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APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton said the completion of the center represents another completed phase of the privatization of military housing on APG. McClinton said the goal of the Army’s Residential Communities Initiative, or RCI, established by Congress in 1996, was to eliminate inadequate family housing.

“This great facility is just a representation of all of us coming together in support of Families throughout the Army,” he said.

McClinton thanked Harford County Government for its partnership and Congressional leaders, who continue to support privatization across the Army.

APG Senior Commander Brig. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, who took command May 20, said he is looking forward to meeting APG residents.

“This (center) is evidence of what I will coin today as ‘APG Strong,’” Crawford said. “This is not just things that we talk about, this is things that we are doing for Soldiers, civilians and their Families for this community.”

Corvias Program Manager Scott Kotwas said the center was made possible due to the 50-year partnership Corvias Military Living has with APG.

“Together they are working to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families living on post,” Kotwas said.

Michael Steiner, the director of Corvias Group’s Military Housing Division, said the center was planned about six years ago, when APG first partnered with Corvias and that it is the 29th community center for Corvias Military Living.

“Your part, as residents, is to make this center come to life,” Steiner said. “This is for you.”

Stiener added that the center’s multipurpose room can be used for community meetings and neighborhood networking. The room can also be reserved for parties, at no charge.

“We want to provide a sense of community,” he said. “Community is



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(From right) APG Senior Commander Brig. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford plays Skee-Ball with Avery Stokes, 1, while Crawford’s wife, Dianne and Avery’s parents, Sgt. Jamaal Stokes and wife Kiyah, look on during the grand opening of the new Bayside Community Center May 22.

important, especially for military Families, who might live far away from their extended Families.”

A ribbon cutting highlighted the ceremony. Included were Sgt. Jamaal Stokes of the 20th CBRNE Command and his Family. They were joined by Crawford, his wife Dianne; CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent, McClinton, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin; and Stiener.

In addition, Congressional Representative George Pleasant-Jones presented a certificate of special recognition to Team APG and Corvias Military Living.

After the ceremony, Stokes said he is looking forward to using the center with his wife, Kiyah, and children, Kiara, 12, Brianna, 9, and Avery, 1.

“This is a nice location within walking distance of the Bayside and Patriot Village neighborhoods,” he said.

Patricia Cotoia, from the Corvias Design Team, said each center design is based on the history and location of the post. The Bayside Community Center features an Ocean City, Md. theme.

Military spouse Candace Boggs said she plans to bring her Family members to the center.

“They will love the arcade room,” she said.

Post resident Joseph Herod, 13, said he plans to use the multipurpose room to do homework with friends.

“I [also] want to hang out in the arcade and go to the pool in the summer,” he said.

Residents can obtain a pool pass and a gym key at the Leasing & Neighborhood Management Office located in the community center.

The community center’s hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents can also reserve the center for parties or meetings after normal business hours. The pool is open every day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., with a lifeguard on duty. The gym is open 24 hours a day. For more information call 410-305-1076 or email apgneighborhoodoffice@corvias.com.

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KUSAHC employees honored with coins

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U.S. Army Health Clinic (KUSAHC) Aug. 21, 1973.

The ceremony included remarks by KUSAHC Commander Lt. Col. David R. Zinnante, Maj. Gen. Dean G. Sienko, commander of the U.S. Army Public Health Command, and Kirk Willard Thompson and Jane Kimbrell Davis, grandchildren of Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, after whom the building is named.

Other family members in attendance included Thompson's husband Dwight, Lt. Abigail Linnington, great-granddaughter to Kirk and her son Samuel, Kirk's great-great-grandson.

"When I think of Maj. Gen. Kirk, I think of a true medical pioneer, who accomplished feats that spanned over three decades and are still amazingly impressive today," Sienko said. "During his 35 plus years of service to our great nation, he served through four wars; he provided critical orthopedic and surgical care to soldiers...and was credited with treating one-third of the major amputations during World War I."

Sienko pledged that the work at KUSAHC will continue for years to come.

"We are extremely fortunate to have an outstanding outpatient medical home at Kirk clinic, Army Wellness Center, Public Health Command and the Army Public Institute of Health..." Sienko said. "I am confident that Team APG will lead the way to extending our healthcare system to a system of health. I am proud to partner with Kirk Army Health Clinic as we work to structure an environment that supports individual's wellness goals to make the healthy choice the easy choice. We're all in this together."

"This all really comes full circle for me because I was at the original dedication 50 years ago," Thompson said. "It was nice to come back and see his legacy still continuing."

The APG Command Team and the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee printed 50 specially designed coins for the KUSAHC 50th anniversary, which were presented to Kirk family mem-



Photo by Molly Blossie
Four KUSAHC employees with 25 years or more of service hold their custom-designed KUSAHC coins during the 50th Anniversary Ceremony. (From right) KUSAHC Commander Lt. Col. David R. Zinnante faces Joyce Steining, 25 years; Alberta Jones, 26 years; Paul Wolcott, 27 years; and Karen Reed, 28 years. Each coin was numbered with the amount of years each recipient served.

bers and to members of the KUSAHC staff who have served 25 years or more at the clinic.

Karen Reed, chief of patient administration and medical records, and a recipient of a KUSAHC 50th anniversary coin for her 28 years of service to the clinic said serving there has been one of the best experiences of her life.

"It's been a very interesting experience really," she said. "It's nice being able to serve those who serve us. I've seen a lot of changes over the years and working here is paying them [Army servicemen and servicewomen] back for what they do because what they do is

more important than what I do."

Maj. Gen. Norman Thomas Kirk

Kirk was born in Rising Sun, Md. and received his MD from the University of Maryland in 1910. Kirk saw every battlefield of his country's involvement from 1912 to 1947. He began his service in the Army Medical Corps in 1913 and subsequently served in four wars, providing critical medical care to the front lines. Kirk was also known as an expert in orthopedic surgery and amputations.

Kirk was recognized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as the 27th surgeon general in the United States Army

on June 1, 1943. Under his supervision the Army Medical Corps was expanded from 1,200 to 47,000 physicians, plus 15,000 dentists, with 500,000 support personnel used in the care of more than 15 million patients. Under his guidance, the Army death rate from disease, which was 164 per 10,000 patients in World War I, dropped to 60 per 10,000.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Service Medal, the French Legion of Honor, the Italian Order of the Crown, the Order of the British Empire, and the Swedish Order of the Northern Star.

Speech hails battlefield survivors, Gold Star Families

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"These are the nameless heroes who live and die each day without want of recognition," he said. "They die in nursing homes and hospitals every day [and] the fact that they did not die in battle does not diminish our responsibilities as citizens of this great nation to show our respect for their service."

He encouraged listeners not to forget the Family members of the fallen and asked any Gold Star Family members in the audience to stand and be recognized.

"We must also praise the solemn task of those who carry on after that dreadful knock on the door that bore the worst of all visitors - fate," he said.

He asked that listeners "continue the narrative of this holiday" as they round out the weekend with barbecues, parades and Family gatherings.

"I ask you to stop and reflect on this day and the Soldiers who paid a price we will never be able to match," he said. "Most of all today is a day to tell the stories of the Soldiers of battlefields and decades past so the Soldiers of yesterday and today are never forgotten by the children of tomorrow."

The event included remarks by Master Sgt. Andrea Cassells, 20th CBRNE Command G-3, who shared the history of the tradition that became known as Memorial Day, and introduced the guest speaker;



Photo by Yvonne Johnson
A veteran with unit and organization pins proudly displayed on his headgear listens to remarks by Col. Richard A. Schueneman, chief of staff of the 20th CBRNE Command during the Memorial Day Tribute at the Edgewood Area Cemetery May 26.

the posting of colors by the 22D Chemical Battalion color guard led by Sgt. 1st Class Michael Rose; and a gun salute by the 20th CBRNE Command firing detail led by Staff Sgt. Antonio McDonald. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Kevin B. Weston delivered the invocation and benediction.

A wreath laying ended the ceremony. Presenters included Carol Carden of American Legion Service Post 17 and Kimberly Jordan of the Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council 6188.

At the program's end several guests mingled in the shade and shared their

thoughts on Memorial Day.

Ron Zwicke, a mathematician with the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's Army Evaluation Center, and Council 6188 Warden, said he has attended the ceremony for the past 15 years. An Army veteran, Zwicke served from 1979 to 1985 on active duty and from 1977 to 1997 in the Reserves. He said Schueneman's message was in keeping with the goal of Memorial Day tributes.

"It sends the message that this is more than just a day to barbecue," he said. "It was a very good speech with important things to say."

Tim Baird, a former host of the tribute, added that he was glad to hear the Army acknowledge civilian support and volunteer service.

"I thought the speech was great," he said. "He recognized that everybody does their part. Hopefully next year more people will remember that."

Staff Sgt. Mason Lockey of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory lingered near the cemetery entrance, taking in the flagged headstones with his wife, Vanessa Lockey, and daughters Brenna, 7, Alexia, 5, and Macie, 2. Lockey said military service goes back for generations on both sides of the family and that he and his wife always try to attend a ceremony.

"We want them to remember what this day is all about," he said.

Leak repairs may prompt road, parking closures

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and at times, road closures will go into effect during the excavation of the parking lot. The project is set to last about 120 days.

Installation Energy Manager Devon Rust, of the Directorate of Public Works, said the repairs are critical, because steam leaks create water and energy waste. The steam leaks repairs will save the garrison about \$402,420.00 per year.

Rust said the steam leaks were evident in the winter months, when heat and hot water was turned on.

"If there is a leak in the pipes, then the steam escapes from the distribution system and all the heat energy is lost before it reaches the buildings," She said.

The boiler plant and steam infrastructure are at their most efficient when the steam lines are intact, well-insulated and have a good condensate return system, she added.

"Piping the hot water or condensate back to the boiler to be reused saves energy also," she explained. "The idea is to retain as much heat and water as possible so that the system is like a 'closed loop'-constantly recycling the

hot water over and over again."

In addition, escaping steam can make it difficult for drivers to see other cars and pedestrians; creating a safety hazard.

"We need to fix it now, or there will be more problems in the future," Rust said. The Energy Program appreciates your patience and cooperation during the temporary disruption.

Drivers should anticipate road closures and look for signs indicating a change in traffic pattern.

For more information, contact Rust at 410-306-1125 or devon.a.rust.civ@mail.mil.

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COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR CENTER OPENING

Post residents celebrated the opening of the new Bayside Community Center during Corvias Military Living's Resident Appreciation Celebration May 22. (Clockwise from below) A.J. Rendon shoots hoops in the arcade room with his father Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Rendon from the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel; Lilyan Olson shows off her rainbow balloon art; Lukas Dean admires his new drawing by Suzanne Grover, from Nothin' Up My Sleeve Entertainment; (From left) Lisa Lotek from Nothin' Up My Sleeve Entertainment paints Dontae Henley as Spiderman; Aeron Rivers tries her hand at Skee-Ball.



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MEDIA TRAINING: ON THE RECORD

(From right) Garrison Public Affairs Specialist Adriane Foss conducts a mock interview with Capt. Michael Bartol of the 1st Area Medical Laboratory during "Dealing with the Media" training for Family Readiness Group leaders, volunteers and Family members May 22. Foss briefed attendees on proper responses to media inquiries and emphasized the importance of contacting the Garrison PAO prior to granting media interviews. "It's important to contact the PAO in all instances," she said. "Most importantly, get training," she said. She added that public affairs specialists specialize in anticipating questions and preparing responses. "One thing we try to find out is who the audience is and how the information will be used," she said. After the session, Foss put three attendees on the spot with a barrage of opinion questions and then gave feedback on their performances. She advised that they are not obligated to give their opinion about a subject. "If you're not comfortable giving your opinion, it's okay to say 'I don't know enough about that to comment,'" she said. "Take your time," she added. "When you're asked a question, there's no time limit so you don't have to rush your answer. And don't speculate. If you don't know about it, don't talk about it." Other don'ts included: Never say 'no comment'; There is no such thing as 'off the record'; Don't argue; Don't give sensitive information "Above all, try to relax and just be yourself," Foss said. "Talk the way you talk and behave the way you behave." For more information about media training, call the Garrison PAO at 410-278-1150.

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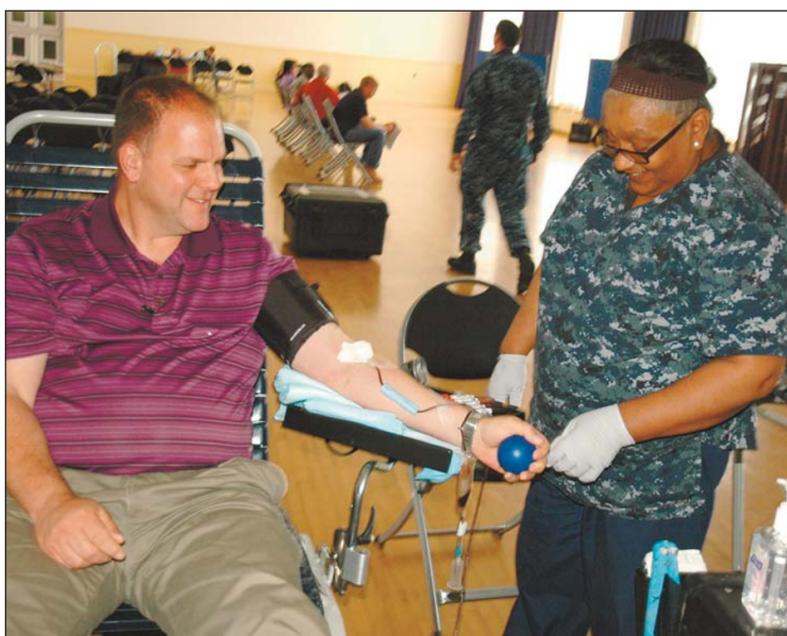


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A LIFESAVING GIFT

(From left) Philip Peregino, from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, donates blood watches as Phlebotomist Yolanda Velazquez, from the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center checks his arm during the Armed Services Blood Bank Center's blood drive at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center May 19. During the blood drive, 41 useable units were collected and will go toward saving lives and supporting troops during war and peace time, according to Victoria Fernetto, a public affairs specialist with the WRNMMC Armed Services Blood Bank Command.



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OUR FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS

A visitor snaps a photo of a bald eagle display with his camera during the Endangered Species Day event in the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater. Jessica Baylor of the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division hosted the event to inform the community about the Endangered Species Act, the purpose of naming endangered and threatened species and the efforts of the Environmental Protection Act to protect and recover impacted species and to preserve the ecosystems upon which they depend. Displays in the theater lobby and foyer explained the Environmental division's Bald Eagle Management Plan and its role in protecting the installation's bald eagle population. Visitors also viewed the film "American Eagle" a documentary detailing the daily, seasonal and annual challenges bald eagles face in Upper Mississippi River habitats. Baylor thanked attendees and noted that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources as well as the DPW's Environmental Division conducts numerous outreach events focused on eagles and their environment throughout the year. For more information, contact Baylor at 410-436-7198 or email jessica.m.baylor.civ@mail.mil