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RDECOM welcomes commanding general

RDECOM transitions from civilian leadership to the command of Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton during an assumption of command ceremony Sept. 22, at APG.

Photo by Tom Faulkner

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**
RDECOM Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command welcomed new leadership Sept. 22 as the Army returned a general officer to the organization's senior post.

Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton assumed command of RDECOM on a sunny, cool morning at APG's Fanshaw Field before a crowd of about 400 Soldiers,

Army civilians and community members. He took the reins from Dale A. Ormond, who served as RDECOM director since February 2012.

"To the Soldiers, civilians, contractors and Family members [of RDECOM], thank you for what you do in support of our Army and nation. Your professionalism and reputation for excellence is renowned all over the world," said Wharton, a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and

former Army U.S. Materiel Command chief of staff.

RDECOM is the second major subordinate command of AMC that Wharton will lead. He previously commanded the Army Sustainment Command and was the senior installation commander of Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, from September 2012 to August 2014.

"It's a distinct honor and privilege to be here today and to take command of RDECOM," Wharton said. "I am so

proud that we provide our nation, both at home and abroad, the technology and capabilities to win anywhere at any time. I'm fully committed to the people and mission of RDECOM to shape the Army of 2025 and beyond to ensure the decisive edge for our nation."

Gen. Dennis L. Via, AMC commanding general, said Wharton's experience and leadership skills will help

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USAPHC presents new excellence award

By **JANE GERVASONI**
U.S. Army Public Health Command

Awards ceremonies usually honor current employees who have performed exceptionally and contributed to the mission of a command.

A U.S. Army Public Health Command award ceremony at the APG South (Edgewood) chapel Sept. 18 honored current employees, but also recognized the service of a former employee.

Evelyn "Bell" Riley was the first public affairs officer to serve at the U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency, one of the predecessor organizations of the USAPHC. Riley retired in 2003 with 52 years of government service, more than 40 of them at the USAEHA and its successor organizations.

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APG Motorcycles ride for safety

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

With a mighty rumble, more than 40 bikers rode out of Aberdeen Proving Ground on the annual Motorcycle Mentorship Ride Sept. 18.

Led by Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams, HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Daniel Nelson and Garrison safety specialist H. Mike Allen, the riders traveled city streets, country back roads and highways making most of the chance to share personal knowledge and experience with fellow riders.

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H. Mike Allen from the Installation Safety Office brings up the rear as APG riders head up Route 543 toward Hickory during the APG Motorcycle Mentorship Ride Sept. 18.



Don't miss APG's Oktoberfest fun

The public is invited to enjoy a two-day Oktoberfest at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center and surrounding grounds Oct. 24-25. The event will offer something for everyone, with German-inspired food, drinks and entertainment; inflatables and games; car and bike show; Family Zone with clowns, Volksmarch; and local crafts. Pick up next week's APG News for an update on Oktoberfest 2014. Visit www.facebook.com/APGMd or call the Garrison Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1150/1147 for more information.

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The new fall TV season has started. Which shows will you watch?

"I watch 'NCIS: Los Angeles' and 'Hawaii Five-0.' I like police dramas."



Staff Sgt. David Grafton
Maryland Army National Guard

"My husband and I are looking forward to watching the new season of 'The Walking Dead.' We also like to watch reality TV, like 'Survivor' and 'Gold Rush.'"



Ashley Mahoney
Military spouse

"My husband and I watch 'Law and Order: SVU' (Special Victims Unit). I love all the characters and the drama. The episodes are often based on real-life crimes. I also like that the show is set in New York, I am from there."



Latacha Rodriguez-Gist
Family member

"I am a big fan of 'Supernatural,' I have been watching since the beginning. I love shows that deal with the supernatural, like demons and ghosts."



Geoffrey Hiltl
Commissary

"I am looking forward to the new season of 'Sleepy Hollow.' The last season ended on a cliffhanger, so I want to see how the story is resolved. My favorite character is Ichabod Crane."



Jovonna Ibarra
Military spouse

Commander's Corner

Message from the deputy: Army Suicide Awareness Month

GARY P. MARTIN

Deputy to the APG Commanding General
U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command

The Army has established September as Suicide Awareness Month. As we observe this important month, we call special attention to our ongoing efforts to build individual resiliency among our Soldiers and civilians. This year's theme is "Enhancing Resiliency- Strengthening Our Professionals." The theme reinforces the pledge of all Army leaders to build resiliency in our military and civilian workforce and to support those in need so that we can enhance performance, increase readiness, and build a stronger force.

Some of you may have heard about the Army's Ready and Resilient Campaign Plan. At APG, we offer a number of services that promote resiliency. Our master resiliency trained professionals are currently teaching resiliency classes at the unit and installation level. APG has over 30 trained, dedicated professionals actively engaged in teaching the Ask, Care, Escort (ACE) mandatory trainings sessions in the APG North and South areas of the installation. Our very own Army Public Health Command, located here at APG, has provided revised ACE cards and a new Leader's Guide to Suicide Prevention. This helpful guidance is available to everyone and can be found at various locations across the installation.

Each of us plays an important role in suicide prevention. Although September is our official suicide prevention month, we must all be diligent in working to prevent suicides each and every day. Suicide prevention, like all leadership challenges, is a commander's program and every leader's responsibility at all levels across our formations. But, the effort must be more than that. We all play an important role in recognizing uncharacteristic and suicidal behaviors in our coworkers, in being aware of the risk factors associated with suicides, and knowing how to respond.

The number of suicides in the Army has decreased over the past year. This may very well be attributed to many of us taking action to prevent this needless and tragic loss of life. The success of the Army Suicide Prevention Program rests upon proactive, caring and courageous people at all levels - Soldiers or civilians,



To those whose resilience is wavering... reach out to a helping hand. Do not give in to stress and never quit on life. There is someone available to help rebuild your strength.

experienced managers or interns - to recognize imminent suicide dangers and to take immediate action to save lives. Active engagement from each of us can help to minimize the risk of suicide and stop this tragic and unnecessary loss of human life.

I challenge every member of the APG Family to seek training opportunities, use available services and resources such as our wonderful ministry team consisting of unit chaplains and assistants, and continue to develop skills which build personal resilience that can lead to positive outcomes during periods of increased stress.

Situational stress often can be associated with times of budgetary constraints, limited opportunities for promotion, economic and financial challenges, and demanding mission requirements.

Managing stress is a skill all of us must master. We can only strengthen our professionals by building a culture of resilience and watching out for our teammates. Finally, to those whose resilience is wavering...reach out to a helping hand. Do not give in to stress and never quit on life. There is someone available to help rebuild your strength. To all I say, our Army is strong because we stand by each other. And, by helping each other we can be even stronger.

Together, We Are APG Strong!



Fingerprinting transfers to DPTMS Oct. 1

DPTMS Intelligence and Security Division

Starting Oct. 1, the Directorate of Emergency Services will transfer the service of providing fingerprints for background checks to the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) Security and Intelligence Division located in Bldg. 4727.

The DPTMS Security and Intelligence Division will provide fingerprint services to Department of Defense affiliated personnel requiring security clearances or other investigations related to their employment on APG by the DOD.

Personnel requiring fingerprinting will be notified by their activity security manager, trusted agent or directly by the DPTMS Security and Intelligence Division. Your notification will include directions on how to find the new location and a worksheet to bring with you, which will reflect the type of prints required.

Once you are notified that you need fingerprints document-

ed, call 410-278-3187 to make an appointment. Scheduled appointments will be in 20 minute increments available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Friday.

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To be fingerprinted, you will need two forms of identification, first a photo ID in the form of a driver's license or passport. The second form of ID must contain your full Social Security Number, e.g. Social Security Card, DD214, or W2.

In the future we hope to have an online scheduling system similar to that used to make appointments for CAC Cards.

For more information about fingerprinting services, call 410-278-3187.

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Health fair promotes mind, body wellness

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APG News

More than 300 vendors and health-conscious personnel crowded the APG South (Edgewood) Recreation Center to take part in the 2014 Resiliency Health Fair Sept. 17. The event coincided with Army Suicide Awareness month, promoting this year's theme, "Enhancing Resiliency-Strengthening our Professionals."

Representatives from 39 organizations and businesses provided attendees with educational information, promotional items and free services, including seated massages, Zumba exercise demonstrations and health screenings. A variety of health and wellness topics were covered, including stress and weight management, physical fitness, dental care, tobacco cessation, PTSD, sleep disorders, substance abuse, life insurance and Veteran Affairs benefits.

The event was organized by the Community Health Promotion Council and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic (KUSAHC), with volunteer assistance from Freestate ChalleNGe Academy cadets. Susan Singh, KUSAHC public health nurse and one of the health fair organizers, explained that the fair was a good way to reach individuals who might not see a doctor regularly.

"I just took one man's blood pressure and it was a little high. He has health insurance but he hasn't gone to the doctor in three years. So my goal is that people will come to the health fair and feel empowered. They may say to themselves, 'I really do need to go to the doctor,'" Singh said.

Master Sgt. Lennard Bookman, the U.S. Army Public Health Command Veterinary Services non-commissioned officer in charge, came to the health fair seeking information about cost-effective dental care for his daughter.

"I took my daughter to the dentist this year and paid 40 percent of the cost. It's a lot of money at one time and you don't really know that you're going to have to pay that much," Bookman said.

With help from vendors, he learned how to acquire a better dental treatment plan in the future.

"You can go online and compare prices in different zip codes. By doing



Photo by Rachel Ponder

(From left) Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Cadet Benjy Delarosa and other cadets follow instructor Theresa Burbey during a Zumba demonstration at the Resiliency Health Fair at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center Sept. 17. Burbey teaches Zumba classes at the Hoyle Gym fitness studio on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., free to all Common Access Card holders.

that, maybe I can reduce the cost next year," Bookman said.

Phyllis Karppi, an Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) employee, chatted with vendors while her coworker, Dawn Beall, received a free five-minute back massage.

"I just came to see what was here," Karppi said. "I'm especially interested in the massage and information about back pain."

Several of the vendors specialized in stress-reduction and mental health-related services and education, coinciding with the military's ongoing efforts to raise awareness about suicide risk and prevention.

Sue Lichtfuss, program coordinator for the Mobile Crisis Team of Harford County, said she attended the health fair to spread "mental health aware-

ness and to make people aware that there is help available."

"It's important that we partner with the entire community and especially APG. We work together with the crisis intervention team, which the APG police is a part of, and we work very closely with them to be able to really be there for anyone that needs us," Lichtfuss said.

Mind-body wellness was also highlighted at the event. According to Lauren Lynch, health educator at the Army Wellness Center, the center offers a stress-management program, in addition to fitness, metabolic and body composition testing.

"We do biofeedback and we have a massage chair. It helps to relieve a little bit of stress and lowers your heart rate," Lynch said.

Agnes Wilson, a Chemical Materials Activity employee who participated in the Resiliency 10K run/5K walk earlier that day, said she was pleased with the variety of information and activities available at the fair.

"They have a lot of different things here, things I actually didn't know about. So it gives me a starting point to research more," she said.

Capt. Joanna Moore, KUSAHC chief of preventive medicine, and other health workers from KUSAHC also were on hand to administer flu immunizations to service members, retirees and adult Family members.

For more information about upcoming Community Health Promotion events, visit the APG website www.teamapg.com, and click on the Special Events tab at the top of the page.



Battery changes commands, patches

(From left) Staff Sgt. Therin Koger removes the 30th Air Defense Artillery Brigade patch from the sleeve of Pvt. Zach Melton, and Sgt. Skye Gibson applies the new 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade patch to Pvt. William Pinkerton's sleeve during patch exchange ceremony at APG Sept. 16.

The ceremony officially placed the Alpha Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment within the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) brigade based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The 108th ADA Brigade assumed training and readiness authority for the battery which relocated to APG from Fort Bliss, Texas.

The unit's acting commander and executive officer 1st Lt. James Estorga and acting first sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Philip Haberstroh, led the ceremony. Haberstroh said the change is one that doesn't happen too often. "It basically means we're transitioning from a testing to an operations unit," he said.

The unit is responsible for the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted System Sensor (JLENS), which consists of two tethered, 74-meter helium-filled aerostat airships that float at 10,000 feet above ground to protect a wide range of territory from airborne threats.

Insert: (from left) The 30th ADA Brigade patch was removed and replaced with the new 108th ADA Brigade patch.

Photos by Yvonne Johnson



At your service

Jim Knapp Building Operations Command Center Supervisor

As the Building Operations Command Center (BOCC) supervisor for the Directorate of Public Work (DPW) Operations and Maintenance Division, Jim Knapp is in charge of monitoring and controlling the APG North (Aberdeen) and South (Edgewood) building automation systems.

Through these automation systems, the BOCC monitors heating, air conditioning and a portion of external lighting on

APG. Knapp and the BOCC staff also are responsible for utility meter reading to determine building electricity usage.

Not all buildings on post have utility meters, and this can create energy sourcing problems.

"Right now, electricity is sent into APG from BGE [Baltimore Gas & Electric] and it just kind of travels throughout the post. We don't know how much is getting used by each unit - how much DPW

uses, how much FMWR uses, etc. We don't really know where all the opportunities are for energy conservation," Knapp said

The BOCC team is currently retrofitting meters to all APG buildings, beginning with larger facilities that use the most electricity. He is working closely with DPW, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a few contractors to have the program completed by 2016.

"We're on about step two of 200 in that process, but it's coming," he said.

Knapp notes that the amount and type of work orders the BOCC receives is largely due to weather extremes. June and July are the busiest months.

If there's one hot-button issue [right now], it is air conditioning," Knapp joked.

The BOCC operates 24/7, handling many late night emergency work orders. Knapp recalled an evening when an

employee left work late at night and called the DPW emergency line because she was unable to secure the building properly.

"The operator stayed on the phone with her while he worked the other phone to call the roving patrol. So he accomplished the job of getting the door locked but also helped put the employee at ease," Knapp said.

A native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Knapp served six years in the Navy. He has worked at APG for five years, first in the Aberdeen and Edgewood HVAC shops, before accepting his current position as BOCC supervisor.

"I really feel like what we do is important. We're providing a vital service and we have a direct impact on everyone's day-to-day life," Knapp said.

For more information about the BOCC, contact Knapp at 410-278-1479. For DPW related emergencies, call 410-278-4721.



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Gold Star Mother's Day: Sunday, Sept. 28

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**

APG News

Since 1936, Congress has set aside the last Sunday in September to recognize the mothers of service members who lost their lives while serving in the nation's wars.

Gold Star Mothers, as an organization, was established in Washington, D.C. in 1928, but it traces its history to World War I.

In 1917, 23-year-old George Vaughn Siebold volunteered to join the U.S. military and was soon assigned to a flying corps in Europe. He and his family corresponded regularly.

After his letters stopped, the family received no word about George's whereabouts for some time. His mother, Grace Darling Siebold who had begun volunteering in veterans hospitals continued her work. And then, in October 1917 George's wife received a box containing his personal effects. The family received confirmation of George's death a month later.

To deal with her grief, Grace reached out to other mothers whose sons had lost their lives in military service, and she organized the group of mothers who could comfort each other while caring for hospitalized veterans.

The group took the name "Gold Star Mothers" from the gold stars families



U.S. Army Photo

Gold Star Mother's Day will be observed Sunday, Sept. 28, across the nation. Congress established "Gold Star Mother's Day" in 1936 to honor the mothers of service members who have died while defending the Nation's freedom. Here, luminaries honor fallen Soldiers.

hung in their windows to honor deceased service members.

In 1947, the Gold Star Lapel Button was established to recognize the Gold Star Mothers and all Gold Star Family members of service members who lose

their lives while serving on active duty. It is a symbol of honor and respect, carrying with it great meaning and emotion for the Family member.

One of the most well-known early Gold Star Mothers may have been Aletta

Sullivan, the mother of the five brothers, who were killed in action when their ship, the USS Juneau, was sunk by an enemy torpedo Nov. 13, 1942. On Sept. 21, 1948, the U.S. Post Office issued a commemorative stamp honoring Gold Star Mothers and Aletta Sullivan was given the first sheet of stamps issued.

In a recent Department of the Army letter honoring Gold Star Mothers, Secretary of the Army John McHugh, Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Raymond T. Odierno and Army Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond F. Chandler III vowed to, "never forget the great price paid for the way of life that all Americans enjoy."

"The Army remains committed to supporting the Mothers of its Fallen Soldiers, while cherishing and honoring the legacies of their children's service and sacrifice," the letter reads in part.

Annual presidential proclamations encourage Americans to display the U.S. flag and hold appropriate ceremonies the last Sunday in September to honor the nation's Gold Star Mothers.

The Army recognizes the sacrifice that all Gold Star Family members make when a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other loved one dies in service to the nation. For more information, visit www.army.mil/goldstar.

POW/MIA 5K honors those still missing

The table set for the APG POW/MIA Day 5K run/walk at Hoyle Gym Sept. 19, includes the traditional white tablecloth and single place setting featuring a red rose for the families of the missing, a candle for their unconquerable spirit, and salt on the plate symbolizing the tears of the families.

Airmen from the Joint Program Executive Office - Chemical Biological Defense hosted the event, now in its second year. Capt. Anthony Calpadiamo said the run/walk, which included two laps around Capa Field, was started to promote awareness of the lingering plight of American service members and he thanked his commander, Lt. Col. Ralph Bordner, for his support.

"More than 80,000 are still missing and every day government organizations are bringing remains home," he said. "This event makes the statement that we will never stop looking. We will never forget."

More than 100 people from various units and organizations turned out for the run/walk. Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Ramos from the U.S. Army Public Health Command commended the Airmen for presenting the somber but necessary reminder to APG men and women, and he recalled a talk he heard from a female former POW at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

"Her message was tied to fitness in that exercise is a way to keep our minds in shape as well as our bodies," he said, "so this is a fitting tribute and reminder about our missing service members."

Photo by Yvonne Johnson



ATEC Soldiers welcome back students

Story and photo by
LINDSEY MONGER
ATEC

Soldiers from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command and Army Evaluation Center welcomed students of Havre de Grace Elementary School as they began their first day of the 2014-2015 school year, with a new attitude and mission.

Students smiled from ear to ear when they saw the Soldiers, who cheered them on as they walked through the doors.

“As children walk in for their first day of school, they are welcomed as they are cheered on by men and women, who they think of as heroes,” said Ronald Wooden, principal, Havre de Grace Elementary. “As the Soldiers have a mission every day, so does the staff and students at Havre de Grace Elementary... That mission is to educate children, to be able to help them grow both socially and emotionally.”

Wooden chose the back-to-school theme, “Mission Possible,” to send the message that all things are possible when you put your mind to it. Wooden invited Soldiers to the school to cheer students on as they walked through the doors for the first time this year.

“I believe students were pleasantly surprised. We were motivated to be there, and hopefully our high fives helped pump them up,” said Maj. James Birk, operations research and systems analysis, ATEC.

“Being a part of this event showed that we are very much a part of the



Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Conway, ATEC military evaluator, welcomes 5th grade student Anthony McKnight, 10, to his first day of classes at Havre de Grace Elementary School.

community, especially because many of our Aberdeen Proving Ground employees have children who attend Havre de Grace schools,” Birk said.

The school staff planned a day full of activities and obstacle courses for

the students helping them more familiar and comfortable with their new classmates and learning environment.

“This is a great way to get across to the children that there are hopes in everything,” said Jennifer Gasdia,

Havre de Grace Elementary assistant principal. “Coming to school is fun and anything is possible if you just put your mind to it,” Gasdia said.

She said she wants students to have a fun-filled day and be ‘wowed’ when they come to school and understand that learning and fun are not separate concepts, said Gasdia.

“By the end of the first day, I want the students to walk away knowing [how] to celebrate and enjoy life while making a difference every day,” Wooden said.

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 18 issue of APG News, the author of “AWC recognizes ‘healthy star’ Ed Parylo” was incorrectly identified. The article was written by Lauren Lynch, Army Wellness Center health educator. APG News regrets the error.

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Say Something

PEO C3T tactical radios manager retires

By **ARGIE SARANTINOS**
PMTR

After continuing a legacy of two previous generations that also served in the military, and adding numerous accomplishments in his own right, Col. W.R. Wygal is retiring after more than 30 years of service.

“The Wygal family’s history of military service goes back to World War I, where my grandfather served our country,” Wygal said. “Then my father served in World War II, the Korean War and in Vietnam before official hostilities were declared. It’s a legacy of service that I am very proud of.”

Wygal distinguished himself in his culminating assignment as Project Manager for Tactical Radios (PM TR), which is part of the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications - Tactical (PEO C3T). On Aug. 19, he passed responsibility for the organization to Col. James P. Ross during a ceremony at APG.

As project manager, Wygal united three Joint Acquisition Category 1D radio programs from multiple services into a single Army project management office after the disbandment of the Joint Program Executive Office Joint Tactical Radio Systems in 2012.

This effort culminated with the bulk

of the PM TR team concentrated at APG and a small workforce located in San Diego, California.

“It was like working with an all star team – we inherited folks from multiple teams and put them all together,” Wygal said. “We managed to pull all of the teams together under the PM TR umbrella while completing a couple of moves, which included folks from the West Coast that moved to the East Coast.”

A key achievement during Wygal’s tenure at PM TR was an innovative acquisition approach that the Army is now implementing to procure lower-cost, commercially-available radios.

The non-developmental item strategy opens competition to industry partners that meet the Army’s requirements for the radios, driving the innovation that will lead to superior radios at lower costs.

Also during Wygal’s tenure, thousands of Soldiers from multiple Army divisions were equipped and trained with the

Army’s most advanced radio technologies in support of their deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom. Soldiers conducting advise-and-assist missions with Afghan partners in dangerous areas relied on their networking radios as a “digital guardian angel” capability to provide greater force protection and



Photo by Chris Rosario

Maj. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes, Program Executive Officer for Command, Control and Communications - Tactical and Col. Ralph G. Higgins, Training and Doctrine Command Capability Manager for Project Manager Tactical Radios, present Col. W.R. Wygal with the Bronze Order of Mercury award, which was given by the Signal Corps Regimental Association.

situational awareness.

“It’s all about supporting the Soldier in the field – that is our primary mission,” Wygal said.

Wygal began his military career in 1979 as an Airman in the U.S. Air Force.

“My first assignment when I enlisted in the Air Force set the stage for the rest of my military career because I was fresh out of high school and wasn’t sure what I wanted to do,” Wygal said. “Being in the military was a great opportunity, and gave me time to decide on what to do with my life.”

After serving four years, he returned to Coronado, California, where he attended college.

Wygal later completed Army Reserve Officers Training Corps requirements and went back on active duty as an aviation officer. He then served in numerous positions in aviation, military intelligence, recruiting and acquisition organizations throughout the United States, Korea, Germany and Southwest Asia.

“As an aviation officer in Germany, I flew all over Western Europe doing

different missions,” Wygal said. “I was there when the Berlin Wall fell, which was historic. I was also able to serve in Korea like my father, which holds special meaning for me.”

After joining the Army Acquisition Corps in 2001, Wygal completed assignments at the National Reconnaissance Office; the United States Special Operations Command; and the Program Executive Office for Aviation, before being assigned to PEO C3T.

Wygal credits his success to working with “good people” and what he coins “the three Cs” – communicating, coordinating and cooperating. He also notes the importance of “doing the best you can” in any position.

“While our time with Col. Wygal has been too short, he leaves us with a solid foundation to move forward as we field state-of-the-art radios for Soldiers,” said Michael Payne, deputy project manager for tactical radios.

“I am sad to go since a lot of great things are happening in the organization,” Wygal said. “But, I’m heading off to the next adventure.”

“The Wygal family’s history of military service goes back to World War I, where my grandfather served our country. Then my father served in World War II, the Korean War and in Vietnam before official hostilities were declared. It’s a legacy of service that I am very proud of.”

Col. W.R. Wygal

Former Project Manager for Tactical Radios



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ARL tech photographer retires

By **JOYCE M. CONANT**
ARL Public Affairs

When the time came for college, Ron Carty chose to go to The Maryland Institute College of Art, which was the only school in the area that offered a degree in photography at the time. He graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in photography in 1975.

After graduation, Carty worked as an Olan Mills photographer and photo lab technician for five years. He was hired at APG in 1980 as a scientific and technical photographer, at what is now called the Aberdeen Test Center.

Then in 1990, Carty got a call from an old friend, Bill Nemeth, who was the lead photographer at the U.S. Army Human Engineering Laboratory. The HEL later became the U.S. Army Research Laboratory Human Research and Engineering Directorate in the early 90s.

"A colleague had recently accepted a new job in Edgewood and my friend asked me if I would consider coming over to HEL," said Carty. "I accepted and have been here ever since. I've learned a lot about human factors photography and high speed motion picture acquisition. I've been a part of many human factor teams at KD and M-Range here at HRED. I also have had a lot of interesting trips all over the country."

Technology has changed a lot since Carty began his photography career.

"Back in the early days we had darkroom and developed film here in our building. There were no computers on our desks yet. I remember asking my supervisor if he could get me a typewriter so I could make labels for the video tapes we were producing," said Carty. "The next thing I know I have a



Courtesy photo
Shown here is Ron Carty, audiovisual production specialist, for the U.S. Army Research Laboratory's Human Research and Engineering Directorate, during his early years at APG. Carty will retire Sept. 30 with 34 years of government service.

computer, printer and I'm signed up for a DOS computer class."

Carty is the most proud of work he did with a team on live fire survivability tests and his work on MRAP vehicle and helicopter crew stations.

"I'm told work I participated in with the Bradley fighting vehicle and the M1A2 main battle tank live fire survivability tests probably prevented casualties of American Soldiers in recent wars," said Carty. "Great care was tak-

en to develop a system that not only could give a punch, but also survive one too – keeping the crew safe and out of harm's way.

"I also take great pride in the work I've done with fellow HRED colleagues, Rick Kozycki and Jim Faughn when we formed a successful human factor team that did evaluations of the seating and restraint systems on MRAP vehicles and helicopter crew stations," he said.

Carty said things have changed a lot during his 34 years of government service, but the one thing that must remain constant is to remember who our ultimate customer is, and that is the American Soldier. He said we must think of that every day so he or she can "do the difficult things that they are asked to do for our country."

"I am the luckiest person in the world when it comes to happiness in my career choice. Not a lot of people can say that. My whole life I have been privileged to make a living doing what I have always loved to do... taking photographs," said Carty.

Carty said he was that kid in school who always had the camera taking pictures for the newspaper and yearbook.

"You might say that my photo career started at APG way back in 1968 when a childhood friend of mine, who was a dependent here at APG, took me as a guest to the APG Hobby and Craft Center photography darkroom. It was there that I first witnessed the magic of seeing a photographic image develop right before my eyes under a red safelight in a developing solution tray. At that moment, I was hooked on photography and making images that tell a story," said Carty.

Carty retires from ARL Sept. 30.

BY THE NUMB#RS

**Honoring America's
Prisoners of War (POW) and
Missing in Action (MIA)**

142,233

Number of Americans captured and interned as Prisoners of War since WWI.

83,189

Americans Missing in Action from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, Iraq and other conflicts.

73,536

Americans unaccounted for from WWII.

7,880

Americans unaccounted for from the Korean War.

1,641

Americans unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

126

Americans unaccounted for from the Cold War.

6

Americans unaccounted for from Iraq & other conflicts.

By **RACHEL PONDER**, APG News
Source: www.dtic.mil/dpmo/; www.loc.gov

BE DISASTER AWARE



TAKE ACTION TO PREPARE

Preparing your home for severe weather

By **RON KRAVITZ**
Installation Safety Division

Harford County is vulnerable to the effects of a number of natural emergencies, such as severe thunderstorms, hurricanes, flooding, fires and winter storms.

When severe weather threatens, the primary concern is the safety of your family. But your home is important, too, requiring whatever forms of protection you can provide.

The key is to make plans and provisions for emergencies long before severe weather becomes anything more than an unpleasant inconvenience.

Fortunately, today's weather-predicting technology, coupled with electronic media, often affords us plenty of opportunity - sometimes days - to make extra preparations for impending natural disasters. The best time to safeguard your home against damage by severe weather is in good weather.

A weather-wise home is ready for the unexpected or sudden assault. Keeping structures and grounds in a good state of repair is a sound preventive measure. Start with these steps:

- Make sure all doors and windows are secure. Wind inside a structure will push upward against the roof and try to lift it, while winds outside create a suction pressure, almost doubling the roof's load.

- Lawn furniture, ornaments, toys, grills and exterior potted plants should be taken inside. Anything that can't be brought in should be tied down.

- Sheds, doghouses, playhouses, swing sets, and boat trailers should be secured with tie downs, turnbuckles and cable or stout rope. Mobile home tie downs should be inspected and secured.

- Dead or damaged tree branches should be removed; otherwise they could become flying objects creating the potential for personal injury or property damage.

Despite your best attempts to protect your home, damage may still occur. Take a look at your insurance policies to make sure you're adequately covered. Keep lists or video tapes of your belongings as documentation for the insurance company.

Homeowners should also ensure their house number is properly displayed so emergency responders can find your home. Numbers should not blend in with the house; dark on light, or light on dark works well. If you live off the roadway or have no mailbox, place a sign at the end of your driveway displaying your address information.

While natural disasters can strike at any moment, keeping your home maintained for emergencies means you can focus on the safety of your family. For more safety tips, visit www.ready.gov.

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ALL THINGS MARYLAND

Smith Island serves up the official state cake



By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**
APG News

Home to just 350 people and the state's official dessert is Maryland's lone remaining inhabited island, accessible only by boat.

Smith Island is located in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay along the Maryland-Virginia state line, 12 miles west of Crisfield, Maryland in Somerset County.

Smith Island is not one island, but a group of many small islands surrounded by bay marshland and tidal channels.

According to Library of Congress archives, the original English and Welsh settlers arrived in the mid to late 1600s. Families who live on Smith Island today are said to be able to trace their family history back 12 generations to those original settlers.

Because Smith Island is so isolated, the traditional culture of the original settlers has remained relatively intact. A distinct dialect exists among island residents, containing phrases and pronunciations with 17th century Elizabethan and Cornish roots.

The island was once rich farm land, but today Smith Islanders harvest not from the land, but from the bay, crabbing and oystering for a livelihood.

While the bay contributes to Smith Island's charm and livelihood, it also contributes to one of its biggest problems: erosion.

The islands lay just feet above sea level and persistent water erosion, storm flooding and rising sea levels have caused more than 3,000 acres of land to disappear into the bay in the past 150 years, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Only 900 of the island's 8,000 acres are inhabitable.

Restoration efforts have been made to combat erosion, including the protection and planting of submerged aquatic vegetation.



Above: A collection of islands, marshland and tidal channels in the Chesapeake Bay near Somerset County are home to Smith Island, Maryland's only inhabited island. Homes along the island's shoreline can be seen in the distance in this aerial shot taken above Glenn Martin National Wildlife Refuge, just north of Smith Island.



Right: Smith Island Cake was named Maryland's official dessert. The cake traditionally consists of eight to ten layers of yellow cake with chocolate fudge frosting between each layer and slathered over the whole

Just north of Smith Island is the Glenn Martin National Wildlife Refuge. With similar marshland and tidal channels, it is home to various waterfowl, nonpoisonous water snakes, muskrat, mink, red fox and northern diamondback terrapin.

In 2008, the famous Smith Island Cake was named Maryland's official dessert. An island delicacy, the cake traditionally consists of eight to ten

layers of yellow cake with chocolate fudge frosting between each layer and slathered over the whole.

The cake dates back to the 1800s when Smith Islanders would send the dessert with men on oyster harvests. Fudge was chosen, over traditional icing, because it lasted longer on boat trips.

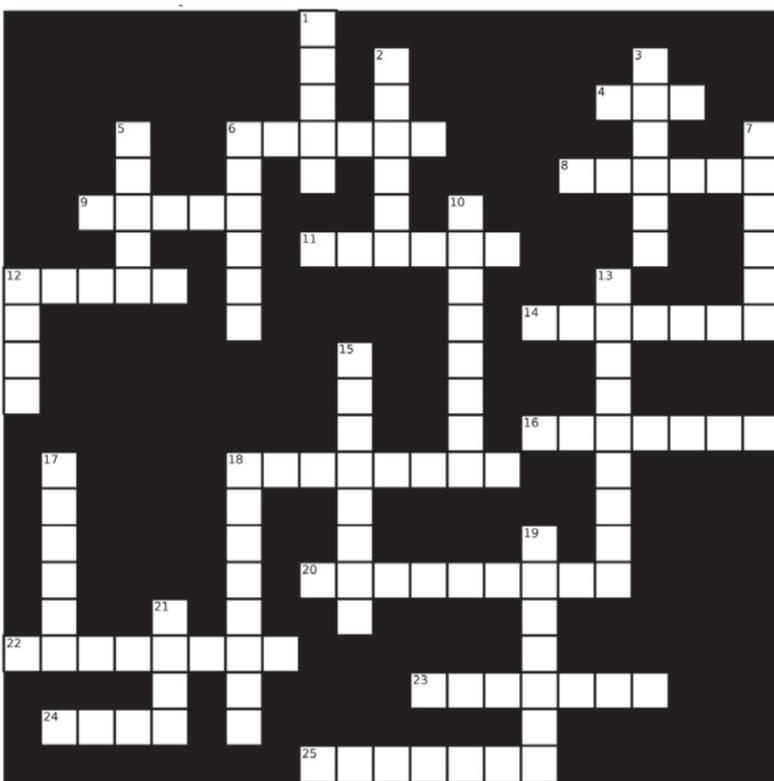
Since its inception, bakers have taken great pride in the presentation of the

thin layers of the cake and fudge icing.

Those wishing to visit Smith Island must take a ferry ride, which leaves twice a day from Crisfield. No vehicles are allowed on the ferry. Visitors should also take note that cell phone service in Smith Island is spotty, and the island is "dry," but visitors may discreetly bring alcohol during a visit.

For more information about Smith Island, visit www.visitmaryland.org.

The APG Crossword



The nation celebrated the 225th birthday of the U.S. Supreme Court Sept. 23. How much do you know about the nation's highest legal authority. Test your Supreme Court savvy (and challenge your friends) with this themed trivia crossword. Good Luck!

Across

- 4. First U.S Supreme Court Justice
- 6. President George W. Bush nominated this African American SC Justice

- 8. He followed Warren as Chief SC Justice
- 9. This SC justice was born in Trenton, New Jersey
- 11. He appointed the first woman SC justice

- 12. This Chief Justice said slaves could never be US citizens
- 14. The first woman appointed to the SC
- 16. This SC Justice was born in Chicago in 1920
- 18. He was the only SC Justice to be Secretary of State
- 20. Judges of SC must be nominated by _____
- 22. When a state is party to a case the SC has _____ Jurisdiction
- 23. This SC Chief justice was an associate counsel to President Ronald Reagan
- 24. Including the Chief, the SC consists of this many justices
- 25. Scalia and this SC justice were the only justices confirmed by a unanimous vote of the senate

Down

- 1. The SC declared this president's actions unconstitutional
- 2. This SC justice has nine children
- 3. This Chief SC Justice investigated the Kennedy assassination
- 5. The Constitution establishes the number of SC justices, True or False?
- 6. This SC justice was born in Georgia in 1948
- 7. This SC justice was an Associate Professor of Law at Harvard

- 10. He was the first African-American SC justice
- 12. The only president to also serve as Chief Justice of the SC
- 13. This president tried to pack the SC with his own appointees
- 15. President Bill Clinton nominated this SC justice
- 17. This SC justice served on the Superior Court of New Hampshire
- 18. He was the longest serving Chief Justice of the SC
- 19. This SC justice was born in Sacramento, California in 1936
- 21. The length of term for a SC justice

Solution to the September 18 puzzle



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THURSDAY-FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 25-26

RX/OTC TAKE BACK CAMPAIGN

The APG Army Substance Abuse Program will host a Take-Back Campaign for prescription (RX) drugs and over-the-counter (OTC) medicines on APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) Sept. 22-26.

Members of the APG community are encouraged to be an active participant in this year's campaign by dropping off expired, unused and unwanted RX and OTC medicines at the following drop-off sites:

APG North (Aberdeen) Police Department: Sept. 25-26, 24-hour drop-off.

APG South (Edgewood) Shoppette: Sept. 25-26, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Pharmacy: Sept. 25-26, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Robin Stokes, employee assistance program coordinator at 410-278-5319 or robin.stine.stokes.civ@mail.mil.

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 30

EXCELLENCE IN ACQUISITION LECTURE SERIES

Retired Lt. Gen. William Campbell will offer new insights for today's Army as the first speaker in the new Excellence in Acquisition Lecture Series starting 1 p.m. in the Myer Auditorium. This event is free and open to the entire APG workforce.

WEDNESDAY

SEPT. 24

3-D PRINTING HANDS-ON DEMO

Dr. Stephen Andrew "Drew" Wilkerson, the associate director for Special Programs with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory's Vehicle Technology Directorate will present an overview and hands-on demonstrations during an interactive session on 3-D printing technology, scheduled for September 24, at 7 p.m. at the Bel Air branch of the Harford County Public Library.

Wilkerson's talk, as part of the Northeastern Maryland Technology Council's Science Café series, will introduce the audience to 3-D printing with polymers like plastics. The multimedia presentation will include videos and other materials, and a 3-D printer for attendees to examine during the presentation.

The talk is supported with materials supplied by The Army Research Laboratory, as part of the Army Educational Outreach Program.

For more information, contact Drew Wilkerson at 410-278-3966.

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 1

HISPANIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Team APG will host the National Hispanic American Heritage Month observance 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000. The guest speaker is retired Maj. Gen. Robert Lee Nabors, executive advisor for Booz Allen Hamilton. The 2014 theme is "Hispanics: A legacy of history, a present of action and a future of success."

The event includes a cultural food tasting, educational performances and exhibits.

To request disability-related accommodations, call 443-861-4366. For more information, contact Tracy Marshall, CECOM/Installation EO, 443-861-4366; Sgt 1st Class Twana Burrows, ATEC, 443-861-9257; Sgt. 1st Class Yvette James, RDECOM, 410-306-2425; Master Sgt. Jay Shearer, USAPHC, at 410-436-0291; Master Sgt. Cheryl Nevels, 20th CBRNE Command, 410-436-0321; Carmen Adrover, CMA, 410-436-4186; or Rose Satz, CERDEC, 443-395-0419.

HIRING EVENT

In partnership with the APG Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program, STG, Inc., a mid-tier government contractor partnering with more than 50 federal agencies, will host a hiring event 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Top of the Bay. The same event will be held 3 to 7 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1050 Beards Hill Road in Aberdeen.

Separating service members and veterans are encouraged to attend and apply for the following positions: Java and NET Developer; Program/Project Manager; SharePoint Developers; Information Security Specialist; Help Desk Support Specialist; Systems Administrators; and Network Manager. Business attire is recommended. Bring plenty of resumes.

This event is open to all job seekers. For more information, call 410-861-9321 or visit the STG website at <http://www.stg.com>. For more information about the APG Army Community Ser-

vice Employment Readiness Program, contact Marilyn Howard, ACS ERP manager, at 410-278-9669.

MONDAY

OCTOBER 6

STRIKE OUT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Team APG will host a Strike Out Against Domestic Violence bowling tournament to raise awareness about domestic violence 5:30 p.m. at the APG Bowling Center, Bldg. 2342, every Monday night in October starting at 5:30 p.m. The entry cost of \$7 per person includes three games, shoes and a chance to win prizes. Food will be available for purchase at the Strike Force Cafe. Register by Oct. 1. For more information contact Lora Owens, bowling center manager, at 410-278-4041 or email lora.l.owens.2.naf@mail.mil.

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 15

DRIVING AWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 16

GARRISON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

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

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 18

MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

Save this date for APG's Annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) to be held at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. Registration begins 8 a.m. with the opening ceremony at 9 a.m. This year's guest speaker is John Radke, Chief of Army Retirement Services, Headquarters, Department of the Army. More details to follow.

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 22

BREAST CANCER WALK

The Army Performance Triad team will host the 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk at noon starting from Fanshaw Field. This event will partner with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program to host an APG Healthy Kids 2K Zombie Run Thursday, Oct. 30. The location and time for this event will be announced at a later date. For more information, contact Capt. Joanna Moore, APT action officer, at 410-278-1773 or email joanna.t.moore.mil@mail.mil.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

OCTOBER 24-25

APG OKTOBERFEST DATES SET

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

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

This event is open to the public.

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

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.

OCTOBER-FEBRUARY

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

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

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

2014-15 ONPOST COLLEGE SCHEDULE

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

2014 FALL
University of Maryland University College Hybrid Class
Session II: Oct. 20 – Dec. 14
Central Michigan University
Nov. 5 – Dec. 10
Harford Community College
Oct. 21 – Dec. 16

2015 SPRING
University of Maryland University College
2015 Spring Registration: Nov. 12
2015 Spring
Session I: Jan. 12 - March 8
Session II: March 16 - May 10, 2015
Central Michigan University
2015 Spring Registration: Oct. 20 – Jan. 5
Spring classes: Jan. 8 – Feb. 18
Florida Institute of Technology
Spring Registration: Nov. 10
Classes Begins: Jan. 12 – May 7, 2015
For more information, contact Tressie D. Stout, education services specialist, APG Army Education Center, Bldg. 4304, 410-306-2042 or email tressie.d.stout.civ@mail.mil.

AWC INCREASING SERVICES TO APG SOUTH

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

Service members and their Family members, government civilians and military retirees can make an appointment through the APG North AWC, or be referred by their unit or primary health care provider at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Set dates for September and October include Sept. 24 and 25 and Oct. 7, 17, 22 and 30. For more information, or to schedule an appointment call 410-306-1024.

CPR, AED CLASSES SCHEDULED

The APG Fire and Emergency Services Division of the Directorate of Emergency Services has released its schedule for CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) classes for 2014. Two classes will be held the third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the same location.

Oct. 15, Edgewood Conference Center Nov. 19, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Dec. 17, Edgewood Conference Center
Class size is limited to 30 participants. For more information or to register, contact Mike Slayman, assistant chief of EMS, at 410-306-0566 or e-mail michael.p.slayman.civ@mail.mil.

HOT WORK PERMIT

The APG Fire and Emergency Services has a new phone number to request

a Hot Work Permit. A permit can be obtained by calling 410-306-0001. When is a Hot Work Permit required?

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

Please try to give 24 hours notice prior to the work or event. Leave a message if there is no answer. The inbox is checked throughout the day.

For more information, call 410-306-0001.

AIRBORNE HAZARDS & OPEN BURN PIT REGISTRY

The Department of Veteran Affairs encourages all Gulf War Veterans – anyone who served in the Persian Gulf area from August 1990 to present – to sign up for the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry which is established by Public Law 112-260.

The registry provides an opportunity for veterans to receive information updates and to help VA improve its understanding of deployment-related health effects. During deployment, Gulf War veterans may have been exposed to smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires, and air pollution. Veterans must complete an online health questionnaire to participate in the registry. For more information, visit www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/.

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE

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

INSIDE APG

APG commanders and subject matter experts will discuss topics of interest to the local community every Saturday and Wednesday at 7:50 a.m. during "Inside APG: Creating One Community Without a Gate," a monthly radio series on 970 WAMD. For more information about the series, to schedule or request an interview, call the Garrison Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1150. For previous interviews, follow these links: <http://youtu.be/a8vuMdxmG50>; <http://youtu.be/se7hTkwbn08>

2ND INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the association and its 93rd annual reunion in Omaha, Ne. from Sept. 16 – 20, contact secretary-treasurer, Bob Haynes, at 2idahq@comcast.net or 224-225-1202.

REPORT POWER OUTAGES TO CORVIAS MILITARY LIVING

During severe weather, all residential power outages should be reported to the Neighborhood Office at 410-305-1076. This will allow staff to determine if the outage is widespread or specific to the home and coordinate the responsible provider to restore power.

In the event a neighborhood office loses power, the phone system may also be affected. If the office cannot be reached, residents should call the following toll-free numbers to report outages and maintenance emergencies. Calls to the toll-free number will directly connect residents to the emergency on-call service.

APG: 1-866-958-5412
Patriot Village: 1-866-871-6257
NH Office: 410-305-1076

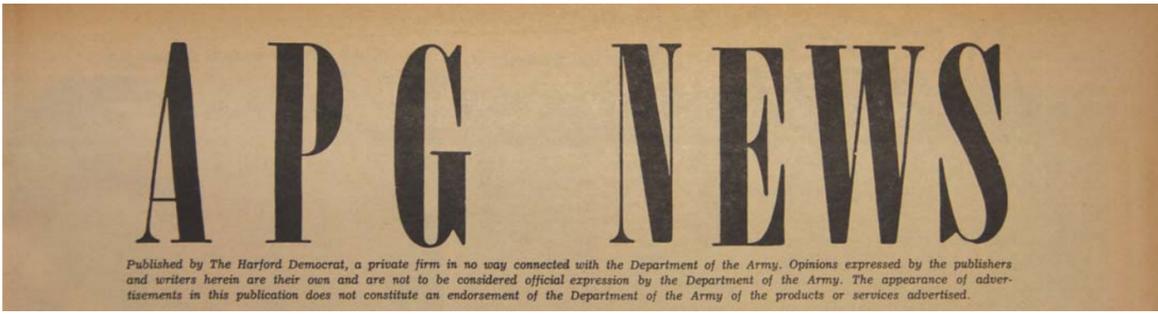
KEYSTONE CLUB

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

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 1965.

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By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

10 Years Ago: Sept. 23, 2004

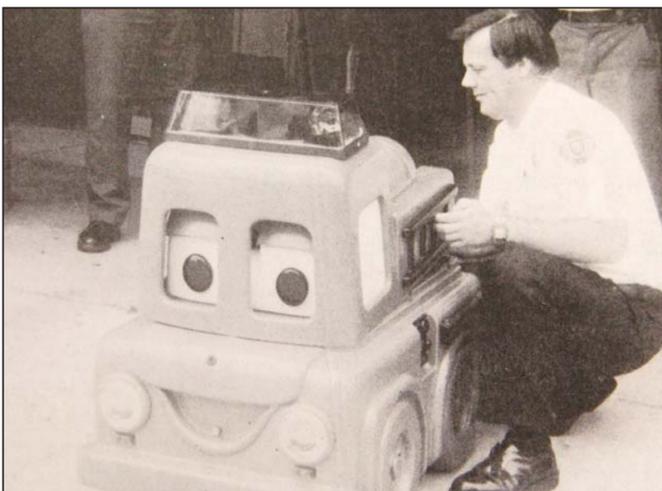


Left: (From left) Sgt. 1st Class Lance Derbone, 1st Area Medical Laboratory, folds casing from the unit guidon held by Col. Keith Gallagher, 44th Medical Command, during the ceremony activating the 1st and 9th AMLs at McBride Parade Field Sept. 16, 2004.

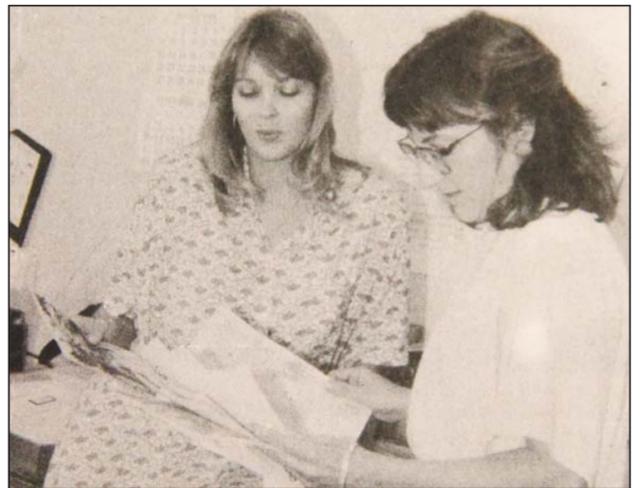


Right: (From left) 16th Ordnance Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Hart stands at attention as Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Richard Parker passes the Company G guidon to Capt. Song Huynh, company commander, during the unit activation ceremony. The new unit will support Individual Ready Reserve Soldiers recalled to active duty in support of the War on Terror.

25 Years Ago: Sept. 27, 1989



Left: (From right) Fire Inspector Andre Fournier plans fire prevention strategy with Freddy the Fire Truck, the APG fire department's new robot fire prevention instructor.



Right: (From left) Information specialists Andrea Vissotzky and Jane Wettig from the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activity Marketing and Advertising, review children's drawing contest entries that were used to advertise an on-post activity.

50 Years Ago: Sept. 24, 1964



Above: Retired officers examine the Army's new M-60 machine gun during a U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School conference designed to keep senior officers informed about ordnance materiel and methods.



Right: Beth Prince, a voucher examiner in the Comptroller's Office, models a "bulletin board" dress decorated with messages urging service members to vote via absentee ballot.

AEC hones leadership skills

By **ANDRICKA THOMAS**
ATEC

“Yes, we heard you, and we’re listening,” said Col. Warline Richardson, Army Evaluation Center military deputy, during her opening remarks at an AEC off-site meeting, Sept. 10, at Top of the Bay. Division chiefs from AEC spent the day honing their leadership and supervisory skills as part of an effort to further develop AEC Army professionals.

AEC, like the Army, is focused on developing a corporate culture of expertise, trust, honor, good stewardship and ethics. With that in mind, AEC senior leaders asked management at the division chief level about what leadership challenges they are facing and about areas they were interested in developing as an organization to cultivate a culture of leadership and teaming.

“Leaders have the most responsibility in an organization, taking care of people,” said Dr. Thomas Cao, PhD., U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command acquisition career manager, strategic initiatives group, AEC. “Today’s off-site is a great opportunity to learn more about leadership and what techniques will enhance the important mission of taking care of the workforce, which is truly our greatest asset.”

AEC responded to their management’s request and developed an AEC off-site specifically focused on topics chosen by the leadership who will use the techniques learned in their day-to-day mission areas.

“This off-site will support our efforts to cultivate and encourage an era of leadership, competence, teaming and understanding among our workforce, and it starts at the top,” said Dave Jimenez, AEC director. “Today, the staff had the opportunity to understand the challenges we will face over the next few years and how their contributions are crucial to our continued success.”



Photo by Lindsey Monger
(From left) Army Evaluation Center civilians, Guy Matricciani and Michael Clark construct a bridge as part of a team-building exercise during an off-site meeting at Top of the Bay, Sept. 10, where personnel focused on leadership and team building at APG.

The one-day session was planned by those in attendance and started with an icebreaker during which division chiefs learned something they didn’t know about one another. It started the day as a way to connect people and demonstrate the value-added for supervisors to get to know their workforce and improve collaboration and communications across the staff.

Off-site participants engaged in a series of workshops and a team-building exercise where together, they built a bridge to signify the strength that exists when personnel communicate and work together as a team. AEC organizers reported that in 13 years of administering the program, the bridge building project was completed in record time.

“It’s all about building a team through collaboration and communication,” said Richardson. “As leaders,

we owe all members of our workforce great leadership; great communications up and down the chain [of command]; and the example of what teamwork and respect for others looks like. We must lead from the front.”

Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley, commanding general, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, stressed the importance of active and engaged leaders.

“Coaching and teaching your subordinates by talking ‘with’ them versus talking ‘to’ them builds trust and confidence and improves performance.”

He offered advice about the value of explaining the rationale for decisions as leaders assume positions of increased responsibility.

“When you make decisions, take the time to explain the logic and rationale behind the decision to your subordinates to alleviate any misconceptions

[that] you do not value their ideas or input. Also use it as an opportunity to develop them and broaden their perspective and understanding. It will pay dividends downstream,” said Utley. “To me, it’s another way to build trust between you and your team, in addition to demonstrating moral and ethical conduct through your deeds.”

During the day, other topics addressed included force structure, future planning, mission readiness, problem solving skills and techniques, and methods to motivate and inspire teams to live the Army values.

Jimenez impressed upon the division chiefs the importance of the AEC mission and the impact their expertise has on the Army.

“The Army Evaluation Center, as an organization, rests on your shoulders,” Jimenez said to the group. “We have an incredible responsibility and the work you do is integral to the Army conversation. Everything the Army buys touches this organization first.

“Your expertise, knowledge base, the deep understanding you each have of the Army’s vision is imperative to us achieving mission success,” said Jimenez. “I challenge you to develop ethical, competent and committed leaders within your teams to help develop the Army’s future leaders.”

The second day of the program featured a staff ride to Valley Forge, with a focus on leadership in adversity, according to Jimenez.

“We walked through Valley Forge playing the role of a band of radicals who had lost many battles, were malnourished, barefoot and had little support from the locals,” explained Jimenez. “Facing all of those challenges, under the leadership of George Washington, they were still expected to perform. This event was a great two days as we focused on the path ahead.”

Award honors past, present USAPHC personnel

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To honor her, the command initiated an award to recognize general and special staff employees who reflect “excellence in innovation and collaboration in support of the USAPHC mission.”

David Davis, USAPHC chief information officer, received the first Evelyn “Bell” Riley Award from Maj. Gen. Dean G. Sienko, USAPHC commander, for consistently demonstrating the best qualities of leadership in support of the command mission.

According to the award citation, Riley fostered administrative excellence and was a model of organizational dedication, selfless service and professional excellence who served as a mentor and role model and exhibited outstanding leadership.

“This is a good day. We get to recognize two long-term employees—one, Bell Riley, and the other, Dave Davis,” said John Resta, USAPHC’s Army Institute of Public Health director and deputy to the commander, who assisted in the presentation.

“Bell was the first public affairs officer at the Army Environmental Hygiene Agency, but that was one of her last

jobs,” Resta said. “Prior to that, she was responsible for all of the technical documents the organization produced.

“During her career she was both a role model and a mentor who touched many of us who had the privilege of knowing her. She had a steel determination to make this place better, and Dave Davis has many of the same characteristics,” explained Resta.

“We would not be where we are today (at the USAPHC) without his support—our phones wouldn’t work, we wouldn’t have computers, and we wouldn’t be able to communicate. He has a relentless passion to make things happen,” Resta said.

Both Sienko and Resta commended Davis for outstanding achievements and dedication to duty.

(From left, Maj. Gen. Dean G. Sienko, commander of the U.S. Army Public Health Command presents the first Evelyn “Bell” Riley Award to David Davis, USAPHC chief information officer, during a Sept. 18 ceremony in the APG South (Edgewood) chapel.

Photo by Graham Snodgrass



WORD OF THE WEEK

Equivocal

Pronounced: i-KWIV-i-v-kl

Part of Speech: Adjective

Definition

1. Subject to two or more interpretations and usually used to mislead or confuse; an equivocal statement
2. Uncertain as an indication or sign; equivocal evidence
3. Of uncertain nature or classification; equivocal
4. Of uncertain disposition toward a person or thing: undecided; an equivocal attitude
5. Of doubtful advantage, genuineness, or moral rectitude; equivocal behavior

Forms:

- Noun - equiv-o-cal-i-ty
- Noun - equiv-o-cal-ness
- Adverb - equiv-o-cal-ly

Use:

- He responded to reporters’ questions with equivocal answers.
- Intradermal testing is a useful primary screening test but results are often equivocal.
- There is nothing equivocal about her religious beliefs.
- The author seems equivocal about what he really wants to say, as if he doesn’t want to commit himself to one perspective.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News
Source: www.Miriam-Webster.com

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

DARPA

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency



DARPA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Defense responsible for the development of new technologies for use by the military. DARPA was established in 1958 to prevent strategic surprise from negatively impacting U.S. national security and create strategic surprise for U.S. adversaries by maintaining the technological superiority of the U.S. military.

To fulfill its mission, the agency relies on multi-disciplinary approaches to advance knowledge through basic research and create innovative technologies that address current practical problems through applied research. DARPA’s scientific investigations span the gamut from laboratory efforts to the creation of full-scale technology demonstrations in the fields of biology, medicine, computer science, chemistry, physics, engineering, mathematics, material sciences, social sciences, neurosciences and more. As the DOD’s primary innovation engine, DARPA undertakes projects that are finite in duration and create lasting revolutionary change.

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Wharton takes command of RDECOM

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RDECOM move forward as the Army and nation face challenges in a rapidly changing global security environment.

“Over the course of his stellar career, Maj. Gen. Wharton has been assigned to very challenging assignments at every level,” Via said. “While at ASC, John led the command through an unprecedented transformation in both structure and function and set conditions for the command to successfully maintain its support to missions worldwide.

“John Wharton knows about leading complex, global organizations. The men and women of RDECOM are very fortunate to have Maj. Gen. Wharton take the reins of RDECOM today.”

Ormond bids farewell to RDECOM

Via praised Ormond for RDECOM’s initiatives in the past two-and-a-half years to improve how the command’s seven centers and laboratories work together to maintain Soldiers’ technological edge. Ormond’s next assignment will be as deputy assistant secretary of the Army (Plans and Resources), Office of the Assistant Secretary of Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).

“Under Dale’s leadership and his innovation and vision, he transformed RDECOM into a collaborative enterprise that now strives to serve as the Army’s honest broker in science and technology by providing balanced, unbiased input to the Army’s research, development, technology and engineering processes,” Via said.

“RDECOM has maintained its repu-



Photo by Conrad Johnson
Incoming RDECOM commanding general Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton shakes hands with outgoing RDECOM director Dale A. Ormond during the assumption of command ceremony Sept. 22 as Gen. Dennis L. Via, commanding general of AMC, looks on.

tation as the Army’s go-to organization for superior scientific and engineering solutions. The command’s motto is well known: RDECOM defines the space between the state of the art and the art of the possible.”

Ormond commended the RDECOM-workforce of more than 13,000 for their service and commitment to the Soldier.

“This is a great day for the Army and RDECOM. I would like to thank all civilians, military and contractors of RDECOM who work so hard every day to make a difference in the lives of our

Soldiers and their ability to successfully execute the fight,” Ormond said.

Improving collaboration across the command has also been a major emphasis during the past two years, Ormond said. He discussed initiatives that included the core competencies database and the communities of practice.

RDECOM must combine the talents of subject-matter experts across the organization to achieve the best technological solutions in increasingly complex combat environments, Ormond said.

“We started to increase the collabo-

ration, cooperation and synchronization across the command,” he said. “When one RDEC was the lead for a project, they would reach to the other RDECs that had the other competencies they need and brought them on board.

“This started making us mutually dependent on each other for success and gave us the reach-back to the tremendous technical expertise inside each of the RDECs and ARL. The power of this organization has only started to be realized across this command.”

Ormond pointed to an Office of the Secretary of Defense study on international S&T that stated the U.S. technological advantage is shrinking. RDECOM is key to maintaining the Army’s battlefield dominance, Ormond said.

“For the American Soldier, I would offer that only an integrated RDECOM leveraging the tremendous technological and intellectual capital across the breadth of all the RDECs and ARL, working with our sister services and international partners, will be able to stay ahead of the adversary to increase our technological advantage and re-establish it where it’s been lost,” he said.

“This is what RDECOM is all about. It’s been my honor to serve you as your director, and I have no doubt that Maj. Gen. Wharton will lead you to new heights and accomplishments on behalf of the Soldier.”

A series of five major generals led the command from its inception in 2004 until Ormond assumed the leadership of RDECOM from Maj. Gen. Nick Justice.



Photo by Yvonne Johnson
Both novice and experienced riders line up near the APG Exchange before heading out on the APG Garrison-sponsored Motorcycle Mentorship Ride to Pennsylvania and back, Sept. 18.

Riders share motorcycle experience, knowledge

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“This ride is to promote defensive driving, where less experienced riders get the opportunity to ride with those with more experience,” said Adams, during registration at the Exchange parking lot where riders conducted pre-ride checks of their bikes and personal protective equipment.

Allen delivered a safety briefing, Nelson reviewed the route and discussed rules of the road and Maj. Mark Rendon, Garrison chaplain resource manager, blessed the ride. Garrison Safety Director Ralph Cardenuto and FMWR Director Mike Lupacchino saw the riders off with complimentary door prizes.

The destination was an open house at the Harley Davidson factory in York, Pennsylvania where visitors could take a self-guided tour of the sprawling facility – one of only two in the nation – and enjoy the festival-type atmosphere outside that included food and souvenir vendors, apparel and accessory sales and even the chance to test ride a 2015 Harley.

Riders said they enjoyed the visit and appreciated the experience of the group ride.

“I hadn’t been on a ride and this sounded like fun,” said Sgt. 1st Class Carmela Brown-Nelson of the Army

Test and Evaluation Command’s Army Evaluation Center. She was joined by fellow AEC riders Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sonya Martin and Sgt. 1st Class Shameka Reese-Jackson.

“Every place I’ve been stationed they’ve sponsored rides,” said Reese-Jackson, who’s been riding for 12 years. “I’m already looking forward to the next one,” she said.

Lt. Col. Marty Robinette, the U.S. Army Public Health Command Army Hearing Program Manager, rode along on his 2007 Yamaha 225, which he described as a combination dirt/street bike.

“It’s plenty of bike for new riders,” he said, “but not very good at high speeds.”

He said he appreciated the insights and advice from organizers and fellow riders.

“They watched and critiqued and were very supportive. The overall experience was just a lot of fun,” he said. “Now I’m thinking about getting something a little bigger.”

Staff Sgt. Guy Roberts and Sgt. James Howard, from Alpha Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, and the unit’s motorcycle mentors, said they enjoyed tour and the group ride.

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Did You Know?

The U.S. Air Force celebrated “67 Plus Years of Air Power” during the Air Force birthday celebration Sept. 18.



With the implementation of the National Security Act of 1947, under President Harry S. Truman, the Army Air Forces formally cut ties with the Army to become a separate and equal military branch, the Air Force.

“We didn’t become the world’s greatest Air Force by accident,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody. “We got here through 67 years of American Airmen breaking new terrain and lifting us to a higher level. We should celebrate that innovation this year, and we’re counting on you to continue this legacy for years to come.”

Here are some highlights of the USAF’s 67+ year history:

1944 – For the first time, Col. Floyd B. Wood, Maj. Harry Wexler, and Lt. Frank Reckord deliberately flew an aircraft – a Douglas A-20 – into a hurricane to collect scientific data; they returned safely.

1948 – USAF joins Britain, France, Canada, Australia, and other countries in Berlin Airlift, supplying West Berlin with food and necessities during Stalin’s Berlin Blockade.

1961-1972 – USAF operates 10 major air bases in South Vietnam during Vietnam War; South Vietnam becomes totally reliant on U.S. air power.

1990-1991 – More than 20,000 USAF reservists and 12,000 Air National Guard personnel support USAF operations in Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Operations Desert Shield/Storm. The coalition of air forces flew more than 100,000 combat sorties and dropped 210,000 unguided bombs.

2001 – USAF deploys to Afghanistan. B-52s and B-1 bombers attack Taliban positions, and B-2 Spirit bombers of the 509th Bomb Wing flew round-trip from Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, to Afghanistan on the longest bombing missions in aviation history.

2003 – USAF deploys during the invasion of Iraq. After the defeat of Saddam Hussein’s regime, USAF takes over Baghdad International Airport as an air base.

Today – The USAF is comprised of more than 680,000 Airmen, made up of active duty, reservists, guardsmen and civilians, who support more than 5,600 aircraft, 450 intercontinental ballistic missiles and 63 satellites.

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TEERING OFF AT RUGGLES FOR A GOOD CAUSE

(From left) Christina Lecuyer and Steve Finney perfect their swings during a golf outing at Ruggles Golf Course Sept. 18. The outing benefitted a tragedy assistance program for Family members of fallen service members. The program is "made up of surviving families who are now reaching back to offer comfort to those just starting the journey," according to Bonnie Carroll, retired U.S. Air National Guard Airman and Air Force Reservist, who now dedicates her time to helping military Families cope with loss.



CERDEC MILITARY DEPUTY PROMOTED TO COLONEL

Above: The Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center's new military deputy Col. Mark T. Stiner was promoted in a ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) Myer Auditorium, Sept. 16. Jill Smith, CERDEC director, hosted the ceremony and was joined by Stiner's father, Retired Col. Tom Stiner, for the pinning on of rank.

Photo by Sean Kief

RESILIENCY RUN SERIES PREPS FOR ARMY TEN MILER

Below: Runners take off on an early-morning jog in the name of good health during the Resiliency 10K Run/5K Walk at APG South (Edgewood) Sept. 17. Led by Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, a Resiliency Health Fair was held in the nearby recreation center later that day.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson



PWOC SPREADS WELL WISHES ACROSS APG

Members of the APG Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) participated in a Prayer Walk Sept. 18. During the walk, women visited various locations across APG to ask for protection, guidance and peace for members of the community. A stencil was chalked on the ground to mark locations visited by PWOC during the walk. Left: Francine Lewis secures a stencil as Jeremiah and Angel Rehedul, both 2, take turns coloring with chalk; Below: Tierra Maull with head bowed prays with others in front of the APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center.

Photos by Molly Blossie

