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1st Area Medical Laboratory to deploy for Ebola mission

By **WALTER T. HAM IV**

20th CBRNE Command Public Affairs

The 1st Area Medical Laboratory will deploy to Liberia to support the U.S. response to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

Part of the 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives), Soldiers from the 1st AML, based at APG, will set up laboratories to support Operation United Assistance.

Headed by the U.S. Agency for International Development and supported by U.S. Africa Command, Operation United Assistance is helping affected countries in Africa to contain the most devastating Ebola outbreak in history.

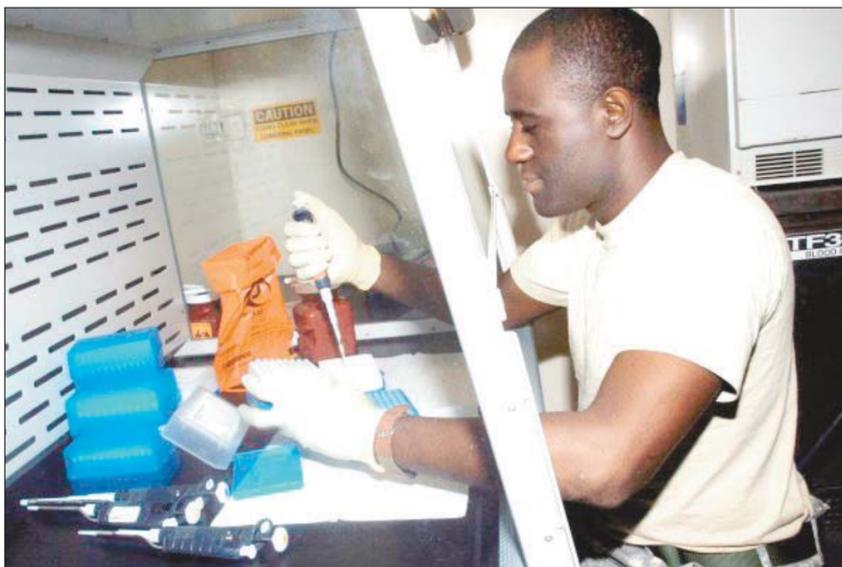
American troops are supporting the effort with command and control, logistics support, training and engineering support.

"The 1st AML will establish an initial infectious disease laboratory in order to support the Ebola screening in West Africa," said 1st AML Commander Col. Patrick M. Garman.

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Soldiers from the 1st Area Medical Laboratory, based at APG, will set up laboratories to support Operation United Assistance, the U.S. response to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

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Installation town halls to discuss Ebola virus

U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground will host a series of town hall meetings to discuss recent cases of Ebola being reported in the media. The town halls are open to the entire APG workforce, Families and residents. Health care providers and experts will be in attendance to answer questions. The town halls are scheduled to occur on the following dates and locations:

Oct. 29 – APG North (Aberdeen)
10 to 11:30 a.m. at the APG North post theater

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6 to 7:30 p.m. at the APG North post theater

Oct. 30 – APG South (Edgewood)
10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Edgewood Area conference center

Army civilians honored

Volunteers recognized for eliminating Syrian chemical weapons

ECBC

Department of Defense officials honored 45 Army civilians who voluntarily deployed to the Mediterranean Sea to destroy Syria's declared chemical weapons stockpile during a ceremony at APG South (Edgewood) Oct. 8.

Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Alan Estevez, presented 12 Meritorious Civilian Service awards and 33 Superior Civilian Service awards to members of the multi-agency team that completed the historic mission.

"Today's ceremony is an example of how science and technology, combined with a world-class workforce and the great teamwork of all you players out there, can deliver unique capabilities to our nation," said Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton, commanding general of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. "To me, it's another great example of rapid acquisition process to meet the operational needs of our nation."

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“You were asked to step up and you did so as quiet professionals who never sought the spotlight but only focused on the mission.”

Rebecca Hersman
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

Fanning the flames of fire safety

After extinguishing the flames, Capt. James Williams walks away from what remains of a stunt trailer sprinkler demonstration at the APG North (Aberdeen) fire station during the Fire and Emergency Services open house Oct 9.

The open house was the culminating event during a week of various activities on post in observation of National Fire Prevention Week.

APG firefighters and emergency services personnel demonstrated fire prevention and safety techniques to children from the Bayside and Aberdeen child development centers, highlighting this year's theme "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives - Test Yours Every Month!"

Photo by Molly Blossie

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Why do you think it's important to give back through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)?

"I think it's important to donate to the CFC because there are people in need near and far. It's important that we share our blessings with others less fortunate. It empowers us as an Army Family to give back."



Alberto Barnes
Recreation assistant

"The CFC normally contributes money back to the local community. You have the option of donating to a local or international charity, and it usually benefits Soldiers. It's a very worthy cause."



Andre Wiley
Retired military

"It's important to donate to the CFC to support Soldiers and their Families. It's great to give back to your favorite cause."



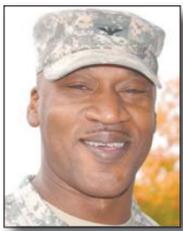
Christy Draper
Family member

"We all have busy lives so donating to the CFC allows us to take time out to help our communities."



Tommy Lee
CECOM

"It's an opportunity for us to give back to the community. We should try to give back all year round, but this gives us all a chance to contribute during a particular time period."



Col. Gordon Graham
Aberdeen Test Center commander

Garrison to conduct annual APG emergency management exercise

Staff Report

In accordance with DOD and DA directives, APG will conduct its mandatory annual Anti-Terrorism/Emergency Management Protect Exercise. The exercise will take place 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) Oct. 23.

The purpose of the exercise is to stage a number of simulated and role playing events to train and assess Garrison first responders, train and provide assessment of command and control procedures and battle staff skills, and practice and assess emergency action plans.

The exercise is also an opportunity for tenant units to practice, train and assess their organization emergency action plans, facility security procedures, shelter in place plans and

establish and maintain accountability of personnel during a destructive weather or human initiated crisis or contingency event.

All APG North and APG South personnel should understand that every tenant unit is expected to execute their facility security plans, shelter in place plans and personnel access ID validation plans once notified to do so via the APG Garrison Alert Warning Systems.

There will be varying degrees of negative impact on normal base operations for approximately six hours during the exercise as garrison facilities close and lock their doors, tenant units secure their facilities, access control points briefly close and police, fire and medical personnel and vehicles respond to training exercise events.

Changes to flu shot protocol on APG

By **JONATHAN GOLDSMITH**
KUSAHC

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic on APG North (Aberdeen) is currently offering the influenza vaccination to all uniformed service members, retirees, Family members and TRICARE beneficiaries 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the KUSAHC Immunizations Clinic.

Flu shots are mandatory for all active-duty military to ensure mission readiness. Individuals with a military ID card can report directly to the immunizations clinic for their flu shots.

"Beginning on Oct. 15, Kirk will offer flu shots to DOD civilians, just as we have in years past," said Capt. Joanna Moore, KUSAHC chief of preventive medicine. "However, due to a reduced supply of vaccines on hand and changes in administrative requirements, Kirk will not be conducting mobile flu clinics this year."

According to Moore, a simple screening process must be completed at KUSAHC Occupational Health Clinic before DOD civilians can receive a flu shot.

"Some DOD civilians will have to visit Patient Registration and register in our system before receiving their flu shots, and others will be routed directly to the immuniza-



Courtesy photo

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is currently offering the influenza vaccination to all uniformed Service Members, retirees, dependents and TRICARE beneficiaries at APG. Beginning Oct. 15, KUSAHC will also offer flu shots to DOD civilians at the Kirk Occupational Health Clinic.

tions clinic for their flu shots based on eligibility," Moore said. "In short, Kirk Occupational Health is the first stop for DOD civilian flu shots, and they will let each patron know where to go next."

Due to renovations at APG South (Edgewood) health clinic, immunizations will only be administered during pre-determined dates and times. Individuals with valid military ID cards, including active duty service members, retirees and Family members, can receive flu shots 8 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Oct. 29.

Additionally, DOD civilians can receive flu shots at the APG South (Edgewood) health clinic 1 to 3 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 29, utilizing the same screening and registration process as at the KUSAHC Occupational Health Clinic. Patrons must show proper identification to demonstrate eligibility.

Military units that have not scheduled flu shot clinics with the KUSAHC preventive medicine department can call Sgt. Zi Liu at 410-278-3430 to set up a unit clinic. For more information, contact Moore at 410-278-1773 or call the influenza hotline at 410-306-3588.

Changes to travel reimbursements

Major changes to travel reimbursements for fiscal year 2015 have been implemented through changes in the Joint Federal Travel Regulations/Joint Travel Regulations as follows:

Financial Management Regulation Vol. 9, Ch 3, April 2014, paragraph 030101, states, "DOD policy is that the Government Travel Charge Card (GTCC) will be used by all DOD personnel (military or civilian) to pay for all costs related to official government travel."

In line with the above regulation, the following major changes to JFTR/JTR became effective for all travel Oct. 1:

- GOVCC ATM Advance Fees and GOVCC Service Fees will no longer be considered reimbursable expenses. They will be considered part of the incidental portion of M&IE.

- Laundry/Dry Cleaning in CONUS will no longer be considered a reimbursable expense. This will be considered part of the incidental portion of M&IE.

- Authorized Business Call and Authorized Call Home will no longer be considered reimbursable expenses. These can be reimbursed outside DTS as a miscellaneous payment voucher on an SF1034.

- For Military Personnel: Baggage Tips and Non-GOVCC ATM Advance Fees are no longer reimbursable. These will be considered part of the incidental portion of M&IE.

- CONUS incidental portion of M&IE will not increase; it remains \$5.00 per day.

The following reimbursable expenses will have the default method of reimbursement (MOR) changed from "Personal" to "GOVCC". This default MOR cannot be changed.

- Excess Baggage
- Gasoline - Rental/Government Car
- Hotel Room Tax and Hotel Sales Tax
- Parking - TDY/TAD and Parking - Terminal
- Taxi - TDY/TAD and Taxi - Terminal
- Public Transit
- Registration Fee

Non-travel-related items cannot be reimbursed on a travel document. If an approving official approves a non-travel-related expense, the voucher will need to be amended and put into a "debt due" status. The traveler will have to pay back the expense amount and then submit a SF 1034 Miscellaneous Payment Voucher outside DTS. Examples of non-travel-related expenses include but are not limited to:

- Shipping or postage
- Supplies
- Batteries and computer accessories
- Luggage shipment

For more information, please log in to the DTS web site at: <http://www.defensetravel.osd.mil/>

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1st AML prepares for new mission

Unit to join international fight to subdue Ebola virus

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The news that they would be tasked to aid the international response to the Ebola crisis in West Africa came as no surprise to the Soldiers of APG's 1st Area Medical Laboratory – the unit has been preparing for this mission for weeks in anticipation of the president's commitment of the nation's military to join the fight to subdue the disease.

According to 1st AML Commander Col. Patrick M. Garman and Sgt. Maj. Kenneth B. Petty – both of whom will deploy with their Soldiers – the unit is more than prepared to take on the historic mission.

“When you train for a specific mission every day, after a while you are just ready to get on with it,” Garman said. “They’ve been training for some time and they’re very confident.”

He said he gained even greater confidence in his Soldiers after watching their intensity during training and other preparations over the past few weeks.

“I have a very high level of trust in their abilities and confidence that they know how to accomplish their mis-



Col. Patrick Garman, commander of the 1st Area Medical Laboratory, briefs Soldiers, spouses and Family members about the unit's upcoming deployment to Liberia to support the response to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

sion safely and return to their families proud in what they achieved,” he said.

1st AML Soldiers and their families gathered at the 1st AML headquarters for a Family Readiness Group meeting Oct. 9, which was organized by Garman's wife Kim who leads the unit FRG program.

Soldiers and their families took Family photos with a professional photographer supplied by the FRG and then enjoyed light snacks during deployment and FRG briefings that followed.

They discussed everything from Ebola – referred to as EVD for Ebola

Virus Disease – their mission, and the Liberian climate and culture, to sending mail and receiving care packages.

Petty said the unit is “excited and ready to get started.”

“As their leaders we’ll focus on keeping up their confidence, motivation and *Espirit de Corps*,” he said. “As long as they know their leaders are with them and for them, they’ll remain excited about accomplishing this mission. I’m proud to serve with them.”

During an Oct. 7 press briefing at the Pentagon, Gen. David Rodriguez, commander of U.S. Africa Command, said U.S. military support to West Africa may last a year, though it remains undetermined how long the 1st AML mission will last.

“This is not a small effort and it’s not a short period of time,” Rodriguez said.

The 1st AML is not daunted by the time requirement or the mission, said Capt. Sean Palmer. “These Soldiers are very well trained, he said, adding that “some have multiple degrees and have backgrounds in hospital and chemical laboratories.”

“This mission is in line with what we do every day to keep Soldiers safe.”

EOD Soldiers respond to more than 2,000 incidents

By **WALTER T. HAM IV**
20th CBRNE Command

U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal Soldiers responded to more than 2,000 domestic incidents during fiscal year 2014.

Soldier EOD technicians from the 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives) defused unexploded ordnance across the nation.

Based at APG, the 20th CBRNE Command is the U.S. Department of Defense's only standing multifunctional formation focused on conducting daily Defense Support to Civil Law Enforcement Agency missions.

With 172 explosive mitigation missions, the 759th EOD Company from 3rd EOD Battalion, 71st EOD Group, accomplished the most missions out of 20th CBRNE Command's 44 EOD companies during fiscal year 2014.

Covering 89 counties in California, Arizona and Nevada in an area totaling more than 84,000 square miles, the 759th EOD Company is stationed at Fort Irwin, California, home of the National Training Center.

“Out of the 172 response missions we completed, 164 of them were on-post responses,” said Capt. David L. Ayers, commander of the 759th EOD Company. “We receive a high turnover of on-post responses due to the nature of our primary mission which is to ensure the freedom of movement for all units that train at National Training Center.”

According to Ayers, most of the off-post incidents were discovered unexploded military ordnance rounds.

“The most memorable response that comes to mind was an off-post response in Barstow,” said Ayers, a native of Maypearl, Texas, who served in Iraq.

“In June, my company responded to an ordnance item inside a motel in Barstow, California. Our unit responded with the understanding that this item was near the motel, but in reality it was on the second floor in someone's room,” said Ayers.

The 759th EOD Company also recently won first place at a bomb squad competition in Oakland, California.

A four-person team with more than eight years of combined combat experience from the company competed against eight other military and civilian bomb squads in a series of challenging EOD scenarios.

During the bomb squad competition, the team confronted scenarios that included a chemical leak accompanied by multiple pipe bombs, a car with six improvised explosives devices, a car bomb with a secondary trigger and a vehicle-borne improvised explosives device on a bridge.

Ayers said the continued success of his company comes from the caliber of Soldiers serving in his unit.

“My Soldiers represent the best of the sons and daughters of America and constantly amaze me with their capacity for sacrifice and dedication to duty,” said Ayers.



Army EOD technicians from the 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives) defuse unexploded ordnance on and off post across the nation.
Courtesy Photo

Crawford leads Army tactical network panel at MILCOM

Story and photo by
KRISTOPHER JOSEPH
CECOM

As the Army continues its expeditionary transition with an emphasis on evolving to a more robust joint network, the Military Communications Conference (MILCOM) was the ideal setting for Army leadership to discuss key initiatives with industry partners.

APG Senior Commander and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, and a five-person plenary panel at the Baltimore Convention Center confronted 'Fielding the Army Tactical Network.'

"In addition to discussing the topic of 'Fielding the Army Tactical Network,' we also stressed the importance of sustaining our competitive advantage and identifying those critical areas where Army and industry can team up to make a difference now, as we begin the dialogue on how we will deliver network capabilities for the Force of 2025," Crawford said.

Crawford was joined by Col. Mark Elliot, director of the Army's LandWarNet Mission Command; Col. Paul Fredenburg, representing Army CIO/G6; Dr. Paul Zablocky, director of Space and Terrestrial Communications for the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center; and Jennifer Zbozny, director, Technical Management Division Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical.

One of the key points Crawford touched on was sustainment in terms of enabling the transition to an expeditionary Army.

"In terms of sustainment, we have



(From right) APG Senior Commander and CECOM Commanding General Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford leads a five-person plenary panel during the Military Communications Conference (MILCOM) at the Baltimore Convention Center. Crawford is joined by Col. Mark Elliot, director of the Army's LandWarNet Mission Command; Col. Paul Fredenburg, representing Army CIO/G6; Dr. Paul Zablocky, director of space and terrestrial communications for CERDEC; and Jennifer Zbozny, director, technical management division, PEO C3T.

to reduce pre-deployment complexities that allow our formations to get out the door," he said. "Optimizing and continuing to leverage and transform our industrial base is critical to success."

Once those formations are out the door and in the fight, the Army is looking for state-of-the-art tactical network solutions to improve battle command within a common operating environment.

"We want to provide a capability that allows our joint force commander to unit task reorganize on the fly with the least amount of friction," said Elliot, who briefed on ways to deliver the network

to the 'tactical edge.' "We need industry to help us with that."

Modernization, science and technology, software/hardware integration, and progress on the joint information environment were other topics of discussion by the panelists.

At the end of the briefing, several audience members posed questions to the panel members and Crawford summed up the importance of the discussion.

"In the end, we've got to continue to share what we're doing and why with our stakeholders. The capacity that industry brings is part of the Army's

'competitive advantage.' To get after all the Army sustainment and network modernization goals, it's these kinds of discussions; here at MILCOM and beyond, that we must continue to have with industry and academia."

In its 33rd year, MILCOM is a premier international conference for military communications. The three-day conference attracts decision-makers from government, military, academia and industry. In depth discussions are held and hundreds of technology and solutions are on display for all attendees.



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Newcomers learn ‘nuts and bolts’ of APG

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Soldiers and civilians new to APG learned the ins and outs of life at the installation during the quarterly Newcomers Orientation at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Oct. 8.

An array of post organizations and local vendors greeted the large turnout with information and services that will make for a comfortable tour of duty at the installation.

From police services to medical screenings and even on-the-spot E-Z Pass plans from the Maryland Department of Transportation were available.

The event, hosted by Army Community Service, featured a parade of services presented by garrison representatives.

Marilyn Howard of ACS said even those who have lived in the area a while can benefit from the information.

“It’s not unusual to have people tell us they learned something new,” she said.

“This is the reason we host this event - to provide information and resources so people can make informed decisions and take advantage of services offered right here on post.”

Garrison organizations included Morale, Welfare and Recreation; the

Directorate of Emergency Services; Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic; the Army Substance Abuse Program; the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Client Services Division; Religious Services; the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; and the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security; as well as representatives from Corvias Military Housing and the Family Readiness Group.

Attendees said they felt well informed at the program’s end.

Sgt. 1st Class Tawana Young and Staff Sgt. Tyshondia Jones, newcomers with the U.S. Army Public Health Command, said they were impressed with the garrison presentations.

“I was most impressed with [KUSAHC],” Young said. “They have so much to offer for a small clinic and I can concur with the Family services.”

A former drill sergeant coming to APG from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Jones said she also liked the medical services offered for Soldiers and their families.

“Now I’m looking forward to my tour at APG,” she said.

“I was most impressed with the emergency preparedness presentation [by DPTMS]” said Spc. John Bella-



From left, Pvts. Wilson, McKee and Hincee of Alpha Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery (JLENS) pay close attention to an emergency preparedness briefing by Pedro Rodriguez of the garrison’s Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security during the quarterly Newcomer’s Orientation at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Oct. 8.

my, a Soldier just out of Advanced Individual Training assigned to the 20th CBRNE Command. “It’s good to get people to think ahead about emergencies.”

“Staff Sgt. Zeal King and his wife, Chundra, also with the 20th CBRNE, said they were happy to secure their E-ZPass plans.

“Overall, they offered good information that you can use,” said Staff Sgt. King.

Human resource assistants Belinda Cunningham and Michael Bailey of CPAC said several people made inquiries at their display.

“Most were interested in how to register on the USAJobs and Resume Builder websites,” Cunningham said.

“A lot of people have concerns and

frustrations over application procedures and sometimes we point them to the Susquehanna Workforce Network which offers resume classes,” Bailey said.

Joe Ricci, an APG civilian retiree and project specialist with SWN said a “fair amount” of Soldiers and spouses stopped at his display.

“Most were interested in the services we offer and were happy to learn it’s at no cost,” he said. “We offer a valuable resource and we keep in close touch with Marilyn Howard and ACS to make sure APG folks stay informed about resources and job opportunities.”

For more information, contact Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669 or email Marilyn.e.howard.civ@mail.mil.

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APG hosts fire prevention open house

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

In recognition of National Fire Prevention Week the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire and Emergency Services division hosted an open house at the APG North (Aberdeen) fire station Oct. 9.

An open house was also held at the APG South (Edgewood) fire house. The events promoted the 2014 theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"

More than 100 Bayside and Aberdeen child development center (CDC) children, staff and others participated in the open house activities at APG North, which included a mini combat challenge, CPR and fire extinguisher demonstrations, helicopter and fire truck displays, and a firefighter dunk tank.

"A lot of preparation went into this event," said Fire Inspector John Frank. "It's a great tool for us to be able to communicate to the post what our safety message is and make sure that people are being safe at home as well as at the workplace."

The event marked the end of a week of installation-wide fire prevention and safety activities. On Oct. 7, firefighters read to children at both CDCs and held a trial run open house for children from the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center.

Deputy Fire Chief Adam Ballard said he was pleased with how the week's events progressed and that he felt the open house was a success.

"This is my first year here for fire prevention week and I'm really happy with the outcome," he said. "We've got some good benchmarks for next year too. Hopefully we'll be even better next year."



Photo by Molly Blossie

Firefighter Nathan Cibrian pulls open a car door as Capt. James Williams prepares to demonstrate an emergency rescue. The simulated vehicle extrication was part of the Fire and Emergency Services open house held in observance of National Fire Prevention Week at the APG North (Aberdeen) fire station Oct 9.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel assisted the children at each learning station, teaching them basic fire emergency response strategies.

"[If you're on fire] cover your face," Fire Inspector Ernie Little said, during a fire extinguisher demonstration. "Stop, drop, and roll."

The firefighters also set a furnished

stunt trailer ablaze. One side was equipped with a sprinkler system while the other was not, to demonstrate how sprinkler systems save lives.

"It took about 35 seconds for the sprinkler system to start putting out the fire," Little told onlookers. "In a real home, it would take even less time."

The morning's events culminated in vehicle extrication and fire demonstrations. Attendees watched in awe as Capt. James Williams and firefighters Jason Schaffer and Nathan Cibrian, using axes and hydraulic rescue tools, demonstrated how to assist a trapped passenger during a vehicle emergency.

CDC staff and other personnel were on hand to lend their support. Lisanne Blake, a training and curriculum specialist with the APG North CDC, said she was impressed with the various learning experiences available for every age group.

"I think it [the open house] is a great educational experience about fire prevention, and hopefully the kids will learn

some things to stay safe in case of a fire. I like that there are a variety of activities... there's something for all the children," Blake said.

Along with the emergency responders, the children spent time with 'Firefighter Johnny,' the APG fire prevention and safety mascot. They took home goody bags filled with fire safety information and plastic fire helmets.

Katherine Zinnante, CDC participant, said that her favorite thing about the day was "getting to go in the helicopter."

Representatives from the Installation Safety Office and Army Community Service also were on hand to share information about general safety and domestic violence awareness and prevention.

For more information about APG North Fire and Emergency Services, contact Deputy Fire Chief Adam Ballard at 410-306-0584. For more information about Fire Prevention Week, visit the National Fire Protection Association website at <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week>.

Joseph Rivera, 3 years old, watches as a CDC employee buttons his child-sized fire jacket at the Fire and Emergency Services open house held at the APG North (Aberdeen) firehouse Oct 9.

Photo by Molly Blossie



APG provides resources, services for domestic violence victims



Story by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

All branches of the Department of Defense observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month throughout October. The 2014 theme is “relationships should be safe, respectful and positive.”

The focus of the campaign is to raise awareness of domestic violence, inform victims that help is available and emphasize the negative impact it has on Family readiness.

The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is a congressionally mandated program intended to prevent and reduce incidences of violence and create an environment intolerant of domestic abuse.

The Army provides two types of reporting options for instances of domestic violence: restricted and unrestricted. Restricted reporting does not involve a military chain of command or law enforcement and maintains anonymity. Unrestricted reporting involves an investigation by an Army command or law enforcement.

All victims are eligible for services, including a medical evaluation and counseling, regardless of which reporting option they choose.

APG Army Community Service Victim Advocate Coordinator Michael Farlow is specially trained to handle cases of domestic violence involving Soldiers and their Families. The victim advocate is available to help empower domestic violence victims to find the resources that they need.

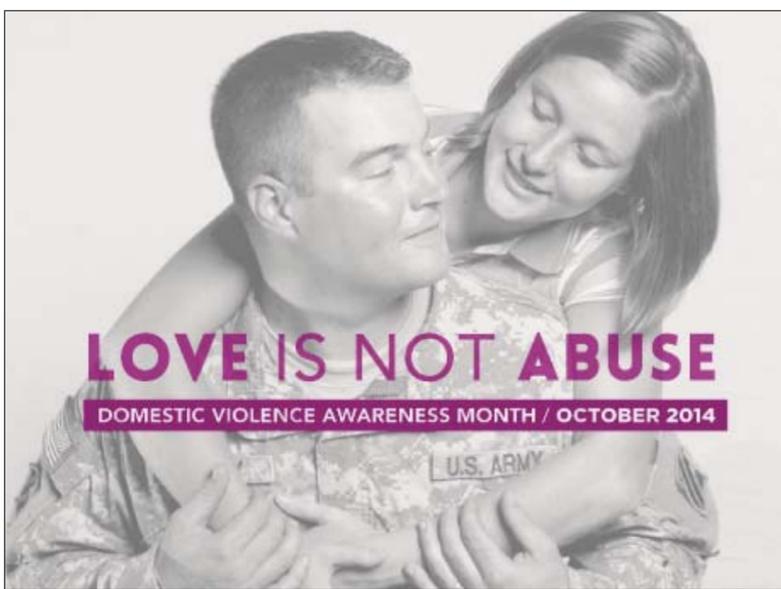
Farlow assists victims with making a safety plan, finding emergency shelter and other needed resources, as well as offering moral support. In some cases, the victim advocate can serve as a liaison, accompanying the victim to meetings with lawyers and to court.

“I am their support person,” he said. “Victim advocates try to prevent the abuse from continuing and give them an out.”

Farlow, a military veteran and former police officer, said he has seen an increase of domestic violence cases around the holidays and the first of the year. Drinking, strained finances and high expectations all add to the stress of the holiday season.

“Domestic violence incidents increase during times of stress,” he said.

Farlow added that most military Families deal with stress on a daily basis.



“The stress level that a military spouse or a military Family is going through is a lot different than your average Family,” he said.

This year, ACS has partnered with Verizon to help domestic violence victims receive free phones so they can reach out to emergency and support services in times of crisis. This program is called the HopeLine.

“These tools help the victim transition from being dependent on the abuser to being independent and being able to live on their own,” he said.

Farlow added that domestic violence is about control.

“The dynamic of domestic violence is not about abuse,” he said. “It is all about control. The abuser will use any means possible to remain in control.”

In addition to victim advocate services, ACS also provides free preventative programs like anger management classes and conflict containment classes, by referral. Chaplains on post also provide free marriage counseling. For more information, call the Main Post Chapel at 410-278-4333.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic’s Behavioral Health Care Services also offers a variety of counseling services, crisis intervention and referral assistance to Soldiers, Family members, and military retirees.

KUSAHC can also screen and refer contractors and DOD civilians to community resources.

Awareness events

The ACS FAP is partnering with several organizations to host events throughout October to raise awareness of domestic violence. Farlow said these events are designed to reach the entire community.

“We are taking a proactive approach,” he said. “We do not want to keep domestic violence in the dark.”

ACS hosted a “Prince and Princess Day” at the APG South (Edgewood) child development center Oct. 9. During this event, Farlow and his wife, Karen, talked to the children about treating others with respect.

“We are trying to promote healthy behaviors from the very beginning,” He said. “We want to teach the kids that they all should be treated like princes and princesses.”

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is hosting an event called “Mind, Body and Spirit for the Woman” at the Main Post Chapel Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will focus on how women can build personal resiliency. Vendors will hand out information on the resources they offer on post.

On Oct. 17, guest speakers from the Maryland Community Crime Prevention

Institute and Harford County Sheriff’s Office will talk about responsible use of social media and texting at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center from 7 to 9 p.m. During this event, parents will learn how they can protect their children from online predators.

Ann Thacker from the Maryland DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program will talk to teens about the pros and cons of social media and healthy relationships. This program is open to the entire APG community. For more information call 410-278-9061.

ACS and FMWR will team up to have the first “Driving Away Domestic Violence” Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course Oct. 29. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes golf, cart, dinner and prizes.

Golf Course Manager Richard Bond spearheaded the event and added a special “Purple Ball Challenge” to the tournament. Each team will receive a one-of-a-kind purple golf ball that must be played throughout and turned in with the team score card for the team to be eligible to win. For information about the golf tournament contact the Ruggles Golf Shop at 410-278-4794.

Every Monday through Nov. 3, ACS is hosting a “Strike Out Against Domestic Violence” bowling tournament from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the APG bowling center. The event is free and pizza and sodas will be provided to those who register to bowl. During the event, ACS will hand out information on domestic violence and be available for questions.

“This is an opportunity to get our information out there to the public,” he said.

APG victim advocates can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling the Domestic Violence Hotline at 410-652-6048, or the Sexual Assault Hotline at 410-322-7154.

National victim advocates can be reached at the DOD SAFE Helpline at 877-995-5247. For KUSAHC Family Advocacy Appointments, call 410-278-1768. For information about ACS FAP prevention classes, call 410-278-7572. The Harford County Mobile Crisis Team, which provides 24/7 crisis intervention and suicide prevention, can be reached at 410-638-5248.

Venture crew learns survival skills

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

Twice a month, a group of teens known as the 1917 Venture Crew meet at APG's Bayside Community Center to plan new adventures. The crew, which formed last year, is the largest in Harford County, with 16 registered members.

Venturing is a co-ed young adult development program affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The affiliation allows crew members to visit BSA high adventure bases across the nation where they participate in activities like kayaking, canoeing, zip lining, backpacking expeditions and more.

Retired Col. William Montgomery, a 1917 Venture Crew volunteer, said he provides assistance and guidance, when needed.

"The adult volunteers just facilitate the activity," he said. "There is no predetermined cookie cutter curriculum."

Montgomery said because the crew meets on APG, the group has a science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM focus. This past spring, for example, engineers from the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center led a tour of a testing track and talked about STEM careers with the Venturers.

"The crew would like to participate in more STEM outreach activities in the future," Montgomery said.

During a recent retreat, more than 100 Venturers from around Maryland sharpened their wilderness survival skills in "Venturers vs. the Wild" activities at the Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation, in Whiteford, Maryland.

Venturers learned how to start a fire, build a shelter, signal for rescue and conduct wilderness first aid.

The retreat featured games, archery, range firing and handling a caving simulator or "squeeze box" - a devise cavers use to practice crawling through small spaces.

Morgan Stahl, 17, who serves on the Baltimore Area Council Venturing Offi-



Christopher Martinez, 19, practices his archery skills during a "Venturer vs. the Wild" activity at the Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation, in Whiteford, Maryland Oct. 4. Martinez is a member of the 1917 Venture Crew, which meets on post twice a month.

cers' Association, said teens join Venturing because they want to experience high adventure and aren't afraid to "get their hands dirty."

"When we get together we all become one large crew," she explained. "I have met so many friends through Venturing."

Cayley Hall, 15, a member of the 1917 Venture Crew, serves as the vice president of programs. In this role, she is tasked with organizing crew activities.

"What I am learning now will help

in the real world," she said. "I can add this experience to my resume and college applications."

Cayley's twin, Bradley Hall, said he has gained confidence participating in different activities and meeting new people.

"It is extremely fun," he said. "I hope other people join our crew."

Christine Curtis, a Venture Crew volunteer from Port Deposit, has twin 14 year-old daughters in the 1917 Venture Crew. She also currently serves as a Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader.

"I wanted my girls to join Venturers

since they were toddlers," she said. "I am excited that they finally get to do what the boys do."

About Venturing

The 1917 Venture Crew meets the first and third Monday, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bayside Community Center, Bldg. 2658. Venturing is open to young men and women who are at least 14 (or 13 and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age.

For more information contact Montgomery at jd0e8015@gmail.com.

BY THE NUMB#RS

Supporting the Chesapeake Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign

\$7,000,000

Dollar amount set as the Chesapeake Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign 2014 goal.

\$196,029

Amount donated to the CBACFC top grossing charity in 2013.

118,645

Number of federal employees eligible to donate to the 2014 CBACFC.

24,000

Number of local and international charities individuals can support through CBACFC donations.

\$430

Average individual pledge dollar amount donated to the CBACFC in 2013.

\$1

Weekly donation amount needed to provide enough food to make 168 meals for the hungry.

By **STACY SMITH**, APG News
Source: www.cbacfc.org

Leave Donations

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); or OPM 630- B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Please contact Sue Campbell at 410-306-0266 or sue.a.campbell.civ@mail.mil.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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Barnes, Jennifer	Goetze, Nicole	Rodgers, Christopher
Basi, Kelly	Grimsley, Sylvia	Rodriguez, Pedro
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Dennison, Natalie	McCaughey, Adrienne	Williams, Demetria
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Exchange home theater systems up for grabs

As college and pro football action heats up Army & Air Force Exchange Service shoppers have a chance to score big with the Ultimate Home Theater Sweepstakes being held at Exchange stores worldwide through Oct. 30.

Two grand-prize winners will each receive a home theater system with an approximate retail value of \$2,500.

"This is a great way for families to enjoy all the excitement of the college bowl games as well as the NFL playoffs," said Lt. Col. Thomas Shrader, Exchange plans officer.

Entry forms for the Ultimate Home Theater Sweepstakes are available at Exchange stores worldwide. Authorized shoppers 18 years or older can enter and no purchase is necessary. The drawing will take place on or about Dec. 11.

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ALL THINGS MARYLAND



Vibrant fall foliage abound

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

It's that time of year when trees take on the vibrant colors of autumn. If you enjoy taking in nature's colorful transition to winter you have an array of fall foliage sites to enjoy in Maryland.

The Maryland Office of Tourism and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources provide guidance on where to look to find the best fall foliage and choices abound from Western Maryland to the Eastern Shore.

Nearby sites include Elk Neck State Park in Cecil County where bright colors are being reported along the scenic walking trails near Turkey Point Lighthouse. Those willing to travel outside the local area might enjoy a trip to Patapsco Valley State Park in Central Maryland where the foliage is reported as "quite colorful" in the Hollowfield Area near Ellicott City.

According to the MDNR website, other areas that won't disappoint foliage enthusiasts include, "the Gwynn-



brook Wildlife Management Area in Owings Mills, Baltimore County; Sugar Loaf Mountain Natural Resource

Area in southern Frederick County; Seneca Creek State Park just southwest of Gaithersburg; and the Dier-

ssen Wildlife Management Area situated between the C&O Canal and the Potomac River in Montgomery County."

Off the beaten path, with reported spectacular conditions right now are the Earleville Wildlife Management Area, in rural southern Cecil County, and the Millington Wildlife Management Area in eastern Kent County. Calvert County's fall foliage in Jefferson-Patterson Park also is sure to delight.

Many of these sites host fall festivals focused on Maryland history as well and all offer great Family and nature-focused day trips and getaways.

Visit the MDNR website and click on specific locations for more information and then get out and enjoy Maryland's most radiant time of year.

For more information on fall events around the state, contact the Maryland Office of Tourism at 1-800-MDISFUN or check out their website at www.visitmaryland.org



Lauren Lynch AWC Health Educator

As an Army Wellness Center health educator, Lauren Lynch teaches clients how to set realistic fitness goals and sustain a healthy lifestyle.

Her responsibilities include conducting body composition assessments using

the Bod Pod, a device that measures body fat and fat free mass, such as muscles, bones and tendons.

Lynch uses the results to help clients set realistic, achievable goals and she encourages them to have monthly

assessments to track their progress.

Lynch also performs fitness testing using state-of-the art equipment.

"[Conducting] fitness testing was my favorite thing to do in school," she said. "Now I get to do it every day."

In addition to working with clients one-on-one, she also teaches "Upping Your Metabolism" and "Stress Management" classes at the AWC.

Lynch holds a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Salisbury University. She said the best part of her job is motivating others and watching clients develop healthy habits over time.

"I love seeing my clients achieve their goals," she said. "I want to promote a healthy lifestyle. Heart disease is the number one cause of death for Americans."

Programs offered at AWC include health and physical fitness assessments, metabolic testing, nutrition counseling, weight loss management, stress reduction techniques, tobacco cessation education and healthy sleep habits.

The AWC program is a U.S. Army Medical Command Program overseen by the U.S. Army Public Health Command.

The center, located on the third floor of the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, offers free, standardized health services to Soldiers, retirees, their Family members and Department of the Army civilians, on a space available basis. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 410-306-1024.

APG contracting center celebrates fiscal year accomplishments

By **BETSY KOZAK-HOWARD**
ACC-APG

Reflecting on the past fiscal year, members of the Army Contracting Command – Aberdeen Proving Ground held a 2014 year-end social Oct. 2.

Col. Michael J. Rogers, military deputy to ACC-APG's executive director, said the social "provided an opportunity to recognize the contributions of the ACC-APG team and to say thank you to the workforce that was paramount to this year's success."

Bryon J. Young, ACC-APG's executive director, kicked off the event by highlighting some of the contracting center's significant achievements.

"You completed 32,000 contracting actions and obligated over \$12 billion," he told the employees. "This represents the highest dollar value and the most actions per person compared

to other centers. You should be proud of this accomplishment and it's a direct reflection of your efficiency and hard work."

Leaders from customer organizations also attended the social to show their appreciation for the center's contracting support.

"We can't perform our mission without contracting support," said Gary Martin, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command deputy to the commanding general. "As I look over the past year, we faced challenges, complex issues, and pressures to accelerate the schedule and you never failed us.

\$12 billion dollars were obligated by ACC-APG during fiscal year **2014**

"Contracting teams found ways to leverage small business and as a result, Team C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) awarded 18 percent of its contracts to small businesses. This exceeded the 11.5 percent goal," Martin said.

The Program Executive Office - Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T), was represented by Mary Woods, deputy program executive officer.

"Our PMs [project managers] appreciate the work you did this year and look forward to continued support into the

next fiscal year," said Woods. She credited ACC-APG with helping PEO-C3T equip Soldiers to gather intelligence and monitor situational awareness.

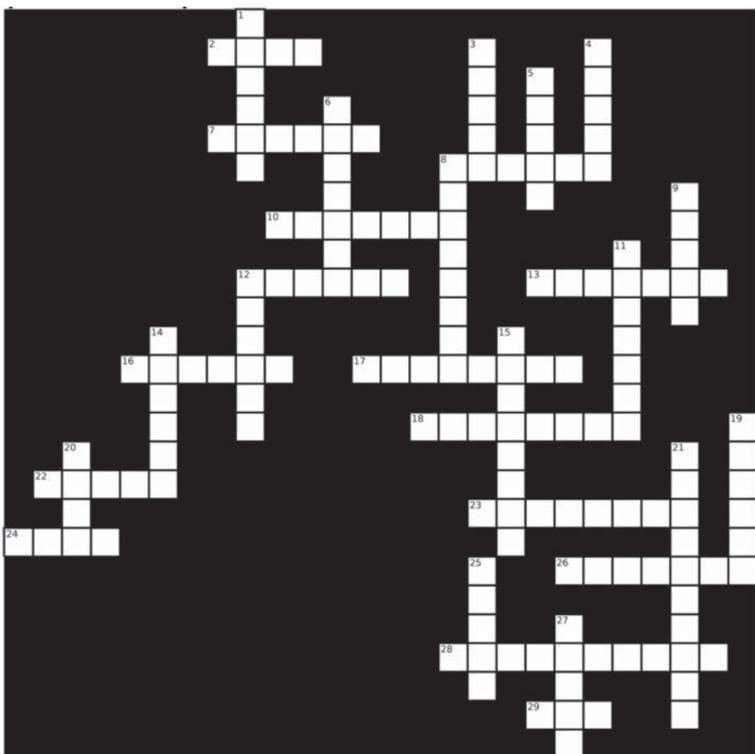
A representative from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command also spoke to the contracting workforce.

Jyuji Hewitt, executive deputy to the RDECOM commanding general, recalled the contracting team's mission to design, develop, deploy and operate the Field Deployable Hydrolysis System.

Hewitt said RDECOM's FDHS was developed to convert chemical agents into compounds not usable as weapons. The system was deployed on a ship in the Mediterranean Sea for destruction of Syrian chemical weapons.

"RDECOM couldn't have completed the FDHS mission without your support," said Hewitt. "We are a team and thank you for all you do."

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**
- Government official accused of membership in a communist espionage ring
 - Co-discoverer of the North Pole
 - Film director known for shocking audiences

- First Roman Catholic bishop in the United States
- N'Sync alum
- First woman executed by the U.S. government
- NBA MVP from Suitland, Maryland
- First African American Supreme Court Justice
- Won the Best Director Oscar for the film "Rain Man"
- Plays Claire Dunphy on "Modern Family"
- First black citizen to hold a high U.S. government rank
- Led the Boston Red Sox to three championships
- Co-host of "The Howard Stern Show"
- Best known for her role as Jill Taylor on "Home Improvement"
- Wrote the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner"
- Author of "The Hunt for Red October"
- Led hundreds of slaves to freedom
- Best known for her role as Sarah Connor in "The Terminator"
- Record-setting Olympic swimmer
- This famous author was an etiquette expert
- Produced and starred in "Baywatch"
- The second African American to receive a U.S. patent
- First African American woman to win individual Olympic medal in gymnastics

Solution to the October 9 puzzle



- Down**
- Record-breaking Orioles baseball player
 - This rock star pumped out more than 60 albums during his career
 - Currently plays Christy Plunkett on the CBS show "Mom"
 - He resigned vice presidency amid bribery, conspiracy and tax fraud charges
 - Bestselling author of more than 200 romance novels
 - Hosted daytime talk show for 17 seasons
 - President Abraham Lincoln assassin
 - "Un-Break My Heart" singer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY

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 Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326. The event includes exhibitors who provide goods and services to the retiree population and their families. The event will include a panel discussion with representatives from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, TRICARE, the 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 Bldg. 4305, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. to issue retiree ID cards. For more information, contact Betty Willard, Retirement Service Officer/Retiree Council, 410-306-2322, email betty.a.willard.ctr@mail.mil or retired 1st Sgt. 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: Monday, Oct. 20 at Bldg. 6002; Tuesday, Oct. 21 at Bldg. 6006; Wednesday, Oct. 22 at Bldgs. 6009/6010; and Thursday, 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). The walk 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 email joanna.t.moore@mail.mil.

FALL TECHNOLOGY EXPO

ECBC/CIO and Federal Direct Access will host the 2014 Fall Technology Expo 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326. Along with more than 75 vendors and hands-on demonstrations of state-of-the-art technologies, MS Office presentations featuring transitions from MS Word 2007 to 2013 will be offered 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. and transitions from MS Excel 2007 to 2013, noon to 1:30 p.m. Seating is limited. Pre-register online at <https://fdaexpo.com/register.php?id=145>.

This event is free and open to all Department of Defense civilians and contractors with access to APG. Refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Mary McCully, ECBC/CIO, at 410-436-2625 or Donna Flemister, FDA, at 410-531-8559 or call 1-877-332-3976.

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.

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Restoration Advisory Board will meet 7 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center, 1700 Van Bibber Road in Edgewood.

Topics will include an update on the Remedial Action Operation Sites, including the Edgewood Area Treatment Plants, Other Aberdeen Areas Groundwater Sites, and Graces Quar-ters.

For more information, contact Karen Jobs, DPW environmental protection specialist, at 410-436-4429 or email karen.w.jobs.civ@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. Neger, 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>.

WEDNESDAY

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.

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 21

CECOM PRAYER LUNCHEON

The CECOM Unit Ministry Team will sponsor the APG Thanksgiving Prayer Luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Myer Auditorium.

Music, food and an inspired message will be provided. The guest speaker is U.S. Army Material Command Chaplain (Col.) Scott R. Carson. For tickets or more information, contact the CECOM UMT Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Young Kim at 443-861-4353 or Staff Sgt. Carlos Vazquez at 443-861-4331.

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.

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 message 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

MORE ONLINE

More events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.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 1970.

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News

2015

10 Years Ago: Oct. 14, 2004



Left: Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston talks to cadets from the Maryland National Guard's Freestate Challenge Academy during a visit to APG Oct. 6, 2004.

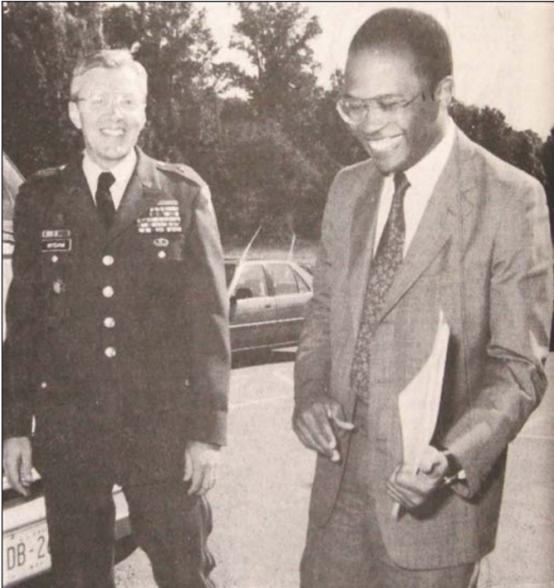


Right: (From right) Regina Dannenfelser, chief of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, cuts the grand re-opening ribbon for the new Tech Lab in the Edgewood Area youth center as Daniel McCoy, youth tech program lead; Renee Main, facility manager; and Carlos Phillips, facility director, look on.

2010

2000

25 Years Ago: Oct. 18, 1989



Above: (From left) Brig. Gen. David A. Nydam, project manager for Chemical Demilitarization, welcomes Baltimore Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke during his visit to the U.S. Army Chemical Research, Development and Engineering Center.



Right: (From left) 2-year-old Joshua Lange makes instant friends with Smokey the Bear during the APG Fire Department Open House. Lange is the son of Marine Corps Sgt. Kenneth and Jacqueline Lange of APG.

1990

1980

50 Years Ago: Oct 15, 1964



Left: (From right) Col. Edward Beda presents the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action while serving in Korea to Sgt. 1st Class William Harrington as Luella Harrington looks on during a ceremony at Dickson Hall.



Right: (From right) Brig. Gen. David W. Hiester, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, applies E-9 stripes to newly-promoted Sgt. Maj. Richard Henderson as Sgt. Maj. Raymond Norris assists during a promotion ceremony at USAOC&S headquarters.

1970

1960

1950

Breast Cancer Awareness Walk set for Oct. 22

By **JONATHAN GOLDSMITH**
KUSAHC

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For the second consecutive year, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic (KUSAHC), in conjunction with the Army Performance Triad initiative, will sponsor a 3K Breast Cancer Awareness Walk noon to 1 p.m., starting from Fanshaw Field at APG North (Aberdeen) Wednesday, Oct. 22.

"The purpose of this event is to raise awareness about breast cancer, encourage and acknowledge the courage of breast cancer survivors in the APG community and to remind every-

one that screening and self-examination saves lives," said Capt. Joanna Moore, KUSAHC chief of preventive medicine. Walk participants are encouraged to arrive 10 minutes early and wear reflective clothing or bright pink in support of the national observance, she said.

She added that many factors can influence the risk of breast cancer, and that most women who develop breast cancer do not have any known risk factors or a history of the disease in their families.

"The reason breast cancer prevention is so interconnected with the Army Performance Triad is because many of the risk factors associated with breast can-

cer are also those we address with the Army Performance Triad, which are sleep, activity, and nutrition," Moore said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following ways to reduce the risk of breast cancer:

- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Exercise regularly.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Reduce alcohol intake.
- Do not smoke.
- Avoid exposure to chemicals that can cause cancer (carcinogens).
- If you are considering hormone replacement therapy or birth control pills, ask your doctor about the risks

and find out if it is right for you.

▪ Breastfeed your babies, if possible. Women ages 50 to 74-years-old should have a mammogram every two years. Women between ages 40 to 49 should consult their primary care manager about when to start and how often to get a screening mammogram. Although breast cancer screenings cannot prevent breast cancer, they can help detect breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat.

For more information about the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk or breast cancer screening, contact Moore at 410-278-1773 or email joanna.t.moore.mil@mail.mil.

AEC Soldier retires, will serve as Peace Corps volunteer

By **ANDRICKA THOMAS**
ATEC

Retirement doesn't mean the same thing to Army Maj. Marcia Pierce, who has spent her life dedicated to service. Serving others is ingrained in her DNA, as is evident by her decision to rejoin the Peace Corps after leading a life of service in the military.

"Retirement may be defined as the end of a career, but in the Army, it truly doesn't end with your departure," said Cornelius Brown Jr., Army Evaluation Center technical director and Pierce's former supervisor. "You've touched a vast number of Soldiers and civilians directly and indirectly, and [because of you] they continue to touch the lives of other in a positive way. Your legacy is carried on through them."

A California native from Oxnard in Ventura County, Pierce celebrated more than 29 years of active, inactive and National Guard service during her retirement ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel in August. She officially retired Sept. 30. Not new to a life of service, her mother, Lorene Parks, also retired after 30 years of civil service at Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme.

Unlike any retirement she's attended, Pierce took a different approach in her remarks during her farewell activities. She began by reciting a poem entitled, 'The Brave and Startling Truth.' The poem was written by the late Maya Angelou for the United Nations' 50th anniversary celebration and was "dedicated to the hope for peace, which lies, sometimes hidden, in every heart."

Later, Pierce summarized the most important lessons she's learned throughout the years and offered advice on success factors and failures in one's career, and in life. She says, "Success or failure is a matter of interpretation."

Her bottom line is to "treat people fair and justly; seize the moment and don't take anything for granted. Everything happens for a reason," Pierce said.

Pierce said she learned that lesson early, when she enlisted in the Army in January of 1985.

She attended Officer Candidate School in 1988 and has since served in a variety of leadership roles, formal and informal, in her work and personal life. Of them all, she says the art of listening served as her best leadership skill.

"I try to live life by seizing the moment," said Pierce. "Moments in life are most special when you can have a positive impact on someone...and sometimes it doesn't take much more than being a good listener when someone needs you to be."

A spiritual woman, Pierce said her hope for peace manifests in her decision to live a life serving. She said she learned the value of camaraderie during her first assignment in Germany when she joined what she fondly refers to as 'the uniformed services family.'



Maj. Marcia Pierce, front row, 3rd from left, of the U.S. Army Evaluation Command, stands with friends and co-workers during her retirement ceremony at the post chapel. Pierce officially retired Sept. 30.

Courtesy photo

"Although I was far away from home, the people I met while overseas became my Family," she said. "I think that element was one of my favorite things about living overseas -- the camaraderie."

As she reflected on her time in service, Pierce credited her thirst for travel and exploration as key factors that motivated her to join the Army while she was matriculated in college. More than anything, she likes to accomplish 'firsts'.

"I like to be a trailblazer," she said. "If it hasn't been done, there is an opportunity to innovate and that, to me, is exciting."

Over the course of her career, Pierce has served in a variety of assignments that have taken her all over the world.

Early in her career she earned her

bachelor's degree in Business and Management at the University of Maryland University College in Germany. She continued her education at the University of California in Long Beach where she earned a master's degree in Public Administration. In addition to Germany, Pierce has served at the Pentagon, in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Korea.

She plans to continue her education. With the personal goal of continuous self-development, Pierce is currently working toward her second master's degree in Management and Health Services Administration. She plans to use her new educational background in her next assignment with the Peace Corps. She said it will serve as an example to others of how edu-

cation can enhance one's life.

"Major Pierce is a truly giving individual," said Brown. "She thrives on serving and her joining the Peace Corps is a true testament of that fact."

The task doesn't matter to Pierce, as long as she has an opportunity to lead, continuously improve and support others.

"This will be my second assignment serving with the Peace Corps," said Pierce. "Every day you are there, your actions contribute to changing someone's life. It's rewarding work...work I feel compelled to do from within."

Pierce will teach English Literacy and HIV Prevention in the Eastern Caribbean islands.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Obtuse

Pronounced: uh b-TOOS, -TYOOS

Part of speech: Adjective

Definition

- 1 A: not pointed or acute; blunt
 - B: (1) of an angle: exceeding 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees (2): having an obtuse angle C: of a leaf; rounded at the free end
 - 2 A: lacking sharpness or quickness of sensibility or intellect; insensitive, stupid, dull
 - B: difficult to comprehend; not clear or precise in thought or expression; indirect or circuitous
- Adverb - Obtusely
Noun - Obtuseness

Use:

- Not trying to be obtuse or anything, but what exactly does that mean?
- The bank teller was too obtuse to grasp the implications of his behavior.
- In Helix the spire forms a more or less obtuse-angled cone.
- The narrow path turned westward at an obtuse angle and extended about 10 feet past the front gate.

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

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

ACC

Army Contracting Command

The Army Contracting Command (ACC), along with two subordinate commands and five major contracting centers, supports the U.S. Army Materiel Command's life cycle management commands.

These centers also provide contracting support to several program executive offices and program managers supporting the U.S. Army's major acquisition programs. Army Contracting Command - Aberdeen Proving Ground (ACC-APG) provides global contracting support to a diverse customer base in support of the Joint Warfighter.

With more than 6,100 military and civilian employees at more than 100 locations worldwide, in FY 2013, the ACC awarded nearly 190,000 contracts valued at more than \$61 billion.

ACC leadership includes commander, Maj. Gen. Theodore (Ted) C. Harrison III, and Command Sgt. Maj. David M. Puig at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, and ACC-APG Executive Director Byron J. Young.

Source: <http://www.army.mil/info/organization/unitsandcommands/commandstructure/acc/>
<http://www.acc.army.mil/contractingcenters/acc-apg/>



Civilians honored for historic mission at sea

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The civilian volunteers recognized at the event are highly trained field operators, technicians and chemists who have dedicated themselves to eliminating the world of weapons of mass destruction.

In January, the team deployed for more than six months to answer a call by the DOD to help the international community in its efforts to eliminate 600 metric tons of Syria's highly toxic chemicals. The mission was accomplished in 42 days with no reportable accidents or releases to the environment.

"As any operator of this group can tell you, it was not easy," said Tim Blades, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) mission commander. "Everyone went above and beyond. Everyone thought and worked outside the box. Apollo 13 had nothing on you."

In February 2013, members of Team CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives), a cluster of DOD organizations located at APG dedicated to countering weapons of mass destruction, developed the Field Deployable Hydrolysis System, or FDHS. In less than six months, ECBC spearheaded the design and manufacturing of the transportable neutralization technology, as well as the chemistry behind the neutralization process that met the 99.9 percent destruction rate standard set by the Chemical Weapons Convention.

"The FDHS had the smoothest transition from a prototype to an operating system that I have ever seen in my 36 years at ECBC," said George Roberts, ECBC chemical engineer and a recipient of the Superior Civilian Service Award. "To get a perspective of the magnitude of this accomplishment, consider that when we destroyed the stockpile of mustard agent at APG, we built a factory complex that spanned 18 acres. The FDHS was just 700 feet by 100 feet."

When compared with other chemical demilitarization missions, it was an incredible accomplishment, said Carmen Spencer, the Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense.

According to Spencer, the amount of chemical agent destroyed during the



Photo by Conrad Johnson
Department of Defense officials, local leaders and APG organization leaders pose with APG civilians who were recognized for their efforts to destroy Syria's declared chemical weapons stockpile during an awards ceremony at APG South (Edgewood) Oct. 8.

FDHS mission was three times more than the stockpile destroyed at APG years ago, which took 34 months to eliminate.

Teams installed two units of the FDHS on a ship, the MV Cape Ray, which was specially retrofitted to accommodate the self-sufficient, redundant system, including nearly a dozen critical components: water pumps, water tanks, system air compressors, waste containers, reagents, an on-site laboratory, breathing air compressors, chemical agent filtration systems, power generators and distribution and storage containers.

Crews worked in 12-hour shifts to maintain 24/7 operations. During an off-shift, people tried to connect with family back home via email or Skype, and tried to catch up on sleep. Living quarters in a 40-foot by 8-foot Connex freight container held four people.

"I have done hazardous operations for all of my adult life and could not be more proud," said Blades. "I cannot imagine any other group

of people in the world who could have done this."

"At the time, no one envisioned a shipboard option, but when that became the option of choice, you didn't blink," said Rebecca Hersman, deputy assistant secretary of defense for countering weapons of mass destruction. "You just got it done, and we couldn't be more proud."

"Throughout the effort, you have demonstrated what has always made the U.S. Army special," Hersman said. "You were asked to step up and you did so as quiet professionals who never sought the spotlight but only focused on the mission. As a result of your efforts, these chemicals will never be used to kill or injure a human being."

Destroying Syria's declared stockpile of chemical weapons on behalf of the international community has not only made the world a safer place, but has shown that the United States can lead unprecedented efforts to elimination threats as they emerge, officials said.

"It's a very dangerous world out there," said U.S. Rep. C.A. "Dutch"

Ruppersberger, who spoke at the ceremony. "The things that are happening throughout the world are scary. We were called on because of our expertise to do something very important, not only for the United States of America, but for the world."

Ruppersberger read from a Congressional Record recognizing Blades for his "unparalleled expertise" in demilitarization missions. Blades later echoed the sentiment to his team.

"Beyond your expertise and skill set it was your willingness to extend beyond your comfort zone, to take on new roles and responsibilities and keep safety at the forefront of your thoughts and actions that made the difference. You looked out for one another. You collaborated and problem solved and established a rhythm to get the job done," Blades said. "You embraced adversity on all levels, from technical trouble shooting to the physical and emotional stresses that tested your endurance. Your mental toughness was incredible. You deserve every bit of recognition for your hard work."

Did You Know?

Hispanic Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Joseph C. Rodriguez went on to retire as a colonel in the Army Corps of Engineers.



While serving in the Korean War with Company F, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, then Pfc. Joseph C. Rodriguez was cited for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty" for his actions on May 21, 1951 near Munye-ri, Korea.

While advancing on well-fortified positions on rugged terrain, Rodriguez and his squad were halted by a barrage of automatic weapons and small arms fire from five emplacements as well as from grenades being lobbed from overhead.

According to his MOH citation, "fully aware of the odds against him, [Rodriguez] leaped to his feet, dashed 60 yards up the fire-swept slope, and, after lobbing grenades into the first foxhole with deadly accuracy, ran around the left flank, silenced an automatic weapon with two grenades and continued his whirlwind assault to the top of the peak, wiping out two more foxholes and then, reaching the right flank, he tossed grenades into the remaining emplacement, destroying the gun and annihilating its crew."

With the incredible act of valor, Rodriguez was credited with killing 15 enemy combatants, routing enemy defenses and securing a strategic stronghold.

Just over a year later, on Feb. 5, 1952, Rodriguez was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Harry S. Truman during a ceremony in the White House rose garden. Rodriguez went on to serve in the Army Corps of Engineers and retired at the rank of colonel in 1980.

He served 10 years as facilities director at the University of Texas and spent much of his remaining years participating in speaking engagements and addressing students and Soldiers about the benefits of continuing their education.

Rodriguez died Nov. 1, 2005, in El Paso, Texas and was buried with full military honors at Mountain View Cemetery in San Bernardino, California. One of his sons, Lt. Gen. Charles G. Rodriguez, served as the Texas Adjutant General and is the current chief of staff and vice president of Strategic Initiatives and Military Affairs at Texas A&M University at San Antonio.

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

1st AML to deploy to West Africa

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"The 1st AML will bring state-of-the-art analyzers and experienced personnel that will be able to enhance the identification of Ebola and other endemic diseases in an expeditious manner," said Garman, a native of Troy, Ohio.

According to Garman, 1st AML Soldiers have partnered with the 20th CBRNE Command surgeon and the Fort Detrick, Maryland-based U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases to train for the deployment.

In support of Army, joint and combined operations, 1st AML deploys worldwide to perform analytical laboratory testing and health hazard assessments of environmental, occupational, endemic and CBRNE hazards.

Soldiers from 1st AML previously deployed to Afghanistan in 2010.

"This deployment demonstrates the flexibility of this command," said Brig. Gen. JB Burton, commanding general of

the 20th CBRNE Command.

"From supporting the U.S. response to the Ebola outbreak in Africa, to defeating improvised explosive devices in Afghanistan, to shielding the homeland from CBRNE hazards, 20th CBRNE Command defends our nation and its allies around the globe," said Burton.

Gen. David M. Rodriguez, the commander of U.S. Africa Command, said the health and safety of deploying troops was the top priority.

Rodriguez said U.S. Africa Command consulted with the U.S. AID, Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization and Doctors Without Borders to develop protocols based on known risks and

prudent planning.

"Preventing the spread of Ebola is the core task of this effort," said Rodriguez. "This is a key requirement in everything that we do in this operation, and this applies both to our support efforts and the protection of our own people."

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Commander of U.S. Africa Command

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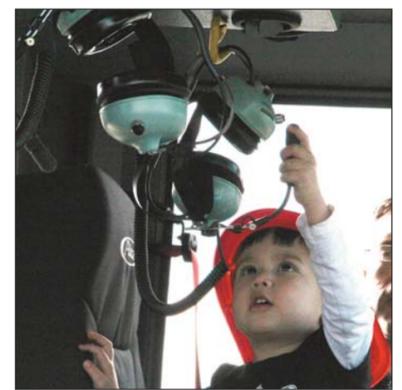
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APG SNAPSHOT

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Photos by Molly Blossie

FIRE HOUSE OPENS DOORS FOR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Top row, from left: Sophie Vo, 4, is helped down after touring a helicopter; APG firefighter Jeremy May waits to get drenched in the dunk tank. Middle row, from left: Sadie Rose, 1, crawls through the tunnel in the youth fire combat challenge; APG firefighter Nathan Cibrian shows Henry Funke, 2, how to use a fire hose; A suited-up Capt. James Williams greets children. Bottom row, from left: Paesyn Morales, 2, carries a "puppy" to safety; APG firefighters Nathan Cibrian and Jason Schaffer break windows to gain access to a damaged vehicle; Capt. James Williams battles flames during a controlled fire demonstration; Matthew Faulkner, 4, checks out the headsets in a fire truck during the open house hosted by APG Fire and Emergency Services in observance of National Fire Prevention Week at the APG North (Aberdeen) fire station Oct. 9.

VENTURERS LEARN WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SKILLS

(From left) Jacob Perry, 16, from the 1917 Venture Crew, learns how to build a fire with Courtney Barthel, 16, from the 810 Venture Crew during an activity called "Venturer vs. the Wild" at the Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation, in Whiteford, Maryland Oct. 4.



During the retreat, Venturers from across Maryland learned how to start a fire, build a shelter, signal for rescue and conduct wilderness first aid. The 1917 Venture Crew meets 7 to 8:30 p.m. the first and third Monday at the APG Bayside Community Center, Bldg. 2658.

Photo by Rachel Ponder



CDC CELEBRATES "PRINCE AND PRINCESS DAY"

(From left) Payton Thomas, 3, and Elaina Robinson, 3, proudly show off their outfits during the APG South (Edgewood) child development center "Prince and Princess Day." Oct. 9.

Army Community Service Victim Advocate Coordinator Michael Farlow and his wife, Karen, talked to the children about treating others with respect. "We should treat each other like princes and princesses every day," Farlow told the children. ACS will host activities to raise awareness about domestic violence throughout October.

Photo by Rachel Ponder