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The 1st Area Medical Laboratory held a colors casing ceremony in preparation for an upcoming deployment at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Oct. 27. The unit will deploy in support of Operation United Assistance to help prevent the spread of Ebola in Liberia.
Photo by Sean Kief

1st AML set to deploy to Liberia

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

The U.S. Army's one-of-a-kind expeditionary medical laboratory will depart for Liberia this week.

The 1st Area Medical Laboratory cased its unit colors in a ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Oct. 27 prior to its upcoming deployment for Operation United Assistance, the U.S. effort to contain the most deadly Ebola outbreak in history.

"The 1st AML is trained, equipped and ready for this mission," said Brig. Gen. JB Burton, the commanding general of the 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives).

"The 1st AML brings unique capabilities to our nation's efforts in support of this mission and will play a vital role in enabling the understanding of this disease as a part of a larger joint and interagency enterprise," said Burton.

In Liberia, 1st AML will serve as a part of the 101st Air Assault Division's Joint Task Force Headquarters and will set up laboratories for testing samples.

"They will join of a team of Soldiers, doctors and scientists who have come together to support the U.S. Agency for International Development. They will deploy state-of-the-art analyzers and highly trained

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Survey to influence DOD aid to schools

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

Parents who live or work on APG, including military and civilians, family members and contract employees, may directly contribute to their child's school funding for the next school year by completing and returning the Federal Impact Aid survey card that is sent home with their child on Oct. 31 or distributed at parent-teacher conferences next month.

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) uses statistical information provided by the Federal Impact Aid survey to determine which schools will be reimbursed for loss of tax support associated with federally connected students residing on and off the installation.

By completing and promptly

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CECOM welcomes new CSM

By **PAMELA LEIGH**
CECOM Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) hosted a change of responsibility ceremony for its senior enlisted advisor at APG's C4ISR Center of Excellence Campus Oct. 22.

CECOM Commanding General and APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford presided over the ceremony that transferred responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis J. Dent to Command Sgt. Maj. William G. Bruns.

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Command Sgt. Maj. William Bruns (left) accepts the colors of U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command from CECOM Commanding General and APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford (center) during a change of responsibility ceremony in the Myer Auditorium. Bruns replaces outgoing CECOM and APG Senior Enlisted Advisor Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent (right).

Photo by Kristopher Joseph



Oktoberfest brings communities together



Staff Report

Hundreds of members of the APG and local communities gathered at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center for Oktoberfest festivities Oct. 24-25.

Inspired by the annual celebration in Munich, Germany, APG Oktoberfest serves as an opportunity for Team APG and the local communities to come together as one greater community.

From German food, dancers and beer to fireworks and inflatable games and rides, the event offered free, family-friendly activities for the entire community.

Local vendors lined "Main Street," selling crafts, jewelry and other items throughout the weekend. Hula hoop and jump rope performers entertained attendees, along with a roving accordion player and a stilt walk-

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Performing with The Edelweiss Band, (from left) Rob Sherwin and Jim Canty cheer on the crowd to join in singing traditional German music.

Photo by Molly Blossie

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What are your Halloween plans?

My wife and I are taking our children trick-or-treating. The whole family is dressing up like Super Mario characters, because my son is obsessed with Super Mario.



Sgt. 1st Class Larry Avancini
CID

I am going to get together with friends. We are talking about going to a haunted house. I don't know what costume I am going to wear yet.



Rachel Armiger
College student

I am looking forward to taking my grandchildren to a trunk-or-treat event at a church in Port Deposit. During this event people decorate their vehicles and hand out candy.



Colleen Jennings
Military spouse

I am going trick-or-treating in New York City. My costume is all black and decorated with neon green lights. I look like an alien or a ghost.



Sebastian Valdez
Family member

I am going trick-or-treating. I am dressing up as the goddess Artemis because she is my favorite character in the Percy Jackson movies.



Emma Chaney
Family member

Proper use of a DOD vehicle

Any individual at APG authorized to operate a DOD non-tactical vehicle must adhere to the APG Non-Tactical Vehicle (NTV) Official Use Policy signed by APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton on Oct. 16.

Authorized individuals are reminded that the use of all DOD vehicles is restricted to Official Government Use Only and the following restrictions are outlined by policy:

- Transportation by a DOD vehicle must begin and end at the transported individual's normal place of duty or other officially designated assembly area.
- Official Government Use does not include transportation between a residence and place of duty, even if the individual's residence is on an Army installation.
- DOD vehicles are not authorized for personal errands or side trips, including trips to the commissary, post exchange, bowling alley, grocery store, coffee shop or other retail or professional business on or off post, unless on official government business or TDY.
- The spouse of a government employee may only commute in a DOD vehicle when accompanying the military or civilian employee for an official purpose. Space in the vehicle must be available; a larger or additional vehicle is not authorized.

The unauthorized or willful misuse of a government vehicle for any of the above use is strictly prohibited. Use of a

government vehicle in direct violation of the APG Non-Tactical Vehicle (NTV) Official Use Policy may be considered willful misuse of a government vehicle pursuant to 31 USC 1349 (b).

All drivers will operate government vehicles in a safe and efficient manner and will:

- Wear seatbelts at all times while the vehicle is in motion.
 - Not engage in text-messaging or the use of a cell phone without a hands-free device while the vehicle is in motion.
- Drivers and passengers of government vehicles are reminded that:
- Smoking is prohibited in government vehicles.
 - APG or local police are to be notified for all accidents.
 - A copy of Standard Form 91, "Accident Reporting Form" must be in the vehicle. The SF 91 must be turned in to the TMP within 24 hours of an accident or discovery of damages.

The use of all DOD vehicles is strictly limited to Official Government Use Only. Transportation must start and end at one's normal place of duty or other officially designated area.

Army Regulation 58-1, Management, Acquisition and Use of Motor Vehicles, and AR 600-55, The Army Driver and Operator Standardization Program, further outline the restrictions related to DOD non-tactical vehicle use.

The APG Non-Tactical Vehicle (NTV) Official Use policy can be obtained by contacting Installation Transportation Officer Nick Curcio at nick.d.curcio@mail.mil or 410-278-2697.



Trick-or-treating on APG



The official trick-or-treating hours on APG are set for Friday, Oct. 31 between 6 and 8 p.m.

The sun will set at 5:54 p.m. on Friday, which means children will be canvassing APG in search of sweets in the dark. Adults should remind trick-or-treaters to use the sidewalk, cross the street at designated crosswalks and to look both ways before entering the street.

Drivers on the installation are reminded to slow down and use caution as excited children may run across the roadway. Drivers off post should also be cautious, as community trick-or-treating hours may differ from those on APG.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is hosting "The Haunted

ed Clinic" on Halloween from 6 to 8 p.m. Activities will include "Trunk or treating" in the KUSAHC parking lot; games, contests, prizes and pumpkin decorating on the first floor of the clinic; and a haunted clinic on the second floor open to children 12 and over, or with parents' consent.

The APG Main Post Chapel will host an "alternative to Halloween" with a Hallelujah Harvest Celebration for the entire APG community from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The free celebration will include refreshments, crafts and games for all ages.

APG ID Card Office Hours

Effective Nov. 10, the APG ID Card Office hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The 3rd Wednesday of each month, the hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For those driving a long distance, it is recommended to call the office beforehand to ensure the DEERS system is up and running. Additionally, we can provide information on any/all documents you need to bring with you.

For more information, contact Ivan Willie, Site Manager, at 410-306-2348/2404/2389 or DSN 458-2348/2404/2389.

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Expo highlights new, emerging tech

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) and the Federal Direct Access Expositions (FDAE) co-hosted the Fall Technology Expo at APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Oct. 22.

The expo featured the latest in information technology and office products from 75 vendors representing 100 different companies and organizations.

More than 350 DOD, government and contractor personnel attended the free event which featured products ranging from wireless, remote-location communication devices to laboratory instruments to high-tech audio-visual equipment.

"This is such a huge Army post, with so many different commands, and technology helps those people do their jobs better," said Mark Flemister, FDAE co-owner.

Flemister co-organizes the biannual tech expos and believes the events are "just a phenomenal and easy way for all people on the installation to come interact with vendors and see what the latest applications are."

About 25 percent of vendors were first-time attendees, such as Mark Wheeler, director of auto acquisition company AQYR based in New Hampshire. Wheeler presented a one meter antenna dish that he hoped would interest Army employees at the expo.

The antenna dish, which is currently used by a relief organization fighting Ebola overseas, gives the user Internet access, teleconferencing, and the abil-



CERDEC employee Joe Urquhart watches as Alberto Reyes, Planar System's regional sales manager, showcases the company's multi-touch, 84 inch 4K display. The display was one of many audio-visual technologies featured by companies at the APG Fall Tech Expo Oct. 22.

Photo by Stacy Smith

ity to send and practice telemedicine.

"Basically anything you could imagine doing at your desk with a laptop and phone, this [dish] does for you in the middle of nowhere," Wheeler said.

Wheeler is a Vietnam veteran and uses that experience and perspective to design products that are user-friendly.

"We have empathy for the people using our equipment so we make it all very intuitive and designed for people who don't have any tactical satellite communication training," Wheeler said.

Emerging technology

Several new products piqued ECBC employee Martin Pezzella's interest. He said he enjoys attending the APG tech expo every year.

"This event allows me to stay abreast of emerging technologies," Pezzella said. "I get my hands on [products]; I get to touch and meet; I put faces to names and it makes me feel good about the product, especially when I'm selecting important stuff that I might spend a lot of money on," he said.

Pezzella, who works as ECBC's

video-teleconferencing technical specialist, said he appreciates not having to travel far to see new technology, and he leaves no stone unturned when interacting with vendors.

"I quiz the guys behind them [products]," he said. "I interrogate them with the tough, technical questions. I don't just go 'oh, that's a nice product.' I want to know the exact problems and concerns and I find that this forum is the best way to do that," Pezzella said.

This year's expo also included Microsoft Word and Excel information sessions. Dea Galloway, Army Test Center employee, "learned so much" at the morning session that she planned to attend the afternoon session as well.

"Before the training I didn't know exactly how to use it. So this was very helpful," Galloway said.

Another tech expo is planned for the spring of 2015.



(From left) Erik Ballrich and Joe Burkhart from Harris Corp. listen as Tuan Hoang from Agile talks about their high tech GPS systems
Photo by Molly Blossie



Have a great idea for a story?

Know about any interesting upcoming event?

Wish you saw more of your organization in the paper?

The APG News accepts story ideas and content you think the APG community should know about.

- Story ideas or content must be geared toward the greater APG community and cannot appear to endorse any private company.
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APG shows support during breast cancer awareness walk



Above: Maryland Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Cadet Caleb Dujmovic serves as a crossing guard during a walk in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month hosted by the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Performance Triad Team Oct. 24.

Photo by Molly Blossie

Right: (From left) Breast cancer survivor Mary Buchwald, from the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, enjoys a moment with her friends Sue Nappi and Renee Ullman, both from the Communications-Electronics Command, during a breast cancer awareness walk Oct. 24.

Photo by Rachel Ponder

By **RACHEL PONDER**

APG News

More than 75 members of Team APG came out for a three kilometer walk in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month hosted by Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's Performance Triad Team Oct. 24..

KUSAHC Chief of Preventive Medicine Capt. Joanna Moore said the purpose of the event was to recognize breast cancer survivors and to enhance awareness and emphasize the importance of annual mammograms and monthly self examinations.

Before the walk, breast cancer survivor Mary Buchwald, a program analysis officer with the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC) shared a few words.

"Awareness and early detection are the keys to saving lives," she said.

A year ago, Buchwald was diagnosed with breast cancer two weeks before the KUSAHC breast cancer awareness walk. More than 20 co-workers participated in the event to show their support.

"To those who walked along side of me, providing their unending love and support, I am eternally grateful," she said. "And a lot of you are here today."

Buchwald found out she had cancer after receiving an annual mammogram. With no history of breast cancer in her

family, she was surprised by the news. She said the support from her Family, friends, co-workers and church members gave her courage to proceed with the treatments.

"A cancer diagnosis of any type will take you back a few steps, but you have the power to make the decision to move forward in a positive way," she said.

Buchwald concluded by saying she is excited for her upcoming retirement and to live the rest of her life cancer-free.

After the walk, CERDEC employee Michael Turner said he walked for his mother who passed away from cancer and his sister who is a breast cancer survivor.

"Cancer is devastating," he said. "It really hurts the Family."

Helen Rucker walked in support of her husband, Carlton Rucker, a program manager with the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM), who is a cancer survivor.

"We got through it with a lot of prayer," she said.

Carlton, who has been in remission for a year and a half, said he felt encouraged during the walk.

"Events like this remind us that there is hope," he said.

For more information on breast cancer detection call KUSAHC Community Health Nurse Sue Singh at 410-278-1771 or e-mail sunaina.singh.civ@mail.mil.



Army network connects Soldiers, NGOs in Ebola response mission

By **CLAIRE HEININGER**
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Not only are medical workers and aid organizations in West Africa battling a cruel and contagious disease, but they have been doing it largely without the robust communications and digital tracking systems that deliver critical information for successful disaster response.

That is changing as the Army now deploys tactical network and mission command capabilities to the area that will provide the infrastructure for improved communications between U.S. Africa Command, deploying units, non-governmental organizations and other partners in Operation United Assistance.

“Many of them are already there, working in very austere conditions without communications reach-back,” said Lt. Col. Joel Babbitt, product manager for the Army’s Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) Increment 1. “This provides the communications reach-back that will allow them to coordinate their efforts as an entire task force. It will make our response to the Ebola crisis much more coordinated and much more effective.”

A crucial first step was completed Oct. 16 when the Army turned on Blue Force Tracking (BFT) satellite coverage over the region, enabling real-time messaging and location status information for vehicles and individuals. As the mission unfolds, that coverage will allow leaders to maintain accountability of Soldiers and aid workers who spread out to conduct operations

across the vast and undeveloped area.

In partnership with the Defense Information Systems Agency, the Army exercised an option to extend satellite coverage to the region within less than a week of receiving authorization.

“Having that infrastructure already set up, where you can turn on an option and have coverage, gives the Army the flexibility to respond to developing situations anywhere in the world,” said Lt. Col. Michael Olmstead, product manager for Joint Battle Command-Platform, which manages BFT.

The next step in Liberia is the arrival of WIN-T systems that will serve as the backbone communications infrastructure for the task force headquarters, run by the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). In addition to the WIN-T tactical network nodes that belong to the unit, the Army accelerated delivery of commercial internet enclaves to the 101st Airborne and the 50th Expeditionary Signal Battalion (ESB)

that will allow the units to provide network connections for Doctors Without Borders, the Red Cross and other NGO partners. The Army is activating commercial services at its Regional Hub Node in Landstuhl, Germany, which will provide the units and responders with reach-back access to the Army’s global information network to transmit voice and data.

“Since they are commercial enclaves, you can go and buy commercial items like

a WiFi hotspot, plug them in directly, and you instantly have a connection,” Babbitt said. “The Army is providing the communications backbone for what is inherent-



Photo by Claire Heiningner

A Soldier from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) trains on a Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) Increment 2 Tactical Communications Node (TCN) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in March 2014. As the 101st Airborne Division Headquarters and other units deploy to West Africa to support Operation United Assistance, they are bringing TCNs and other network and mission command systems to support robust communications.

“The Ebola response shows why our network must be adaptable and responsive to any contingency. We can’t take six months to build up somewhere and then say ‘It’s time to fight.’”

Maj. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes

Program Executive Officer for Command, Control and Communications - Tactical

ly a civil response. As engineers flow in to build treatment facilities, they will be operating directly with these NGOs, so the ability to provide a common backbone via commercial internet is critical to an assistance response task force.”

The Army also accelerated efforts to upgrade units’ modems, allowing for higher bandwidth to support the anticipated demand for medical information and other data. The modem upgrade, like the drive to expand commercial internet capability for ESBs, was already underway prior to Operation United Assistance – so the Army was poised for rapid response.

“It highlights the importance of continually modernizing the network so that you can provide these sorts of capabilities when required,” Babbitt said.

Gradually building network capacity as different units arrive in Liberia, Soldiers are deploying with elements of WIN-T Increment 2, including Tactical Communications Nodes, and WIN-

T Increment 1, including Joint Network Nodes and Command Post Nodes. As a system of systems or “tool kit,” the network equipment is interoperable and the units can tailor it as needed to provide communications for the joint task force. As the operation progresses, the Army could also add radios, lightweight satellite communications kits and other solutions to meet unit needs.

“This is only the beginning of this mission, and we’re working with the 101st and AFRICOM as their needs evolve to make sure that we give them every tool available to support a very integrated mission with NGOs and with the medical community,” said Maj. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes, program executive officer for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical. “The Ebola response shows why our network must be adaptable and responsive to any contingency. We can’t take six months to build up somewhere and then say ‘It’s time to go fight.’”



Courtesy photo

APG Defense Acquisition University Senior Service College fellows (back row, from left) Randy Wheeler, Jim Oman, Ayo Omololu, Cory Hall, Oral Walker, and (front row, from left) Gary Lichvar, Joe Garcia, Bill Leonard, Lisa Sanders, Jennifer Worton, Matt Lee and Ben Metcalfe learned about the difficult choices leaders had to make during the Civil War from National Park Service Ranger Keith Snyder during the group's staff ride to Antietam National Battlefield Oct. 16.

APG senior service fellows visit Antietam

By **BEN METCALFE**
and **CORY HALL,**
Defense Acquisition University

APG fellows enrolled in the Defense Acquisition University Class of 2015 Senior Service College Fellowship Program (SSCFP) participated in their first staff ride, visiting Antietam National Battlefield Oct 16.

At the battlefield in western Maryland, the group's staff ride was led by National Park Service (NPS) Ranger Keith Snyder. Snyder shared his perspectives shaped by his years of experience as a NPS ranger, his military service as a Lieutenant Colonel in the

Air National Guard and his education as a 2003 graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

The excursion provided an opportunity to study leadership decisions made by senior Army commanders during the Civil War. The concept of staff rides was introduced at the end of the 19th century to provide a secondhand experience of war that is helpful in developing and improving the professional education of Soldiers and leaders.

According to Snyder, "the best way to understand the decisions, actions, mistakes and victories of leaders past is to stand on the ground where the events took place. The staff ride is the vehicle to

gain this higher understanding."

The visit to the Antietam National Battlefield provided the fellows with the opportunity to "walk the ground" where the bloodiest day in American history, with over 23,000 casualties, had occurred.

The group enjoyed the focus Snyder put on the tactical, operational and strategic decisions made by the key Union and Confederate Army leaders, along with how those decisions determined the immediate and long-lasting outcomes of the war. Through experiences such as this, the fellows gain a deeper appreciation for tough leadership choices as well as for an individual Soldier's sacrifice

during warfare.

In the spring of 2015 the SSCFP will travel to Europe. The fellows will visit several significant World War I and World War II battlefields. They will also visit the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, U. S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command and the U.S. Army in Europe. At each command the fellows will meet with multiple senior leaders and learn about the roles and missions associated with each organization.

For information on the SSCFP please contact Jim Oman at james.oman@dau.mil or 410-272-9470.

How are we doing? E-mail comments and suggestions for the APG News to the editor at usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil

ATEC kicks off year of resiliency training

Story and photo by **LINDSEY MONGER**
ATEC

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command kicked off another year of resiliency training Oct. 9 at APG as part of the Army's Ready and Resilient Campaign Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Program.

According to CSF2, Master Resiliency Training is designed to build resilience and enhance performance of the Army Family, including Soldiers, their Families and Army Civilians, by providing hands-on training and self-development tools to better perform in stressful situations and to also thrive in life.

"Our goal is to establish and foster an enduring culture change within the Army and forge an environment that facilitates the resilience and growth of each member to their full potential," said Sharyn Saunders, director of the Army's Ready and Resilient Campaign.

One of ATEC's Master Resiliency Trainers, Master Sgt. Linwood Parker, led the class in the first resiliency opportunity for the new fiscal year focusing on 'What is Resilience and their related Competencies.'

"This session was an overview of resiliency and the competencies that are learned throughout the training for each month's skill," Parker said. "We introduced the six competencies which are self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental agility, strengths of character, and connection."

Being able to face and cope with adversity, adapt to change, recover, learn and grow from temporary setbacks defines resilient in ATEC's Ready and Resilient Campaign.

"We are going through the same skills as last year because they are skills that we have to practice," said Parker. "Now when we go back through the training again, we ask 'How are you utilizing that skill in your everyday life?'"



U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Master Resiliency Trainer, Master Sgt. Linwood Parker, led the class in the first resiliency opportunity for the new fiscal year focusing on 'What is Resilience and Related Competencies,' Oct. 9 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

Resiliency trainers will hold a make-up session each month in case of schedule conflicts. The make-up training session on 'What is Resilience and Competencies' is set for 9 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 30 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

The next training session is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 19 and Thursday, Nov. 20 to discuss Goal Setting and Hunt the Good Stuff led by Sgt. 1st

Class Carmela Brown-Nelson, ATEC research, development, test and evaluation noncommissioned officer, and Master Sgt. Sheila Sango, a military career counselor at ATEC, at the APG North recreation center.

Although resiliency training is mandatory for military personnel, civilians are highly encouraged to attend.

"Resiliency is something we all can benefit from, whether you're in uniform

or wearing civilian attire. The great thing about this training is that it addresses life skills that support a healthy lifestyle. Civilians and Soldiers alike can benefit from the topics covered during these sessions," said Parker.

To learn more about ATEC's Ready and Resilient Campaign, visit <http://www.atec.army.mil/r2c>. To learn more about the Army's Ready and Resilient Campaign, visit www.army.mil/readyandresilient.

CDCs host Family festivals, celebrate fall season

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

Last week, the Bayside Child Development Center and the APG South (Edgewood) CDC celebrated the season by hosting fall festivals.

The Bayside CDC hosted a Fall Family Fun Fest Oct. 22. During this event, children and Family members got their faces painted and participated in fall-themed games like pumpkin bowling. Before the children left, they were invited to pick out a pumpkin to take home.

Facility Director Anne Hite said the goal was to create fun activities for children to enjoy with their parents. She thanked the staff and parent volunteers who helped make the event possible.

"It takes a lot of time to put together an event like this," Hite said.

Parent volunteer Shawn Brady, from the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, volunteered during the event with his wife, Rita.

"My son just started attending the CDC," Brady said. "We thought it would be a good opportunity to meet other parents."

On Oct. 23, the rain didn't stop children who attend the APG South CDC from having fun. The center's Fall Fest, which was originally planned to take place outside, was moved to the APG South youth center's gymnasium. During the event, there was a bounce house, face painting and several fall-themed crafts.

"This is an opportunity for the parents to get to know their child's teacher," said military spouse Valerie Collier. "The kids are having a lot of fun."

Strong Beginnings pre-school teacher Danielle Shriner said she enjoys seeing the children have a good time.

"This is a nice change of scenery, something fun, something different," she said.

Facility Director Donna Jacobs thanked the staff, parent volunteers and the Parent Child Care Association (PCCA) for sponsoring a photo booth, which included costume props like silly hats, feather boas and sunglasses.

"We had great parent participation, it turned out really well," Jacobs said.

For more information on upcoming Child, Youth and School Services activities visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/child-youth-school-services/cyss-home>.



Above: (From left) Jennifer Robinson watches as her daughter Elaina, 3, makes a scarecrow with Alexandria Wideman, a staff member from the APG South (Edgewood) child development center during the center's Fall Fest held in the APG South youth center Oct. 23.

Left: Mason Frazier, 2, is all smiles as he poses for the pumpkin patch photo op during the Bayside Child Development Center's Fall Family Fun Fest Oct. 22.



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EOD Soldier pulls grenade from man's leg

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

A U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal Soldier removed a grenade from a man's leg in an ambulance outside of the University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham Oct. 11.

Staff Sgt. David Mensink from the Fort Benning, Georgia-based 789th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company received a call from the Birmingham Police Department Bomb Squad around 1 a.m.

The police sought Mensink's advice to determine what kind of explosive item was stuck in the man's leg.

"From the initial X-ray, it looked like a 40mm grenade," said Mensink, a 27-year-old Iraq and Afghanistan veteran from Seale, Alabama.

Once the police discovered that the explosive was a military round, Mensink and his EOD team were called to support a team of Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies on scene. The agencies involved included the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Federal Bureau of Investigations; Alabama State Bureau of Investigations; Birmingham Police Department; and Jasper, Alabama Police Department.

Escorted by Alabama State Troopers from the Georgia-Alabama state line, the team departed Fort Benning at 4:15 a.m., and arrived at the hospital two hours later.

The man was isolated inside the ambulance, behind barricades more than 30 feet from the hospital, with two paramedics who volunteered to stay with him.

On his first trip into the ambulance, Mensink discovered that the grenade was lodged so deeply in the man's thigh that it exposed his femoral artery.

Mensink returned to the ambulance with a doctor who volunteered to make an incision in the man's leg, while a paramedic stood by with tourniquet in case the man's artery was damaged and another paramedic monitored his vital signs.

Mensink then carefully removed the grenade from his leg. Paramedics rushed the man into the hospital. Officials said the man had no permanent damage.



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. David Mensink, from the Fort Benning, Georgia-based 789th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, removed a grenade from a man's leg in an ambulance outside of the University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham, Oct. 11.

The explosive turned out to be an M713 red smoke grenade. According to Mensink, the priming charge on the smoke grenade could have been fatal if it had detonated.

The man told authorities that the grenade activated and fired into his thigh while he was dismantling it.

He initially sought treatment at the Walker Baptist Medical Center in Jasper, Alabama, and was later taken to the hospital in Birmingham, a Level 1 trauma center.

In addition to Mensink, the 789th EOD Company Team consisted of Sgt. Johnny Lowthorpe from Columbus, Georgia, and Spc. Brandon Fair from

Daytona Beach, Florida. The team was accompanied by Senior EOD Duty Officer Sgt. 1st Class Tyron Mathews from Royal, Florida.

The EOD team was part of the 789th EOD Company, 184th EOD Battalion, 52nd EOD Group, 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives).

The 20th CBRNE Command combats chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive hazards around the globe. Stationed on 19 posts in 16 states and headquartered at APG, 20th CBRNE is the U.S. Department of Defense's only standing multifunctional formation focused on conducting Defense Support to Civil Law Enforcement Agency missions.

During fiscal year 2014, 20th CBRNE Command EOD technicians completed more than 2,000 explosive mitigation missions across the nation.

Capt. Ryan M. Plemmons, commander of the 789th EOD Company,

said the incident was the most unusual mission his company had accomplished during his time in command.

"It definitely shows why I have such confidence in my Soldiers," said Plemmons, a Reno, Nevada native who served in Afghanistan. "Everybody worked together well to make sure that we completed the mission."

Mensink said he became an EOD technician "because of its challenging mission set."

"Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians directly defeat our current enemy's weapon of choice," said Mensink, a nine-year U.S. Army veteran who previously served as an infantry Soldier.

Out of the 180 EOD missions Mensink has been involved in, both at home and in Afghanistan, he said none were as unusual as removing a grenade from man's thigh.

"It was definitely a first," said Mensink.

2,000
Number of explosive mitigation missions completed by 20th CBRNE Command EOD technicians during the fiscal year **2014**

BY THE NUMB#RS

Celebrating Halloween

7.4 billion

Dollars are projected to be spent on Halloween products in 2014.

23 million

People will dress their pets in costume this year.

500

Seeds are inside the average pumpkin.

43

Percent of people think the best way to eat candy corn is to start with the narrow white end.

23

Percent of parents wait until their kids go to bed or school before sneaking sweets from their child's Halloween haul.

13

Decades have passed since George Renninger invented candy corn in Philadelphia in the 1880s.

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI** APG News
Source: National Confectioners Association, National Retail Federation

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ALL THINGS MARYLAND

Where the Susquehanna, the Chesapeake and history meet

Havre de Grace Maritime Museum

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

Nestled on a hill near the Concord Point Lighthouse and just above the banks of the Susquehanna River lies the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, a treasure trove of nautical history and environmental conservation.

The museum features nine permanent exhibits where visitors can learn about the colorful history of late nineteenth century waterfowl bushwhacking, discover what life was like in a Native American Susquehannock village 400 years ago, or set sail in their imaginations as they explore pre-World War II ship artifacts.

According to the museum's website, their mission is to "collect, document, preserve and interpret the maritime skills and cultural heritage of the Lower Susquehanna River and Upper Chesapeake Bay region."

As part of its effort to preserve traditional maritime artifacts and skills, the museum recently built a Sharpie boat, a traditional fishing boat used for oystering, and launched it into the river Oct. 23.

"A lot of stuff we do is a real team effort," said Bruce Russell, museum president and retired member of the Coast Guard.

The project began in 1999 but was abandoned after several of the original builders moved on, Russell said. "Last year we took it on and started to finish it. We worked on it for almost a year, so we're real excited," he said.

"I'm probably the handiest with tools, but everyone contributed," said Cecil Shook, museum board member and lead builder on the project. After its initial sail, the boat docked inside the museum to be used in a later exhibit.

Staff members combine their niche expertise to create exhibits and facilitate



Al Caffo, Havre de Grace Maritime Museum volunteer, prepares the Sharpie before it's maiden voyage on the Susquehanna River Oct. 23 as Cecil Shook, museum board member, waits inside the boat and Laura Haug, board member secretary, looks on. A sharpie is a flat bottom fishing boat traditionally used for oystering. The hand wood-worked boat made by museum volunteers will be featured as a museum exhibit that celebrates and teaches traditional boat-building skills.

public outreach. Laura Haug, the museum's secretary of the board of directors, "comes from the environmental world, as opposed to the hunting and fishing world." She and several others are creating a permanent environmental center and laboratory for STEM-oriented projects to complement the museum's historical exhibits.

"We're trying to make the museum more hands-on and kid-friendly," Haug said. The plan is to make the environmental center "a venue for small groups

and classes to do various experiments or discovery kinds of things. The space backs up into the wetlands. So we're trying to help restore this point."

The attention to detail and historical accuracy Russell and museum staff have poured into each exhibit belies a subtle playfulness. A glass exhibit featuring a recreated ships bridge and bell circa 1913 has a stuffed dog and cat inside - a clever nod to the roles the animals played as companions and pest-control on board. The museum also has a kid's

corner featuring story time events and a restored boat that children can use to play pirates and sailors.

The Havre de Grace Maritime Museum was established in 1987 and is located at 100 Lafayette Street in Havre de Grace, Maryland. Upcoming museum events include a public education course in how to read a nautical chart and introduction to electronic navigation. For more information about the museum, call 410-939-4800 or visit <http://www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org/>.



Robert Warlick

Utilities Service Repairer-Operator Supervisor

As Utilities Service Repairer-Operator (USRO) supervisor at APG South (Edgewood), Robert Warlick is responsible for overseeing all water and wastewater plant operations.

He currently oversees a construction team working to upgrade the wastewa-

ter treatment plants, with a completion date expected for June 2015. Warlick says it can be a challenge to continue normal operations and upgrade the system at the same time.

"Operations still have to run. We still have to clean the water and send it out

to the river. So we [DPW] have to meet our parameters and yet we still have to allow for construction to take place," Warlick said.

Warlick notes that new environmental protection policies have changed the way he does his job. The plants have a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit maintained by the Environmental Protection Agency and Maryland Department of Agriculture that places criterion on the quality of water and wastewater they produce.

The plants use a process called enhanced nutrient removal that helps protect the Chesapeake Bay from pollutants. Warlick says these environmental restrictions assure they are "putting out high quality water on both ends - both drinkable water and water sent to the Bush River."

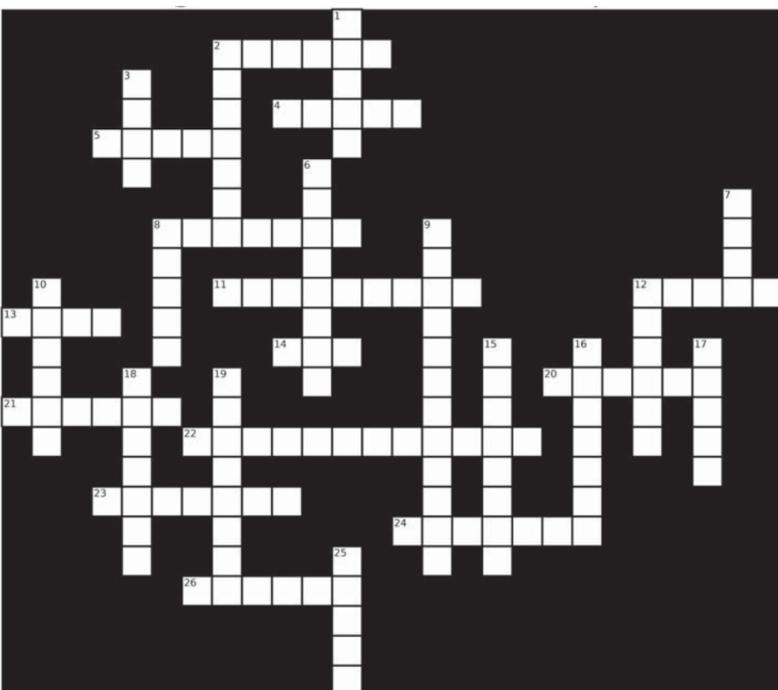
Warlick also acts as contracting officer representative for some of the installation's waterworks contracts and often communicates with laboratories that test the water's nutrient and chemical levels. He is licensed through the Maryland Department of the Environment and keeps his certification up-to-date by taking frequent courses.

"Technology has changed so much that you have to [take classes] if you want to keep up," he said.

A Maryland native, Warlick joined the DPW staff in April 2013. He has worked in the water and wastewater management business for 29 years.

For more information, contact Robert Warlick at 410-436-6269 or robert.w.warlick2.civ@mail.mil.

The APG Crossword



Test your knowledge with this Halloween puzzle.

Across

- 2. Ghost Face is the villain in this scary movie
- 4. In "Hocus _____" Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy play witch sisters

- 5. The Jack O' Lantern custom comes from _____ folklore
- 8. People put this in carved pumpkins to make them glow
- 11. In fiction, witches prepare their potions in _____

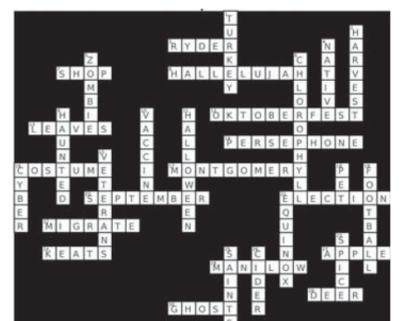
- 12. This Massachusetts city is a top Halloween destination
- 13. Many superstitions exist about black _____
- 14. Legends of the _____ is a Halloween attraction in Harford County
- 20. "The Simpsons," Halloween special, "Treehouse of _____"
- 21. Played Laurie Strode in the 1978 movie "Halloween"
- 22. Author Mary Shelley is best known for this horror novel
- 23. _____ for apples is a game often played on Halloween
- 24. "Nightmare on Elm Street" villain, Freddy _____
- 26. The Friendly Ghost

Down

- 1. People select fall decorations at a pumpkin _____
- 2. Halloween evolved from this ancient Celtic holiday
- 3. Candy _____ was created in the 1880s by the Wunderle Candy Company
- 6. "The Shining," by Stephen King, mainly takes place at the isolated _____ Hotel
- 7. Get lost in the corn _____
- 8. Children go door to door to collect this on Halloween night
- 9. The Eastern State _____ in Philadelphia, is considered to be a very haunted spot.

- 10. People put this on their face to enhance their Halloween costume
- 12. Halloween comedy, "Ernest _____ Stupid"
- 15. Popular Halloween song by Michael Jackson
- 16. "_____ Mash" by Bobby "Boris" Pickett & the Crypt-Kickers
- 17. Television special "It's the _____ Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"
- 18. During the Halloween season, people take the "Haunted _____ Ghost Tour" in Havre de Grace
- 19. Mother in "The Addams Family"
- 25. People decorate their vehicles for _____ -or- treat

Solution to the October 23 puzzle



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.mil@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 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

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

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.mil@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.

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.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6 MILITARY OFFICERS OF AMERICA MEETING

The Military Officers of America Association (MOAA) Susquehanna chapter will sponsor a dinner meeting Thursday, Nov. 6 at the Bellissimo restaurant in Bel Air from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The guest speakers will be Col. Susan Bryant, Chief of the Army's Strategic Studies Group. Bryant is a 1989 graduate of Georgetown University with a degree in Foreign service and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps. She has served in a wide variety of duty assignments from the Pentagon to Jerusalem.

Cost of the Dinner is \$28 per person. For reservations, contact T.J. Staffieri by email at "tjs3tjs3@gmail.com". Please RSVP by 31 Oct.

The MOAA is open to all commissioned officers of all the uniformed services (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). All are welcome to attend the dinner and learn more about MOAA. For more information, visit www.susquehannamoaa.org.

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.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12 GARRISON VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

The APG Garrison will host a Veterans Day program 10:30 a.m. at the post theater. The guest speaker, retired Col. Walter (Wally) Mueller, will share his experiences as a Dustoff Medevac helicopter pilot during Vietnam. In addition there will be a drill performance by the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (Old Guard) drill team. Check the APG News, www.TeamAPG.com, [facebook.com/APGMd](https://www.facebook.com/APGMd), twitter.com/USAGAPG or the post marquees for more information.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13 NATIVE AMERICAN OBSERVANCE

Team APG and the 20th CBRNE Command will host the Native American Indian Heritage Month observance 10:30 a.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000. The 2014 theme is "Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today and Forever."

The guest speaker is Lt. Col. Nathele Anderson, commander of the 4th Battalion, 321st Regiment (LSB) at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. The event includes educational performance, exhibits and a cultural food tasting.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Cheryl Nevels at 410-436-0321; cheryl.t.nevels.mil@army.mil or Master Sgt. Ryan Cole at 410-436-0320; ryan.p.cole.mil@mail.mil.

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.

HOLIDAY SPENDING SESSION

A Manage Your Holiday Spending Informational Session will be held noon to 1 p.m. at the Mallette Mission Training Facility, Bldg. 6008, classroom 22. This event is open to APG Soldiers, civilians and contractors. Seating is limited to the first 30 personnel. For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or email tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

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 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.

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/aggretrac.html>.

For more information, visit the APGM-WR website at 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 Materiel 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/20f0d4bfaf28a2f58-2014> 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 and Staff Sgt. Frank Rodriguez at frank.p.rodriguez10.mil@mail.mil.

NOVEMBER TRICARE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic has arranged for a TRICARE representative to provide information and answer questions at APG at the following dates and locations:

Tuesday, Nov. 4: TRICARE Information Table - APG Commissary - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 5: TRICARE Information Table - APG Retirement Office - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 6: TRICARE Information Table - ATEC Health Fair - 9 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: TRICARE Information Table - APG Retirement Office - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 18: TRICARE Information Table - APG ID Card Office - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24: TRICARE Information Table - APG ID Card Office - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25: TRICARE Retirement Briefing - KUSAHC Ortiz Training Clinic - 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Kisha York, TRICARE education specialist, at kisha.a.york@healthnet.com

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER TOBACCO CESSATION CLASSES

The Harford County Health Department Cigarette Restitution Fund will host Tobacco Cessation Classes at the APG North Main Post Chapel.

The classes are free of charge and open to any adult user who requests assistance in quitting. Nicotine replacement products will be offered at no cost but require a physician referral form that must be filled out by an individual's primary care physician prior to the class.

Classes will be held every Wednesday from Oct. 30 until Dec. 10 from 1 to 2 p.m. No class will be held Wednesday, Nov. 26 prior to Thanksgiving.

For more information, contact Brenda Urban at 410-278-2739 or Linda Pegram, Harford County Health Department instructor, at 410-612-1781.

NOV. 9 - DEC. 3 KIRK OPTOMETRY CLINIC CLOSED

The Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Optometry Clinic will be closed from Nov. 9 until Dec. 3.

For more information, contact Keonyia Huggins at 410-278-1918 or Sgt. Eric Tietman at 410-278-1920.

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

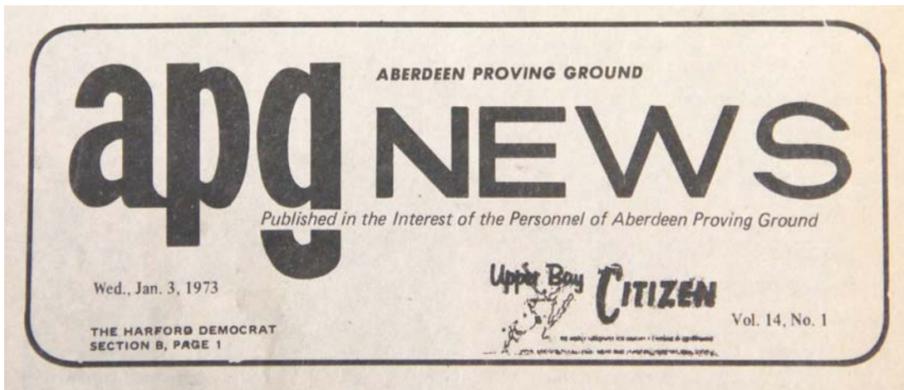
Class size is limited to 30 participants. For more information or to register, contact Mike Slayman, assistant chief of EMS, at 410-306-0566 or e-mail michael.p.slayman.civ@mail.mil.

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.

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 1973.

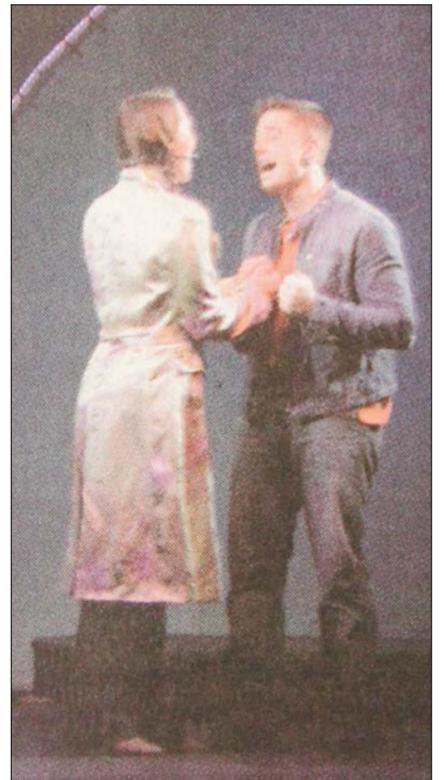
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10 Years Ago: Oct. 28, 2004

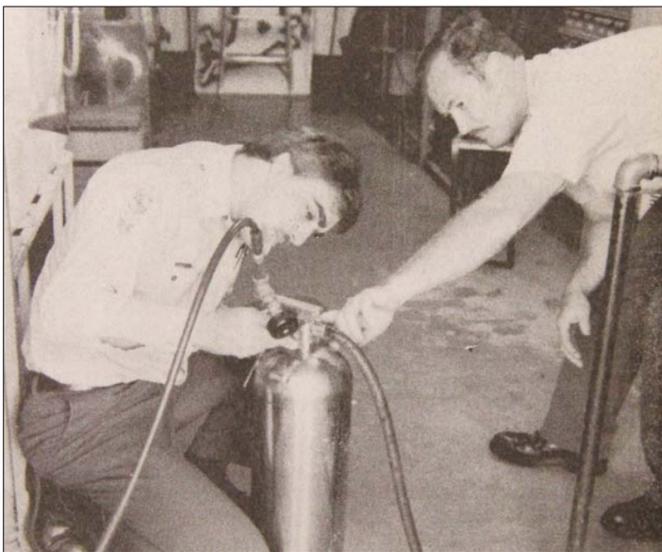


Above: APG Soldiers and civilians dance the Merengue with The Latino Dancers from Aberdeen High School during the annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center.



Right: Spcs. Emily Plasterer, left, of the Indiana National Guard and Corey McAleesejergins of Fort Bragg, North Carolina perform a duet during the 2004 U.S. Army Soldier Show at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater.

25 Years Ago: Nov. 1, 1989



Above: Firefighters Paul Heward Jr., left, and Timothy Brady, right, inspect a recharged fire extinguisher at the Philips Army Airfield fire station.



Right: Anne Meck, a nonappropriated fund maintenance worker, spreads sand under the new playground equipment in the Woodpecker Point recreation area.

50 Years Ago: Oct. 29, 1964



Left: David Oals from the Central Supply Division counts part of the 11 pounds of pennies he saved to donate to the 1964 Community Chest-Red Cross United Appeal Drive. The pennies totalled \$17.28.



Right: Lt. Col. Walter T. Fine, right, gets a kiss from his wife during his promotion ceremony. Fine is chief, military operations officer.

Oktoberfest festivities entertain, delight

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er. And the Edelwiss Band played festive music as dancers in traditional Bavarian garb offered dance lessons to audience members.

The weekend began with an opening ceremony Oct. 24. A Volksmarch and Car Show followed on Oct. 25, with fireworks that closed the weekend with a bang.

Opening ceremony

Attendees gathered in the Festhalle on the afternoon of Oct. 24 to kick off Oktoberfest during an opening ceremony and covenant signing.

The opening ceremony celebrated the partnership APG has with Bel Air, Aberdeen, Havre de Grace, Edgewood, Harford County and Cecil County.

Capt. Joanna T. Moore, chief of preventative medicine at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, served as the master of ceremony and Garrison Chaplain Mark Rendon gave the invocation.

APG leaders in attendance included Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, installation commander, and commanding general of Communications-Electronics Command; Command Sgt. Maj. William G. Bruns, the installation and CECOM command sergeant major; APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton; and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey O. Adams.

Community leaders in attendance included Harford County Council Representative Dion Guthrie; Aberdeen Mayor Michael Bennett; Cecil County Council Member Diana Broomell; Havre de Grace Office of Tourism Manager Brigitte Peters, standing in for Havre de Grace Mayor Wayne Dougherty; Bel Air Town Administrator Dr. James D. Fielder, representing the Mayor of Bel Air Dr. Robert R. Reier; and Edgewood Community Council Member Jansen Robinson.

During the opening remarks, Crawford welcomed and thanked those in attendance. He said it is important that Soldiers, civilians and their Families know that their communities support them.



(From left) Mason and Erika Scarcello, 4 and 7, try their hand at dancing the steps to a traditional German dance.

Photo by Molly Blossse

"Keep saying 'thank you' to them," he said.

After Crawford's remarks, APG and local leadership signed the U.S. Army

Community Covenant.

"The Community Covenant is an Army program designed to foster and sustain effective state and community partnerships with the Army to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families, both at their current duty stations and as they transfer to other states," explained Moore during the signing. "It is a formal commitment of support by state and local communities to Soldiers and Families of the Army."

According to Oktoberfest planner Gwyn Dolzine, the covenant is a symbol of the relationship between APG and the local communities.

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

After the signing of the covenant, Crawford and Bruns tapped the ceremonial Oktoberfest keg, in keeping with the Bavarian tradition, which officially kicked off the weekend's festivities.

Volksmarch

Nearly 100 walkers got into the festive fall spirit with a trek around the installation during Saturday morning's Oktoberfest Volksmarch Oct. 25.

Participants received route maps and instructions at the athletic center then took off on their own, leisurely 5K walk.

"It's good to be involved in a few German activities," said Kati Bruley, a U.S. Army Public Health Command civilian who spent a few years in Germany. "It's a beautiful day for exercise."

Constance Nyman, a civilian on temporary duty at APG from the Defense Contract Management Agency - Syracuse (New York), said she and her friend Philip Murray signed up after she saw the announcement on the marquee.

"I had to pull over so I could read it twice," she said. "We thought it would be fun to do and it is."

Lynn Eskew of Bel Air walked with her mother Marcella Schelhammer who turned 84 the day before.

"She's probably your oldest participant," Eskew said, noting they regularly participate in German-themed fall events. "This was really well organized. It's one of the better Oktoberfests we've been to," she said.

Volksmarchers returned to the athletic center where they received medallions from Byron Reasin, MWR sports lead. Reasin thanked all participants and Volksmarch sponsors, First Command Financial Planning.

Car and Bike Show

An Oktoberfest Car and Bike Show was held at the parking lot on Raritan Avenue from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 25.

Car collectors showcased premium condition cars and bikes as enthusiasts eyed their favorites and talked shop with the owners.

Trophies were awarded to the best in show in categories which included antique, classic, imports, street and muscle cars and bikes.

Ted Dolzine entered his orange '74 Karmann Ghia into the "foreign imports" category. Dolzine said he enjoys competing in car shows, but mainly brought his car because he "just wanted to drive it on such a nice day."

APG Oktoberfest festivities came to a close this year with a fireworks display viewed from the recreation center grounds Oct. 25.

Dressed in traditional German clothing, military spouses Carmen Houseman, from Aberdeen and Resi Green, from Abingdon, said they met their husbands while they were stationed in Germany.

"We attended the event to have fun and support APG," Green said.

Maj. Eric Eick, Army Evaluation Command, attended Oktoberfest with his wife, Joyce Kuwae. Eick, who is part German, said he appreciates that the Army celebrates diversity by hosting cultural celebrations throughout the year.

"Oktoberfest is a fun event," Eick said. "It is important to remember where you came from."



(From left) Dressed in traditional German clothing, military spouses Carmen Houseman, from Aberdeen and Resi Green, from Abingdon, said they met their husbands while they were stationed in Germany. Photo by Molly Blossse

WORD OF THE WEEK

Discombobulate

Pronounced: dis-kehr-bob-yuh-leyt

Part of speech: Verb; (Noun- Discombobulation)

Definition:

1. to upset; confuse; disconcert

Synonyms:

addle, baffle, bamboozle, befog, befuddle, disorient, flummox, mystify

Use:

- Our grandmother seems a bit discombobulated by all this birthday fuss.
- A fast-spreading virus is threatening to discombobulate computers around the world.
- The emotional turmoil of the past week left him utterly discombobulated

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Source: <http://www.merriam-webster.com/>

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

USSTRATCOM

United States Strategic Command



The U.S. Strategic Command is one of nine unified combatant commands in the Department of Defense. It serves as the senior command of unified military forces from all four branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The command combines nuclear and space operations with global strike, missile defense, command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR), and combating weapons of mass destruction to provide national leadership with a unified resource for greater understanding of specific threats around the world and the means to respond to those threats rapidly.

The USSTRATCOM is located at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska.

The current USSTRATCOM commander is Admiral Cecil D. Haney. For more information, visit the USSTRATCOM website at <http://www.stratcom.mil/>.

Source: <http://www.stratcom.mil/>

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Installation Watch Card

Awareness is key! Everyone is a sensor.

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- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.
- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the Installation.
- Unusual phone calls, messages, or e-mails.
- Unusual contacts on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity near or around the Installation.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

Do Not

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.
- Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
- Discuss FP measures, capabilities, or posture.
- Disclose any information related to unit deployments.

Report any suspicious activity immediately to the APG Police.

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APG South 410-436-2222

Off post in Md. call 1-800-492-TIPS or 911
Your call may save lives!

1st AML cases colors prior to deployment

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Soldiers to enhance the identification of the disease using the most advanced protocols," said Burton, a native of Tullahoma, Tennessee.

In support of joint and combined operations, 1st AML deploys worldwide to protect U.S. forces through surveillance and testing of environmental samples to determine threats and environmental health threats.

"They are a battle-tested command and they continuously deploy around the world to perform analytical testing and health hazards assessments of environmental, occupational, endemic and CBRNE hazards," said Burton. "The 1st AML is a one-of-a-kind formation, like the rest of the 20th CBRNE."

A highly trained team of Soldier scientists that serve as microbiologists, biochemists and laboratory specialists, 1st AML previously deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq.

According to 1st AML Commander Col. Patrick M. Garman, his Soldiers train year round for their expeditionary laboratory mission and held a certification exercise at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in August.

Since receiving notice of the deployment to Africa, the team also conducted 72 hours of Level 3 training with the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Maryland. Garman said his team's mission will help to contain the disease globally.

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Col. Patrick M. Garman
1st AML Commander



Photo by Sean Kief

Maj. Felix Ortiz, executive officer of 1st Area Medical Laboratory, salutes during the 1st AML's casing ceremony Oct. 27 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

ing the next chapter in the 1st AML's proud story of service to our country," said Garman, a native of Troy, Ohio. "Theirs' will be a story of protecting our nation from a deadly virus that could do us harm if not stopped in Western Africa."

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CECOM bids farewell to Sgt. Maj. Dent

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Crawford praised both Dent and Bruns as "tremendous noncommissioned officers (NCOs)" crediting his own personal success on his enlisted counterparts. "I can honestly say that I would not be standing here today without the NCO Corps," he said. "The reason, year in and year out, that we are considered the most trusted profession, is because of the Soldiers in the NCO Corps."

Dent joined CECOM in November 2011 and served as the senior enlisted advisor for three commanding generals during his tenure with the command. During his speech he recognized the pride that both he and his wife, Gloria Dent, felt as part of the APG team.

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Command Sgt. Maj. William G. Bruns
CECOM senior enlisted advisor

"As I stand here today, I have much to be grateful for," Dent said. "CECOM has consistently monitored and sustained readiness. CECOM is a major player in support of our Army; what an awesome organization that I'm proud

to have been a part of."

Dent said he is getting ready for life after the Army as he prepares for his upcoming retirement next summer after 32 years of service. He thanked CECOM employees, both military and civilian, by

stating that their "loyalty, trust and dedication will never be forgotten."

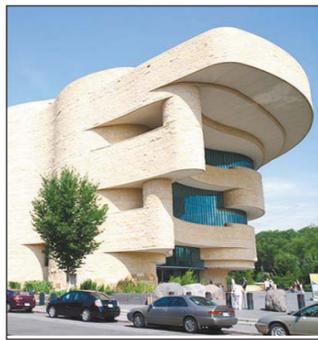
Crawford welcomed the Bruns family to Team APG, offering his support during their transition to the command.

Prior to his assignment at CECOM, Bruns served as the commandant for the Henry H. Lind NCO Academy, 1 Corps, at Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington. During his remarks he stated that his family was excited to become part of the APG community, both on and off post.

"Teamwork is a key ingredient in making a great place even better," said Bruns. "I look forward to building the bonds that advance CECOM forward... I continue to look forward with positive ideas to advance the Army."

Did You Know?

A component of the Smithsonian Museum includes the National Museum of the American Indian.



Located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the National Museum of the American Indian offers historical displays as well as interactive activities, programs and workshops that make learning about the Native cultures of the Western Hemisphere both fun and educational.

Visitors can view artifacts from ancient pre-Columbian civilizations to the 21st century along with performances, demonstrations and multimedia presentations that bring Native American history and culture to life.

A popular feature of the museum is the imagiNATIONS Activity Center, where families and groups participate in hands-on activities, interactive games, storytelling programs and craft workshops. Visitors can participate in a variety of family-friendly activities such as exploring traditional Native dwellings, competing in an interactive quiz show, learning about basket-weaving while weaving a giant basket, and more.

Palate pleasing Native foods are offered in the Mitsitam Native Foods Café and the museum's two gift shops feature jewelry, textiles, souvenirs, children's books, toys and other works by Native American artists, authors and crafters.

The museum is located at 4th Street and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. The closest Metro stations are Smithsonian and Federal Triangle. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily; closed Dec. 25. For more information, call 202-633-1000 or visit the National Museum of the American Indian website at <http://www.nmai.si.edu>.

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Source: <http://www.nmai.si.edu>.

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, "Did You Know" will feature interesting facts about the nation's Native Americans during November.

DoDEA grants result of federal impact aid surveys

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returning the confidential survey, parents support the funding that impacts their child's education.

"The more forms that are turned in, the more money we could possibly get," said Stacie Umbarger, APG school liaison officer. "There are a couple of schools that are not really getting all the numbers they possibly could, so hopefully we'll get some more awareness about how important these forms are."

With the help of the Federal Impact Aid program, the DoDEA Educational Partnership awarded a \$1.2 million Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)-related grant for the 2014-2015 school year to four Harford County Public Schools that provide educational services to more than 924 students whose parents are employed by APG.

The 'Eagles Soar Initiative' grant will provide students attending Roye-Williams Elementary School in Havre de Grace, Church Creek Elementary School in Belcamp, and Aberdeen Middle and High Schools with after-school and summer STEM programs, new technology in Advanced Placement biology, chemistry and physics classrooms, and opportunities to explore careers in strategic foreign languages. The grant also provides pro-

fessional development for teachers in science and technology.

"The Department of Defense is committed to ensuring that all children of military Families have access to quality educational opportunities," said Kathleen Facon, chief of the DoDEA's Educational Partnership Program.

"DoDEA Educational Partnership grants have the power to transform learning experiences for military children and we are looking forward to working with the Harford County School District to leverage success and learn from their expertise," she said.

To be eligible for participation in the grant, a school must have a federally-connected student population of 15 percent or more.

Although funding levels are related to federally-connected student enrollment, proposed grant programs benefit every student attending the targeted schools.

For more information about the Federal Impact Aid survey, contact Stacie Umbarger, APG school liaison officer, at 410-278-2857, or stacie.e.umbarger.naf@mail.mil. For information about the Impact Aid Program, call 202-260-3858, or visit the Department of Education's website at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/impactaid/index.html>.

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Photo by Molly Blossie

COMMUNITIES GATHER FOR OKTOBERFEST FUN AT APG

APG hosted Oktoberfest festivities Oct. 24 - 25. Free and open to the public, the event included German-inspired food, drinks, music, live entertainment, a Volksmarch, a Car and Bike Show, a Family Fun Zone, a Main Street Market Place and fireworks, bringing APG and the local communities together.

Above: Charlie Kitz, 6, has a mighty good time sliding head first down one of the many inflatable rides and games in the Family Fun Zone.

Left: Bob Kryster provided on-the-move entertainment playing the accordion for Oktoberfest attendees.



Photo by Stacy Smith

CLASSIC CARS CRUISE ON APG

An orange Volkswagen Karmann Ghia and a blue Chevy II Nova were on display at the Car and Bike Show Oct. 25.

Car collectors showcased premium condition cars and trophies were awarded to the best in show in several categories.

Photo by Stacy Smith



VOLKSMARCH

Karen Strobel says, "I'm having a great time!" as she speed walks past the water point in Shore Park during the APG Oktoberfest Volksmarch Oct. 25.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson



DANCERS DELIGHT

In the foreground, Barb and Joel McCrea participate in traditional German dances with fellow dancers Joyce Gay and Herb Fredrickson in the Festhalle.

Photo by Molly Blossie

MOTHER DAUGHTER FUN

Sandra Roberts whirls her daughter Kayla, 4, around the dance floor while enjoying the musical entertainment. Kayla also displayed her rendition of the funky chicken later that evening.

Photo by Molly Blossie

