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APG celebrates Hispanic history, culture

Rachel Acevedo, from the Civilian Human Resources Agency, sings *Un Lugar Celestial* (Heavenly Place) by Jaci Velázquez during the APG observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month at the Myer Auditorium Oct. 1.

Photo by Sean Kief



By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Hispanic history and culture were celebrated during the APG annual observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month at the Myer Auditorium at APG North (Aberdeen) Oct. 1.

Team APG Equal Employment Opportunity specialists and volunteers hosted the event for the community and welcomed local students from C. Milton Wright and Joppatowne high schools, who were also in attendance.

Rose Satz, from the Communications-Electronics Research Development and Engineering Center greeted the audience in English and in Spanish.

Satz, who is originally from the Dominican Republic, said Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, is set aside to celebrate the history, culture and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

During this 30-day period, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala,

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CFC kicks off at APG

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

The 2014 APG Combined Federal Campaign officially began during a kickoff event at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Oct. 3.

The CFC mission is "to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all."

The event began with opening remarks by volunteer organizer Capt. Mary Hubbard, followed by Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) employee Randy Weber's a cappella rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner." Lt. Col. Jerry Owens, command chaplain, led the invocation, followed by a brief video entitled "Why I Give."

Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton also spoke to those in attendance, thanking Hubbard for her efforts and stating he believed the installation could generate a 35 percent participation rate.

"I'm confident we're going to achieve all our goals," McClinton said. "And at the end of the day, those contributions are going to worthy causes around the world."

Rose Logan-Lee, vice chair of

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APG CPAC finds new location

Story and photo by **STACY SMITH**
APG News

After 13 months of separation, more than 90 employees of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) have been reunited in the organization's new home at Bldg. 4504, Susquehanna Avenue, near the courthouse.

"On Oct. 1 we had our ribbon cutting ceremony and a cookout for CPAC employees," said Alison Bolton, a lead HR specialist for the APG CPAC director's office. "It was kind of like saying, 'we made it, we're here; we survived.'"

The former CPAC location, Bldg. 314, was identified for restoration and modification, but due to a failure and leak in the air conditioning system over a four-day weekend, extremely high temperatures, and higher than normal humidity, extensive damage and mold led to a reevaluation of the restoration plan.

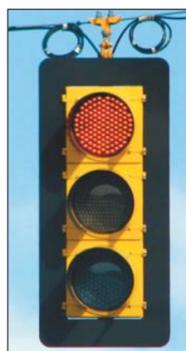
After reassessing, it was determined the demolition of the building would be more fiscally responsible than repairing the extensive damage and mold remediation. Ulti-

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(From left) Erin Freitag, northeast regional director of the Civilian Human Resources Agency (CHRA); Philip DeMarais, deputy director of CHRA; Leslie Lovick, director of the APG Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC); and Glenn Wait, deputy garrison commander, cut the ribbon to the new CPAC headquarters at Bldg. 4504, during a grand opening and barbecue Oct. 1. Lovick thanked colleagues for their hard work during the 13 months CPAC employees spent displaced across APG.

Use caution at flashing or non-functioning traffic lights



Drivers at APG are reminded to adhere to the following traffic laws and guidelines when approaching non-functioning or flashing traffic control signals.

If two vehicles approach an intersection without a traffic control device or with a non-functioning traffic control signal from different roadways at the same time, there is existing motor vehicle law that applies. In this situation, the driver on the left must yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on his or her immediate right.

There are also times when a traffic control signal that normally operates green, yellow, and red lights may be in 'flashing' mode. This usually means red lights may be flashing in one direction and yellow lights are flashing in another direction. Flashing red and yellow lights on a traffic control signal do not mean the light is 'non-functioning.' In this situation, the drivers approaching the red flashing light must stop and can only proceed when the intersection is clear. Drivers approaching the yellow flashing light should slow down and use caution but are permitted to proceed through the intersection without stopping.

Drivers are also reminded that if a police officer is directing traffic in the intersection, they should obey the directions of that officer, regardless of the signal indicated on the traffic control device.

If other drivers are present at the intersection, remember to be courteous, use caution and do everything possible to try to determine the intentions of other motorists and communicate your intentions, if you are unsure of how to proceed. Even if you have the right of way, it is better to allow another driver to proceed if it appears he or she is going to do so, instead of risking an intersection crash.

Above all, drivers are reminded that it is their duty to always drive with care and caution, especially when approaching an intersection with a non-functioning or flashing signal.

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Thursday

Mostly Sunny
chance of rain 0%



70° | 51°

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STREET TALK

This week is National Fire Prevention Week. What are some ways you prepare yourself or your loved ones for a fire emergency?

"We have fire alarms and fire extinguishers. Our children know where they're located in the home."



Jenny Clendenen
Family member

"I live in the barracks and the fire evacuation plan is posted all over the building. I make sure I know which route to take in case of a fire."



Spc. Thomas Van Hall
22d Chemical Battalion

"I check all the smoke detectors once a month to make sure they're working. My family and I also do fire safety drills."



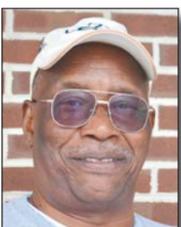
Jazmin Newman
Commissary

"We live in a one-story home with sliding glass doors. I actually thought a lot about fire safety when we built our home."



Diana Locke
Retired military

"I always ask my wife which door she would go out of and which place we would meet at if there's a fire."



Billy Woodard
Retired military

Commander's Corner

"Our Shared Responsibility" National Cyber Security Awareness Month

MAJ. GEN. BRUCE T. CRAWFORD
APG Senior Commander

October 2014 marks the 11th Annual National Cyber Security Awareness Month sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security.

As emerging technologies have improved our society and way of life, we must pause to recognize the inherent risks and learn how to act responsibly as we become more interconnected in cyberspace.

Strengthening cyber security is also one of the Secretary of the Army's priorities, and everyone plays a vital role in "Our Shared Responsibility" to stay aware of the threats and take the appropriate actions in cyberspace.

When connecting online, remember to "Stop, Think and Connect"

Stop: Before using the Internet or tactical communications systems, take time to understand the risks and learn to spot potential problems.

Think: Watch for warning signs and consider how your actions could affect the safety of yourself, your unit and your family.

Connect: Use the Internet and our mission command networks with greater confidence, knowing all steps were taken to safeguard the team and our efforts.

In the broad strategic environment, the cyber threat to our Army and our nation is becoming increasingly sophisticated. Our adversaries are turning their sights onto our networks and infrastructures in order to steal personal and



There is simply too much at stake for us to become complacent as more and more of our daily lives are dependent on the technologies we have employed at every level of our society.

sensitive information and degrade our ability to defend the homeland.

This team effort will depend on a high level of accountability from senior leaders down to the individual user. There is simply too much at stake for us to become complacent as more and more of our daily lives are dependent on the technologies we have employed at every level of our society.

You are our first line of defense, and a commitment to cyber security is a commitment to the well being of your family, your Army and your nation.

APG Strong, Army Strong!

Honoring Army Civilian Corps service

LT. GEN. JAMES C. MCCONVILLE
Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1

It is with great pride I echo my fellow Army senior leaders in honoring you as members of the Army Civilian Corps for your unwavering dedication and commitment to continued service to our Army and the nation.

As the Army chief personnel officer, I am encouraged by our future and the overwhelming steadfastness and talent exhibited by our more than 300,000 civilian employees. You provide high-quality, expert support to warfighters and their Families.

The Civilian Corps is an integral part of the Army team and I commend you for your contributions and sacrifices. Last year, civilian employees shouldered heavy burdens during unprecedented fiscal uncertainty. In spite of this, you con-



McConville

tinued to serve with unwavering commitment and intensity. I am personally thankful for your invaluable service.

Next year, the Army team will encounter more challenges as we work to drawdown the Active Duty Army. Unfortunately, our civilian employee workforce will also be affected. Though the target numbers have not yet been solidified for FY16 and beyond civilian reductions, rest assured the Army will conduct its civilian reduction strategy in a responsible, yet compassionate manner – strategically aligning resources, developing policies, and leveraging available tools to minimize the negative impact of reductions.

Even with looming personnel reductions Army senior leaders must continue focusing on retention and developing our talented Civilian Corps. Your efforts are vital to our Army and the national military strategy. People are our Army and people matter!

Thank you again for what you do every day to make our Army great.

Army Strong!

Campaign to address handicap parking misuse



The APG Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) will complete another Handicap Parking Enforcement Campaign beginning Oct. 20.

While DES continually enforces handicap parking restrictions across the installation, this campaign will focus on ceasing parking misuse in and around the C4ISR campus at APG North (Aberdeen).

Only those issued handicap parking credentials are authorized to park in handicap parking spaces. Proper handicap credentials and/or documentation must be present and visible if parked in a handicap parking space.

Individuals parked in a handicap parking space without proper credentials will be subject to fine. In addition, repeat offenders may be towed, incurring added expenses.

APG SEVEN DAY FORECAST

Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
70° 51°	60° 53°	65° 49°	61° 56°	73° 64°	75° 63°	71° 57°

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Garrison symposium to offer career guidance

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APG News

Garrison civilians who want to move up in their careers, but are unsure how they can take that important first step can gain more insight during the Garrison Professional Development Training Symposium to be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Top of the Bay, Thursday, Oct. 16.

The event includes breakout sessions with subject matter experts geared toward career management and leadership, as well as seizing opportunities and resolving conflicts.

Guests include keynote speaker Vicki Brown, chief of Civilian Training and Leadership Development, Army G-3/5/7, from the Pentagon, and Dr. Brenda G. Miller, senior safety director from the Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Alabama who will talk about Army e-Learning, GoArmyEd, and Army Career Tracker.

Several more career-focused events, as

well as turning this symposium into an annual event, are in the planning stages, according to Celestine Beckett, the garrison's leader and workforce development manager with the Directorate of Human Resources.

Beckett said this first-ever gathering will focus on the importance of managing one's own career and sharing information about what leadership development training the workforce would like to experience in the future.

"Guest speakers will discuss career programs, career tracking, and enhancing our success as Army Professionals," she said. "The purpose is to provide overarching training for garrison and non-appropriated fund employees. Not only will everyone be hearing the same information on



Beckett

the same day, this symposium will provide points of contact and resources for those who want to learn more."

She said Brown will talk about the Civilian Education System, and expanded career programs; information needed for leader development and career management of Army civilians. "She'll cover all grades, not just senior civilians," Beckett said, adding that training is key for career advancement.

"Even if it doesn't lead to an immediate promotion, training courses and certificates go on your resume and give you more authority to lead, due to your exposure," she said.

Beckett is the garrison's subject matter expert for civilian workforce management. She advises the workforce on specific training needed to advance in their careers. Her job includes partnering with tenant organizations, monitoring management training and helping directors guide their employees toward leadership opportunities. She also works closely with the

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

"Some may not want to advance in their careers, but will want to keep up with the changing aspects of their positions. It's my job to provide guidance about career programs," she said.

Beckett said the symposium and future training events will help enhance attendees' careers and hopefully increase job satisfaction.

"This is about growing personally and professionally. At the end of the day you should feel better prepared, professionally, and ready for the next step."

The Garrison Professional Development Training Symposium is the place of duty for garrison civilians and non-appropriated fund participants. Breakout sessions will include "Building a Culture of Success," "Mentorship and Leadership," "USA Jobs and Resume Building" and more.

For more information, contact Beckett, at 410-306-2333 or email celestine.beckett.civ@mail.mil.

Join in the camaraderie as APG hosts Oktoberfest

By **ADRIANE FOSS**
Garrison APG Public Affairs

Plans are ongoing to celebrate Oktoberfest at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center grounds Oct. 24-25. This local version of the famous fall festival kicks off 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24 with an opening ceremony, during which installation and area leaders will sign the Army community covenant as an official show of support between the communities.

"This is going to be an all-around great opportunity for everyone to come together in a spirit of camaraderie and enjoy a full two days of fun," said APG FMWR Chief Mike Lupacchino.

The celebration continues 11 a.m.,



Saturday, Oct. 25 with a Volksmarch and ends at 9 p.m. with a fireworks show.

The APG Oktoberfest is free and open to the public. Main events will include a Festhalle with live entertain-

ment, German food and beverages and a car and bike show.

"The German band Edelweiss will perform traditional music immediately after the opening ceremony Friday. But the fun doesn't stop there," said fest planner Gwyn Dolzine. "We'll have inflatable rides and attractions by age group, ages 3-6, 6-12, and 12 to adult."

Dolzine said attendees can enjoy performances by the jump rope team, the Hopping Hawks, and a hula hoop team. Face painting and balloon art will be available for younger children.

Other attractions include a Family Zone and Main Street vendors. For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com.



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Conservation landscaping along Aberdeen Blvd.

By **JESS BAYLOR**

DPW Environmental Division

Along Aberdeen Boulevard on APG North (Aberdeen), stands a thick row of tall evergreen trees known as Leyland Cypress, or *Cupressocyparis leylandii*.

While Leyland trees are not a native species on APG, they provided a fast growing viewshed when they were planted many years ago to screen older buildings, which have since been removed, as well as the railroad tracks.

Leyland trees are susceptible to several diseases, the most damaging of which is Seiridium canker caused by *Seiridium unicorne*. Leylands of all sizes and ages can be affected.

Several of the Leylands on Aberdeen Boulevard are diseased and have the potential to spread the disease to healthy trees.

Other diseases that can affect Leyland trees include Botryosphaeria canker, Cercospora needle blight, Kabatina tip blight, Phytophthora root rot and Annosus root rot. There are also many pests that affect Leyland trees, including bagworms, spruce spider mites, cedar bark beetles, juniper scale, black twig bores, lesser cornstalk bores, cutworms, aphids and spittle bugs.

In an effort to proactively address the landscaping along Aberdeen Boulevard, the diseased trees will be removed

and replaced in a multi-phase approach. A variety of native species such as various oaks (*Quercus sp.*), American Holly (*Ilex opaca*), and Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) will be planted.

A proactive approach of replacing Leyland trees in the near future will ultimately conserve and enhance the landscaping along Aberdeen Boulevard. The variety of native species that will be planted will also provide greater biodiversity and increased wildlife habitat at APG.

Over the next few months drivers and pedestrians will notice some of the Leylands being removed, as well as some deciduous trees that are also diseased or dying. Immediately following removal of these Leylands replacement trees will be planted along Aberdeen Boulevard.

For more information, contact Jess Baylor at 410-436-7198 or jessica.m.baylor.civ@mail.mil.

Leyland Cypress trees along Aberdeen Boulevard on APG North (Aberdeen) are susceptible to several diseases, the most damaging of which ultimately kills them. The DPW Environmental Division will start proactively removing Leyland trees and planting oaks, American Holly and Bald Cypress in their place to preserve the landscaping.

Photo by Jess Baylor



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Know about an interesting upcoming event?

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APG professionals inspire at career day

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Several APG personnel participated in a career day event held for students at St. Joan of Arc School in Aberdeen, Oct. 3.

During the event, students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade visited displays and heard about more than 25 career opportunities from local professionals.

Col. Frederick Hughes, a G-3 operations officer from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) told students how they could serve the nation as Soldiers or civilians.

Hughes also talked about the Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP), which is comprised of Army-sponsored research, education, competitions, internships and practical experiences designed to engage and guide students and teachers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.

Hughes said STEM education is crucial for the U.S. to stay competitive in the global marketplace.

"The intent is to try to talk to them about the importance of staying in school and focus on science, technology areas so we can grow a new generation of engineers for the future, so we can keep our country strong," Hughes said.

Hughes offered students more information about the AEOP program, as well as a balsa wood plane kit and a waterproof notebook, similar to ones used by Soldiers in the field, to take home.

At the U.S. Army Research Laboratory display, Stephen Wilkerson, demonstrated 3-D printing for students. Also known as additive manufacturing, 3-D printing allows the user to draw objects on a computer through a computer-aided design and print a 3-D, life-size version using layer-by-layer technique. Wilkerson predicts that in the future 3-D printers will be as common as cell phones.

"This is the next big thing," he said.

Kerstin Lanehart, an eighth-grade student, said it was exciting to see the 3-D printer in action.

"It was really cool," she said. "I want to be a graphic designer, or an artist, so



Cassandra Reilly, a chemical engineer at RDECOM's communications-electronics center, explains to students how she helps develop batteries and other power sources for Soldiers during a career day at St. Joan of Arc School in Aberdeen Oct. 3.

hopefully I will use 3-D printing in my career."

RDECOM Staff Judge Advocate Lt. Col. Mary E. Card-Mina, talked to the students about the Army's educational benefits and law careers.

"We had some interesting discussions about the law," she said. "I am very impressed."

Maj. David M. Paolucci, from the Maryland National Guard, brought in flight equipment, maps and navigation devices to show students. Paolucci works at the Weide Army Heliport at

APG South (Edgewood).

"It is important for the children to see what is out there, and what they might be some day," he said.

Two other APG personnel participated in the career day, including Cassandra Reilly, a chemical engineer at RDECOM'S communications-electronics center and Amanda Rominiecki, editor of the APG News.

Ginger Bahr, St. Joan of Arc principal, thanked the presenters for donating their time and expertise. Noting the event featured a variety of STEM-focused

careers, Bahr said APG professionals volunteer at the school throughout the year, providing STEM learning opportunities. APG has an ongoing partnership with the school.

"We hope that students see how math and technology is used in various careers," she said. "When I was growing up, as women, you could only be a mom, a secretary, a nurse, or a teacher. Now there are so many opportunities and so many choices for children. It is good for them to see how their gifts and talents can be used in many ways."

New Army acquisition lecture series leverages lessons from past leaders

By **NANCY JONES-BONBREST**
PEO C3T

With a focus on learning from past Army acquisition stumbles and successes, the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T) kicked off the new Excellence in Acquisition Lecture Series Sept. 30 at APG.

Retired Lt. Gen. William Campbell, a visionary leader who in the 1990s helped establish a digitized Army, served as the inaugural speaker.

Delivering insights for today's Army, Campbell reviewed examples of acquisition success stories during a period of declining budgets, discussed the recent history of Army acquisition reform and reminded the workforce members in attendance that although the acquisition process is often complex, it has also delivered and deployed the world's best and most technically advanced weapons systems.

The event, free and open to the entire APG community and offered to off-site locations through video teleconference, served as a reminder that the support they provide to today's Soldiers is built on the foundation of past leadership.

"Remember who you work for in this sequence: The only reason any of us are in this business is to support the warfighter and that's customer number

one," Campbell said.

"Your second order of priority is your team – your workforce – and doing everything you can to make them successful. Third, don't forget your chain of command. As long as you don't forget the first two, then the chain of command will be behind you," he said.

Campbell's forward-looking vision during the 1990s set the precedent for today's modernized Army, which is now fielding its high-speed, mobile tactical communications network to some of its most expeditionary light and heavy units. He championed the push for a digitized Army, one that could achieve seamless and secure, end-to-end connectivity from installation to the deployed Soldier.

"We did a lot of great things on a limited budget," Campbell said.

During the lecture he offered glimmers of hope in acquisition reform, such as product-tailored acquisition models and rapid acquisition elements, as well as the window of opportunity for "agile" development and rapid prototyping programs. He also discussed specific lessons learned regarding individual programs and case studies on meeting urgent needs.

For example, Campbell discussed the acquisition process of the Guided Bomb Unit 28, or 'bunker buster'



(From left) Maj. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes, program executive officer Command, Control and Communications-Tactical, welcomes retired Lt. Gen. William Campbell as the inaugural speaker in the Excellence in Acquisition Lecture Series Sept. 30 at APG. Photo by Denise Rule

bomb, that was built and deployed in 28 days in 1991 during Operation Desert Storm and used to penetrate fortified Iraqi Command Centers buried underground. He also told the successful acquisition history of Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below, the Army's current situational awareness tool, which is integrated on more than 100,000 platforms, resides in each tactical operations center and is fielded to every brigade combat team in the Army.

"General Campbell saw early on how information technology could transform the Army to dominate on future battlefields," said Maj. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes, current program executive officer for C3T.

"He worked to secure the extensive bandwidth and architecture needed to deliver a pervasive network. The integrated capabilities we field today, called capability sets, resulted from the perseverance of General Campbell and his workforce several years prior," Hughes said.

Campbell led the organization that today is known as PEO C3T at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, when it was called PEO Command and Control

Systems from January 1993 through July 1995, and PEO Command, Control and Communication Systems for the next two years. He also served as the Army's Program Executive Officer, Intelligence and Electronic Warfare from November 1987 through April 1992.

Campbell's career culminated in July 2000 with his duty as the Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers and the Chief Information Officer of the U.S. Army. He also led the Army's campaign to improve computer security and initiated the Army's biometric identification program.

"Today, I'm most encouraged by the spirit and culture of collaboration and cooperation of the federated environment of the laboratories at APG, because the power comes from the entire team," Campbell said. "Acquisition is a team sport. You can't get there on your own."

The lecture series will be held quarterly, focusing on the intersection of acquisition and the Army's command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) technologies.



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BY THE NUMB#RS

National Fire Prevention Week

48,000

Number of home fires per year, on average, resulting from electrical failure or malfunctions. These fires cause roughly 450 deaths and nearly \$1.5 billion in direct property damage per year

9,600

Number of fireworks-related injuries that were treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms in 2011.

143

Years since the Great Chicago Fire. The fire began Oct. 8, 1871, but continued into and did most of its damage on Oct. 9.

97

Number of U.S. firefighters who lost their lives while fighting fires in 2013.

89

Years since President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week in 1925.

32

The number of home candle fires reported nationally per day, on average.

12

Number of times the National Fire Protection Association recommends people check their smoke alarms every year. Once a month!

By **RACHEL PONDER**, APG News

Sources: <http://www.chicagohs.org/history/fire.html>

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week>



APG leaders sign proclamation for domestic violence awareness, prevention

(From left) Sandra Ackerman, family advocacy program manager, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams, Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton, and Mike Farlow, Army Community Service victim advocate coordinator, pose with the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation after a signing at the Bayside Community Center Oct. 7. McClinton talked about the Army's commitment to end domestic violence so the cycle does not continue into future generations.

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program will host Domestic Violence Awareness activities throughout October. For more information, call 410-278-4372.

Photo by Stacy Smith

Brush up on fire safety, prevention

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**
APG News

Fire Prevention Week, sponsored by the National Fire Prevention Association, is recognized nationally as a time to brush up on fire safety tips.

Fire Prevention Week, which runs Oct. 5-11 this year, always coincides with the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, which burned Oct. 8 - 10, 1871, destroying more than three square miles of the Windy City and killing at least 300 people. The Great Chicago Fire serves as a somber reminder of how devastating fire can be.

In a presidential proclamation signed Oct. 3, President Barack Obama observes not only the importance of preventing fires, but highlights the men and women who fight fires across the U.S.

"We owe a great debt to our brave first responders and firefighters who run toward the scene of a disaster to fight fires. They are heroes who demonstrate courage, determination, and professionalism every day as they battle flames and smoke and teach their neighbors how to protect themselves. During Fire Prevention Week, we recognize our duty to be vigilant and take action to avert fires, and we remember the sacri-

fices of those who gave their lives so others might live," the proclamation stated.

The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives - Test Yours Every Month!" reminds us all to ensure properly working smoke alarms are installed throughout our homes.

Working smoke alarms save lives

According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), nearly 2,500 people die in home fires every year in the U.S. Most of these people lived in homes without working smoke alarms. Follow these tips from the USFA to keep your family safe in case of a fire:

▪ **If you haven't already, put smoke alarms in your home** - Smoke is poisonous and smoke alarms will alert you to smoke inside your home.



They should be installed at every level of your home, in every bedroom or sleeping area and on the ceiling or high on the wall.

▪ **Make sure your smoke alarms work** - Smoke alarms are only effective if they are in proper working order. Ideally, you should check smoke alarms once a month.

When you push the test button, you should hear a loud noise. If you don't, you need a new battery or a new alarm. Fix it immediately. Alarms should be replaced entirely every 10 years.

▪ **Know what to do when your smoke alarm goes off** - Make sure your family knows how to react when a smoke alarm goes off. When you hear a smoke alarm, you have about three minutes to get everyone outside to safety. Make a family escape plan in advance and practice using it.

Fire in the kitchen

According to the USFA, cooking is the main cause of home fires and fire injuries. These tips can help you prevent cooking fires:

▪ **Keep an eye on what you fry** - Most cooking fires start when someone is frying food. Never leave a frying pan unattended. Turn the burner off if you leave the kitchen. Also, watch what you're cooking. If you see any smoke, turn off the burner.

▪ **Be a safe cook** - Wear short sleeves or roll up long sleeves while cooking so they don't catch fire. Keep your hair and clothes away from the burner. Stay awake and alert while cooking - alcohol and some medications can make you sleepy and inattentive.

▪ **Be prepared when cooking** - Keep the cooking area safe by ensuring children and pets are at least three feet from a hot stove. Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove to avoid bumping into them or knocking them off the stove. Keep a pan lid or cookie sheet nearby to cover the pan if it catches on fire, and always keep flammable items like dish towels far from the stove.

For more fire safety and prevention information, visit www.usfa.fema.gov, www.ready.gov, or www.nfpa.org.

ATEC names NCO and Soldier of the Year

By **LINDSEY MONGER**
ATEC

After a long day of intensive competition, command sergeants major from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, congratulated the top Soldier and Non-commissioned Officer during ATEC's first formal NCO and Soldier of the Year competition at APG, Oct. 1.

The NCO and Soldier of the Year Competition tests competitors' Army aptitude which involves conquering urban warfare simulations, board interviews, physical fitness tests, essays, warrior tasks and battle drills relevant to today's operating environment.

Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Prager, airborne test force shop foreman from Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona was named ATEC NCO of the Year and Spc. Chiquita Barrett, human resource specialist, ATEC headquarters, was named ATEC Soldier of the Year.

"This competition is an opportunity to recognize professional Soldiers that have decided to accept a challenge," said Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley, ATEC commanding general. "These leaders live by the motto of 'what a leader must be, what a leader must know, and what a leader must do,'" Utley said.

To be eligible for the NCO and Soldier of the Year competition, the NCO's and Soldiers had to first compete and win ATEC's quarterly board.

"This process entails many days of training and studying to come out as the best NCO and Soldier of the Year; and the commitment was evident in Sgt. 1st Class Prager and Spc. Barrett," said ATEC Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Orosz. "The top NCO and Soldier for any organization is a very prestigious title and is a true testament of the Soldiers character, competence, and commitment," he said.

The quarter winners in FY14 are: Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Land, fire direction specialist, Fort Sill, Oklahoma was NCO of the 2nd Quarter; Prager and Barrett are the NCO and Soldier of the 3rd Quarter; and Staff Sgt. Scott Strahammer, research development test and evaluation NCO from Electronic Proving Ground was named the NCO of the 4th Quarter.

"Instead of Soldiers competing at their home stations like ATEC has done in the past, I decided to have the Soldiers come together for the competition at Aberdeen Proving Ground here in Maryland," Orosz said.

All competitors appear before a selection board of ATEC command sergeants major who evaluate their warrior competencies in subjects such as current events, code of conduct, land navigation, awards and decorations and first aid.

Serving on the board were Command Sgts. Maj. Ronald Orosz, ATEC headquarters; Robert Austin, Army Evaluation Center; Jimmy Sellers, White Sands Missile Range; Alma Zeladaparedes, Dugway Proving Ground; Sean Ward, Yuma Proving Ground; and Kenneth Graham, Operational Test Center.

Warrior scores were based on the results of the performance testing and board appearance.

"Walking away from my first board appearance and competition as a Soldier, I



Photo by Lindsey Monger

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's 2014 Soldier of the Year, Spc. Chiquita Barrett, a human resource specialist, low crawls as she competes in the obstacle course during the NCO and Soldier of the Year competition, Oct. 1 at APG.

learned that you can accomplish anything you set your mind to, as long as you stay motivated," said Barrett. "This allows me to keep looking forward as I continue my career as a Soldier," she said.

Prager will represent ATEC in the Military District of Washington competition next year. The event was deemed a success by Orosz whom credits Master Sgt. Sheila Sango, ATEC military career counselor and competition coordinator, for the integration, planning and logistics that went into executing the event.

"The overall competition was outstanding," said Orosz. "Master Sgt. Sheila Sango was the backbone of the competition and pulled all the supporting units together. I appreciate her hard work and the support from each and every person that made this event possible," he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Prager of Yuma Proving Ground, recently named U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's 2014 NCO of the Year, concentrates as he measures a particular distance on the map during the 2014 ATEC NCO and Soldier of the Year competition.
Photo by Lindsey Monger



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ALL THINGS MARYLAND



Antietam National Battlefield

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Just a two hour drive away, off Interstate 70 near Sharpsburg, Maryland, lies the quiet – some say hallowed – grounds of the Antietam National Battlefield.

More Americans died in the Sept. 17, 1862 Battle of Antietam than on any other day in the nation's military history.

The casualty total of 22,720 Union and Confederate Soldiers includes 3,650 killed, 17,300 wounded and 1,770 missing or captured. The battle was the result of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's first venture into Union territory. Some say he was in need of a decisive victory to encourage foreign financing and participation.

According to the National Park Service, more than 500 cannons participated in the Battle of Antietam, firing more than 50,000 rounds of ammunition. The cannonade was so severe that Confederate artillery commander Colonel S.D. Lee described the battle as "artillery hell." Antietam is considered a turning point of the war and a victory for the Union.

Today, Antietam is a National Park Service battlefield.

Visitors can explore the museum exhibits in the visitor center and view the 26-minute introductory film which runs every half hour; join a Park Ranger for a battlefield talk; browse the Museum Store; or take a self-guided, 8.5-mile auto tour through the battlefield. The tour has 11 stops and begins at the Dunker Church, which was a focal point of Union attacks against the Confederate left flank and was used by the Confederates as a temporary aid station after the battle.

Civil War buffs will want to visit the War Department Tablets; more than 300 scattered throughout the battle-



Burnside Bridge, named for Union Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside, is a popular attraction for Civil War history enthusiasts at Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Maryland.

Courtesy photo

field mark the various locations of each Army during the battle. There's also the famous Burnside Bridge, which played a key role in the Confederate defense strategy, and the sunken road nicknamed "Blood Lane" where a confrontation between Union and Confederate forces resulted in more than 5,600 casualties. You also can take a self-guided hike on the Bloody Lane, Cornfield, Final Attack, Union Advance, Antietam Remembered, Sherrick Farm or Snave-

ly Ford Trails.

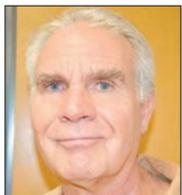
One of the most popular sites is the Antietam National Cemetery where Union Soldiers from the Civil War period were laid to rest. Also interred there are veterans from the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and their spouses, as well as the remains of U.S. Navy Fireman Patrick Howard Roy who was killed in the attack on the USS Cole in 2000.

Nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains near the Potomac River,

Antietam is a remote site and not as commercialized as the Gettysburg area, so visitors will want to plan ahead.

The grounds are open year-round and the visitor center is open daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

For more information about Antietam National Battlefield, visit www.nps.gov/anti/index.htm. For more information about special programs or nearby accommodations, call 301-791-3246, 301-432-5124, or toll free, 888-257-2600.



Michael Brown Senior Production Technician

As the senior production technician for the garrison's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, Michael Brown brings APG to life on film.

"If there's a ceremony or special event, I'm asked to record it. I'm kind of like C-SPAN. I record it from beginning to end and then put it on channel 97 for the Public Affairs Office," Brown said.

Brown produced the 'Welcome to APG' video frequently shown to newcomers. He also supports other tenant organi-

zations, sometimes filming scientists and researchers who explain their work on Internet forums.

According to Brown, video production used to require a lot of heavy equipment, but now just two cameras get the job done: one camera to record the main action and another camera used to capture b-roll. He said the b-roll camera makes the editing process look more professional.

"I try to make it Hollywood-looking,

with clever effects and good production value," he said.

Brown describes himself as "more artistic than technically savvy," but notes that advances in technology over the years have made that aspect of his job easier.

He began his Army video production career making training videos for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools. Brown said he loved making videos because "it was like making a mini movie each time I did one."

Before joining the APG production team in 1986, Brown worked at a PBS television station in Georgia for 10 years.

In his spare time, Brown enjoys lending his videography skills to his church. He's traveled to Africa as a missionary four times with his congregation. He has also volunteered as a tour guide at the John Wilkes Booth house in Havre de Grace, Maryland.

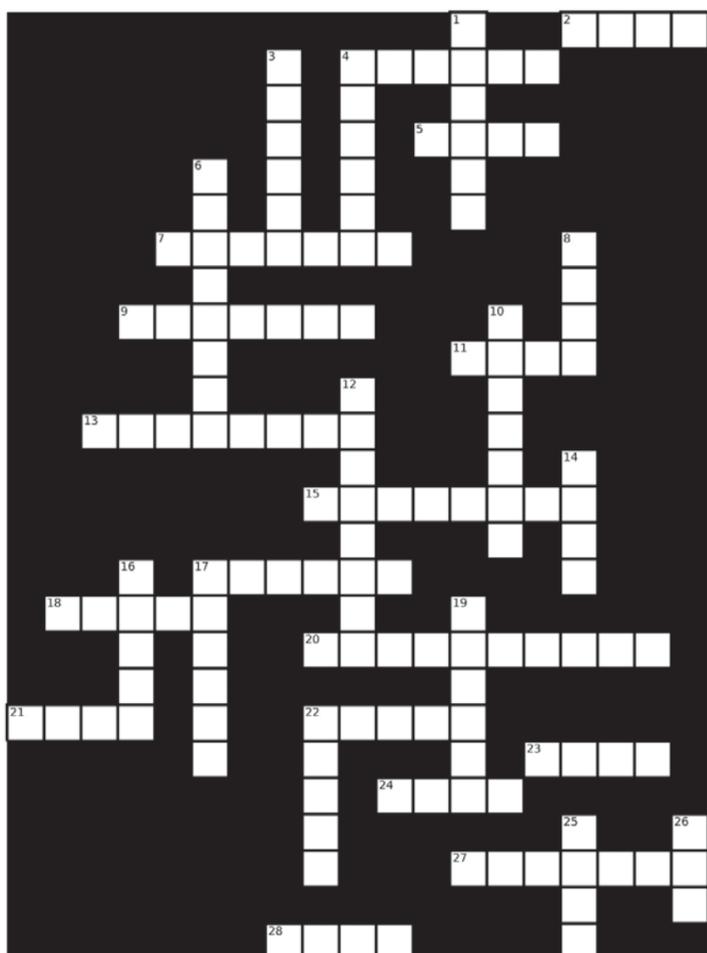
For more information, contact Brown at 410-278-2268, or email at michael.l.brown514.civ@mail.mil.

MORE ONLINE

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The APG Crossword



It's Fire Prevention Week and the 2014 theme is "Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month." These annual themes started in 1927 and are brief and to the point. See if you can fill in the blanks on themes from the past 30 years!

Across

- Fire Drills Save Lives at Home at School at ____ (1985)
- Play It Safe...Plan Your _____ (1987)
- When ____ Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out! (2003)
- Use ____ With Care (2005)
- Prevent ____ Fires (2013)
- It's Fire Prevention Week! Prevent ____ Fires (2008)
- Keep Your Place ____: Hunt for Home Hazards (1990)
- Get Out, Stay Out: Your Fire Safe _____ (1993)
- Let's Hear It For Fire ____: Test Your Detectors! (1996)
- Fire Drills: The _____ Escape! (1999)
- It's Fire ____ Week! Test Your Smoke Alarms (2004)
- A Sound You Can Live With: ____ Your Smoke Detector (1988)
- Big Fires Start ____: Keep Matches and Lighters in the Right Hands (1989)
- ____ Up for Fire Safety (2002)
- Have 2 ____ Out! (2012)
- Learn Not To Burn All ____ the Year (1983)
- Fire Won't ____ Plan Your Escape. (1991)

Down

- It's Fire Prevention Week! Protect Your ____ From Fire! (2011)
- Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get ____ (2009)
- Fire Drills: The Great ____! (2000)

- It's Fire Prevention Week! ____ Your Escape Plan (2007)
- Test Your Detector For ____ (1994)
- Prevent ____ Fires: Watch What You Heat (2006)
- Test Your ____ - It's Sound Advice! (1992)
- Watch What You ____: Prevent Home Fires! (1995)
- Know When to Go: ____ Fast to Fire (1997)
- Cover the Bases & ____ Out Fire (2001)
- Learn Not to Burn: It ____ Works! (1986)
- Smoke Alarms: A ____ You Can Live With (2010)
- ____ the Fire Prevention Team (1984)
- Fire Drills: ____ Great Escape! (1998)

Solution to the October 2 puzzle



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FRIDAY & MONDAY

OCTOBER 10 & 13

KIRK TO CLOSE FOR COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

The Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed Friday Oct. 10 and Monday, Oct. 13 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. The clinic will reopen for normal operations Tuesday, Oct. 14.

For more information, call 410-278-5475.

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 15

DRIVING AWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

To raise awareness about Domestic Violence, Ruggles Golf Course will host a Driving Away Domestic Violence Purple Ball Challenge. Registration for the four-person scramble - Captain's Choice begins 3 p.m. with a 4 p.m. shotgun start. The tournament is open to men and women. The entry cost of \$30 includes golf, cart, food and prizes. For more information, or to register, call 410-278-4794.

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 16

GARRISON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The APG Garrison will host the first Garrison Professional Development Symposium 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Top of the Bay. This is the place of duty for Garrison civilians and Non-appropriated Fund (NAF) participants. Breakout sessions will include Culture of Success; USAJobs and Resume Building; Army E-Learning and more. A working lunch is included; details will be provided at registration. The keynote speaker is Vicki Brown, chief of Civilian Training, G-3 Training Directorate, Leader Development Division, from the Pentagon.

For more information, contact Celestine Beckett at 410-306-2333 or email celestine.beckett@us.army.mil.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 18

MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

The APG Retiree Council will host the annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day 8 a.m. to noon, at the APG North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326.

The event includes exhibitors who provide goods and services to the retiree population and their Family. Panel discussion will comprise of representatives from Kirk U.S. Health Clinic, TRICARE, Commissary, Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Family and Morale, Welfare & Recreation, Staff Judge Advocate, Veterinary Services and Corvias Housing.

The guest speaker is John Radke, Chief, Army Retirement Services. KUSAHC staff will provide blood pressure checks and seasonal flu shots. All attendees are invited to dine on-site at the First Sergeant's Grill for a nominal fee (cash only) per person starting at 11:15 a.m. The Military Personnel Office, Identification Card Section staff will also be available at APG North Bldg. 4305, 8-11 a.m. to issue retiree IDs.

For more information, contact Betty Willard, Retirement Service Officer/Retiree Council, 410-306-2322, email betty.a.willard.ctr@mail.mil or 1SG retired, Tom Shumate, 410-306-2303, email thomas.s.shumate2.civ@mail.mil.

MONDAY – THURSDAY

OCTOBER 20-23

SEC SECURITY AWARENESS WEEK

The CECOM Software Engineering Center (SEC) will host a Security Awareness Week Oct. 20-23 at the APG North (Aberdeen) C4ISR campus. The event will provide security awareness information, U.S. Army Cyber Command cyber security pamphlets and address security and OPSEC issues both at work and at home.

Security representatives will provide information on the following dates and locations: Oct. 20 at Bldg. 6002; Oct. 21 at Bldg. 6006; Oct. 22 at Bldgs. 6009/6010; and Oct. 23 at Bldg. 6007. The event is open to the entire APG community.

For more information, contact Forrest Garrett at 443-395-5069 or Tamara Scrivener at 443-695-5068.

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 22

BREAST CANCER WALK

The APG Army Performance Triad will host the second annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk Oct. 22 at noon, starting at Fanshaw Field on APG North

(Aberdeen), and will be three kilometers (1.86 miles) in distance. For more information, contact Capt. Joanna Moore, Performance Triad Action Officer, at 410-278-1773 or joanna.t.moore@mail.mil.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

OCTOBER 24-25

APG OKTOBERFEST

The APG Oktoberfest returns Friday, Oct. 24 from 4 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center and surrounding grounds.

Attractions will include a Festhalle; opening ceremony with keg tap; German inspired food, beverages and entertainment; inflatables and games; Family Zone with clowns, caricatures and balloon animals; Volksmarch, car and bike show, and a Main Street Festival with local crafts, vendors and community tables.

This event is open to the public.

More information will follow in the APG News and on the TeamAPG website www.TeamAPG.com, and Facebook page www.Facebook.com/APGMd.

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 30

APG ZOMBIE RUN

The Army Performance Triad team will partner with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program to host a Zombie Run Oct. 30. The Healthy Kids 2K Zombie Run will start at 5:30 p.m., followed by the adult (age 14 and older) 5K Zombie Run, at 6 p.m. at the BOSS Building next to the Exchange parking lot. For more information, contact Capt. Joanna Moore, Performance Triad Action Officer, at joanna.t.moore@mail.mil or Sgt. Eric Jimenez, B.O.S.S. President, eric.jimenez3.mil@mail.mil.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 4-5

ARMY OPERATIONS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA) will host the 52nd annual Army Operations Research Symposium, known as AORS, at the Mallette Hall – Mission Training Facility, Bldg. 6008, Nov. 4-5.

Started in 1962, AORS furnishes an opportunity for Operations Research Systems Analysts, also known as ORSAs, to exchange professional knowledge and experiences concerning recent and ongoing analyses from across the analytical community. John B. Nerger, Executive Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, is this year's keynote speaker.

During this forum, the Dr. Wilbur B. Payne Award for Excellence in Analysis will be presented. The annual AORS banquet will be held on the evening of Nov. 4 and will be highlighted by the ORSA Hall of Fame induction. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.aors.army.mil/default.html>.

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 5

VETERANS DAY 5K RUN/WALK

The APG Army Performance Triad initiative will host a Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk 6:30 a.m. starting at the Exchange parking lot on APG North (Aberdeen). For more information, contact Capt. Joanna Moore, Performance Triad Action Officer, at 410-278-1773 or joanna.t.moore@mail.mil.

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 7

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

The 5th Annual APG Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon will be held at Ruggles Golf Course, starting at noon. All Marines (active, retired, Reserve, veteran, FMF Corpsman, DOD civilian or contractors) who work on APG and their Families are invited to attend and celebrate the 239th Marine Corps Birthday. A two entrée buffet costs \$20 per person. Once a Marine, Always a Marine!

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Craig Reeling at 443-477-0670 or visit www.MarylandMarines.org.

ONGOING

OCTOBER

2014 HALLOWEEN PET COSTUME CONTEST

During the month of October, the APG Veterinary Clinic invites you to participate in the 2014 Halloween Pet Costume Contest. Show off your pet and your creativity! The contest is open to

the entire APG community. Enter the contest by either bringing your pet, in costume, to the Veterinary Clinic to have its photo taken, or dress up your pet at home and bring a hard copy, color photo to the clinic.

Pictures will be posted on the clinic's community bulletin board for everyone to enjoy. At the end of the month, on Oct. 31, the photos will be judged by impartial individuals. The three pets who receive the most votes will have their photos featured in the APG News.

The APG Veterinary Clinic is located at 2479 Oakington Street, APG North (Aberdeen), across from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. For more information, call 410-278-4604.

AWC INCREASING SERVICES TO APG SOUTH

Due to high interest by personnel, the Army Wellness Center will increase service at the APG South (Edgewood) Clinic, Bldg. E4110 to four days a month in October. Clients can receive metabolism and body composition assessments and other services without having to drive to APG North (Aberdeen).

Service members and their Family members, government civilians and military retirees 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. Set dates for October include Oct. 17, 22 and 30. For more information, or to schedule an appointment call 410-306-1024.

OCTOBER-FEBRUARY

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

An American Sign Language Class at APG North (Aberdeen) starting up in October will run through February 2015. Classes will be held noon to 1 p.m. at the Mallette Training Facility (MTF), Bldg. 6008, room 4. Class length is 10-15 weeks, and education credit will be given to those completing 10 sessions. The class is limited to 20 personnel.

For more information, contact Mikey Graziano at michael.e.graziano.civ@mail.mil.

2014-15 ONPOST COLLEGE

SCHEDULE

The following is the schedule for college classes offered on post during the 2014 Fall and 2015 Spring semesters.

2014 FALL University of Maryland University College
Hybrid Class
Session II: Oct. 20 – Dec. 14
Central Michigan University
Nov. 5 – Dec. 10
Harford Community College
Oct. 21 – Dec. 16
2015 SPRING
University of Maryland University College
2015 Spring Registration: Nov. 12
2015 Spring
Session I: Jan. 12 - March 8
Session II: March 16 - May 10, 2015
Central Michigan University
2015 Spring Registration: Oct. 20 – Jan. 5
Spring classes: Jan. 8 – Feb. 18
Florida Institute of Technology
Spring Registration: Nov. 10
Classes Begins: Jan. 12 – May 7, 2015

For more information, contact Tressie D. Stout, education services specialist, APG Army Education Center, Bldg. 4304, 410-306-2042 or email tressie.d.stout.civ@mail.mil.

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.

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.

HOT WORK PERMIT

The APG Fire and Emergency Services has a new phone number to request a Hot Work Permit. A permit can be obtained by calling 410-306-0001. When is a Hot Work Permit required?

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

Please try to give 24 hours notice prior to the work or event. Leave a mes-

sage if there is no answer. The inbox is checked throughout the day.

For more information, call 410-306-0001.

AIRBORNE HAZARDS & OPEN BURN PIT REGISTRY

The Department of Veteran Affairs 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/.

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE

Firewood is available to authorized patrons at a cost of \$20 per level standard 8-foot pickup truck bed; \$15 per level standard 6-foot pickup truck bed, and \$5 per car trunk. Checks or money orders only will be accepted for payment. Permits to buy wood are good for ten days, or until an order is filled, whichever comes first. Permits will be issued on a first come, first-served basis 8 to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday at Bldg. E4630 in APG South (Edgewood). For more information, contact Kathy Thisse at 410-436-8789 or Scott English at 410-436-9804.

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>

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

KEYSTONE CLUB

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

FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN RECREATION FOR TEENS

The APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center, Bldg 2522, invites all high school students out to its free Friday Night Open Recreation for Teens, every Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight. Teens are invited out to meet new friends, shoot some hoops or just play some pool. Bring up to two non-DoD friends to join in the fun. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

MORE ONLINE

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

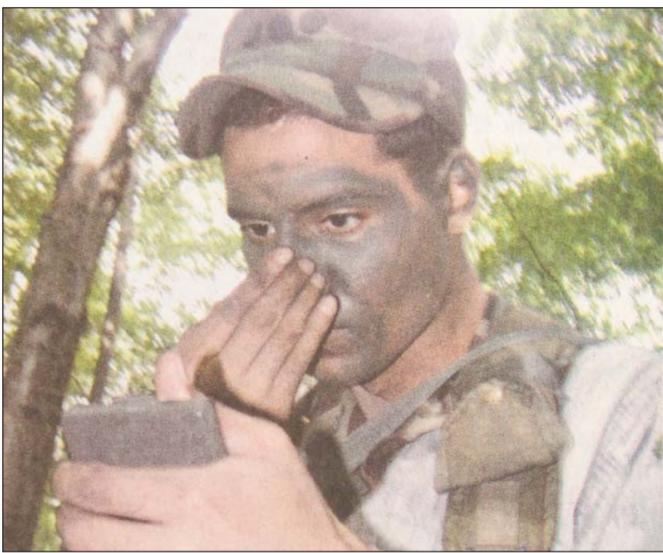
THIS WEEK IN APG HISTORY



Take a look back in time as the APG News explores what made the headlines around APG during this week 10, 25 and 50 years ago. This week's APG News masthead is from 1969.

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News

10 Years Ago: Oct. 7, 2004



Left: John Shafick, a Towson University senior ROTC cadet, applies camouflage to his face before leading enemy forces during a Situational Training Exercise at APG with cadets from Loyola University.

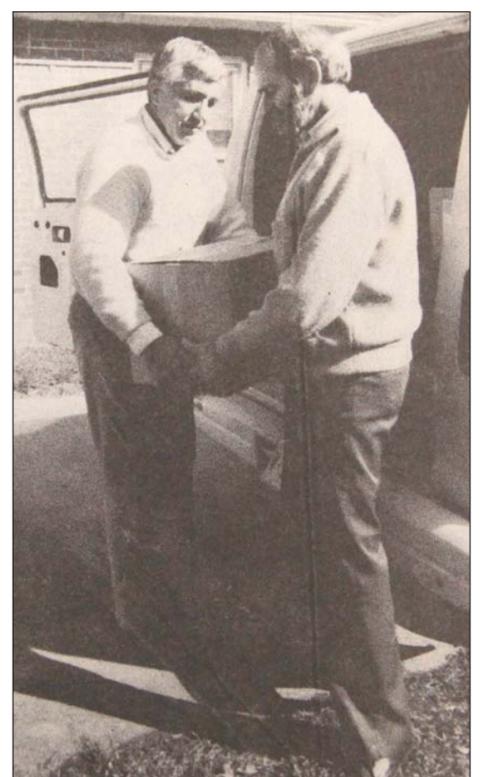


Right: (From left) Pam Klinger of the Army Environmental Center works the ground with Peggy Giesecking, chief of the Base Operations Support Division, during a National Public Lands Day event at the Edgewood Area BayScapes garden.

25 Years Ago: Oct. 11, 1989



Left: (From right) APG civilians John Roberts and Katie McRoberts remove simulated hazardous material from Brian Cully during a HazMat training exercise held after a week of training hosted by the directorates of Engineering and Logistics Operations and Safety Health and Environment.



Right: (From left) Carl Corrigo and Doug Hill, Combined Federal Campaign chairperson, unload boxes of CFC literature in preparation for the 1989 campaign.

50 Years Ago: Oct 8, 1964



Above: Neil Marple, 13, of APG Boys Scout Troop 429, and the son of retired Sgt. 1st Class O.M. Marple, receives the "God and Country" award – one of scouting's most distinguished awards - during a ceremony at the main post chapel.



Right: (From left) Pvts. Claudia and Claire Chinault, twin sisters from Baltimore, model Women's Army Corps uniforms to signal the seasonal change from summer to winter uniforms.

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Sensor development, testing enhanced

By **BHARAT PATEL** and
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What started as a venture to reduce the cost and time for developing and testing elements of the Enhanced Medium Altitude Reconnaissance Surveillance System (EMARSS), the Army's newest aerial intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) platform, in the Joint Technical Integration Facility (JTIF) has turned into an opportunity for the Army to test the path forward for many of its ISR sensors and verify and validate interoperability with its premiere intelligence system, the Distributed Common Ground System-Army (DCGS-A).

A collaborative effort between Program Executive Office Intelligence, Electronic Warfare & Sensors (PEO IEW&S), Army Test & Evaluation Command, Software Engineering Center (SEC) and the Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate, the JTIF provides an environment for prototyping and risk reduction opportunities for many advanced command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) capabilities.

Located at APG, the JTIF's access to unclassified and classified systems makes it an attractive spot to test in an affordable manner by leveraging investments in existing systems, such as the EMARSS mock fuselage. The JTIF has on-site subject matter experts and advanced capabilities to rapidly develop prototypes and jointly integrate, test, validate and calibrate C4ISR systems for insertion into Programs of Record. It also facilitates connections between the DCGS-A and other suites that will replicate the functions of C4ISR platforms.

The JTIF provides a central location in the C4ISR campus for Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA) and Memorandum of Agreement with other Army developmental and testing organizations. These CRADAs facilitate the exchange of technical information and knowledge, operate existing and developmental ISR systems in conjunction with advanced software- and information technology-based solutions, and perform human-in-the loop and system-level experiments to improve overall system performance.

JTIF fuels ISR advances

This coalescence of efforts within the ISR community will provide the military with leading-edge technology, reducing costs and cutting the time it takes for the warfighter to receive equipment.

"The JTIF provides a facility to test potential hardware and software configurations within the context of the architecture of the intended aerial platform," said Raymond Santiago, JTIF director.

"The logistical benefits and cost savings enable a full end-to-end test capability, which facilitates evaluation of form, fit and wiring of the prime mission equipment package and integration of new prime mission equipment or emerging technologies," he said.

According to Mark Kitz, PM DCGS-A technical director, the JTIF environment allows for airborne sensor data (still imagery, full motion video, moving target indicator), data from Soldiers (patrol reports, human intelligence collections, ground sensor data) and tactical messaging to be pulled into the DCGS-A enterprise.

"Being able to pull data back to the



The Joint Test and Integration Facility located at APG has the ability to receive feeds from sensors placed on various platforms including Persistent Threat Detection Systems. Courtesy photo

JTIF means that problems and issues are identified and solved much faster than in the past. We no longer have to wait for formal test events like the AIC or the Network Integration Exercise (NIE) to test sensor data flows," noted Kitz.

"This allows our development and integration and test teams more time up front to identify and address system incidents. It also allows engineers to see how multiple entities interact simultaneously, providing analysis in a near-real world environment. Having a test lab with a more robust data set also provides a more dynamic and still cost-effective environment for proof of concept and rapid prototype excursions."

He added, "The JTIF reduces the time required for troubleshooting during testing by allowing information to flow back to the lab in real time, so engineers can work the problem immediately as opposed to analyzing data or reports weeks or months after a test event and trying to replicate problems seen in the field in a lab environment."

Test bed yields dividends

Building on the success of the JTIF, PEO IEW&S directed a focus on distributed development and testing. Called the ISR Test Bed (ISR TB), the directive is not a physical location but a concept by PEO IEW&S to leverage existing infrastructure across the nation and on APG for developmental engineering, development and operational testing.

Government and commercial sensor labs around the country have physical access to many of the current sensors and their variants, as well as access to emerging sensors. The ability to provide real—not simulated—sensor data directly to developmental engineers is critical to ensure true interoperability between the wide arrays of available sensors and DCGS-A.

With specific sensor types and testing range capabilities scattered around the country, it is difficult to properly perform interoperability and developmental testing, such as the development of sensor data fusion software for DCGS-A. By linking these labs and various other relevant proving grounds, engineers at APG will have access to required sensor data, including full motion video, synthetic aperture radar,

ground moving target indicators, signals intelligence, and biometrics radio frequency, for development and testing.

Yuma Proving Ground, (YPG) Arizona "currently has a dedicated link to APG, providing the testing community and system developers live streaming operational sensor data with ground truth, creating a unique opportunity for the development community to assess ISR systems in a controlled environment," said Grant Ware, director of YPG's Air Combat Test Directorate. "The distributed testing approach reduces total costs to the customer, creates an integrated ISR test environment to validate interface standards and system of systems interoperability, and allows test centers the ability to leverage non-organic resources and expertise."

Pete Schaffer, YPG test officer, noted that "the persistent dissemination of real-time sensor data that YPG provides is just the first step in our plans to develop a robust developmental test environment that will enable customers to conduct system of systems integration and testing prior to large-scale operational test events".

Another critical aspect of sensor interoperability and advanced data processing development and testing is the integrity of the associated metadata. That integrity is of utmost importance to the functionality of a variety of algorithms as it allows for raw data to be easily discoverable and useable within an intelligence enterprise.

This metadata is an integral part to the DCGS-A Cloud architecture as well, both for data searching and cloud-based analytics. With the migration of more and more data and complex data processes such as full-motion video quality algorithms and automated pattern-of-life analyses to the cloud, the precision and quality of the metadata become increasingly more important. Having the metadata from non-co-located sensors available across the country to engineers at APG and other labs will allow for the efficient development of these cloud analytics and further ensure sensor interoperability.

Concept put into practice

Several program managers within PEO IEW&S are already leveraging the ISR TB concept. PdM Counter RCIED Electron-

ic Warfare is using a connection between YPG and Fort Bliss to share data for NIE as a system under demonstration. Since YPG has the appropriate infrastructure and spectrum availability, the systems can be operated there and the data sent to Fort Bliss, Texas to support operational scenarios and evaluations.

EMARSS is using the ISR TB concept to support contractor and developmental testing, connecting ground elements and systems under test at APG with a surrogate operational ground system and threat representations at Joint Base Maguire Dix Lakehurst (JB MDL), New Jersey. In addition, Sensor Computing Environment Integrated Sensor Architecture is intending to connect the EMARSS mock-up at APG with a surrogate Gray Eagle at YPG and assorted force protection assets at JB MDL and YPG this summer for testing sensor standards and interoperability.

The Command Post Computing Environment, which is converging many elements of Mission Command with the Intelligence Enterprise, is also leveraging several labs on APG and across the United States to support risk reduction activities.

Finally, the JTIF will serve as one of the new hosts for the Theater Net-centric Geolocation (TNG) Enterprise Facility (ATNGEF), along with the MITRE facility located outside the APG gates, the Intelligence & Information Warfare Directorate (I2WD) and Philips Air Field both located on APG, all networked together which will enable engineering, development, interoperability and testing of Army TNG-capable sensors, data processing and command and control systems along with those from across military services defense agencies, assessing interoperability with allied foreign militaries. The TNG facility is a joint effort between PEO IEW&S and the National Security Agency, and is scheduled to come on line this fall.

The JTIF and the ISR TB have provided a new, effective and efficient method to develop and test. Especially in this era of cost efficiency, PEO IEW&S's efforts will pave the way for an easy-to-use environment that will allow for systems to get in Soldiers' hands quicker and provide fiscal relief for the affected programs.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Conglomerate

Pronounced: (Noun/Adjective) kuh n-GLOM-er-it, kuh ng-;
(Verb) kuh n-GLOM-uh-reyt

Definition:

- (Adjective) made up of parts from various sources or of various kinds
- (Verb) to gather into a mass or coherent whole
- (Noun)
 - a large business that is made of different kinds of companies; a widely diversified corporation
 - a kind of rock that is made from many stones of different sizes held together with hardened clay; a composite mass or mixture

Use:

- The soil consists chiefly of sandstone and conglomerate, but includes workable seams of coal.
- A bed of conglomerate is regarded as of glacial origin.
- The larger companies are mostly part of multi-national conglomerates.
- Over the years the town's discarded junk conglomerated at the bottom of the river.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News
Source: <http://www.merriam-webster.com/>

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

OSHA

**Occupational
Safety and
Health
Administration**



Congress created the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the OSHA Act in 1970 to assure safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women. OSHA sets and enforces workplace safety training, outreach, education and assistance. The OSHA Act covers most private sector employers and their workers, in addition to some public sector employers and workers in the 50 states, certain territories and federal jurisdictions.

A part of the U.S. Department of Labor, OSHA's administrator, the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, answers to the Secretary of Labor, who is a member of the cabinet of the President of the United States. Dr. David Michaels is the current Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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Send newspaper submissions to the APG News

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Hispanic Heritage Month event celebrates diversity

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Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days. Also, Columbus Day, or Dia de la Raza, falls within this time period.

In keeping with this year's theme, "Hispanics: A Legacy of History, a Present of Action and a Future of Success," the keynote speaker was retired Maj. Gen. Robert L. Nabors, former commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command. Nabors has been an information technology professional for more than 46 years. He is currently is an executive advisor within the Booz Allen Hamilton's defense market and is a member of Mensa.

Nabors said he was proud, honored and humbled to have the opportunity to speak to at an APG event.

"This is my home," he told the audience.

Nabors said during Hispanic Heritage Month, we celebrate the many significant contributions Hispanic Americans have made in business, government, science, athletics, the military, the arts and other fields.

Nabors emphasized that

Hispanic Americans come from all walks of life and all socioeconomic backgrounds. He cautioned the audience against thinking about Hispanic Americans as one homogenous group. Nabors said one stereotype that persists in the media is that most Hispanic

Americans are living in poverty.

"In perpetuating this myth, we stigmatize an entire group of people from scores of nationalities, and we lay the poisonous groundwork for hatred, bigotry and intolerance in its many forms," he said.

Nabors said diversity strengthens the nation and compared Americans to the many cables that are tightly woven together that make up the San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge.

"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts," he said. "Diversity does not weaken a nation, it strengthens it."

Nabors added that throughout America's history, immigrants have encountered hardships like prejudice and language barriers. Many immigrants, however, have overcome these hardships and have made better lives for themselves and their Families through perseverance and hard work.

"America is still the land of opportunity," he said. "You are not forever imprisoned by the unfortunate circumstances of your birth but are rather permitted to soar by your own hard work, intellect, courage, and indomitable will."

The program also included an invocation by Douglas A. Solivan and his wife Wilma Y. Solivan, from CECOM, who prayed in English and in Spanish. Rachel Acevedo, of the Civilian Human Resources Agency sang "Un



Photo by Sean Kief

Sombreros from Mexico were on display at the Myer Auditorium during the APG observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month Oct. 1.

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Lugar Celestial" (Heavenly Place) and "De Creer En Ti" (On My Knees) by Jaci Velásquez. Cliff Basnight, from Program Executive Office Command, Control and Communications-Tactical, sang the national anthem, and David Jimenez, director of the U.S. Army Evaluation Center, served as the program master of ceremonies.

After the program, attendees sampled Hispanic food from a local restaurant and viewed cultural displays in the auditorium lobby.

Amadelis Mattei, a Joppatowne High School Spanish teacher, said she thought the program was a great learning opportunity for her students.

"I want my students to be open minded and accept others as equals," she said "Being Hispanic, I want my students to

understand that we are Hispanic, but we are different also."

Corie Adams, a sophomore from JHS, called the event informative.

"I learned how immigrants overcame adversity and struggled to do something great, not just for themselves, but for a nation as a whole," he said.

Master Sgt. John Castillo, from the U.S. Army Public Health Command, said that he appreciated Nabors' message. Castillo, who is Mexican American, said it is important to recognize the contributions of ethnic groups throughout the year.

"Diversity not only benefits our country, but it benefits our organization, the Army," he said "People bring in different experiences; it is all value added, it just makes us better."

CFC kickoff sets charitable goal for Team APG

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the Chesapeake Bay Area CFC, followed McClinton's remarks with a message that focused on the impact of giving at every monetary level.

"There is no amount that is too small," Logan-Lee said. "One dollar a week can provide 12 elementary school students with a trained tutor to help with reading and math. One dollar a week also provides three, 30 minute appointments for health assessments and counseling for individuals facing physical, developmental or mental health challenges. And that same one dollar a week can also provide six days of medical supplies for a dialysis patient."

She added that this is the first year CFC has provided federal employees with the opportunity to donate to more than 24,000 local, national and international charities.

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Rose Logan-Lee

Vice Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Area CFC

give, and you have confidence," Logan-Lee said.

Sixteen local nonprofit and charitable organizations attended the kick-off event. Ashira Quabili, development and marketing associate for a local organization that supports Harford County youth, spoke to several APG employees about her organization's mission.

"We're here to create better futures from within our doors and hopefully provide them [APG] with future employees,

Soldiers, and leaders of the country," Quabili said.

Several APG employees remarked that they attended today's kick-off because they felt compelled to give back to a charity for personal reasons.

Weber said his family was recently affected by breast cancer, so he's considering donating toward medical research to fight the disease.

Hubbard said she volunteered to organize and participate in this year's Com-

bined Federal Campaign because she wanted to "give back to the community" after receiving help from similar organizations last year.

"I was wounded overseas," Hubbard said. "And when I went through the medevac process I got so much support from charities that catered to injured veterans. They helped me out a significant amount. I didn't have to [find these organizations], they found me. I was very lucky that I had a lot of these groups that asked me if I needed help," Hubbard said.

Another CFC event is planned for APG South (Edgewood) Oct. 9, at the Seminar Center, Bldg. E4811, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and the campaign will have a display at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center during Oktoberfest Oct. 24-25.

For more information about the APG Combined Federal Campaign, visit the Chesapeake Bay Area CFC website at www.cbacfc.org or contact Hubbard at mary.j.hubbard.civ@mail.mil.

Did You Know?

The U.S. Naval ship (USNS) Private Jose F. Valdez, a technical research ship in operation during the 1960s, was named after a Hispanic World War II Medal of Honor recipient.



Pfc. Jose F. Valdez was a Mexican-American born and raised in Gobernador, New Mexico.

He joined the Army through a Utah recruiting station after the outbreak of World War II. Valdez was cited for his actions on Jan. 25, 1945 near Rosenkrantz, France while serving with Company B, 7th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division

According to his Medal of Honor citation, Valdez was on outpost duty with five other Soldiers during an overwhelming enemy attack. Before the fight was over, Valdez had used automatic weapons fire to single-handedly force an enemy tank to withdraw; engaged and killed three attackers in a firefight; and withstood an attack by two full companies of infantrymen.

When his patrol leader ordered a withdrawal, Valdez volunteered to cover the maneuver and fired repeated bursts into the approaching enemy. He and three of his companions were wounded by return fire. Despite the pain of a bullet wound, Valdez regained his firing position and delivered a protective screen of bullets until his patrol members were safe. Then, by field phone, Valdez called for artillery and mortar fire that dropped shells within 50 yards of his position.

"For 15 minutes he refused to be dislodged by more than 200 of the enemy; then, seeing that the barrage had broken the counter attack, he dragged himself back to his own lines. He died later as a result of his wounds," the citation reads.

Valdez was buried with full military honors in the Santa Fe National Cemetery in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Valdez Elementary School in Denver, Colorado is named after him, as is the Jose F. Valdez U.S. Army Reserve Center in Pleasant Grove, Utah and the Pfc. Jose F. Valdez Memorial Highway in San Juan County, New Mexico.

Yvonne Johnson, APG News
Source: <http://www.history.army.mil/>

CPAC personnel back to one location at APG

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mately, this led to the dislocation for CPAC employees and several challenges.

"It was very chaotic at first," Bolton said. Employees with laptops were free to telework, two teams went to the C4ISR complex, but most set up camp temporarily at the Civilian Human Resources Agency (CHRA) building.

Thirty people shared two training rooms and one phone. Work spaces were smaller, with less privacy, and it seemed that employees would have to adapt to each other's work habits and make the best of their surroundings indefinitely.

Finding a new building for CPAC was no small task.

"It's a long process to find a building. Which are vacant? And if they're vacant, they're vacant for a reason. They need to be renovated or they need to be painted or they need to be cleaned. It took 2-3 months to choose this building," Bolton said.

But that was just the beginning of the process. Once the building was chosen and agreed upon, the contract bidding for renovations lasted until spring of this year.

Meanwhile, CHRA recouped funds from last year's sequestration and was ready to resume training in the rooms where CPAC employees had taken refuge. As a result, Bolton and her colleagues found themselves uprooted again.

"That's when people started moving all over the place," Bolton said. "It was hard. We didn't see people that we used to see every day. We didn't see people

for weeks, months."

Bolton said that trying to coordinate meetings between customers and staff was a source of frustration, and best practices were tweaked in order to provide the most efficient and productive customer service experience possible under the circumstances.

"We're a customer service organization, we're serving the customers here at Aberdeen. We're filling their positions, we're advising them, we're giving them help with recruitment. We can't just shut down," Bolton said.

CPAC employees finished moving into their new building during the second week of September. "We moved the group from CHRA first because they'd been there so long. They [CHRA] were so gracious to keep us and house us," she said.

CPAC's old building is still standing, but is set for demolition at a future date.

Employees are adjusting well to their new surroundings although, "it [the new building] still isn't 100 percent," Bolton said. "We still need to do a little bit of painting and fixing some of the light fixtures."

Whatever small accommodations have yet to be made, CPAC employees are grateful to have a permanent building again.

"We have our own place. I see people I haven't seen in six months...It's a lot better now. Morale is definitely up," Bolton said.

For more information, contact CPAC at 410-278-8993, or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/APGCPAC1>.

APG SNAPSHOT

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



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KIDS TAKE ON FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

The APG Fire and Emergency Services division, hosted a Fire Youth Combat Training event for members of the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center at the APG North fire station Oct. 3. The event was held as part of the APG observance of Fire Prevention Week.

(Clockwise, from left) Students practice their fire evacuation plan by escaping through a window during Fire Youth Combat Training at the APG North fire station Oct. 3. The activity was part of a child-sized obstacle course modeled after real-life firefighter 'combat challenge;' Azaria Ballou smiles as she puts on her firefighter uniform before participating in the obstacle course; L'Erin George learns how to handle a fire hose during Fire Youth Combat Training at the APG North fire station Oct. 3.



FIREMEN WAVE HELLO TO TEAM APG FOR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2014

"Jonny" and fellow APG Fire and Emergency Services firefighter Lyle DeShaw greet APG employees on the morning of Monday, Oct. 6, kicking off the start of Fire Prevention Week 2014. The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week, which runs from October 5-11, is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"

Photo by Amburr Reese

'STRIKING OUT' AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(Left) A Domestic Violence Awareness Month display greets participants in the Strike Out Against Domestic Violence Tournament at the APG Bowling Center Oct. 6. APG Army Community Service; Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Sandra Ackerman, family advocacy program manager; and Mike Farlow, ACS victim advocate coordinator, hosted the event.

(Below) APG civilian Brian Howard of Personnel Security Investigation Center of Excellence (PSI CoE) practices his approach during warm-ups for the Strike Out Against Domestic Violence Tournament at the APG Bowling Center Oct. 6.

Photos by Yvonne Johnson

