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## Mapping career development

APG Police Officer Jim Toscano takes notes while receiving advice from Vicki A. Brown, chief of Civilian Training and Leadership Development in the Pentagon's G-3-5-7 Training Directorate, during the first APG Garrison Workforce Professional Development Training Symposium at Top of the Bay Oct. 16.



### Garrison employees learn about career advancement tools, resources

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

Hundreds of garrison employees gained insight into the information and resources available to enhance their careers during the first APG Garrison Professional Development Training Symposium at Top of the Bay Oct. 16.

Highlighting the day-long agenda were training sessions led by guest speakers Vicki A. Brown, chief of Civilian Training and Leader Development, Pentagon G-3-5-7 Training Directorate; Dr. Brenda G. Miller, senior safety director, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center; and Anthony Torney, president and CEO, Leader Development Institute.

Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton and Glenn Wait, deputy to the garrison commander, added supporting remarks.

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## Play it safe on Halloween

By **STACY SMITH**  
APG News

Halloween is a day for costumes, candy treats and light-hearted fun, but it's also a day to prioritize safety. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, on average, children are twice as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than other days of the year.

Whether going to a party with friends, trick-or-treating with children or staying home for the evening, here are some suggestions to keep everyone safe this Halloween.

### Costumes

Think about practicality when purchasing or making a costume. It may look adorable on the rack, but will it keep your child safe in the dark? Here are some suggestions to consider:

- Make sure your child's costume does not hinder his or her movement (ie. no long dresses or capes to trip over).
- Consider purchasing a reflective trick-or-treat bag, or do-it-yourself with reflective tape. Place reflective patches on dark clothing so that drivers can easily spot your child.
- Choose a costume that is made of bright or neon colors.
- Use face paints that are non-toxic and hypoallergenic.

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## Retirees vital to Team APG



John Radke, chief of Army Retirement Services, Headquarters, Department of the Army, shares information about the Retirement Services Office as the guest speaker during the annual Retiree Appreciation Day activities at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Oct. 19.

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

In addition to information about local services and resources, attendees at the annual APG Military Retiree Appreciation Day, held Oct. 19, received assurances from post leaders that they are a vital part of the APG Family.

APG senior leader and commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, encouraged retirees to keep the questions and comments coming so he and APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton can stay apprised of their issues.

"I'm a believer that our Army is the most respected profession because of our veterans and retirees," Crawford said. "People say retirees and veterans are in our communities. I say retirees and veterans are our communities."

He invited all to attend the "Why We Serve" program coming up in November.

"It's about reminding people why they decided to raise their right hand and take that oath," he said.

Hosted by the APG Retiree Council, the annual retiree program brings post and local organizations together in a single forum devoted to providing information and resources to mil-

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## Oktoberfest starts tomorrow

By **ADRIANE FOSS**  
APG Garrison Public Affairs

APG's two-day Oktoberfest will kick off at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Friday at 4 p.m. with a 4:30 opening ceremony, and Saturday with an 11 a.m. Volksmarch.

Between Friday's kickoff and Saturday night's fireworks, which will conclude the event, MWR Special Events Coordinator and Oktoberfest planner Gwyn Dolzine said there will be countless fun activities for everyone to enjoy.

"We have a variety of live music - German traditional and jazz - and German dancers," said Dolzine. "We have car and bike shows



Oktoberfest Schedule inside

and a Kids Zone with rides and attractions, stilt walkers, fictional characters, face painting, food and drinks."

Fest goers are invited to attend the opening ceremony in the Festhalle. During the ceremony APG Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, with the garrison commander and installation and gar-

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Ron and Jeanne Brasefield of Bel Air enjoy a dance in their authentic German garb. The couple won a German costume competition at the Oktoberfest celebration in 2012.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson



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## STREET TALK

### What is the best advice you have ever received?

"I do pro wrestling, and when you're taking a bump, they always say 'tuck your chin in and protect yourself.' If the other person doesn't protect you, you better protect yourself."



**Raul Camacho**  
Exchange

"Do not give up immediately. Keep on working and trying hard for what you want."



**Hariana Sethi**  
Family member

"Always find joy in everything you do."



**Bob Brooks**  
Retired military

"Be kind to others."



**Thurl Snell**  
Family member

"Give everybody a chance. A lot of people judge people the moment they see them. Give them a chance no matter what they look or sound like."



**Hamid Ali**  
Commissary

# Red Ribbon Week: Love yourself. Be drug free.

APG ASAP

The Army Substance Abuse Program reminds the community that the Army National Red Ribbon Week observance begins today, Oct. 23 and runs through Oct. 31. The theme of this year's Red Ribbon Week is "Love Yourself. Be Drug Free."

The Red Ribbon Week campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. The continuing tradition of displaying red ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs began after drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered DEA agent Kiki Camarena in 1985. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a drug-free America.

In 1990, the DOD joined in the national effort by commencing an award program to encourage service members to keep

communities drug-free and to recognize outstanding outreach programs.

The APG Army Substance Abuse Program, located in Bldg. 2477 at APG North (Aberdeen), provides substance abuse assessment and intervention services to active duty military and their Family members, DOD civilians and military retirees.

Clinical assessments and treatment services are delivered by licensed clinical social workers who are specialists in addiction and recovery processes. When warranted, ASAP providers collaborate with other health care professionals to coordinate a multi-disciplinary treatment approach.

For more information, contact Robin Stokes, APG Army Substance Abuse Program, at 410-278-5319 or email [robinstine.stokes.civ@mail.mil](mailto:robinstine.stokes.civ@mail.mil).



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## Cybersecurity: Be a smart online citizen

Department of Homeland Security

In 2009, President Obama recognized the need to increase education and dialogue about cybersecurity and issued the Cyberspace Policy Review. As part of this policy review, the Department of Homeland Security was asked to create an ongoing cybersecurity awareness campaign – Stop.Think.Connect. – to help Americans understand the risks that come with being online. The Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign launched on Oct. 4, 2010, in conjunction with National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

The majority of cybercriminals do not discriminate; they target vulnerable computer systems regardless of whether they are part of a government agency, Fortune 500 company, small business, or belong to a home user. However, there are steps you can take to minimize your chances of an incident:

### Keep a Clean Machine

- Keep security software current – Having the latest security software, web browser and operating system is the best defense against viruses, malware and other online threats.
- Automate software updates – Many software programs will automatically connect and update to defend against known risks. Turn on automatic updates if it is an available option.
- Protect all devices that connect to the Internet – Along with computers, smart phones, gaming systems and other web-enabled devices also need protection from viruses and malware.
- Plug & scan – USBs and other external devices can be infected by viruses and malware. Use security software to scan them.

### Protect Your Personal Information

- Secure your accounts – Ask for protection beyond passwords. Many account providers now offer additional ways to verify who you are before you conduct business on that site.
- Make passwords long and strong – Combine capital and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols to create a more secure password.

- Unique account, unique password – Separate passwords for every account helps to thwart cybercriminals.
- Write it down and keep it safe – Everyone can forget a password. Keep a list that's stored in a safe, secure place away from your computer.
- Own your online presence – Set the privacy and security settings on websites to your comfort level for information sharing. It's okay to limit how and with whom you share information.

### Connect with Care

- When in doubt, throw it out – Links in email, tweets, posts, and online advertising are often the way cybercriminals compromise your computer. If it looks suspicious, even if you know the source, it's best to delete or if appropriate, mark as junk email.
- Get savvy about Wi-Fi hotspots – Limit the type of business you conduct and adjust the security settings on your device to limit who can access your machine.
- Protect your \$\$ – When banking and shopping, check to be sure the site is security enabled. Look for web addresses with "https://," which means the site takes extra measures to help secure your information. "Http://," is not secure.

### Be Web Wise

- Stay current – Keep pace with new ways to stay safe online. Check trusted websites for the latest information, and share with friends, family, and colleagues and encourage them to be web wise.
- Think before you act – Be wary of communications that implore you to act immediately, offer something that sounds too good to be true, or ask for personal information.
- Back it up – Protect your valuable work, music, photos, and other digital information by making an electronic copy and storing it safely.

For more information about National Cyber Security Awareness Month and tips for staying safe online, visit [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) or [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org).

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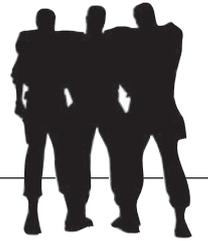
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# MEMORIES OF 'NAM



## Aviator recalls two tours in Vietnam

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Retired Lt. Col. Charles Slimowicz is proud that he served fellow with Soldiers in Vietnam.

Known as Chas to his friends, Slimowicz was commissioned in 1965 after attending the University of

Connecticut. He attended the Armor Office Basic Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky and then the Aviation Flight School at Fort Wolters, Texas.

In December, 1966, at age 22, Slimowicz left Travis Air Force Base, California on a 3 a.m. flight headed for Vietnam. He recalled being tired from the long flight when he arrived in Saigon.

"I was tired but I think my senses were heightened," he said. "It was oppressively hot and I remember the smell of food mixed with body odors. I remember it was dry season and very dusty."

The next day, he was on the back of a truck headed to Cu-Chi, a suburban district of Ho Chi Minh City and the headquarters of the 25th Infantry Division.

Assigned to Alpha Company, 25th Aviation Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, whose call sign was "Little Bears," Slimowicz said he was full of anticipation because he knew a lot about the storied division.

While serving in the UH-1 helicopter company as a pilot, Lt. Slim, as he was called by his Soldiers, flew combat assault and extraction missions as well as reposition and resupply missions and evacuating the wounded.

"Sometimes we'd fly c-rations, hot meals, ammunition, whatever they needed," he said.



**Slimowicz**

He said medevac assignments were the toughest.

"We'd take KIA [Soldiers killed in action] from the mortuary to Saigon," he said. "It was always a somber mission."

He served in Alpha Company until June 1967 when he moved over to the Bravo Company where he went from a pilot to a section leader of gunships and then to fire team leader.

He said he will always remember his first Christmas in-country. On Christmas Day, 1966, he was assigned to fly back-up support for comedian Bob Hope's entertainment show. He got to meet and was photographed with the entertainer and some of the show's cast, including Phyllis Diller, Anita Bryant and Joey Heatherton. He said his high regard for Hope and what he did for America's troops remains.

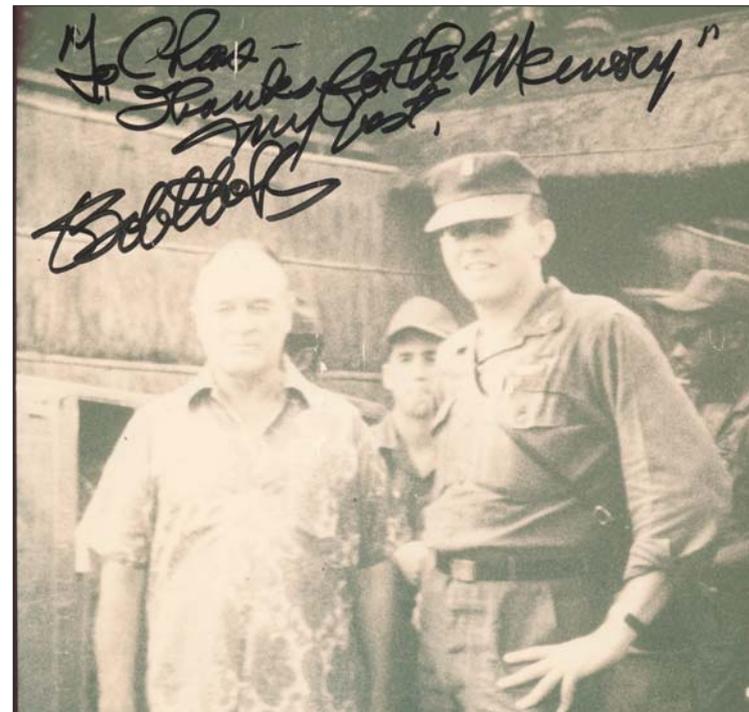
"He was able to connect with the troops and bring home to them," he said. "And he would make them laugh about their chain of command. He was always on the side of the enlisted."

Slimowicz left Vietnam in December 1967 and went to Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia, which was then a part of the Fort Rucker, Alabama aviation school, where he was assigned as an instrument flight instructor.

After attending the Army fixed-wing aircraft course in 1968, he returned to Vietnam in 1969. He flew 01 Birddogs as a platoon leader and operations officer with the 219th Reconnaissance Airplane Company. He said much of his time was spent flying the tri-border area between Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

By 1969 the "phase out" had begun, he added. "We supported the 4th Infantry Division which by then was basically nonexistent."

He added that when President Nixon approved going in to Cambodia in May 1970, the mission combat fire support shifted to work directly with the bat-



(From right) Charles (Chas) Slimowicz was a young Army aviator when he posed for a photo with comedian Bob Hope during a 1966 Christmas Show in Vietnam.

Courtesy photo

teries. "At that time, as operations officer, I was more involved with mission assignments," he said.

Slimowicz remained in the Army for 23 years and retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1989. He married his wife Carolyn, a former head nurse at the APG Kirk Army Hospital, in 1977. She retired in 1990, also as a lieutenant colonel. The couple met at Fort Ord, California and accepted a joint domicile assignment to Maryland where he was assigned to Fort Meade while she went to Kirk. They settled in Bel Air.

Today he is a member of American Legion Post #39 where he also serves as a state officer to the Department of Maryland Boys State Program, a program for young men who have completed their junior year in high school, which teaches the fundamentals of democracy, citizen rights and the functions of local, county and state government.

Slimowicz still looks back on his Vietnam years with awe. Despite the

nation's attitude toward the conflict he remains proud that he served, satisfied most of his time was spent helping fellow Soldiers.

"Those years give me an appreciation of why I might have been spared and for those who were severely wounded or didn't make it home at all," he said. "We had a special camaraderie and we developed deep friendships. Regardless of the ethnicity, we pulled together to do the mission. It was a way of life and I embraced it. People in civilian life don't have those kinds of experiences to relate too. We took pride in serving our country."

He said he doesn't hesitate to thank today's service members for their service and that he feels his war years helped shape the man he is today.

"It taught me to approach things as an individual effort with a can-do attitude," he said. "If you're going to do something, do it the right way the first time. There may not be a next time."

# 20th CBRNE marks 10th anniversary

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

The DOD's only command that combats chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive hazards marked its 10th anniversary Oct. 16.

Headquartered in Maryland's science, technology and security corridor on APG, 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives) was activated by U.S. Army Forces Command on Oct. 16, 2004, to consolidate the U.S. Army's CBRNE forces under one command.

Soldiers and civilians from 20th CBRNE Command train and operate with joint, interagency and allied partners around the world to counter weapons of mass destruction (WMD), eliminate CBRNE threats and defeat improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

The command is home to 85 percent of the active U.S. Army's CBRNE capabilities, with two EOD Groups, one CBRN brigade and several special purpose capabilities, including deployable laboratories, nuclear disablement teams and CBRNE coordination elements.

"Since its creation, the 20th CBRNE Command has saved lives, protected property and enabled mission success around the globe," said 20th CBRNE Commanding General Brig. Gen. JB Burton.

"The 20th CBRNE Command takes on the entire world every day," said Burton, a native of Tullahoma, Tennessee. "Our Soldiers and civilians voluntarily deploy to most dangerous places in the world to confront the most dangerous weapons in the world and they come face-to-face with our enemy's preferred weapons every day."

Since 2004, Soldiers from 20th CBRNE Command have deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and the Balkans. Together with their joint service partners, 20th CBRNE Command explosive ordnance disposal technicians have defeated more than 50,000 IEDs.

EOD technicians from the 20th CBRNE Command have also trained



Photo by G.A. Volb

**The 20th CBRNE Command, the U.S. Department of Defense's only command that combats chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive hazards, marked its 10th anniversary Oct. 16.**

indigenous military and law enforcement bomb squads during humanitarian mine action missions on five of the seven continents.

Not only does 20th CBRNE deploy for global military operations but it is also the DOD's only multifunctional formation that conducts daily Defense Support to Civil Law Enforcement Agency missions.

Stationed on 19 posts in 16 states, 20th CBRNE units defuse unexploded ordnance, remediate chemical weapons sites and serve in the defense CBRNE

Response Force. Nuclear disablement team personnel also serve in the National Technical Nuclear Forensics Ground Collection Task Force.

As 20th CBRNE enters its second decade, Burton said the command is experimenting with a task organization that combines its EOD and CBRN formations into CBRNE task forces that are regionally aligned with I Corps in the Asia Pacific region; III Corps in Europe, Africa and the Middle East; and XVIII Airborne Corps on Global Response Force missions.

"Integrated threats require integrated solutions," Burton said.

The 20th CBRNE commanding general thanked his Soldiers and civilians for everything that they have accomplished in the last 10 years and continue to accomplish in defense of the United States.

"Every day, the men and women of this command demonstrate our U.S. Army Values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage ... the stuff that heroes are made of," Burton said.



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# High-tech solutions for tomorrow's Army

By **KATHRYN BAILEY**  
PM Mission Command

With lives at stake, Soldiers must exhibit a level of coordinated teamwork far beyond their civilian counterparts.

With these Soldiers' needs in mind, the Army has established its own form of teamwork by joining forces with industry, science and technology and academic experts to deliver more agile, adaptive and powerful mission command systems to the Soldier.

"We believe industry and our science and technology partners can bring in great new technologies and capabilities that will be easier and more cost effective to integrate and operate," said Col. Michael Thurston, project manager for mission command (PM MC), part of the Program Executive Office Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T).

Thurston was the keynote speaker at a Sept. 23 event hosted by the Aberdeen Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA), at the Water's Edge Executive Center in Belcamp, Maryland. More than 275 industry representatives learned about PEO C3T's five-year technology roadmap and how they may integrate their capabilities into the Army's network to support Force 2025 efforts.

Thurston presented both existing and emerging technologies within his mission command portfolio, which, following the merger of PM MC and Project Manager Joint Battle Command-Platform in May, provides interoperable command post and mounted capabilities to the Soldier.

One of the most significant advancements is the Army's shift from stand-alone, computer-based systems to web-based systems to execute mission command. The Army is seeking industry's expertise in building these web apps, which simplify systems and cater to the young Soldiers who are naturally drawn to web technology in their everyday lives.

## Common user experience

The foundation for these apps is the common operating environment (COE), which is an approved set of computing technologies and standards that enable secure, interoperable and rapid application development across six computing



Photo credit: Paul Mehney

**Col. Michael Thurston, project manager for mission command, explains how industry can assist with future mission command capabilities to members of the Aberdeen Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Sept. 23.**

environments.

The COE will provide all Soldiers with a common user experience, including common maps, graphics, and icons – from garrison and the command post down to vehicles and dismounted troops.

The common COE software baseline will allow Soldiers to build a flexible "toolkit" of apps that they can use across different devices and environments, pulling apps off the network to meet emerging mission needs.

"With web apps, we can consolidate separate capabilities and display them on one, common, geospatial digital map, anytime, anywhere and on any device," Thurston said.

## Software development kits

To assist in this effort, the government is making software development kits (SDKs) available to third party developers. The Command Post Computing Environment SDKs leverage the Ozone widget framework for apps inside the command post and the Mounted Computing Environment SDK leverages the Android framework for apps inside tactical vehicles.

"If they use our development environment kits, we believe industry can bring us new technologies that will be easier and certainly more cost effective to integrate and field, because they will not have to recreate an entire infrastructure," Thurston said.

"Also, by considering compatibility up front, the Army and industry will be able to develop, test, certify and deliver these capabilities more quickly."

PM MC will also be developing capabilities in the areas of disconnected intermittent latent solutions for uninterrupted operations in the event of a network outage, as well as unified data, a powerful technology that creates common data standards that companies such as Amazon use to identify consumer's past purchases and predict future purchases.

"In an Army environment, this technology could assist in streamlining data for analysts as well as get more up to date information to share around the battlefield," said Portia Crowe, chief, COE and software applications branch, PEO C3T. "It will also ensure a level of data security that we did not have before."

## Next generation solutions

Following Thurston's briefing, Jennifer Zbozny, PEO C3T chief engineer, presented the PEO C3T technical roadmap and highlighted how industry can deliver next generation technical solutions for mission command and other focus areas including network transport, which delivers the flexibility to attach or detach to whatever network is available, network operations, for transparent network management and cyber security, or how to protect and defend the tactical network.

Within this roadmap is the Simplified Tactical Army Reliable Network (STARNet) strategy, which lays out improvements to the PEO C3T system of systems portfolio from today through 2020, and establishes a baseline for the Army's Force 2025 tactical network.

"Our kids will be the Soldiers of Force 2025," Zbozny said. "They know from a young age how to push buttons and navigate apps, so we must consider their proficiencies as a guiding factor when planning future capabilities."

## Collaboration

The event also included technical exchanges led by subject matter experts, providing an overview of each focus area and the technical challenges currently facing the Army, followed by an open forum designed to foster conversation and ideas between the government and industry.

"The constructive dialogue throughout this workshop certainly will enable more collaborative solutions to support the PEO's mission and vision," said Michael Bowen, AFCEA board member.

By breaking down both technological and organizational barriers within its portfolio, PEO C3T is both simplifying and enhancing the capabilities it delivers to Soldiers. It is this same type of collaboration between government and non-government partners that will ensure Soldiers are continually equipped with the latest technologies.

"We must continue to challenge our own workforce, industry, and the requirements, test, and resourcing communities to be more agile and adaptive to achieve the Army's 2025 initiatives," Thurston said. "The stronger we make this collective team, the more prepared we will be for future conflicts."

# ASAP names Coburn new EAP manager

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**

APG News

The APG Army Substance Abuse Program has assigned Patricia Coburn as its new Employee Assistance Program manager.

Coburn has served as an APG substance abuse counselor since

October 2012. Her new responsibilities as an employee assistance counselor and prevention manager start immediately.

The EAP provides confidential evaluation, counseling assistance and referral services for Department of the Army civilian employees, military retirees and civilian and military Family members.

Its services link employees with Family and human services agencies, marriage counselors, alcohol and drug



**Coburn**

“I’m excited and looking forward to serving this community. This is a fresh way to use my skills.”

**Patricia Coburn**

Employee Assistance Program manager

programs, attorneys, social workers, finance counselors and more.

Coburn, who worked primarily with Soldiers, said that while her work was fulfilling she is excited and more than ready to take up the EAP reins.

“What attracts me to EAP professionally is that it opens up more avenues to have a direct impact on people,” she said. “I lose the direct contact with Soldiers but it opens up a wider range of challenges to have a positive impact on APG.”

She said that along with counseling, her job will include participating in health fairs and conducting outreach programs.

“I get to meet the larger APG community,” she said.

She noted that EAP services, which offers “short-term resolutions,” is free and targets well-being and health, balancing responsibilities, stress reduction and other factors in line with the Army’s Ready & Resilient holistic approach to wellness.

“Employees, Soldiers and Family members can expect the best service possible,” Coburn said.

“They can expect me to convey professionalism and trustworthiness, and they can be forthcoming with information and can expect discretion on my part,” she said.

“I’m excited and looking forward to serving this community. This is a fresh way to use my skills.”

“I once read that the payoff for counseling is measured in personal satisfaction. For me, it’s the satisfaction, joy and awe in the privilege of sharing human lives. Counseling is not a lucrative profession but then some of most noble professions are the least lucrative. EAP opens up the APG community to me and I’m ready to get started.”

To contact Coburn about EAP services, call 410-278-1762 or email [patricia.r.coburn.civ@mail.mil](mailto:patricia.r.coburn.civ@mail.mil). For ASAP services call 410-278-3784 (DRUG).

## Army system evolves to meet joint requirements

By **JOHN ROGERS**

U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command

The Multi-user Engineering Change Proposal (ECP) Automated Review System (MEARS) is an Army-managed and owned government off-the-shelf (GOTS) software application for document review by multiple users.

MEARS has supported configuration managers and engineers for years throughout the DOD and Department of Homeland Security (DHS). MEARS also supports the Contract Data Requirements Lists (CDRL) creation, tracking, and review routing process.

The system is web-based, collaborative and allows for concurrent creation and review of documents. It is certified on the Army, Navy and Air Force networks and is fully compliant with all DOD and Army Information Technology policies.

Born from an idea in 1991 at the old Army Missile Command (MICOM) and originally funded by Patriot and Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) missile systems, MEARS is a complete-

ly reimbursable funded software application that supports the ECP process and the CDRL process.

MEARS can route any document or form for review, approval, archival, and implementation. Although considered a configuration management tool, MEARS could more accurately be called a change management tool. The MEARS Program Office is part of the Strategic Integration Office, a directorate at the AMCOM Logistics Center.

The MEARS standard routing form can route any form or document for review and concurrence. MEARS has a low life cycle cost and is usually a fraction of the cost of a similar commercial product. There are no software/hardware or training costs with MEARS and nothing to install on the user’s desktop. There are also no server administration or information technology certification costs, as the MEARS annual support fee covers all potential costs.

MEARS supports the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Missile Defense Agency logistics

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MEARS currently has an Authority to Operate (ATO) and is in the process of ATO renewal for the next three years. MEARS is registered in the Army Portfolio Management System, is Business Enterprise Architecture compliant, and is registered in Architecture Compliance and Requirements Traceability, a DOD compliance tool to show compliancy of an application in its BEA.

The MEARS Program Office is located at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. For more information about MEARS, contact John A. Rogers, the MEARS program manager at [john.a.rogers.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.a.rogers.civ@mail.mil) or 256-876-8834.

# Civilian employees 'indispensable'

By **GARY SHEFTICK**

ARNews

As the troop drawdown in Afghanistan continues, the demand for Army civilian employees there will increase, predicted the service's under secretary.

Speaking at the Department of the Army Civilian Luncheon Oct. 15, during the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C., Under Secretary of the Army Brad R. Carson said the Army's civilian workforce is indispensable. He pledged to continue support for career program development and training for civilians serving worldwide.

More than 1,000 Army civilians now serve in Afghanistan, Carson said, adding that more than 16,000 have served there over the past few years.

Army civilian employees assist with logistics, budgeting and planning, he said. Others help train Afghan security forces as part of the Advise and Assist program.

"The skills of the Army civilian workforce are as much needed as those brought by our military personnel," he said.

With Soldiers now deploying to West Africa to help contain the Ebola epidemic, the under secretary predicted Army civilian employees will also assist with the mission there.

"For it is our civilians who possess those skills necessary to serve in positions like advisor to the minister of health, contract specialist, lawyer, engineer or safety (specialist)," Carson said. "So whether in Afghanistan or Sierra Leone or the many dusty places in between, this is not easy work and it is not work that is going away."

A total of about 225,000 civilians currently work for the Army, Carson said, adding that's only appropriated-fund employees. If nonappropriated fund employees were included, the total would be about 301,000.

Despite this workforce size, Carson said civilian personnel have not always been given the best professional devel-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bernardo Fuller

**Under Secretary of the Army Brad R. Carson says great strides are being made in career programs for civilians, but more needs to be done. He spoke at the Department of the Army Civilian Luncheon during the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C., Oct. 15.**

opment opportunities. Progress is being made, though, he said.

All Army civilians today are in one of 31 career programs. Just four years ago, only 40 percent had career programs.

That means four years ago, only 40 percent of the Army's employees had access to funds for professional development, explained Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civilian Personnel Gwendolyn R. DeFilippi.

Professional staffs have been hired to assist career program managers, she said. Employees have been given access to Army Career Tracker – long used by Soldiers to chart career progression and now available to civilians.

"Indeed much effort has been spent to make life better for our civilian workforce," Carson said.

In August, the Army launched the Civilian Acculturation Pilot Program. The program familiarizes new employees with the Army's culture and mis-

sion at a number of installations and commands. The short-term goal of the program is to ease integration of new employees, Carson said. The long-term goal is to improve job satisfaction and retain talented professionals.

Since 2012, the Army has tripled the number of leadership development programs offered to civilians, Carson said. Programs have been established such as the Civilian Emergent Leadership Development Program initiated by the Army's Training and Doctrine Command.

Many strides have been made, Carson said, but more work needs to be done. He suggested more mentorship programs for civilian employees and a comprehensive talent management program for the workforce.

"I need your help," he said to civilians in the audience, "Your ideas, your passion, your commitment. I believe that together, we and the Army can do some revolutionary things."

The Army civilian workforce has a "long and rich tradition of service," he said. He used the example of John Garand, developer of the M1 rifle.

Garand was a civilian firearms engineer who worked for the Army from 1919 to 1953. His M1 rifle was eventually lauded by Gen. George Patton "as the greatest battle implement ever devised."

"Mr. Garand did not develop this mainstay of the American Soldier overnight," though, Carson said. "His design was forged through years of deliberate trial and error – years rife with the inevitable failures that ultimately enabled success."

He said Garand had something in common with Army employees of today: a desire to make a difference and to be part of a cause larger than himself.

Carson pointed to a current Army employee who made a difference – Ashley Russell, who with a graduate degree from the University of Chicago, originally took a GS-7 position with the Army Medical Command. As a GS-11, she led a review of the Army's Medical Evaluation Board, or MEB, process at Fort Riley, Kansas.

At the time, MEBs were taking an average of 254 days at Fort Riley. Her team identified a number of processes that could be shortened, lowering the average MEB completion time there to 120 days.

Originally, narrative summaries that were supposed to be completed in five days were taking 60. She put together a standard for Medical Command that shortened the average completion time for narrative summaries by more than 50 days.

Russell, who now serves as a GS-12 with Army G-1, was recognized earlier this year at the Lean Six Sigma awards ceremony in the Pentagon.

She saved the Army millions of dollars by "vastly improving" the MEB process, Carson said. "More importantly her work made life better, simpler, easier for injured Soldiers and their families. And there is no price tag on that."

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

## BY THE NUMB#RS

# Celebrating APG Oktoberfest

**4,000**  
Number of individuals projected to attend APG Oktoberfest this Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 & 25.

**500**  
Number of people that can fit into the APG Festhalle, or “festival hall” located in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

**204**  
Years since the first Oktoberfest was held in Munich, Germany in honor of the Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig’s marriage to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen.

**60**  
Number of vehicles that will be on display during the Oktoberfest Car and Bike Show set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25.

**13**  
Number of free inflatable rides and games that will be available for all age groups.

**5**  
Kilometers participants can walk, jog or run during the Oktoberfest Volksmarch, set for an 11 a.m. start at the APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center.

By **RACHEL PONDER**, APG News  
For more information about the APG Oktoberfest, go to [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

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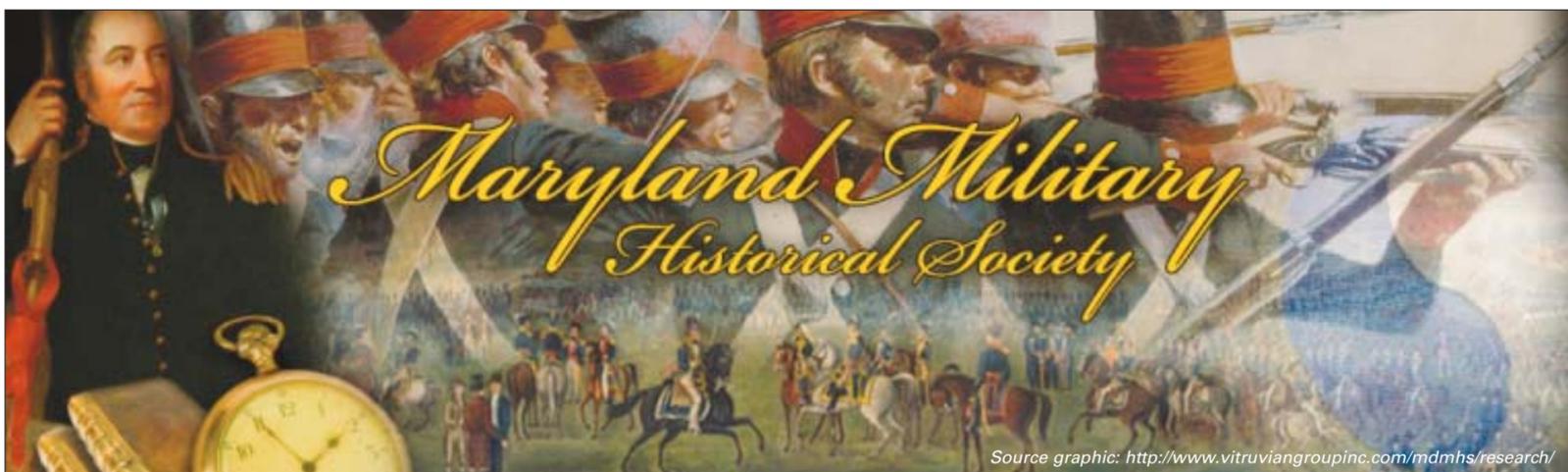
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# ALL THINGS MARYLAND



## Local museum preserves state's military history



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By **STACY SMITH**  
APG News

As Veteran's Day approaches, we are reminded to honor the service of our nation's veterans and active-duty service members. Baltimore City's Maryland Museum of Military History keeps its doors open year-round to preserve and promote the state's military legacy.

According to their website, the museum "strives to convey an awareness of the military service of Marylanders and how that service has helped preserve American freedoms and advance democratic principles."

The Maryland National Guard, Soldiers, Airmen and militia forces are prominently featured at the museum, and its exhibits cover a broad range of topics including military operations within the state, the military service of Maryland citizens, and Maryland's state and national military installations.

The museum's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret and present significant artifacts and artwork relating to the history of Maryland Soldiers and Airmen, and the people, places and events that represent the state's military

heritage.

The seven permanent exhibits at the museum feature Maryland military artifacts and information about the state's historical role in the Revolutionary War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and present day conflicts, as well as Maryland National Guard regimental memorabilia and 29th Infantry Division archives.

The museum's modest roots began in 1973, when a group of dedicated Guardsmen formed the Maryland National Guard Memorial Committee Library to collect and memorialize the Guard's rich history. The committee meetings were held in a room at Baltimore's Fifth Regiment Armory, which was dedicated in 1982 as the official Maryland National Guard Museum.

The museum began to grow and prosper, and in 2005 Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, the Adjutant General, renamed the museum to include all Maryland military history. The museum is now state-owned and maintained by The Maryland Military Historical Society, Inc.

The museum also offers educational programs and public outreach, including a traveling exhibit entitled, "When Free

Men Shall Stand," which details Maryland's role in the War of 1812.

The exhibit seeks to not only highlight the well-known role of Fort Mchenry, but takes a more in-depth approach which "explores the pivotal role of Maryland's forces in the Chesapeake campaign and in the heroic defense of Baltimore that was a significant factor in the shape of the peace that followed," according to the museum's website. A virtual tour of the exhibit is available on the Maryland Museum of Military History website.

In 2013, the museum opened a new exhibit celebrating the military history of Marylanders from the 1991 Persian Gulf War to present day military conflicts. A special exhibit commemorating the World War I centennial is upcoming.

The Maryland Museum of Military History is located at 219 29th Division Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. Normal visitation hours are Tuesday to Friday, 11:00 to 3:00, and Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the Maryland Military Historical Society, Inc. at 410-576-1496, or visit <http://www.vitruviangroupinc.com/mdmhs/>.

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### Adam Ballard Deputy Fire Chief

As the deputy fire chief for the Directorate of Emergency Services' Fire and Emergency Services Division, Adam Ballard helps oversee the fire department's operations, prevention and training branches to assure they are operating in accordance with all applicable regulations and standards.

Ballard currently supervises five employees in the fire prevention branch and assists Fire Chief Scott Delay with the overall administration of the Fire and Emergency Services Division. He attends to many duties both behind his desk and throughout post, some of which include acquisition management, strategic planning and overall management of the division's program.

"The chief and myself like to get out and about and visit the three fire stations to see what people are doing out in the field and to communicate the division's vision and message," Ballard said.

Earlier this month, Ballard helped plan and execute the fire department's open house and several events

throughout the installation in observance of National Fire Prevention Week.

He says that spending long hours together helps create a "camaraderie" between fire department members that is "like having a second family."

Ballard is passionate about public safety and educating the public. In his spare time, he serves as a fire service accreditation peer assessor for the Center for Public Safety Excellence and serves on the Firefighter Professional Qualifications Technical Committee for the National Fire Protection Association.

Ballard says he loves "helping people, making a difference and doing [his] part to make sure everybody is safe and prepared for the worst."

He was the deputy fire chief at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin before accepting his current position in January 2014. He previously served in the U.S. Air Force for eight years as a firefighter.

For more information, contact Adam Ballard, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at 410-306-0584 or, [adam.c.ballard.civ@mail.mil](mailto:adam.c.ballard.civ@mail.mil).



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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## THURSDAY

### OCTOBER 23

#### SEC SECURITY AWARENESS WEEK

The CECOM Software Engineering Center (SEC) will host a Security Awareness Week 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 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.

## 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](http://www.TeamAPG.com), and Facebook page [www.Facebook.com/APGMd](http://www.Facebook.com/APGMd).

## SATURDAY

### OCTOBER 25

#### OKTOBERFEST CAR SHOW

The APG Oktoberfest will host a Car Show of rare or unusual vehicles at the Raritan Avenue parking lot between Erie Street and Frankford Avenue. The show runs 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; registration starts 10 a.m.

Dash plaques will be awarded to the first 100 vehicles. This event will be held outdoors, rain or shine.

To register or for more information visit MWR Leisure Travel Service at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326; call 410-278-4011/4907; email [APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil); or visit the website [www.apgmwr.com/2014-Oktoberfest](http://www.apgmwr.com/2014-Oktoberfest).

The APG Oktoberfest events include a Volksmarch, German food and beer, carnival games and a Festhalle with live entertainment. Except for guide dogs for persons with disabilities, animals are not allowed at Oktoberfest activities.

## VOLKSMARCH 5K

The APG Oktoberfest will host a 5K Volksmarch starting from the APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center starting 11 a.m.

Registration is required to receive a medallion. There is no walk-up registration.

To pre-register, call 410-278-4011 or email: [usarmy.APG.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.APG.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil).

The APG Oktoberfest events include a car show, German food and beer, carnival games and a Festhalle with live entertainment. Except for guide dogs for persons with disabilities, animals are not allowed at Oktoberfest activities.

## TUESDAY

### OCTOBER 28

#### DISABILITY AWARENESS SEMINAR

The Team APG EEO will host a Disability Employment Awareness Seminar 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000.

Guest speakers include Dr. Erin Romero a psychologist with the VA Maryland Health Care System-Baltimore and Peter Allman, a social worker with VAMHCS-Perry Point.

The 2014 National Disability Employment Awareness Month theme is "Expect, Employ, Empower."

For more information, contact David Pickett, CECOM EEO Office, at 443-861-4381 or email [david.b.pickett.civ@mail.mil](mailto:david.b.pickett.civ@mail.mil).

## WEDNESDAY

### OCTOBER 29

#### RISING STAR COMPETITION

APG MWR presents the 2014 Operation Rising Star Competition at 6 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course. Doors open at 5 p.m. The competition is open to active duty military and Family members with a DOD ID card age 18 or older. Registration ends Monday, Oct. 27.

For more information, contact the Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-

4011/4907 or email [usarmy.apg.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.apg.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil).

## 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](mailto:joanna.t.moore@mail.mil) or Sgt. Eric Jimenez, B.O.S.S. President, [eric.jimenez3.mil@mail.mil](mailto:eric.jimenez3.mil@mail.mil).

#### RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Restoration Advisory Board will meet at 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 Quarters.

For more information, contact Karen Jobs, DPW environmental protection specialist, at 410-436-4429 or email [karen.w.jobs.civ@mail.mil](mailto:karen.w.jobs.civ@mail.mil)

## FRIDAY

### OCTOBER 31

#### HALLELUJAH HARVEST

The Main Post Chapel will host an "alternative to Halloween" with a Hallelujah Harvest Celebration for military and civilian Families, singles and retirees 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The free celebration includes refreshments, crafts and games for all ages. For more information call 410-278-4333.

## TUESDAY

### NOVEMBER 4

#### DIABETES INFO SESSION

The CECOM Wellness Program will host a Diabetes Education Information Session noon to 1 p.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000. Guest Speaker Michelle Christman will discuss diabetes and methods to live "well." The session is open to APG service members, civilians and contractors.

To request disability accommodations or for more information, contact Tiffany Grimes, CECOM EEO Office, at 443-861-4355 or email [tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tiffany.l.grimes.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. 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>.

## 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](mailto:joanna.t.moore@mail.mil).

#### FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

The APG Fire Department Fire Prevention Branch will host training for fire extinguisher use Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) Conference Center, Bldg. E4810.

The training will review how to use a fire extinguisher and how to identify the correct type of extinguisher to use to extinguish a fire. The training will also give a detailed fire extinguisher inspection instruction.

tion instruction.

For more information, contact William J. Bond, fire protection inspector, Fire Protection Division, Bldg. 4314, 410-306-0093 or [william.j.bond1.civ@mail.mil](mailto:william.j.bond1.civ@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](http://www.MarylandMarines.org).

## TUESDAY

### NOVEMBER 18

#### FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS FAIR

A Health Fair for federal employees featuring health benefit carriers who will provide information about 2015 health plans will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326. Health Benefits Open Season is Nov. 10 to Dec. 8. To enroll or to change FEHB coverage, employees must contact the Army Benefits Center at <https://www.abc.army.mil> or call 1-877-276-9287.

## WEDNESDAY

### NOVEMBER 19

#### VETERANS JOB FAIR

Fort George G. Meade will host a Veterans Job Fair 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Club Meade, 6600 Mapes Road. The event, to honor all veterans, is open to the general public and includes nearly 70 employers. Bring resumes and dress for success. Featured will be the Resume Doctor – a free resume evaluation and preparation assistance service. Free shuttle service will be provided from Fort Meade's Smallwood Hall parking lot to Club Meade. To reserve ASL Interpreter Service email Jerome Duncan at [jerome.duncan@maryland.gov](mailto:jerome.duncan@maryland.gov) by Nov. 7.

Individuals not in possession of a DOD sticker must enter Fort Meade via MD Route 175 at the Reece Road gate. Be prepared to present a photo ID or driver's license, valid registration and proof of insurance.

For more information, go to [www.ftmeademwr.com](http://www.ftmeademwr.com).

## THURSDAY

### NOVEMBER 20

#### FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS FAIR

A Health Fair for federal employees featuring health benefit carriers who will provide information about 2015 health plans will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, Bldg. E4140. Health Benefits Open Season is Nov. 10 to Dec. 8. To enroll or to change FEHB coverage, employees must contact the Army Benefits Center at <https://www.abc.army.mil> or call 1-877-276-9287.

#### JAZZ CONCERT

Music lovers won't want to miss the APG MWR Jazz Concert featuring Jazz Saxophonist Mindi Abair and Guitarist Nick Colonne at Top of the Bay. Abair has toured and/or recorded with the Backstreet Boys, Duran Duran, Adam Sandler, Lee Ritenour, Teena Marie, and others, and Colonne received the 2007 International Instrumental Artist of the Year Award at the Wave Jazz Awards and was named the Artist of the Year at the 2011 Rehoboth Beach Jazz Festival.

The show begins 7 p.m., doors open 5 p.m. Advance tickets cost \$25; \$35 the day of the show while supplies last. Tickets are on sale at Top of the Bay, Bldg. 30; call 410-278-5915 or purchase online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/apgrectrac.html>.

For more information, visit the APGM-WR website at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) or call 410-278-4011/4907.

## 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.

## NOVEMBER

#### APG CFC MOUSTACHE COMPETITION

All APG military, civilians and contractors are invited to participate in a moustache competition to benefit the APG Combined Federal Campaign. Facial hair will compete in four categories: "Best Natural Moustache," "Best Styled Moustache," "Best Fake" and "Worst in Show."

There is no entry fee but a donation to the charity of your choice via the CFC is recommended.

In addition to individual submissions, groups of employees are encouraged to share photos of their teams, groups, organization or units in "full moustache."

Those wishing to participate must sign up by Nov. 14. Visit

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4bafaf28a2f58-2014> to register.

Entry photos are due no later than Nov. 24. Winners will be announced no later than Dec. 5.

For more information or to submit a photo contact Capt. Mary Hubbard at [mary.j.hubbard.civ@mail.mil](mailto:mary.j.hubbard.civ@mail.mil) and Staff Sgt. Frank Rodriguez at [frank.p.rodriguez10.mil@mail.mil](mailto:frank.p.rodriguez10.mil@mail.mil).

#### 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. The next clinic is set for Oct. 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](mailto:michael.e.graziano.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](mailto:michael.p.slayman.civ@mail.mil).

## MORE ONLINE

More events can be seen at [www.apgnews.army.mil/calendar](http://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 1971.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

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## 10 Years Ago: Oct 22, 2004



**Left:** Master Sgt. Darrick Preston of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools uses a welding torch while working in the Jesse James Monster Garage for the Army Monster Garage Team Tractor Pull project that aired on the Discovery Channel Oct. 18, 2004.



**Right:** Capt. Shelley Sanders of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory wins a silver medal in the Women's Division while competing with the All Army Golf Team at Fort Carson, Colorado.

## 25 Years Ago: Oct 18, 1989



**Left:** Master Shooter Capt. Don Johnson poses with his pistol and trophies after being named Maryland State Shooting Champion in the small boar hunter category. He also shot fourth in the master's hunter division.



**Right:** 1st Sgt. Ronald Calendar, foreground, leads U.S. Army Combat Systems Test Activity Soldiers on an early-morning Commander's Run that included every unit on the installation.

## 50 Years Ago: Oct 21, 1964



**Left:** John Byrne, a technician in the Exterior Ballistic Laboratory, prepares to install the radio-equipped gun probe in the breech block of a five-inch gun during tests of a new telemetry system.



**Right:** Teen Town teens practice a dance for an upcoming show. From left are Shalonn Smith, Linda Phillips, Pat Gallagher, Sadie Rizzuto, Joane Leppert and Becky Lufkin. Kneeling is Theresa Burgoon.

# Retirees assured of command interest

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itary retirees, their spouses and survivors. McClinton thanked retirees for attending and encouraged them to contact him and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams, “to ensure we continue to meet the needs of our retired community.”

“In my opinion, every day is retiree appreciation day,” he said.

The day started with retirees visiting organization and vendor displays then moved on to round table discussions from service providers, followed by a Q&A session.

Retired Lt. Col. Nelson Laughton, council chair, hosted the program and retired 1st Sgt. Tom Shumate, chief, Military Personnel Officer, and other personnel from the garrison’s Human Resources Directorate assisted. The guest speaker was John Radke, chief of Army Retirement Services, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Radke talked about the retirement process, reviewed Army Regulation 600-8-7 and the Retirement Services Program. He focused on the Soldier for Life initiative and told listeners to keep apprised of information through the **soldierforlife.army.mil** website. He noted that there are more than 500,000 retirees in the nation and more than double that amount of survivors and spouses.

“That’s 2.2 million people we touch directly or indirectly,” he said.

He said retirees should keep up with issues affecting them through the “Army Echoes” newsletter that is issued three times a year, in February, June and October, and now is available as an app for iPhones, iPads and Android phones.

Noting that the Army Career and Alumni Program has been renamed Soldier for Life, Radke said it maintains its transition assistance mission.

“We want you to be a Soldier for life,” he said. “Our job is to sustain you – to tell you how important you are so you can be an ambassador.”

He described the Army Retirement Service Office (RSO) website as overall easier and simpler to use” with links to Army Echoes, blogs and a FAQ database.

**“I’m a believer that our Army is the most respected profession because of our veterans and retirees. People say retirees and veterans are in our communities. I say retirees and veterans are our communities.”**

**Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford**  
APG Senior Commander

“Please check out this site, it’s extremely important,” he said. “Most importantly, on behalf of all of us who work for you, I just want to say thank you. We are proud of your service.”

**Panel discussion**

During the panel discussion, APG MWR Director Mike Lupacchino invited listeners to attend APG Oktoberfest set for Oct. 24 & 25 with activities centered at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. Events include a Festhalle with German foods, children’s activities, a car show, a Volksmarch 5K and a market place with about 30 vendors, as well as live entertainment. For more information, visit the MWR website at **www.apgmwr.com** or call 410-278-4011.

He also invited guests to check out the jazz concert set for Nov. 29 at Top of the Bay featuring saxophonist Mindi Abair and guitarist Nick Colionne. Later post events include the Dec. 3 Holiday Tree Lighting festivities.

Lupacchino and McClinton also addressed a question about the former thrift shop on post. McClinton said the shop, which was run by a private organization, was not bringing in enough revenue and could not continue to operate due to the cost of operating on the installation.

Panel members included representatives from AAFES, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, the Veterinary Treatment Facility, Corvias Military Housing and the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs.

**Organization displays**

APG organization displays included the CECOM Deputy Inspector General; Army Community Service (ACS); the

Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP); KUSAHC, the APG Dental Clinic and Army Wellness Center and MWR.

At the CECOM IG display, Deputy Inspector General Melvin Graves said he’s been “telling folks anyone can come to the IG and bring any issue.”

“We are fair and impartial fact-finders,” Graves said, “the eyes and conscience of the commander, and gatherers of information about morale and readiness.”

He said anyone – active duty military, government civilians, contractors, Family members and visitors to APG – can bring an issue or concern to the office.

“If it’s not appropriate we will refer you to the proper channels.”

For more information, call 443-861-4302 or email [melvin.j.graves.civ@mail.mil](mailto:melvin.j.graves.civ@mail.mil).

At the KUSAHC display, Health Benefits Advisor Deborah Dodsworth distributed patient information brochures as well as a list of retiree medical services. They include on-site specialty clinics, TRICARE enrollment assistance, preventive health clinics and more.

“KUSAHC can still serve as your primary care location even after the age of 65,” Dodsworth said.

For more information, contact Dodsworth at 410-278-1719 or email [deborah.a.dodsworth.civ@mail.mil](mailto:deborah.a.dodsworth.civ@mail.mil).

**Veteran service organizations**

Local organizations included Aberdeen’s Freestate Chapter 70 Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association (WACVA); Bel Air American Legion Post #39; The Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs; and The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA).

Vendors included USAA, Getting There Ride Share, TRICARE, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); and the APG Federal Credit Union (APGFCU).

Laura Goodpasture represented the Maryland’s only chapter of the national organization WACVA. Goodpasture said full or associate membership is open to women of all branches of service who have served or are currently serving. She said the organization, which meets 11 a.m. the first Saturday of each month at the Aberdeen Senior Center, focuses on serving women veterans in local communities and at the Perry Point Veterans Affairs Military Center in Perryville.

“We’re always recruiting,” she said, noting that many of the group’s founding members served at APG in the 1960s. “We need younger members to carry on the good work of this chapter,” she said.

**Attendees**

Several attendees said they gained a lot of information during the event.

Retired Navy reservist Jeff Whitehead and his wife Raynea from Pennsylvania were visiting APG for the first time.

“We love it,” he said. “It was great to see so much information and services all in one place.”

Another Navy reservist, Joe Pagano, said he regularly visits the APG Commissary and uses MWR services.

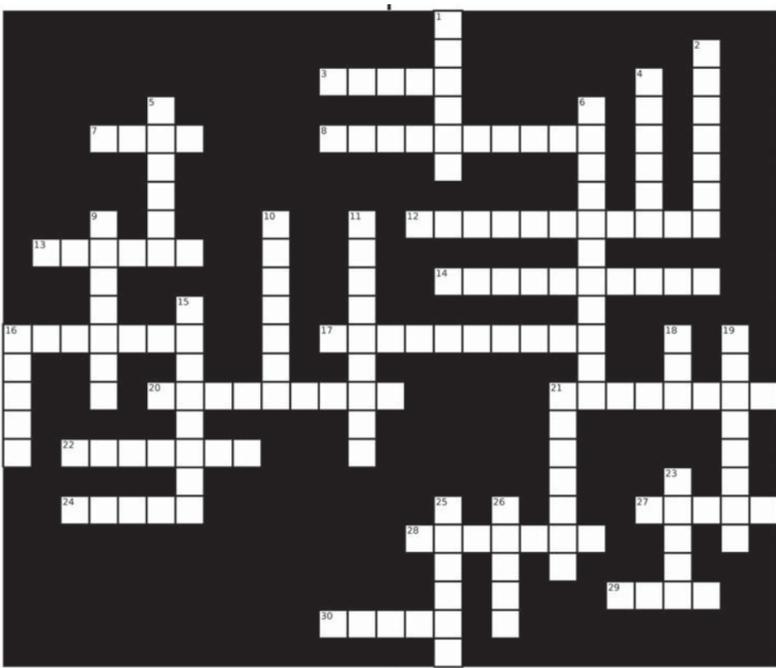
“Every event we go to is Army,” he said. “They really take care of their people. I learned more in two days here than I learned my whole career.”

“It was well prepared and well presented,” added George Martin, a former APG police officer and retired Army sergeant first class, who also is retired from federal service. “But I would have liked a law enforcement presence,” he said.

According to Retiree Council president, Laughton, the next Retiree Appreciation Event is set for May 9, 2015 when it will kick off APG Armed Forces Week events.

Check the APG News and APG social media sites for more information.

## The APG Crossword



Think you know all about autumn? Test your knowledge in this fall-themed puzzle

**Across**

- 3. This actress starred in the 2000 film “Autumn in New York”
- 7. Many Americans do this the day after Thanksgiving
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ Harvest hosted by the APG Main Post Chapel as an

alternative to Halloween

- 12. A German prince’s wedding celebration set off this annual festival
- 13. According to superstition, catching these in autumn brings good luck

- 14. According to Greek legend, autumn beings when \_\_\_\_\_ returns to Hades in the underworld.
- 16. What children wear to go trick-or-treating
- 17. This author wrote, “I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.”
- 20. “Wake Me Up When \_\_\_\_\_ Ends”
- 21. Americans vote on this day
- 22. Birds do this in the fall
- 24. This poet wrote, “To Autumn,” in 1819.
- 27. The Darlington \_\_\_\_\_ Festival is a popular fall event in Harford County
- 28. Released the song “When October Goes” in 1984
- 29. This animal is known to roam the streets of APG, especially in the fall
- 30. These tours increase in demand around Halloween

- will host “The \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic” on Oct. 31
- 10. People get this in the fall to protect themselves from the flu virus
- 11. Jamie Lee Curtis made her film debut in this scary movie
- 15. November day set aside to thank all who served in the U.S. armed forces
- 16. October is National \_\_\_\_\_ Security Awareness month
- 18. The APG Veterinary Clinic is having a Halloween \_\_\_\_\_ Costume Contest
- 19. Popular fall sport in the U.S.
- 21. Means “equal night”
- 23. Starbucks drink, Pumpkin \_\_\_\_\_ Latte
- 25. On Nov. 1, the Catholic Church celebrates All \_\_\_\_\_ Day
- 26. Apple drink available at farm stands and markets in the fall

Solution to the October 16 puzzle



## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Pragmatic

Pronounced: prag-MAT-ik

**Part of speech: Adjective**

**Definition:**

- 1. Archaic: busy; officious; opinionated
- 2. Relating to matters of fact or practical affairs often to the exclusion of intellectual or artistic matters : practical as opposed to idealistic
- 3. Relating to or being in accordance with philosophical pragmatism(see PRAGMATISM)

**Other forms:** Pragmatic - Noun  
Prag-mat-i-cal-ly - Adverb

**Use:**

- My mother is quite pragmatic in nature and never does anything without rationalizing it first.
- The book’s mind-over-matter approach is pragmatic and well-explained.
- His pragmatic view of public education comes from years of working in city schools.
- However pragmatic the ancients’ motives, terror had somehow given birth to beauty.

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

## ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

### HHS

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is the U.S. government’s principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.

Formerly named the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and once known as the Health Department, HHS is a cabinet-level department of the federal government responsible for almost a quarter of all federal outlays. It administers more grant dollars than all other federal agencies combined.

As of 2013, HHS employees numbered 76,341, including 18,948 in the National Institutes of Health; 15,429 with its Indian Health Service division and 14,829 in the Food and Drug Administration. The president’s 2015 Fiscal Year budget for HHS is \$940.9 billion. Sylvia Mathews Burwell is the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Source: [www.hhs.gov/](http://www.hhs.gov/)

# Garrison symposium offers career guidance

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Celestine Beckett, the garrison's Human Resource Directorate leader and workforce development manager, hosted the event.

The overall goal was to inform employees about career-focused leadership, education and training opportunities available for career advancement. Having this information available at one time in a single forum was the key, Beckett said.

"We do want employees to feel confident that they are doing all they can to manage their own careers. For some, attending this symposium was the first step in that process."

According to Wait, it is critical that the workforce has the proper tools to know and understand where they need to go for career information.

"The real takeaway is that while each individual is responsible for his or her career, we want to make sure they have all the tools that they need," Wait said.

He said the symposium, while successful, was only the first step and that training over the next year will focus on specific areas such as Army Career Tracker and GoArmyEd.

"We'll pare it down to specific venues and opportunities to give folks what they need to develop," he said.

Another thing being looked at is career programs, and making sure everyone is in line with their program, Wait added.

"There is so much information out there; the idea is to let folks know where

to find the information and how to use it.

"The bottom line is, I can provide all of the tools, but the individual must take those tools and use them."

## Leadership development

The session led by Brown touched on several programs and courses geared toward developing Department of the Army civilians. She said her office works with the DOD to look at what the federal government needs to do to improve the civilian workforce and that supervisors and leaders are tasked with ensuring their subordinates are informed.

"You have to have the attitude that your supervisor owes it to you to make sure you have the skill sets to do the job you were hired to do," she said.

She reviewed civilian guiding principles, including Army and leader development imperatives and gave an overview of the Civilian Leader Development Program, and the Civilian Education System (CES) and equivalent courses.

She encouraged attendees to access [www.civiliantraining.army.mil](http://www.civiliantraining.army.mil) to learn more.

"Success is defined as a civilian training and leader development program that is fully coordinated," she said.

## A culture of success

Tormey discussed the how building a culture of success is in line with the U.S. Army Core Values.

"Core values lay the foundation for success for the organization," he said. "The problem is, we have core values but we

don't embrace them."

He encouraged listeners to take the Army and Civilian creeds to heart to gain success in their professions as well as in their personal lives.

"It's a lifestyle," he said.

## The Army profession

The session led by Wait, titled "America's Army; Our Professionals," focused on the Army as a profession. He reminded listeners of their oath to the nation and showed video featuring comments about Army virtues from Command Sgt. Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler.

"This was about laying out the importance of our profession and how the things we do every day affect our Soldiers," Wait said.

The session culminated with everyone on their feet as Wait led the reading of the Army Civilian Corps Creed and the Oath of Office for Army Civilians.

"We swear to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States," he said. "Not a lot of professions do that. To me, that's the key difference between X professions and the Army profession."

During closing remarks, McClinton said the symposium was "outstanding" and he thanked Beckett, organizers and volunteers for their efforts to bring the event to the Garrison workforce.

He said one goal of the training process is to hold leaders responsible for the training of their organizations.

Beckett thanked the guest presenters, the Garrison command group and director-

ates and the Top of the Bay staff for their support. She also requested feedback from participants.

"We will be looking out for other opportunities for the workforce," she said, noting future training events to complement the annual symposium will be planned as they occur.

"It's all about job satisfaction," she said. Several attendees expressed appreciation for the information and guidance.

Vivia Pollock, a nonappropriated fund employee with the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said she was not aware of much of the information the symposium provided.

"Information is power and now I'm feeling more in control," she said.

Garrison employee Jodi Knowles said she thought the overall program was well put together and "highly informative."

"I learned about several new programs and some not so new, just with different names," she said. "It was important and relevant."

Directorate of Public Works civilian Stanley McNulty said he thought the shared information gave people "ownership of their careers."

"They gave out information and explained how things work. That's information everyone needs," he said.

For more information or suggestions about future workforce development training programs, contact Beckett at 410-306-2333 or email [celestine.beckett.civ@mail.mil](mailto:celestine.beckett.civ@mail.mil).

# Oktoberfest festivities begin tomorrow, Oct. 24

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rison command sergeants major, will sign the U.S. Army Community Covenant alongside community leaders, reaffirming local support of the U.S. Armed

Forces.

"The proving ground has had a wonderful relationship with our local communities and been able to thrive, thanks in part to their unwavering support,"

said Dolzine. "The covenant signing demonstrates the commitment and partnership that our APG and local leadership enjoy."

After the covenant signing will be a keg tapping and toast, reminiscent of the centuries old Bavarian tradition.

Dolzine said Saturday morning's event, the Volksmarch, will be similar to the non-competitive fitness walk that has been popular in Europe for decades.

A German word, meaning "people's march," Volksmarches are low-impact events in which community members gather to hike a designated outdoor path, usually 10 kilometers (6.2 mi). Dolzine said this event is only 5 kilometers but like European Volksmarches, participants will receive incentive awards.

The public is invited and we're really hoping for a great turnout," said Dolzine, urging anyone who plans to participate to register before the morning of the event. She said they prefer advance registration but will accept registration the day of.

Another fun and "really fascinating activity," said Dolzine are the jump rope performers, the Hoppin Hawks, and the hula hoop performers.

The Oktoberfest is free and open to the public. The only things attendees must pay for is food, drink and souvenirs, said Dolzine.

Other attractions include Main Street vendors and souvenirs. For a detailed schedule of events, see the box to the left. For more information, visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).



## Schedule of Events

### Friday, Oct. 24

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
4:30 p.m.	OPENING CEREMONY - Community covenant signing - Remarks by APG senior leader and community leader - Ceremonial keg tap	Festhalle (APG North recreation center)
4 - 9 p.m.	FAMILY FUN ZONE - Inflatable games and rides - Food and beverage vendors	APG North rec. center grounds
4 - 9 p.m.	MAIN STREET MARKET PLACE - Vendors and Community Tables - Food and Beverage Vendors	APG North rec. center grounds
4 - 5 p.m.	ROVING ACCORDIAN MUSIC - Music by Bob Kryster	Festhalle, APG North rec. center grounds
5 - 9 p.m.	FESTHALLE & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - Edleweiss German band & German dancers - Food and beverage vendors	Festhalle
6:00 p.m.	GI Film Festival	Rec Center snack bar

### Saturday, Oct. 25

11 a.m.	VOLKSMARCH - 5K Run, Walk	Start/Finish at Event Area APG Gym
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	CAR AND BIKE SHOW - DJ - Frank Sinatra Impersonator Performance - Awards at 2:30	DPW parking lot
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.	FESTHALLE & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - Jesse Powers jazz band, 11 a.m. - Edleweiss German band, 1 - 9 p.m., 45 min sessions) - German dancers, 1 - 9 p.m., 30 min. sessions during band break - Food and beverage vendors - Souvenir Sales - Sponsor Displays	Festhalle
11 a.m. - 8 p.m.	FAMILY FUN ZONE - Inflatable rides and games - Clowns and balloon animals - Stilt walker - Face Painting - Caricatures - Food and beverage vendors	APG North rec. center grounds
11a.m. - 9 p.m.	MAIN STREET - Vendors and Community Tables - Food and beverage vendors	APG North rec. center grounds
9:00 p.m.	FIREWORKS DISPLAY	APG North rec. center grounds

## Did You Know?

**MOH recipient Master Sgt. Roy P. Benavidez saved the lives of at least eight Soldiers after being seriously wounded and engaging in hand-to-hand combat.**



Retired Master Sgt. Roy P. Benavidez was born in 1935 in Cuero, Texas. He was the son of a Mexican-American father and a Yaqui Native American mother. Benavidez lost his parents at an early age, and he and his brother were raised with relatives. He joined the Army in 1955.

On May 2, 1968, while a staff sergeant with Detachment B-56, Special Forces Group in the Republic of Vietnam, Benavidez distinguished himself "with a series of daring and extremely valorous actions" in the dense jungles west of Loc Ninh.

According to his Medal of Honor citation, Benavidez volunteered to assist in a rescue attempt of a Special Forces Reconnaissance Team under heavy fire. Benavidez directed the helicopter pilot to a clearing, jumped from the aircraft and ran 75 meters under fire to the crippled team. He was wounded in the right leg, face and head.

Despite the injuries, he repositioned the team members, used smoke canisters to mark the team's position and then carried and dragged half of the wounded to the awaiting aircraft. Then, he was wounded again in the abdomen and back while retrieving classified documents. At the same time the helicopter pilot was mortally wounded and the aircraft crashed.

Amazingly, Benavidez returned to the aircraft, pulled the stunned team members out and gathered them into a defensive perimeter. Under increasing fire, he distributed water to the team and encouraged them not to give up.

He began calling in tactical air strikes and directed strikes from supporting gunships to clear the way for another extraction attempt. He was wounded again in his thigh just as the helicopter landed.

Still, he began ferrying his comrades to the aircraft. On his second trip, he was clubbed in the head but was able to kill his adversary in hand-to-hand combat. He then continued carrying the wounded. He then spotted and killed two enemy soldiers who were rushing the craft. Nearly out of strength, he made one last trip to the perimeter to bring in the remaining wounded and only then did he allow himself to be pulled into the aircraft.

"Benavidez' gallant choice to voluntarily join his comrades who were in critical straits, to expose himself constantly to withering enemy fire, and his refusal to be stopped despite numerous severe wounds, saved the lives of at least eight men," the MOH citation reads.

Benavidez recovered from his wounds and continued to serve the Army. He retired in 1976. On Feb. 24, 1981, President Ronald Reagan presented Roy P. Benavidez the Medal of Honor. Reagan reportedly turned to the press and said: "If the story of his heroism were a movie script, you would not believe it".

**Yvonne Johnson, APG News**  
Source: [www.history.army.mil](http://www.history.army.mil)

# 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/>.



Courtesy photo

## TEAM ATEC RUNS ARMY TEN MILER

Thirty-five runners from the Army Test and Evaluation Command participated in the Army Ten Miler Oct. 12, making up five ATEC teams. All five teams finished in the top half of their respective divisions. ATEC employees, back row (from left), Chris Roman, Erin Knutson, Brian Knutson, Scott Bindel, Mike Karwatka and, front row (from left), Andrew Knutson, Gillian Roman, Dominique Edwards, Karen Mannix, Lorrie Chieffo and Eric Nordquist, celebrate finishing the Army Ten Miler at the Team ATEC Hooah! tent.

## FAIR DRAWS MORE THAN 500 JOB SEEKERS



(From left) Paula Sagui and Bill Stephens, from Engility Corporation, talk to Rich Hall, a military veteran and Jenny Pham, a University of Baltimore college student, about job opportunities during the Susquehanna Workforce Network Harford County Job Fair at Ripken Stadium Oct. 16. APG collaborates with the SWN to produce the bi-annual event. For more information about employment assistance contact Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service employment readiness program manager at 410-278-9669 or email [marilyn.e.howard.civ@mail.mil](mailto:marilyn.e.howard.civ@mail.mil).

Photo by Rachel Ponder

# Halloween fun, safety go hand in hand

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- Check that masks fit securely and allow your child to see well.
- Get creative- make safety a part of your child's costume!

### Trick-or-treating

APG recommends observing trick-or-treat between 6 and 8 p.m., as does the Harford County Sheriff's Office and the City of Aberdeen. The sun sets at 5:54 p.m. on Oct. 31, so plan your walk accordingly and remember the following safety precautions when trick-or-treating:

- Follow the rules of the road and stick to the sidewalk.
- Accompany children under the age of 12 at all times.
- Make sure teenagers travel in groups and stay together. Establish a curfew. Talk to your children about ways they can stay safe.
- Carry a well-charged cell phone with you.
- Do not eat candy that appears open or is not individually wrapped.
- Map out a safe neighborhood route for your child to follow. Practice walking the route with your child.
- Review pedestrian rules with your children, such as 'hold an adult's hand' or 'look both ways when crossing the street.'
- Warn children to never go inside a stranger's house. All trick-or-treating



should occur outside a person's home.

- Listen to your intuition; if a person or situation feels unsafe, it probably is.

### At home

Giving out candy or watching a scary movie is a simple way to enjoy the evening, but safety precautions should still be taken. Ron Kravitz, APG occupation and safety specialist, recommends that folks consider fire prevention and safety when decorating their homes.

"Do not overload electrical outlets with holiday lighting or special effects," Kravitz said. "And always keep Jack O'

Lanterns and hot electric lamps away from drapes, decorations, flammable materials, or areas where children will be standing or walking."

Consider these other safety tips as you prepare your home for Halloween:

- Remove obstacles from your yard and the path to your front door.
- Make sure the outside of your home is well-lit.
- Provide treats that are individually wrapped.
- Don't open your door to strangers if you feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- Consider lighting Jack O' Lanterns

with artificial candles.

- Restrain dogs and other animals.

### On the roads

Motorists should exercise extreme caution during the late afternoon and evening hours. Children are everywhere on Halloween and not always easy to spot. Consider the following safety tips when driving.

- Obey the speed limit at all times. When driving through residential neighborhoods where children are likely to be trick-or-treating, consider driving under the speed limit.
- Watch for children in the street. Excited youngsters may be more likely to dart out quickly or appear from between parked cars.
- If intending to drink alcohol, plan ahead to get home safely by selecting a designated driver in advance or ensuring cab service is available from the party location.
- Consider an overnight stay. If attending a party at a friend's house, consider asking to stay overnight or look into hotel accommodations within walking distance. Many hotels offer special Halloween weekend rates and promotions.
- Take time to prepare yourself and your loved ones this Halloween. Remember to keep safety in mind so everyone at APG can have a good time!