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Army defines online misconduct

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Army News Service

If Soldiers were still unsure of what bad behavior looks like online, the Army clarified it for them in an "All Army Activities" message – commonly called an ALARACT – that went out force-wide last week.

Online misconduct, it says, is "the use of electronic communication to inflict harm. Examples include, but are not limited to: harassment, bullying, hazing, stalking, discrimination, retaliation, or any other types of misconduct that undermine dignity and respect."

The ALARACT 122/2015, which comes as part of an effort to address Soldier use of social media and other online forms of communication, also defines good behavior online, "electronic communication," and "online-related incident."

"The Army Values require that everyone be treated with dignity and respect," the message reads. "Harassment, bullying, hazing, stalking, discrimination, retaliation, and

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APG BOSS Soldiers, led by Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis, left, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey O. Adams, right, shower League of Dreams player Elliott Brown with applause, cheers and low-fives as he takes to the field during the league's practice and game held at Ripken Stadium Aug. 1. BOSS Soldiers have volunteered with the program for special needs children and adults since 2010.

Making dreams come true

BOSS Soldiers support 'League of Dreams' players

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

Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers gathered in support of special needs children who share the desire to play team sports during the League of Dreams practice and game at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen Aug. 1.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) members helped about two dozen

League of Dreams children practice hitting and throwing before the annual game on Cal Sr. Field.

The League of Dreams enables special needs children and adults who are unable to participate in organized sports, the chance to play baseball and softball. The event culminates during the annual Cal Ripken World Series games in Aberdeen.

Frank Kolarek, League of Dreams presi-

dent and founder, brought the organization to Aberdeen in 2010, and BOSS and the APG Garrison have supported it ever since.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams, who oversees the BOSS program, led the group of Soldier volunteers, who included Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis.

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APG Soldier receives Purple Heart

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**
APG News

The oldest U.S. military combat decoration was awarded to an Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldier during a ceremony in Washington, D.C., July 31.

Capt. Clayton J. Cannon was presented the Purple Heart by the Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Lt. Gen. Michael E. Williamson, at the Pentagon.

The medal is awarded in the name of the president to members of the armed forces who were wounded, killed, or who died of wounds received while in any

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Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Lt. Gen. Michael E. Williamson, left, poses with Capt. Clayton J. Cannon after presenting Cannon with the Purple Heart during a ceremony at the Pentagon July 31. Cannon was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action Aug. 28, 2013 in Afghanistan.

Photo by Tricia May



ARL partners with local organizations

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

Representatives from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory implemented a five-year collaborative partnership with University Center, Northeastern Maryland University Research Park, Northeastern Maryland Technology Council, and the Susquehanna Workforce Network during a signing ceremony at University Center in Aberdeen, July 31.

The partnership with local industry and academia will enable businesses, students, professors, scientists and researchers to have access to an array of resources and research personnel who have worked on and developed complex defense-centered situations and tasks in the world of science and technology.

Collaboration between ARL and these four organizations will support ARL's mission to discover, innovate and transition science and technology to the nation's Soldiers by advancing scientific discovery and innovation through enhanced access between government laboratories, academic institutions and

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Local government, industry and academic leaders partnered with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory during a signing ceremony at the University Center in Aberdeen, Maryland July 31. From left, Nancy Spence, University Center director; Danny DeMarinis, president of Northeastern Maryland University Research Park; Dr. Thomas Russell, ARL director; Bruce England, executive director of Susquehanna Workforce Network, Inc.; and Mike Parker, chairman of the board for Northeastern Maryland Technology Council.

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What's on your summer reading list?

"I don't have any physical books anymore, because I signed up for Audible and I listen to audio books when I drive. I was doing Stephen King for a while. I've been listening to David Sedaris a lot of his funny stories. I'll probably listen to a few more of his books."



Jonathan Cameron
RDECOM

"I have five kids under age four, so I don't have a lot of time to read. I read 'How Do Dinosaurs Go to Bed' to my two older ones. It's supposed to teach them what's bad and what's good. That's pretty much my summer reading."



Heidi Hamrick
ATEC

"I'm reading some books about leadership right now. The Army's always changing, so it's good to keep up with the times. I've learned that patience is the key [to good leadership]. Everybody learns at a different pace, everybody reacts to things differently, so you've got to have patience."



1st Sgt. Jermaine Allen
CECOM

"My friend told me about the author Stephen King. I'm planning to check out some of his books eventually."



Jeremy Nin
Family member

"I read the Aegis and the Baltimore Sun. I like to keep up with the news."



Georgia Washington
Family member

WHY WE SERVE LOYALTY

Why We Serve Word of the Month – Loyalty

Loyalty (loi' - uhl - tee) noun: the state or quality of being loyal; faithfulness to commitments or obligations; faithful adherence to a government, a leader, a cause, etc.

Why We Serve connection: Loyalty is being committed on a variety of levels for a variety of issues. You can be loyal to your fellow Soldiers or loyal to your fellow employees and team members. You can be loyal to your agency, your government, or your organization. You can be loyal to a creed of beliefs, a set of ethical standards, or even loyal to a single person, organization or group. Being loyal can serve to create and enhance trust in you and your efforts by that particular entity, solidifying the entity because the sum of its parts produces for the mission and ultimate accomplishments of the collective group.

"When I examine 'loyalty,' I see a defined 'two-way street.' General George Patton said it well: "There's a great deal of talk about loyalty from the bottom to the top. Loyalty from the top down is even more necessary and is much less prevalent. One of the most frequently noted characteristics of great men who have remained great is loyalty to their subordinates." I think there are many examples of great men who we can emulate and be great ourselves."

COL. O. WAYNE BOYD, Chaplain, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command

SHARP™ SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT RESPONSE & PREVENTION

RESOURCE CENTER APG

SHARP Toiletries Drive

Through Aug. 15, Team APG will participate in a charitable toiletries drive in support of the Harford County SARC, Inc. Harford County SARC is a non-profit agency which provides a variety of services to the community related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking prevention and response.

The APG Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) drive will focus on providing toiletries and bathroom products for the Harford County SARC safehouse.

Suggested donation items include:

- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Body/Hand soap and lotions
- Toilet Paper
- Towels & washcloths
- Face wash
- Loofas



- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Shampoo/Conditioner

Collection bins at APG North (Aberdeen) include: the Exchange; Express; the Bowling Center; Army Community Service lobby, Bldg. 2503; Garrison HHC, Bldg. 305; C4ISR lobbies in Bldgs. 6002, 6006 and 6010; and the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic lobby, Bldg. 2501.

Collection bins at APG South (Edgewood) include: JPEO-CBD lobbies, Bldgs. E5101 and E2800; and the CMA lobby, Bldg. E4585.

Other collection areas may be available for select participating units and organizations. All donations made to this drive are strictly voluntary. Contact your unit SHARP, SARC or VA for more information.

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Cooke becomes new AEC director

Story and photo by **LINDSEY MONGER**
ATEC

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's Army Evaluation Center welcomed its new director, James C. Cooke, during a change of responsibility ceremony July 30 at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

ATEC commanding general, Maj. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler, presided over the ceremony and the transition of leadership from AEC outgoing director, David Jimenez, to Cooke.

During his remarks, Karbler explained his thoughts on the leadership qualities Army professionals should embody over the course of their careers.

"Leadership is a function of both competence and character," Karbler said, as he shared his thoughts on leadership and the importance of adhering to the Army's values and ethics. "You can't have one [competence] without the other [character]. That's why we are so blessed to have both Dave Jimenez and Jim Cooke here."

A little different from most change of responsibility ceremonies, the ATEC family will continue to benefit from the leadership of Jimenez, while gaining Cooke's leadership and expertise. Since January, Jimenez has worn two hats: one as the ATEC executive technical director and deputy, and the other as AEC director.

Karbler lauded Jimenez for the professional expertise he has been recognized for across the Department of Defense.

With 29 years of expertise in the research and development, test and evaluation, acquisition, production engineering and sustainment mission areas, Jimenez has helped shape the future test and evaluation mission and community.

Karbler also praised Jimenez for his accomplishments during his tenure at AEC and said he looked forward to his continued contributions at ATEC headquarters.

"Dave's work with the ATEC System Team (AST) has really helped in our developmental and operational testing, exercises and fielded assessments so we can help inform the big decisions the Army has to make for programs as they move along," Karbler said.

Karbler commended Jimenez's foresight to know what was needed to position the command to support the Army of tomorrow and expressed his confidence in Cooke's ability to continue down the path of progress and achievement in support of the Army's modernization efforts.

Karbler thanked Jimenez and his wife, Ida, for their support and the impact they made on the AEC team over the past five years.

Jimenez reflected on his time with ATEC and noted the workforce's commitment to provide selfless service to one of the toughest missions the Army has.

"It's been a privilege to lead the Army Evaluation Center," Jimenez said. "Over the years, the AEC mission and the scope of what AEC has been called to do has transformed sig-



Commanding General of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Maj. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler, center, passes the Army Evaluation Center colors to incoming director James C. Cooke, left, during a change of responsibility ceremony July 30, at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Outgoing AEC Director David Jimenez, right, now serves as the ATEC executive technical director and deputy to the commanding general.

nificantly. It has kept up with the ever-changing technological landscape of the Army and the transformation never ends. I've been fortunate to have a front row seat, seeing it all."

As he handed over the reins to Cooke, Jimenez wished him the best and shared his secret to success during his tenure at AEC. "It's not about the pretty building, it's not about the facilities, it's all about the people... and you've got the best," Jimenez said.

Cooke joins the AEC team after serving as the assistant deputy under secretary of the Army for test and evaluation, where he provided oversight of all the test and evaluation capabilities for major army acquisition category I and II programs, as well as for all DOD chemical and biological defense program activities.

Cooke served as the integrator and primary agent for the Secretary of the Army to coordinate test and evaluation positions on issues and reports with other military departments, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff and Congress.

Among a host of other responsibilities, he also provided oversight over the DOD test and evaluation enterprise, test ranges, the Army test and evaluation strategic plan, regulations and policies, and the resources to execute the mission.

Jimenez and Karbler expressed confidence in the breadth of Cooke's knowledge and experience as he takes on his

new responsibility as AEC director.

"Jim brings a wealth of experience he will be able to share with the ATEC family," Karbler said. "Jim has 42 years of service from the time he graduated from West Point in 1973 as an infantry officer and then as a trusted professional when he became an Army civilian in 1997. We are really excited to have him on board."

Cooke's experience in both military and civilian leadership positions have served him well on his numerous Army and joint staff assignments. In addition, his years as a former military evaluator equipped him with a complete understanding of the AEC mission.

Cooke thanked his wife, Lynnette,

for her continuous support over the years and through the multiple assignments at home and abroad.

"Lynnette, they say behind every successful guy is the successful wife and in my case, that's true," Cooke said. "So thank you for that honey."

Cooke said he was genuinely impressed with the work Jimenez has done with the command during his time at ATEC and is deeply humbled to be given leadership over a team as great as AEC.

"It's [the ATEC workforce] passionate in its mission for service to our warfighters and to our nation and I pledge to you that I will continue to maintain those core values and high standards. Truth in Testing."



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APG SSCF welcomes Class of 2016

By **JAMES OMAN**

Defense Acquisition University

July 27 marked the opening day for the Senior Service College Fellowship program at Aberdeen Proving Ground and served as the official welcome for the fellows of the class of 2016.

The seventh class held at the Defense Acquisition University's SSCF program at APG, the class of 2016 signifies the start of the fellows' 10 months of study through the program.

Eight APG fellows were selected by a centralized selection board from among the many applicants who applied for acceptance into the academically rigorous program of study. Each fellow participating in the pro-

gram was identified and endorsed by their sponsoring command. The command endorsement was based upon their candidate's demonstrated past performance and, more importantly, their potential to assume positions of greater responsibility within the acquisition workforce.

For the second consecutive year, APG has a member of the fourth estate participating as a fellow - Shauna Dover, from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). As a member of DLA, Dover brings unique insights and perspectives shaped over her many years of experience and in her work in providing support to the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and other federal agencies.

The Class of 2016 fellows are Dover; Willie Jackson, Program Executive Office Intelligence, Electronic Warfare & Sensors; Dr. Melanie Loncarich, U.S. Army Evaluation Center U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command; Patrick Morse, U.S. Army Contracting Command; Benjamin Pryor, PEO Enterprise Information Systems - Fort Detrick, Maryland; Nicholas Saacks, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command Logistics and Readiness Center; Daniel Schwartz, PEO IEW&S; and Wing Young, U.S. Army CECOM Software Engineering Center.

The upcoming academic year promises to be another superb experience for the incoming class, and will contin-

ue to be characterized by adult learning in a small seminar. In the words of famed military theoretician and British army officer, Maj. Gen. J.F.C. Fuller, "...we shall teach others: first because we have a vast amount of experience behind us, and secondly, in my opinion, it is only through free criticism of each other's ideas that truth can be thrashed out."

The SSCF is a 10-month academic program, provided under the auspices of DAU, focused on leadership and acquisition management. The program prepares senior civilian acquisition leaders for roles as product and project managers, program executive officers, and other key acquisition positions.



Dover



Jackson



Loncarich



Morse



Pryor



Saacks



Schwartz



Young

Training preps for ECOMP arrival in Sept.

CHRA-NE

Starting in September, government employees who are injured or become ill while on the job will have a new way to file a claim.

ECOMP is the Employee's Compensation Operations & Management Portal; a new system that allows employees to file claims from almost anywhere. The system lets employees scan medical and support documentation to the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Worker's Compensation Program which allows for privacy when sending medical documentation to support the claim.

During August, APG civilians can attend several scheduled classes to learn



more about ECOMP. Classes will be held three times a day at the following locations:

APG North (Aberdeen) post theater

- Aug. 12; Aug. 20; Sept. 10
- 8 to 9:30 a.m.; 10 to 11:30 a.m.; 1:30 to 3 p.m. each day.

APG South (Edgewood) conference center, Bldg. E4810

- Aug. 11; Aug. 17; Sept. 8
- 8 to 8:30 a.m.; 10 to 11:30 a.m.; 1:30 to 3 p.m. each day.

This training is open to all employees,

supervisors, administrators and timekeepers.

Also, a tutorial can be found at www.ecomp.dol.gov.

For more information, contact Cheryl Adams, CHRA-NE, at 410-306-1091 or cheryl.a.adams1.civ@mail.mil

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Jyuji Hewitt, executive deputy to the commanding general of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, speaks to a group of Army civilians with the APG Senior Management Association at Top of the Bay July 29.

Photo by Conrad Johnson

Career as an Army civilian is a 'calling'

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**
RDECOM

Working as a U.S. Army civilian employee is a calling and not simply a job, a senior leader said July 29.

Jyuji Hewitt, executive deputy to the commanding general of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, spoke to a group of about 25 Army civilians with the APG Senior Management Association at Top of the Bay.

Professionalism and a commitment to service are vital to serving in the Army civilian corps, he said.

"Professionals are people who are motivated intrinsically by a calling.

“Professionals are people who are motivated intrinsically by a calling. This is about something bigger than me. This is about serving our nation.”

Jyuji Hewitt

Executive Deputy to the Commander

U.S. Army Research,

Development and Engineering Command

This is about something bigger than me," Hewitt said. "This is about serving our nation.

"Being in the Army is a calling. It's

more than a job. It's a desire to serve this great republic of ours, the United States of America. Once you understand that it is a calling and grasp those

Army values, we will be the force that no other nation can even touch."

Hewitt said Soldiers need precision and discipline in a battlefield formation. Army civilians need the same traits to be successful in their jobs, lead their organizations and mentor the next generation.

"What is your precision? Where are you applying what you do to the same level of professionalism, expertise and precision? Look inside yourselves and your organizations," he said. "Can you do the same?"

"Our Army is being challenged. The civilian corps is being challenged. Am I professional? Is this a calling?"

Working together, putting technology to the test

Army S&T community assesses emerging technology during field-based event

By **NANCY JONES-BONBREST**,
PEO C3T and
EDRIC THOMPSON, CERDEC

Working together to assess leap-ahead technologies while also analyzing the integration of maturing capabilities, the Army's science and technology community and materiel community, in partnership with industry, is taking part in the E15 event at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

The annual event, led by the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC), serves as an upfront assessment of technology insertion challenges and successes, as the Army advances its tactical network and command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance or C4ISR technology.

The field-based risk reduction effort is an opportunity to evaluate the readiness of a variety of capabilities in an integrated environment beyond the traditional lab setting.

"What you see here at CERDEC Ground Activity, is a resource for early discovery, technology refinement, and system of systems engineering at a level in development that can pre-empt costly integration conflicts found later in the process," said John Willison, director for CERDEC Space & Terrestrial Communications Directorate.

"The convergence of mature C4ISR development projects and early programs of record onto the current network architecture in an environment built to find and address problems provides a unique Army/DOD asset that will return dividends in cost avoidance and in delivering more-reliable Soldier solutions on time."

This year, engineers and analysts from CERDEC and acquisition programs of record, are evaluating various capabilities including mission command, mission planning, target hand-off, autonomous system tasking, tactical power solutions for the small unit, tactical 4G LTE, dynamic discovery of sensors, and



Soldiers from the Fort Benning, Georgia Experimental Force (EXFOR), Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment help assess C4ISR capabilities during the E15 field-based risk reduction event held at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Photo by Edric Thompson

intelligence analysis.

For the first time in a field-lab environment, four of the six Computing Environments (CE) that form the Army's Common Operating Environment (COE), came together at E15 in mission threats as the Army examines how the CEs interact, how the COE is maturing and what next steps might be necessary. The COE, an approved set of computing technologies and open standards, is an Army effort to converge multiple systems onto a common architecture for increased flexibility and agility in developing capabilities.

E15 is a crucial step as the development and acquisition communities work with the requirements community to inform them of the materiel needs for specific capabilities.

E15 is also an important step in maturing the tactical network as the Army becomes a more expeditionary force.

Led by the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T), network efforts at E15 are focusing on advancing capabilities in the commander's vehicle and simplifying battalion command posts. Both are designed to provide advanced capabilities to the Commander on-the-move, while also simplifying and increasing the mobility of the command post.

"The Army is focusing on getting to a more expeditionary force so simplifying the smaller command post really dovetails with that," said Col. Michael Thurston, project manager Mission Command, part of PEO C3T. "We're still in the proof of concept stage, so this is a great forum to get together and not only try out our technologies with each other, but also build relationships as a team."

The Army is looking at additional efforts during the event, including

extending a Position Location Information (PLI)-based tracking device, how the Mid-tier Networking Vehicular Radios (MNVR) provides mid-tier support, and common server stacks that enable better application processing. Tactical Public Key Infrastructure or Tactical PKI, was also assessed during E15. Tactical PKI will transition away from user names and passwords to increase the level of assurance that the network is being used by the right people, with the right access.

By assessing capabilities early, with input from Soldiers, E15 assists in solidifying what the software builds and architectural needs are.

"Our value to the Army is in working at the intersection of diverse competencies to help inform integrated solutions to complex problems" Willison said. "Our mission across these areas is to improve current capabilities while helping to shape the future."

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events&town halls

SATURDAY AUG. 8

MILITARY & LOCAL NON-PROFIT APPRECIATION DAY

The Non-Commissioned Officer Association Four States Liberty Chapter 1661 will host a Military & Community Non-Profit Organization Appreciation Day at the Main Street Cigar parking lot in Bel Air from 2 to 7 p.m.

Representatives from local non-profit organizations will provide information about the services available to the community. Participating organizations include: Perry Point VA Medical Center, the Association of the United States Army, the VFW, the SARC, Bel Air Rotary Club and the Center for the Arts.

The event will also include live music, food, drinks, a dunk-tank and a bouncy house for kids.

Main Street Cigar is located at 2225 E Churchville Rd., Bel Air, MD 21015.

For more information, contact NCOA 1661 Vice Chairman Mike Burrell at michaelburrell24@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY SEPT. 1

2ND GARRISON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SYMPOSIUM

The APG Garrison Directorate of Human Resources will host the 2nd Garrison Professional Development Training Symposium at Top of the Bay from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open to all garrison employees, the symposium's theme is "Reaching for the Stars: Achieving Career Success" and will topics covered will include: Navigating SharePoint; Communicate like a Pro at Every Level; Earning College Credit for Prior Learning; Developing Yourself for Success; How to Stand Out; and Get Ahead and Get Noticed.

Registration is required, and now open through Aug. 25. To register, visit <https://www.apg.army.mil/CAC/PDS>.

For more information, contact Jill Brodbeck at 410-278-9917; Lisa Waldon at 410-278-4353 or your training coordinator.

TUESDAY – FRIDAY SEPT. 22-25

DAU ACQUISITION ENVIRONMENT COURSE

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) will host a four-day ACQ 450 – Leading in the Acquisition Environment course 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the DAU Facility, 6175 Guardian Gateway at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

This action-based learning course provides an overview of the competencies and skills needed to lead in an acquisition environment. Experiential activities include role playing, simulation, communication, and critical-thinking exercises; a leadership challenge; and completion of 360 degree feedback instrument and executive coaching to develop action plans related to the feedback. Participants will learn to apply strategies for leading up, down, and across in an acquisition organization. Level III certification in at least one acquisition career field and at least three years of Level III experience are required prerequisites for the course. Upon completion ACQ 450 students will earn 31 Continuous Learning Points.

Applicants must submit an application through their registration site prior to Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The URL for each site is listed at <http://www.dau.mil/training/Pages/apply.aspx>.

For more information, contact Ben Metcalfe at 410-272-9471 or email benjamin.metcalfe@dau.mil.

WEDNESDAY- FRIDAY OCT. 14-16

FORGING STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) will host a three day ACQ 452 – Forging Stakeholder Relationships course 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the DAU facility located at 6175 Guardian Gateway, Aberdeen Proving Ground. This action-based learning course introduces professionals to the methods and skills necessary to identify, assess, and promote the building of stakeholder relationships required for success in the acquisition environment. Experiential activities will include a pre-course stakeholder assessment as well as simulation, communication, and critical-thinking activities that will facilitate the development of tailored stakeholder action plans. At the end of the course, professionals will be able to build ownership of acquisition outcomes across the enterprise.

Level III certification in at least one acquisition career field is a required prerequisite for the course. Completion of ACQ 450 - Leading in the Acquisition Environment and at least three years of Level III experience are recommended prerequisites. Upon completion, ACQ 452 students will earn 25 Continuous Learning Points.

Applicants must submit an application through their registration site prior to Friday, Oct. 9. The URL for each site is listed at <http://www.dau.mil/training/Pages/apply.aspx>.

For more information, contact Ben Metcalfe 410-272-9471 or email benjamin.metcalfe@dau.mil.

meetings&conferences

WEDNESDAY AUG. 19

31ST ANNUAL WOMENS EQUALITY DAY OBSERVANCE

Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) and Team APG Federal Women's Program invite the community to attend the 31st annual APG celebration of Women's Equality Day (WED), 9:30 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center ballroom.

During the observance, APG's Outstanding Woman of the Year, Outstanding Supervisor/Manger of the Year, and Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals will be recognized. Maj. Gen. Linda Singh, Maryland National Guard Adjutant General, will serve as guest speaker. This year's theme is "Women's Right to Vote"

For more information, contact Elizabeth Young, 410-278-1392, elizabeth.h.young.civ@mail.mil.

health&resiliency

TUESDAY AUG. 11

CARE FIRST CLAIM REPRESENTATIVE

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has arranged for a claim representative of Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield to visit APG to discuss claim problems and plan coverage, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, room 120, Bldg. 3326. The representative also will be available 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at APG South (Edgewood) in Bldg. E2800 (JPEOCBD), rooms 103/104. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, contact Teri Wright, CPAC, at 410-278-4331 or teresa.l.wright28.civ@mail.mil.

THURSDAY AUG. 27

IMMUNE SYSTEM/SLEEP AWARENESS INFO SESSION

A Boost Your Immune System/Sleep Awareness Info Session will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the ACC Training room at Bldg. 6001, room 224 on the C4ISR Center of Excellence Campus. This event is open to APG military, civilians and contractors. Non-C4ISR attendees must pre-register by Aug. 19.

To register, or for more information, contact Tiffany Grimes, G-1, at 443-861-7901, tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

FRIDAY SEPT. 4

KIRK U.S. ARMY HEALTH CLINIC CLOSURE

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed for a training day from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4.

The clinic will resume normal operations Monday, Sept. 7. For more information, call 410-278-1724.

ONGOING

ARMY WELLNESS CENTER AT APG SOUTH CLINIC

The Army Wellness Center is seeing clients at the APG South (Edgewood) clinic, Bldg. E4110. Clients can have metabolism and body composition assessments and other services without having to drive to APG North (Aberdeen). Service members and their family members, retirees and Army civilians 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. Upcoming APG South AWC dates are:

- Aug 13, 25
- Sep 10, 22

For more information, or to schedule an appointment call 410-306-1024.

ONGOING

WEAR BLUE: RUN TO REMEMBER HARFORD COUNTY/APG

A Harford County/APG-based Wear Blue: Run to Remember community has been established, with ongoing meets the second Saturday of every month 8:30 a.m. at the Maryland and Pennsylvania Heritage Trail in Fallston.

Wear Blue: Run to Remember communities run, jog and walk in honor of the nation's fallen, fighting and families.

Those interested in participating in the run should meet at the Annie's Playground – Pavilion at 864 Smith Lane, Fallston, Maryland. Pets are allowed, but park rules do not allow retractable leashes.

All ability levels are welcome. Participants are strongly encouraged to wear blue.

Upcoming dates include:

- August 8
- September 12
- October 10

For more information, contact Robin Bruns at 910-987-6764 or brunsr@yahoo.com.

THROUGH 2015

2015 CPR, AED CLASS SCHEDULE

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services has announced the CPR/AED class schedule for 2015. Classes are open to the entire APG community.

Aug. 19 – APG South Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sep. 16 – APG North Chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Oct. 21 – APG South Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Nov. 18 – APG North Chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Dec 16 – APG South Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Mike Slayman at 410-306-0566.

family&children

SATURDAY AUGUST 15

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

Operation Homefront and the Aberdeen VFW Post 10028 ladies auxiliary will host a free Back to School Supply Giveaway to eligible recipients 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Post 10028, 821 Old Philadelphia Road (near the Route 715 gate) in Aberdeen.

Eligible recipients include:

- Active duty military, E-1 to E-6
- National Guard and Reserves, E-1 to E-6 on Title 10 or Title 32 Orders
- Wounded or Retired of any rank

Pre-registration is required. To register, email VFWLA10028@gmail.com. A confirmation email will be sent. Print the email and bring it to the event as your receipt.

For more information, contact Martha (Mart) King at 301-943-1132.

miscellaneous

SATURDAY SEPT. 26

HARFORD HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – WOMEN'S HOME BUILD

Grab your hard hats, tool belts, working boots, and join the women of the APG community as they come together and volunteer with Harford Habitat for Humanity in Support of a Women's Home Build event.

Calling all women, active duty military, retirees, civilians or contractors – The Team APG Federal Women's Program, the Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women, and the Women in Defense, Mid-Atlantic Chapter, are seeking team members for: A Women's Home Build event set for Saturday, Sept. 26 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Harford Habitat for Humanity is building in Bel Air, Aberdeen and Havre de Grace. Location will be determined prior to the September build.

All volunteers (ages 16 and older) must attend a safety class before they can participate. The training is online and is part of the registration process. The online registration at www.habitatusq.org/volunteer/construction-volunteers consists of three parts: (1) Creating a user account; (2) Signing a waiver of liability; and (3) Safety training.

Once all three steps are complete, users are directed to click on the link to the construction calendar where they can sign up for specific build days. To see the calendar in the future, log onto the website and select "Construction Calendar" from the drop down menu under the Volunteer tab at the top of the screen.

Even if you're undecided at this time, please take the safety classes, in case you decide to participate later. Your service will help a family in need. Plus, you can network and experience team building with women from all over the APG community.

Some materials, like toolbelts, hard hats, work gloves, safety glasses, and hand and power tools will be provided but in limited supply. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own tools, if possible.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to come together as a dedicated and encouraged team to empower other women and to make a difference in your community. You are guaranteed to gain more than you give.

Call one of the following individuals by Aug. 25 for more information: Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023; Tracy Marshall, 410-306-2054; Sheryl Coleman, 410-278-5964; Teresa Rudd, 410-436-5501; Capt. Tamika Mckenzie, 410-436-1591; or Diane Siler, 443-243-7344.

THROUGH 2015

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES

Training schedules have been set for the 2015 Local Hazards Course and Intermediate Driver's Course. Training will be held in Bldg. 4305 Susquehanna Avenue, room 243A. Attendees must register online at AIRS through the www.TeamAPG.com web site at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/airs/>.

Local Hazards Course:

This is a 30-minute course is for personnel who are new to APG. It is a mandatory course for all APG service members, family members, DOD civilians, and contractors who are licensed motorcycle drivers. Those on temporary duty (TDY) at APG for more

than 30 day also are required to take the course. Additional classes will be added as needed.

Course time: 7:30 to 8 a.m. and 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.

Course dates: Aug. 13; Sept. 17; Oct. 8; Nov. 12; and Dec. 10.

Intermediate Driver's Course:

This two-and-one-half hour course builds on themes introduced during the Introductory Course 1 taken during basic and advanced individual training. This course is mandatory for service members age 26 and younger and may be used to satisfy the remedial defensive driving course. Additional classes will be added as needed.

Course time: 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Course dates: Aug. 13; Sept. 17; Oct. 8; Nov. 12 and Dec. 10

For more information, contact H. Mike Allen at the Installation Safety Office at 410-306-1081 or horace.m.allen.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

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 give 24 hours notice prior to the work or event. Leave a message if there is no answer. For more information, call 410-306-0001.

THROUGH 2015

RETIRING SOON? UNCLE SAM WANTS TO THANK YOU!

Are you an APG Soldier or civilian nearing retirement from government service? Consider participating in the monthly Installation Retirement Ceremony.

The APG Garrison hosts the event the last Thursday of each month –except November – and the first Thursday in December, at the Dickson Hall (Ball Conference Center).

All Soldiers and civilians are eligible to participate in the Installation Retirement Ceremony regardless of unit or organization.

This is a program designed to thank retiring personnel for their loyalty and perseverance and for the sacrifices they endured while serving the nation. Retirees are encouraged to participate and to share this day with family members and friends.

For more information, contact Lisa M. Waldon, Garrison Training Operations Officer, at 410-278-4353 or email lisa.m.waldon.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS BONUS

South Dakota is paying a bonus to members of the Armed Forces who were legal residents of the state for no less than six months immediately preceding their period of active duty and who served on active duty during one or more of the following periods:

August 2, 1990 to March 3, 1991 – All active service counts for payment.

March 4, 1991 to December 31, 1992 – Only service in a hostile area qualifying for the Southwest Asia Service Medal counts for payment.

January 1, 1993 to September 10, 2001 – Only service in a hostile area qualifying for any United States campaign or service medal awarded for combat operations against hostile forces counts for payment.

September 11, 2001 to a date to be determined – All active service counts for payment.

Veterans with qualifying service from Aug 2, 1990 to Dec 31, 1992 [Desert Storm] may receive one bonus of up to \$500.00. Veterans with qualifying service after Jan 1, 1993 may receive another bonus of up to \$500.00. Only federal active duty is applicable for bonus purposes. Active Duty for training is not allowed for Bonus purposes.

Applicants living outside of South Dakota may obtain an application by email at john.fette@state.sd.us. Include your branch of the military and dates of service. You may request an application and instructions by writing SD Veterans Bonus, 425 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5070 or by calling 605-773-7251.

MORE ONLINE

More events can be seen at www.TeamAPG.com

If you see it, report it!

Aggressive driving has no place at APG - call 410-306-0550





MEMORIES OF 'NAM



From the rice paddies to the pulpit

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Wartime service to the nation gave this Marine an appreciation of life that led to him embracing the ministry.



Burd

Keith Burd was born in North Dakota and moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin at 16.

Burd was in college at the University of Wisconsin by 17, and he recalled the anti-war protests that were prevalent on his and other college campuses around the nation. He said he was “turned off” by them.

“I thought the Jane Fonda-type organizations didn’t get it,” he said. “I didn’t like the attitude about not trusting the military. I agreed about politicians but not about Soldiers, who weren’t the ones making the decisions.”

Burd said he had a desire to serve and his parents allowed him to enlist after his first semester.

He said they were not happy with his decision to join the Marine Corps, however.

“I come from a Navy and Air Force family so they were a little upset I chose the Marines.”

Even more upsetting to them was the fact that he requested to go to ‘Nam on his first tour.

“I guess I had visions of grandeur and heroism,” he said, noting that he had one brother who was a conscientious objector and another who was medically unable to serve.

Medically challenged as well, due to poor eyesight in one eye, Burd almost didn’t make it in either. With 20-20 eyesight in one eye but 20-700 in the other, he failed his initial physical. When he insisted on joining, however, the physician acquiesced and changed the measurement to 20-20. Later, in boot camp, they threatened to send him home, Burd said.

“They patched my bad eye and put me on the rifle range and I qualified,” he said. “Fifteen other guys didn’t and they gave them all a hard time, saying, ‘this guy is as blind as a bat and he qualified but you couldn’t?’” he chuckled.

Burd attended boot camp at the Marine Corp Recruit Depot in San Diego, California in 1966. He also took Advanced Infantry training and an Escape and Evasion course at Camp Pendleton in San Diego County. He said the course was tough, but necessary preparation.

“We learned how to locate mines and did other tactical training, then they sent us out for three days with a canteen of water and a rifle. We used blanks but you could still get shot and killed at close range. It was very realistic.”

He also went to at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he was trained as an 1141 Electrician.

After 30 days leave with his family, Burd headed to ‘Nam, traveling by Army transport ship. The 30-day journey included a stop in Okinawa, Japan, before arriving at Cam Rahn Bay in August 1966. He recalled his first look at ‘Nam.

“We actually climbed down ropes and dropped into a landing craft that took us to the beach,” he said.

The area, a Green Zone when he arrived, eventually became known as “Rocket City when things heated up a few months later.”

“It was a beautiful area. It wasn’t really a combat zone. It was a pretty, safe place; it didn’t seem real.”

He was assigned to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and was sent to the Monkey Mountain Facility near Da Nang – a U.S. Air Force-controlled site supporting Da Nang Air Base operations where the Marines were responsible for defense of the area.

Site missions included signal intelligence and tactical air control, and the Marines deployed Army Hawk missiles from the mountain. As an electrician, Burd said he spent much of his time ‘hooking up’ perimeter lighting with flood lamps and providing electricity for kitchens and other facilities.”

“We had to keep the generators running 24/7 for the missile and radar systems,” he said.

He added that the intense training Marines received prior to ‘Nam didn’t prepare them for nature’s challenges.

“They never told us about the tigers or the monkeys,” he said, noting that the two species were plentiful and aggressive.



“They told us about elephants and snakes but nothing about monkeys,” he said. “They could throw rocks better than we could.”

“I wasn’t afraid of the tigers because of the six-foot barbed wire fences,” he added. “It wasn’t until I got back to the states that I found out a tiger can jump over a nine-foot brick wall with a 100-pound cat in its mouth. I’m glad I didn’t know that then.”

He said teams typically ran patrols up and down the mountain looking for Viet Cong.

“We were located near Army Green Berets and they kept the area pretty clear,” he said. “The Army and Navy Seals had joint operations at times. Monkey Mountain had a lot of expensive equipment on it that they didn’t want destroyed.”

Along with the regular mission, Burd pulled guard duty on listening posts at night and ran maintenance on generators and radar dishes during the day. He said security was their top priority and avoiding snipers became an art.

“They were relentless. We had to keep a check on claymore mine placements because the VC would sneak in and turn them around. One night, lightning struck the mountain and all the mines went off.”

As the war intensified, he began losing friends and comrades. He said the toughest loss for him was his commander, who he had served with since Escape and Evasion training and through the first month or so in ‘Nam.

“That’s when I knew it was real,” he said. “He was the best. He taught us a lot and we all looked up to him. I lost more friends than at any other time in my life. So many guys in the photos I have never made it home.”

At the end of his tour, Burd volunteered for a second one.

“I guess I felt like John Wayne,” he said. “I didn’t want to leave Monkey Mountain. War to us was like, you’re not fighting for your country, you’re fighting for your friends.”

After a 30-day break in the states, Burd was reassigned to the 3rd Battalion, 3/7th Engineers west of Da Nang from November 1967 to May 1968. His job, protecting supply routes, meant sweeping roads for booby traps for seven miles in each direction.

“Supplies moved by road. Water buffalos, C-rations, ammunition and other supplies would be lost to booby traps all the time,” he said, noting that much of the sweeps were visual, requiring 40 to 50 men at a time.

When the Tet Offensive began in January 1968, security became their main job, Burd said.

“It got real intense. One of my best friends lost an arm and leg to a personnel mine. Snipers were everywhere and it was too hot to keep the roads open.”

The Tet Offensive was a series of surprise attacks in an offensive push by the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese against U.S. and United Nations forces that lasted into September 1968. Burd said his area was cut off for 43 days during the height of the campaign.

“We were several camps co-located together and they had to fly everything in to us. You could see the VC shooting at the Hueys and Chinooks. But when they started shooting at the helicopters bringing the mail that really ticked us off and we started shooting back.”

Sniper fire and mortar harassment during Tet became almost routine, Burd said. While his nights were spent on listening posts he wanted to be a “part of the action.”

“I knew I was just an electrician but I



Courtesy photos

(From top) Marine comrades of Keith Burd in the 3rd Battalion, 3/7 Engineers play football during downtime near Da Nang in March 1968 during the Tet Offensive; Keith Burd heats up his C-Rations in this December 1967 photo. Nearby is a small Christmas tree his family sent from Wisconsin; Keith Burd poses next to his tent for a photo to send home to his family.

wanted to know what was going on so I volunteered to be a radio man.”

With the radio on his back on an outer-perimeter listening post, Burd said, “tracer rounds started coming in.”

“The next thing I know I’m getting shot at. I look back and nobody else is getting shot at but me. I never volunteered for that again.”

Another night – and one that sticks in his mind – Burd said a mortar landed right in front of him and didn’t go off.

“It just stuck in the mud,” he said. “I’ll never forget that. It’s not that we believed in God back then but if someone took the Lord’s name in vain we went off on them. We weren’t believers, but out there in the holes we were very superstitious.”

Burd survived the Tet and his second tour. He earned five battle commendations and added four Oak Leaf Clusters to his Vietnam Service ribbon. After a tour at Camp Lejeune, he wound up at the National Security Agency at Fort Meade as a security inspector and investigator.

He left NSA in 1970 and worked for BGE and IBEW for 25 years. He met his future wife Livvy in 1973; they married in 1975.

Burd said a coworker encouraged him to read the Bible, and he found the Lord the same year after reading Bible scriptures at work.

“I had it inside a “Playboy” magazine so no one would know I was reading a Bible,” he said. “I was still drinking then and pretty happy with my life, but things changed for me almost right away. I wanted to learn more about God and Jesus.”

He and Livvy started going to church and eventually, Burd studied for the ministry. He was ordained in 1984 and today he is the pastor of the Pilgrim Presbyterian Church in Kingsville, Maryland.

Burd looks back on ‘Nam with much solemnity.

“I never thought I would go from the land of rice paddies to the pulpit,” he said.

“I tried to put ‘Nam out of my mind. When I came home I had a temper. I never watched any of the war movies they made; sometimes I still have nightmares but the sound of a helicopter is still a great comfort to me.

“I think the Lord prepared me for his service because I haven’t lost my temper since I got saved. Even when people get in my face angry I just get calmer and calmer.”

Burd said he loves the military, and he sometimes is angered at the mistreatment of veterans.

“So many died protecting me so I could go on,” he said. “That’s why I love my country and that’s why I’m proud of my service. I have no regrets.”

Practice fire safety in the workplace

By **T.C. GLASSMAN**
DES Fire Inspector

Many of us prepare for the event of fire in our homes – but have you ever stopped to think about how you’d safely escape your office building during a fire?

Annually, there are approximately 5,000 office building fires in the United States. The National Fire Protection Association states that many of these fires could be prevented if companies and their employees followed basic fire safety practices.

Prevention

The first step is fire prevention.

Arson: Arson is the leading cause of fires in general office buildings. To prevent arson, follow your building’s security measures and keep unauthorized people out of the building.

- Keep doors locked after business hours.
- Alleys and other areas around the building should be well lit.
- Make sure hallways, lobbies, alleys and other public areas are free of clutter.

Cleaning supplies: Housekeeping materials should be properly stored in the office building or disposed of.

- Keep waste paper and empty boxes out of exits, storage areas and stairways.

- Dirty rags and cleaning materials should only be kept in designated areas, away from other flammable objects or

any potential source of an open flame.

Wiring: All electrical wiring should be inspected regularly for damage. Replace cracked, frayed or damaged electrical cords.

- Never run extension cords across doorways or where they can be stepped on, pinched, or run over by chairs and other furniture.

- Do not plug extension cords into one another and avoid plugging more than one extension cord into an outlet.

Appliances:

Small appliances should be used properly and inspected regularly.

- Leave space for air to circulate around heaters and other heat-producing equipment such as copy machines, coffee makers and computers.
- Keep appliances away from things that could catch fire like papers or napkins.
- Do not stack books or papers on top of computer monitors.

Plan ahead

In the event of a fire, a safe and speedy response depends on how well employees – and their employers – are

prepared for emergencies.

Employees should do the following in order to be prepared should a fire strike:

- Count the doors or desks between your work area and the nearest exit. During a fire you may have to find your way out in the dark.

- Learn the location of alternative exits from different areas in the office.

- Know the location of the nearest fire alarm and learn how to use it.

- Be sure someone in your chain of command knows about any disability you may have that could delay an escape and make plans for safe evacuation.

Employers should do the following to ensure the safety of their employees:

- Post building evacuation plans and discuss them during new employee orientation.
- Conduct regular fire drills.
- Include disabled employees in the fire emergency planning process.

If fire strikes

If a fire should occur at work, follow these steps to ensure the safety of yourself and your coworkers:

- Sound the alarm and call the fire

department – no matter how small the fire appears to be.

- Leave the area quickly, closing doors as you go to contain the fire and smoke.

- If you encounter smoke or flames during your escape, use a different route. Heat and smoke rise, leaving cleaner air near the floor. If you must exit through smoke, crawl on your hands and knees keeping your head in the safety zone 12 to 24 inches above the floor.

- Test doors before you open them. Kneeling, reach up as high as you can and touch the door, the knob and the space between the door and its frame with the back of your hand. If the door is hot, do not open it and find another exit route. If the door is cool, open it slowly.

- Follow directions for evacuation from fire and security personnel. Once outside, move away from the building and out of the way of firefighters. Remain outside until the fire department says you may go back inside.

At APG, where so much research and testing goes on, fire safety can be critical. If you are not trained to use a fire extinguisher or if you don’t know whether your extinguisher is appropriate for the type of fire – the safest option is to call 911 and evacuate rather than try to put out the fire yourself.

For more fire safety information, visit www.nfpa.org.

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Approximate number of office building fires annually in the United States.

DOD contractor has record-breaking wedding

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

Weddings are a joyous occasion for any new bride, but for Department of Defense contractor and newlywed Tina Phillips Rodgers, that joy was increased 168 times.

That’s the record-breaking number of bridesmaids in attendance who watched Rodgers and husband, Thomas, exchange ‘I do’s’ April 18 in Safety Harbor, Florida. Guinness World Records officials certified the event as a new record for the most bridesmaids to one bride.

Rodgers is a senior systems administrator, based at Fort Hood, Texas, who is working with the Communications-Electronics RD&E center’s Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate (I2WD) at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

She said that although she’s thrilled to have established a new world record, she didn’t initially set out to make wedding history. She simply wanted a way to make all her “sisters” in the American Business Women’s Association (ABWA) part of the celebration. Rodgers has been a member of the organization for about 15 years and is a past president.

“They [members] kept saying... ‘You’re finally getting married, you’re finally tying the knot, so we want to be in the wedding.’” Rodgers said.

A native of Greenville, Kentucky, Rodgers planned her wedding to coincide with the organization’s spring conference on the west shore of Tampa Bay, Florida.

“I wanted to include my ABWA sisters to bring attention to the association,” she said. “Personal recognition or celebrity was nowhere in the equation. I believe in the association and I am proud of all we do.”

When she discussed the wedding details with her friends in the organization, it became apparent just how many of them were planning to attend.

“One of the ladies goes, ‘I think because we’re going to have so many women there, we could actually beat the Guinness book,’” Rodgers said.

She searched online and discovered the world record number of bridesmaids was 126, set by Champika Shirani Swardana in Sri Lanka in 2013. Rodgers and her female cohorts decided they could beat it.

In honor of the ABWA’s official colors, each bridesmaid wore a black dress



Courtesy photo
DOD contractor Tina Phillips Rodgers and retired Staff Sgt. Thomas Rodgers, center, pose with the 168 bridesmaids who attended their wedding in Safety Harbor, Florida April 18. The wedding ceremony set a new Guinness World Record for the most bridesmaids to one bride.

with red shoes and accessories and carried a white carnation, the ABWA flower. Rodgers said the only difficult part of having so many bridesmaids was making sure the procession ran smoothly.

“We have a lot of type A’s in our group,” she said, “so we assigned team leaders. The team leaders came in first and they stationed themselves along the outside of the room, and they just kept them [bridesmaids] moving as they came around the corner.”

Rodgers said she knew every bridesmaid personally; some as fellow ABWA members and others as friends and family members who traveled to attend the destination wedding.

“They’re amazing people. They were all excited to be a part of it,” Rodgers said. “During the wedding video they asked ‘who gives this woman in marriage. And all the ladies said ‘We do.’”

Guinness World Records requires two independent witnesses as part of the certification process, but Rodgers said

because she and her husband held their wedding out of town, no witnesses were readily available.

“We ended up with the mayor of Safety Harbor, two city council members, and the commander of the local American Legion post serving as all of our required witnesses,” she said. “As well, each lady had to sign paperwork certifying who they were, their relationship to me, where they purchased their outfits, and how much they cost. It was a very intense process.”

Rodgers and her husband have known each other for 12 years. They met at Fort Hood in 2003 just months before the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They deployed to the country just months apart—him as an active duty Soldier and Rodgers as a DOD contractor serving as a Russian linguist. Ironically, they were stationed at the same base.

“It was a bonding experience,” Rodgers said. “We survived numerous mortar attacks together. For protection, Thomas

filled hundreds of sandbags to sandbag my tent. Our running joke is, in a war zone, sand bags are a girl’s best friend – who needs diamonds?”

Rodgers said she looks forward to viewing the “2016 Guinness Book of World Records” set to be published in September to see if her wedding makes the cut. She has even submitted her story to the Ellen DeGeneres show.

Though she admits the notoriety is exciting, she said she’s more excited to spread the word about her beloved ABWA organization and its members.

“The record is wonderful and very special, but what is truly special are the people we shared it with and being able to get the word out that women can achieve anything in business or in life,” she said.

A 10-year Army veteran, Rodgers holds a degree in computer science from the University of Central Texas. She’s been a DOD contractor for 15 years and works as a liaison to Fort Hood.



Have a great idea for a story?

Know about any interesting upcoming events?

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ALL THINGS MARYLAND

Sports Legends Museum

Baltimore museum showcases Maryland athletes, teams

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

What do Cal Ripken Jr., Michael Phelps, Al Kaline and Babe Ruth have in common? They all are famous, record-breaking athletes born in Maryland and are featured in the Sports Legends Museum at Camden Yards.

The museum, which opened in 2005, includes 22,000 square feet of sports artifacts and interactive exhibits from the Baltimore Orioles, Colts, Ravens and Blast; Orioles Hall of Fame; Negro League teams; the Preakness; the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame and regional college athletics.

Exhibits include “Nine Innings of Orioles Baseball” which tells the history of the Baltimore baseball franchise, from the 1890s to the present, and is divided into nine galleries. Exhibit highlights include the 1983 World Series trophy and the famous “2-1-3-1 banner” that hung on the Orioles Warehouse wall the night Cal Ripken Jr. passed Lou Gehrig in consecutive games played.

The “Orioles Hall of Fame” exhibit includes personal mementos from the team’s top players like Brooks Robinson, Roberto Alomar, Earl Weaver and Jim Palmer.

Football fans will revel in exploring the Colts and the Ravens exhibits. The Colts section features the team’s Super Bowl V Vince Lombardi trophy and several artifacts from Johnny Unitas, who spent most of his football career playing for the Colts. Nicknamed the “Golden Arm,” Unitas was a record-setting quarterback and the National Football League’s most valuable player in 1959, 1964 and 1967. For 52 years he held the record for most consecutive games with a touchdown pass until New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees broke his record on Oct. 7, 2012.

The Ravens exhibit includes relics like head coach Brian Billick’s play card from Super Bowl XXXV; the Super Bowl jerseys of Jonathan Ogden and Matt Stover; and the football from the Ravens’ first home game.

Young sports fans will also delight in “The Locker Room: Kid’s Discovery



Zone” which features interactive, educational activities and sports jerseys for children to try on. They’ll also enjoy the holographic soccer game at the Baltimore Blast exhibit.

About the museum

The nonprofit museum is housed in the former Camden Station, originally constructed in 1857 by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (B&O) as its main passenger station in Baltimore. Left vacant since the 1980s, the depot’s exterior was restored in the 1990s as part of the development of the Camden Yards Sports Complex.

The Sports Legends Museum is located at 301 West Camden Street, Baltimore, MD, 21201 in historic Camden Station next door to Oriole Park at Camden Yards. The museum is open daily, April through September, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on game days); October through March, Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The museum, owned and operated by the Babe Ruth Birthplace & Museum, participates in the Blue Star Museum program, which offers free admission to Soldiers and immediate family members during the summer months. For more information, visit <http://baberuthmuseum.org/>.



The Sports Legends Museum at Camden Yards features memorabilia from Maryland athletes and sports teams. (Clockwise from top, left) At “The Locker Room: Kids’ Discovery Zone” exhibit, children can dress up as their favorite athlete; This Oriole Bird was part of a parade welcoming the Orioles to Baltimore in 1954; one of the four World Swimming Championship gold medals Michael Phelps won while breaking five world records during the 2003 World Aquatics Championships in Barcelona, Spain is on display. The medal contains a special water and glass insert representing the sport.

Army to develop cyber campus at Redstone

By **CARLOTTA MANEICE**
AMRDEC

A fully operational, multi-organizational cyber campus is a unique asset for government agencies against the emerging cyber threats.

In January 2015, the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center, or AMRDEC, acquired two Redstone Arsenal buildings, which are being dedicated to the cyber security mission.

“The primary focus of the AMRDEC Cyber Campus will be to provide world-class cybersecurity support to aviation and missile system customers and to provide cutting-edge research and development of cybersecurity solutions to address their most pressing challenges,” said Robert Goldsmith, AMRDEC cyber lead.

The cyber campus will be home to a cadre of qualified cyber personnel with deep technical expertise in cybersecurity as it relates to hardware, software, firmware, networks, test and evaluation, modeling and simulation, forensics, industrial control systems, supervisory control and data acquisition systems, cyber training and exercise support, and other focus areas required to reduce risk that cyber threats pose to systems and personnel, Goldsmith said.

The campus will support multiple levels of security enabling the cybersecurity team to uncover, dissect, and report on system vulnerabilities to cyber exploits, malicious hardware, software, or firmware, and interface



U.S. Army illustration

The AMRDEC Cyber Campus will be home to a cadre of qualified cyber personnel with deep technical expertise in cybersecurity.

with other government agencies at the highest classification levels. Once fully operational, it is anticipated there will be representation from multiple cyber organizations across Redstone Arsenal and the Tennessee Valley.

“Physically co-locating key players will create the level of collaboration on a daily basis necessary to confront the cyber threat,” Goldsmith said.

“No single place existed on the arse-

nal to conduct research and development of emerging cyber threats and technologies applicable to aviation and missile systems,” Goldsmith said. “The fact that we are co-locating red and blue cyber teams in the same building is advantageous to both parties because we can cross train with one another and share insights and intelligence about the threats we discover.”

The more than 66,000 square-

foot campus will serve as a technical resource for conducting vulnerability assessments from component level to joint system of systems, advanced integrity analysis, supply chain security evaluations, requirements analysis, and analysis of cyber threat intelligence and security risks. It will include a full range of networks and multiple levels of security from unclassified to top secret, supporting full integration with the intelligence community and other key cyber agencies.

“Anyone developing a system today has to include cyber as a design consideration if they want to achieve positive acquisition outcomes,” Goldsmith said. “AMRDEC provides more than research and development support for aviation and missile platforms. Our capability to analyze emerging and evolving threats to aviation and missile systems in the cyber domain is a significant asset for other organizations across Redstone Arsenal to leverage.”

Goldsmith anticipates that when the center is fully operational in 2017, it will not only be in high demand from AMRDEC aviation and missile customers and Redstone Arsenal, but ultimately the Department of Defense and other government agencies.

“This campus will truly be one-of-a-kind. It represents the kind of cooperation, information sharing, and focused technical investment in cyber necessary for the DOD to gain and maintain its advantage over our adversaries,” he said.

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Upcoming Activities

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SAT Test Date: Oct. 3 (Class does not include the test)

Classes take place at the ACS/CYSS Bldg 2503, ACS Computer Lab (1st floor) each day, 10 a.m. to noon. Open to youth ages 14-18. Cost is \$225 per student; cost includes cost of SAT prep book.

For more information, contact Shirelle Womack at 410-278-4589 or shirelle.j.womack.naf@mail.mil

LEISURE & TRAVEL PA RENAISSANCE FAIRE AUGUST 1 - OCTOBER 25

Experience the fantasy of a marvelous trip back in time to the days of yore as the castle gates swing wide to usher in the 35th season of the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire.

Featuring 35 acres of jousting knights and royal delights, the faire welcomes you with a cast of hundreds of costumed merrymakers, more than 90 shows daily, manicured gardens, scores of artisans demonstrating ancient crafts and 22 royal kitchens -- truly the faire remains a marvelous fantasy of bygone days and knights.

Tickets are \$23.25 for adults and \$10 for children ages 5-11. Registration deadline is July 9.

To purchase tickets, visit Leisure Travel Services at the recreation center, Bldg. 3326. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or email usarmy.APG.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisure-travel@mail.mil.

MARYLAND STATE FAIR AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 7

The Leisure Travel Office is offering tickets to the Maryland State Fair at 2200 York Rd., Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$2.50 for children ages 6-11, \$19 for ride-all-rides passes, and \$11 for food vouchers. Registration deadline is Aug. 17. To purchase tickets, visit Leisure Travel Services at the recreation center, Bldg. 3326. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or email usarmy.APG.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisure-travel@mail.mil.

NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26

The Leisure Travel Office is offering seats on a bus to New York City Sept. 26. The bus will leave the APG North

(Aberdeen) recreation center at 7 a.m. and return to the recreation center at 9 p.m., depending on traffic. The cost is \$48 per person. To reserve a seat, visit Leisure Travel Services at the recreation center, Bldg. 3326. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or email usarmy.APG.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil.

AMUSEMENT PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS 2015 SEASON

The Leisure Travel Office is offering discount tickets to the following amusement parks on the eastern seaboard.

- Six Flags America (Maryland)
- Six Flags Great Adventure (New Jersey)
- Six Flags Hurricane Harbor (New Jersey)
- Dutch Wonderland (Pennsylvania)
- Hershey Park (Pennsylvania)
- Sesame Place (Pennsylvania)
- Carowinds (North Carolina)
- Busch Gardens (Virginia, Florida)
- Water Country USA (Virginia)
- Kings Dominion (Virginia)

Prices vary and are subject to change without notice. For ticket prices, and more information, visit www.apgmwr.com/recreation-and-sports/ticket-office or call 410-278-4011/410-436-2713.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES DISCOUNT TICKETS 2015 SEASON

The Leisure Travel Office is offering discount tickets to Baltimore Orioles games during the 2015 season at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore. For pricing and availability, contact Leisure Travel Services at 410-278-4011/4907. Tickets can be purchased at the Leisure Travel Services Office at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

SPORTS & RECREATION ULTIMATE FRISBEE WEDNESDAYS

Ultimate Frisbee matches will be held at Shore Park on APG North (Aberdeen), Every Wednesday from 5:15 to 7 p.m.

Ultimate Frisbee is a limited-contact team field sport played with a frisbee. Points are scored by passing the disc to a teammate in the opposing end zone. Other rules imply that players must not take steps while holding the disc (but may maintain a pivot) and interceptions and incomplete passes are turnovers.

All levels of players are invited -- beginners are welcome to come out and try a new activity!

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY @ RUGGLES THROUGH OCT. 30

Ruggles will offer a Friday Night Fish Fry and golf special, including nine holes of golf with cart and a beer-battered fish

and chips dinner with fries and coleslaw. Cost is \$25 for military personnel, \$30 for all others. The cost of dinner only is \$15.95.

For more information, call Rik Bond at 410-278-4794 or email richard.j.bond10.naf@mail.mil

KAYAK CLASSES JULY - AUGUST

APG Outdoor Recreation will host two-day kayak classes on the following dates:

- Aug. 13-14
- Aug. 17-18

The first day of each session is instruction, the second day is an excursion. The two-day class is \$50 per person. Class begins at the APG Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 2184, at 6 p.m. and ends at dusk.

For more information, or to register, contact the Outdoor Rec. Office at 410-278-4124.

2015 POOL PASSES

MWR pools are now open 7 days a week through Aug. 28.

The APG North (Aberdeen) Olympic Pool and the APG South (Edgewood) Bayside pool are open for morning lap swim Monday-Friday, 6:30 to 8 a.m., afternoon lap swim 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and recreational swim Monday-Friday 12:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Pool passes are on sale now at either pool, the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 2184, and the Leisure Travel offices at APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) recreation centers.

For pool pass prices or more information, visit www.apgmwr.com, call 410-278-4124/5789 or email usag-mwr-outdoorrec@mail.mil.

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EQUIPMENT RENTALS ONGOING

The MWR Outdoor Recreation Office offers countless items for rent to make a summer barbecue or party complete, including barbecue grills, bounce houses, canopies, coolers, kayaks, yard games and camping gear. Visit www.apgmwr.com for price list. Call 410-278-4124/5789 for more information.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE GETTING INSURANCE WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19

ACS will host a "Getting Insurance" workshop that provides an overview of insurance, insurance terms and getting the most for your money. It will also explore questions such as, Do I have enough? What will these terms mean to me?

The class is free but does require registration. To register, call the ACS Financial Readiness Program Manager at 410-278-7572.

Learn more about APG MWR activities and services by going online at www.apgmwr.com and download the FMWR Directory.

Eligible MWR patrons and showing proof of eligibility

Army Regulation 215-1 "Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs" outlines individuals eligible to use MWR facilities, programs and services.

These eligible patrons include, among others:

- All active-duty service members & their families
- All Reservists & their families
- All National Guard service members & their families
- Retirees & their families
- Department of Defense civilian employees & their families
- DOD contract personnel

Anyone using an MWR service or facility must show proper identification as proof of eligibility.

While family members of military personnel are automatically issued dependent ID cards, the family members of civilian employees are not automatically issued an Army Civilian ID Card. In order for a Department of the Army civilian dependent to use an MWR facility or service, they must show proof of eligibility.

"Customer service is very important; patrons are required to present valid ID cards in order to meet requirements specified in the Army Regulation that governs Morale, Welfare and Recreation regarding proof of eligibility," said MWR Director Mike Lupacchino.

"The ID card indicates if the patron is eligible and if their eligibility has expired based on the date issued/expiration on the card. FMWR does not automatically receive notification when an employee/contractor is no longer eligible and their ID card becomes invalid."

APG's Memorandum of Instruction 14-55 states that DA civilian dependents may be issued a civilian ID card (DA Form 1602) for use of MWR facilities. The form can be found at <https://www.apg.army.mil/InstallationSupport/CAC>. The DA civilian, or sponsor, then must request a civilian ID for their dependent(s) through their assigned organization.

Friday Night Fish Fry RUGGLES GOLF COURSE

July 16 - Oct 30 3-8 pm



9 holes of Golf With Cart and beer battered Fish and Chips Dinner

Military \$25
All Other \$30
Dinner only \$15.95 includes Fries and Cole Slaw



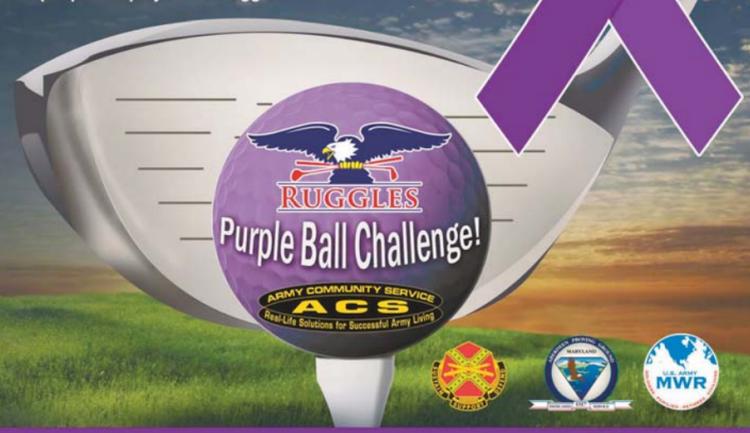
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Driving Away Domestic Violence

Wednesday Sept 23
Ruggles Golf Course

4 person scramble - Captain's Choice
11 am Registration, with lunch at 11:30 am
1 pm Shotgun start
Cost \$45 per person (open to men and women)
Cost includes: golf, carts, food and prizes
Purple Ball Challenge winners will be recognized on plaque displayed at Ruggles.



For more information or to register please call the golf shop at 410-278-4794

Use good judgment when lightning can strike

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

According to National Weather Service, lightning is a leading storm-related killer in the U.S. Each year, lightning is responsible for tragic deaths, devastating injuries and costly property damage.

Because lightning is one of the most erratic and unpredictable characteristics of a thunderstorm, no one can guarantee absolute protection from its force. However, knowing and following proven lightning safety guidelines can greatly reduce the risk of injury or death.

When thunder roars, go indoors

Most people are unaware that lightning can strike as far as 25 miles away from its parent thunderstorm. Because of this, most lightning victims are struck before or after a storm reaches its greatest intensity. Therefore, if you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance. Seek safe shelter immediately. Remember the #1 lightning safety rule: "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors." And stay indoors until 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder. Do not wait for the rain to start before you decide to seek shelter, and do not leave shelter just because the rain has ended.

The best protection from the dangers of thunderstorms is to be prepared. If you have outdoor plans, be sure to familiarize yourself with the latest weather forecast before heading out. Consider taking a portable NOAA Weather Radio or AM/FM radio with you. Upon arriving on-site, determine where you will seek shelter in the event of a thunderstorm and how long it would take to reach that shelter. A sturdy, enclosed structure with plumbing and electrical wiring is safest, but if one is not available most enclosed metal vehicles are safe alternatives.

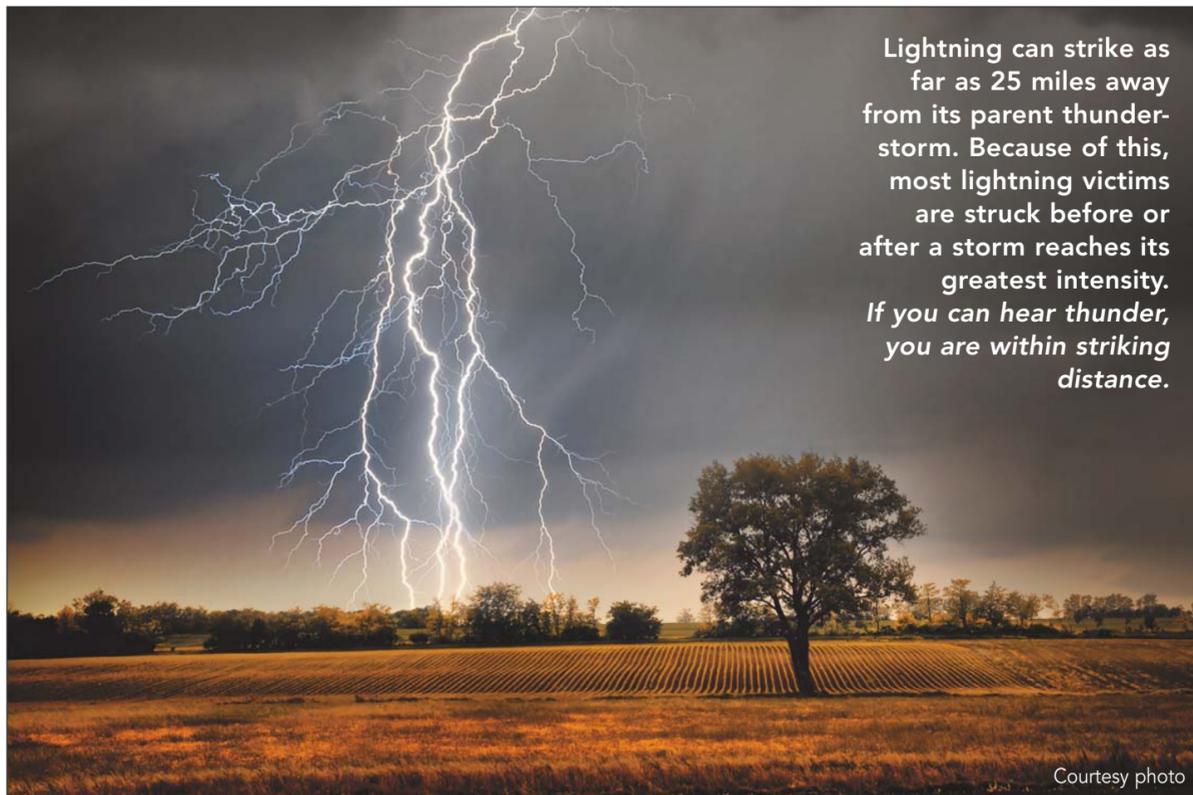
During your outdoor activities, keep an eye to the sky for developing thunderstorms. If thunder is heard, if lightning is seen, or even if thunderclouds are developing, get to your place of shelter without delay.

Adequate/inadequate shelter

Below are places you should or should not go to seek shelter from lightning.

Where to go:

The safest location during a thunderstorm is inside a large enclosed structure with plumbing and electrical wiring. These include shopping centers, schools, office buildings, and private residences. If lightning strikes the building, the plumbing and wiring will conduct the electricity and eventually direct it into the ground. If no substantial buildings are available, then enclosed metal vehicles such as automobiles, vans, or school



Courtesy photo

Lightning can strike as far as 25 miles away from its parent thunderstorm. Because of this, most lightning victims are struck before or after a storm reaches its greatest intensity. If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance.

buses are suitable alternatives.

Where not to go:

Not all types of buildings or vehicles are safe during thunderstorms. Buildings with exposed sides are not safe - even if they are "grounded." These include beach shacks, metal sheds, picnic shelters/pavilions, carpools, and baseball dugouts. Porches are dangerous as well.

Convertible vehicles offer no safety from lightning, even if the top is up. Other vehicles, such as those with open cabs, like golf carts, tractors, and construction equipment, also are not safe during thunderstorms.

Safety guidelines

The interior of a house or other building with electrical wiring and plumbing is the safest option during a thunderstorm, but it does not guarantee 100 percent safety from lightning. Follow these lightning safety guidelines while inside a place of shelter.

- Don't use corded phones. Using a corded phone during a thunderstorm is one of the leading causes of indoor lightning injuries. However, it is safe to use cordless or cell phones as long as they are not being charged.
- Stay away from windows and doors. Sitting on an open porch to watch a thunderstorm is dangerous. An interior room indoors is the safest place to be during a thunderstorm.
- Don't touch electrical equipment or cords. Any device that uses electricity - such as computers, televisions,

household appliances - is susceptible to a lightning strike. Electrical surges caused by lightning can damage electronics and a typical surge protector will do little to protect the device, or the person using it, if lightning should strike. Consider unplugging certain appliances or electronics before the storm arrives.

- Avoid plumbing. Metal plumbing and indoor water are both very good conductors of electricity. Do not wash your hands or dishes, take a shower or bath, or do laundry during a thunderstorm.

- Refrain from touching concrete surfaces. Lightning can travel through the metal wires or bars in concrete walls and flooring, such as in the basement or garage.

- If inside a vehicle, roll the windows up and avoid contact with any conducting paths, such as metal surfaces, keys, and ignition, or charging portable electronic devices during the storm.

Hiking safety

Remember these six safety tips for hiking or climbing during a storm.

1. Group members should maintain a distance from each other to reduce the number of people injured by ground currents and side flashes between persons.
2. Find refuge immediately, and do not continue to hike or climb for at least 30 minutes after a storm.
3. Stay away from water and wet items (including fences and poles) because they can conduct electricity.
4. If in the mountains, stay away from ridges, summits, single trees, power lines, and ski lifts.
5. If in the forest, stay near lower trees.
6. If caught in an open area, do not lie down. Lightning causes electric currents along the top of the ground that can be deadly over 100 feet away. Running may help reduce the threat from ground current as it limits the time both feet are on the ground at any one time.

If you are caught in a lightning storm while camping, climbing, or hiking, it is often difficult to find a protected place. However, you can avoid lightning injuries by taking certain precautions

Small, open shelters and tents do not provide protection. Large caves and valleys are protective. Small caves, overhangs, and wet stream beds are likely to be more dangerous than open areas because water conducts electricity and electricity can jump gaps between rocks.

- Check the forecast. Before hiking or climbing in the mountains, always check the weather forecast. Thunderstorms with lightning in the mountains occur most often during the summer months in the late afternoon or evening.

- When thunder roars, go indoors. The beginning and the end of a storm are the most dangerous times. Even with a blue sky, you could still be in danger.

- Do not carry any metal objects like skis, ski poles, antennas, ice-axes. Metal does not attract electricity, but it is a good conductor. Your chances of a direct hit are higher when you are carrying a conductor above shoulder level. And, you are more likely to be burned by the metal object if you are struck.

Lightning myths and facts

Myth: A lightning victim is electrified. If you touch him, you risk being electrocuted.

Fact: The human body does not store electricity, and lightning victims require

immediate medical attention. It is perfectly safe to touch a lightning victim to render first aid. Call 911 for help.

Myth: If it's not raining or there aren't any clouds overhead, you're safe from lightning.

Fact: Lightning often strikes several miles from the center of a thunderstorm, far outside the rain or thunderstorm cloud. In fact, "bolts from the blue" can strike as far as 25 miles out from the parent thunderstorm. This is why it's important to seek shelter at the first indication of a thunderstorm and stay there until 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder.

Myth: The rubber soles of shoes or rubber tires on a car will protect you from a lightning strike.

Fact: Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide no protection from lightning. However, most vehicles with metal tops and sides do provide adequate shelter from lightning because the charge travels through the metal frame and eventually into the ground.

Remember, convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles, open-shelled outdoor recreational vehicles and cars with fiberglass shells offer no protection from lightning.

Myth: "Heat Lightning" occurs after very hot summer days and poses no threat.

Fact: Many people incorrectly think that "heat lightning" is a specific type of lightning. Actually, it is just lightning from a thunderstorm that is too far away for any thunder to be heard (thunder is seldom heard beyond 10 miles under ideal conditions). If the storm approaches, the same lightning safety guidelines above should be followed.

Myth: Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

Fact: Lightning often strikes the same places or objects repeatedly, especially if they're tall, pointy, and isolated. The Empire State Building is struck by lightning nearly 100 times each year.

Myth: If caught outside during a thunderstorm, you should seek shelter under a tree.

Fact: Seeking shelter under a tree is one of the leading causes of lightning related fatalities. Remember, NO PLACE outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, keep moving toward a safe shelter.

Myth: Metal structures or metal on the body (jewelry, watches, etc.) attract lightning.

Fact: The presence of metal has no bearing on where lightning will strike. Mountains are made of rock but get struck by lightning many times a year. Rather, an object's height, shape, and isolation are the dominant factors that affect its likelihood of being struck by lightning. While metal does not attract lightning, it obviously does conduct electricity, so stay away from metal fences, railings, bleachers, etc. during a thunderstorm.

Myth: If caught outside during a thunderstorm, you should lie flat on the ground.

Fact: NO PLACE OUTSIDE is safe when thunderstorms are in the area. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, keep moving toward a safe shelter.

For more information about safety precautions during lightning events, visit the National Weather Service website at <http://www.weather.gov/iln/lightningsafetyweek>.



Jennifer Eichner, Army Community Service Chief

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

As the newly appointed Army Community Service (ACS) chief, a position she's held since July 13, Jennifer Eichner directs the 14 services offered by the organization.

"Most of [the job] is making sure we're [ACS] up-to-date and providing the best service to our clients," Eichner said, adding that the organization serves not only Soldiers and their families, but civilians as well.

"ACS is not about paper and process, its more about forming relationships and helping families become self-sufficient through use of our services," she said.

ACS services include financial, employment and family readiness, relocation and deployment assistance, as well as advocacy and support resources. All ACS services are free.

Eichner said one of the organization's goals is to provide standardized services that are comparable to other military installations.

"The idea is every ACS that you go to, you should have the same expectation of what you're going to receive and what's available."

Eichner said that 13 years' experience as an active duty military spouse helps her connect with the concerns of military families, which she accomplishes by "making sure [she's] offering them things that are relevant in their life."

"Another portion of what we do in ACS is

the resilience training; helping people maintain levels of optimism and positive-thinking. I think that's so necessary, especially in the military community," Eichner said.

She said ACS is available to those who need it, and stressed that clients should not consider the organization only as a last resort.

"ACS is not where you go simply because you have a problem," Eichner said. "We are education and prevention and we want to give [clients] the tools to thrive."

Eichner is originally from Malvern, Pennsylvania. She has 12 years of experience in ACS. She was the ACS Mobilization and Deployment program manager at Fort Drum, New York, and prior to that, she worked as a Family Readiness support assistant. She holds a master's degree in human resources from Webster University, and a bachelor's degree in sociology from McDaniel College.

"I love empowering people, to just be that voice to say 'you can totally do this, and we can help you,'" Eichner said. "And you're going to get to a point where you don't need our help, and that's great. That's our focus."

For more information, contact Eichner at 410-278-2500, or email Jennifer.e.eichner.civ@mail.mil.

For more information about ACS services, call 410-278-7572/4372; visit the ACS Bldg. 2503; or the ACS website at <http://www.apgmwr.com/community-services/army-community-services>.

SHARP building on assault prevention momentum

By **DAVID VERGUN**
Army News Service

Training and outreach efforts, as well as involvement by leaders at all levels, have contributed to a decrease in incidents of sexual assault and harassment in the Army, in addition to an upswing in reporting over the last few years.

The Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program is building on that success by tailoring its program to more effectively deliver results, said Monique Ferrell, SHARP director.

Sexual assaults on males

The percentage of female Soldiers who experienced unwanted sexual contact decreased sharply from 7.1 percent in fiscal year 2012 to 4.6 percent in FY 2014, Ferrell said, citing the biannual Workplace and Gender Relations Survey of Active Duty Members.

That's a good trend, she said. What's troubling however is that during that same time period, the statistics for males experiencing unwanted sexual contact increased from 0.8 percent to 1.2 percent.

Noting that while 1.2 percent might seem to be small, the proportion of males to females in the Army overall is much greater. Therefore, the raw number of male sexual assault victims is significantly higher than female victims.

"That shocked a lot of people and got our attention," she said. "We still have a lot to learn about male victimization" in order to build a more effective preventative and treatment model and training, she said. One thing that the Army knows for a fact, she added, is there's a "huge" stigma in male reporting.

Ferrell said that understanding the nuances of male victimization and designing a strategy to address this issue is one of her top priorities.

New SHARP academy

The Army chief of staff has recently approved an additional skill identifier for "sexual assault response coordinators," or SARCs, and victim advocates, Ferrell said.

To receive that designator, SARCs and victim advocates must be credentialed by the DOD Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program and the National Advocate Credentialing Program Committee. They are also required to complete the SHARP certification training course at the new SHARP Academy at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, which was stood up in October 2014, and will be in full operating capability by Oct. 1, this year.

That type of training used to be administered from Ferrell's office, but responsibility for developing the programs of instruction and administration of the course now resides with the SHARP Academy, which is nested under the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's Combined Arms Center. This transfer of mission allows the SHARP office in the Pentagon to concentrate on program policy, oversight and overall SHARP program management.

SHARP line of effort for civilians

A work that's still in process, Ferrell



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey signs the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention poster hanging at the SHARP Resource Center during his visit to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, March 2. Additionally, Dailey met with Soldiers to talk about the future of the Army and his proposed "Not in My Squad" campaign to bring SHARP into focus for junior noncommissioned officers, who are better positioned to be aware of and handle everyday Soldier issues.

Photo by Sgt. Ryan Hallock

said, is developing a line of effort that's targeted toward Army civilians. This line of effort will include annual SHARP training, policy and outreach.

Civilian leaders throughout the Army will meet to discuss the content of the civilian line of effort, including details about whether separating training from the uniformed side is desirable.

Retaliation

In FY 2014, the RAND Military Workplace Study showed that 52 percent of DOD females who filed an official report of sexual assault reported some form of retaliation, Ferrell said.

Retaliation could range from ostracism to more serious reprisals, she said. The problem is that there are not common definitions across the military services, so the term "retaliation" is not used consistently. That's important from a programmatic and training aspect and DOD and the services are working collaboratively to correct it and develop a strategy to prevent and address retaliation.

Ferrell said past efforts to address retaliation have included the expedited transfer program and the implementation of the special victim counsel. Most recently, the Army has implemented policy to prohibit retaliation, developed training to assist Soldiers in identifying and preventing retaliation, and implemented policy to investigate and monitor all allegations of retaliation.

Online harassment

Some Soldiers have reported being sexually harassed or retaliated against by other Soldiers in the form of social media, Ferrell said.

The Army is taking steps to deal with this, she said. This month, for example, the Army published All Army Activities message 122/2015, which deals with online conduct, to include sexual harassment, as well as victim retaliation.

The ALARACT, she said, makes it clear that harassment will not be tolerated and isn't consistent with Army values and those who participate will be subject to disciplinary action. Studies have shown that sexual harassment often is a precursor to sexual assault, she added.

SHARP resource center

In FY14, the Army piloted a SHARP Resource Center concept, modeled after a facility first established at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, Ferrell said. The center is a one-stop shop where victims can receive help from a range of SHARP providers including advocates, legal and medical.

Since then, a total of 14 centers have opened, the latest in April at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

The Army is now developing metrics to capture data from those centers to see if the concept should be extended Army-wide, she said.

Other initiatives

Several other initiatives are underway, Ferrell said, including consolidating SHARP policy into one regulation and in more understandable and concise language.

To Ferrell, who has a background as an auditor, this is especially important and she said she's putting her analytical skills to work to make the policy and oversight role of her office more effective.

Getting ideas for program improvement from the lower levels of SHARP at the installations up to the program level at Department of the Army is another goal, she said. SHARP plans to borrow the Army Family Action Plan format for its first annual SHARP Program Improvement Forum, Aug. 6-7. That format involves collecting a range of ideas, sorting through and organizing them, then prioritizing them for action. Then, actions taken for each issue will be made available Army-wide.

Recent efforts

Command Climate Surveys are working well, Ferrell said, regarding a report card Army leaders receive annually as well as within 30 days of taking a command. The surveys indicate how Soldiers feel about their leaders' commitment to fostering an atmosphere of respect and values, she said, and become part of a leader's formal evaluation record.

Ferrell noted that leadership takes sexual assault crimes seriously. Army prosecution rates compare favorably

with civilian rates. Commanders prosecuted the offense of rape at a rate of 72 percent while prosecution rates for civilian jurisdictions were about 20 percent over the last three years.

Another new initiative that has the potential to make a tremendous difference is the "Not in My Squad" campaign started by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey. That initiative, Ferrell said, involves getting first-line supervisors, such as squad leaders, involved with taking ownership of creating an environment of dignity and respect in their units. It means small-unit leaders discussing issues in formal and informal settings.

Not in My Squad opens the lines of communication, she added. Not just for SHARP, but for other issues like suicide, drugs and alcohol.

This year's DOD theme

This year's DOD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office's theme, said Ferrell, is "Know Your Part, Do Your Part." That gets to the role everyone has in eradicating sexual harassment and assault. Intervention early on with milder forms of harassment can prevent assault from happening later on.

Each year, the Army brings in about 100,000 new Soldiers, each with his or her own sets of values.

"We try to inculcate them into the Army values and the Army profession early on, even before they go to boot camp," she said, with recruiters taking the lead on explaining to them what constitutes acceptable behavior.

"Some of those messages take hold with some Soldiers quicker than others. Some just don't get it, unfortunately," she said. "So, we continue to see incidents of sexual harassment and assault. But we've been working very hard at this. What we do know is that the statistics show we're making progress and we're very happy and proud of that. We must sustain this momentum."

"The secretary [of the Army] and chief [of staff of the Army] have said all along that this is the Army's number-one priority," she continued. "That's not just talk. It's evidence of engaged leadership."

Did You Know?

The U.S. Coast Guard – the oldest, continuous seagoing service in the U.S. – celebrated its 225th birthday Aug. 4.



The U.S. Coast Guard is a military force and federal law enforcement agency dedicated to maritime safety, security, and stewardship missions. It is unique in that in addition to saving lives, its missions include protecting and defending the homeland, and the environments while enforcing federal laws on the nation's coastal waters and inland waterways.

President George Washington signed the Tariff Act that authorized the construction of ten vessels to enforce federal tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling Aug. 4, 1790. Known through the 19th and early 20th centuries as the revenue cutters, the system of cutters, the Revenue Marine and finally the Revenue Cutter Service, it expanded in size and responsibilities as the nation grew.

A 1915 act of Congress that merged the Revenue Cutter Service with the U. S. Life-Saving Service, gave the Coast Guard its present name. The legislation creating this "new" Coast Guard stated that it "shall constitute a part of the military forces of the United States," thereby codifying the service's long history of defending the country alongside the nation's other armed services.

The Coast Guard began maintaining the country's aids to maritime navigation, including lighthouses, when President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the transfer of the Lighthouse Service to the Coast Guard in 1939. In 1946, Congress permanently transferred the Commerce Department's Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to the Coast Guard, which placed merchant marine licensing and merchant vessel safety under its control. It marked the first time the nation had a single maritime federal agency dedicated to saving life at sea while enforcing the nation's maritime laws.

The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government and until Congress established the Navy Department in 1798 it served as the nation's only armed force afloat. In times of peace it operates as part of the Department of Homeland Security. In times of war, or at the direction of the

president, the Coast Guard serves as part of the Navy Department.

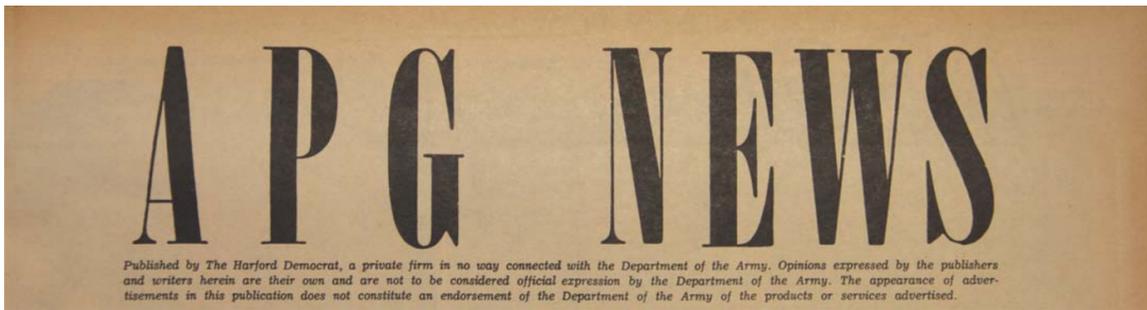
Here are some interesting Coast Guard trivia facts:

- Heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey was commissioned in the Coast Guard in 1942 and served on the Coast Guard-manned USS Arthur Middleton for the invasion of Okinawa.
- Actor Buddy Ebsen (of Beverly Hillbillies fame) was denied entry in the Navy but served in the Coast Guard from 1941-1946 as a damage control officer and then executive officer on the USS Pocatello.
- The first Coast Guard aviator, Lt. Elmer Stone, was one of the pilots on the first trans-Atlantic flight in a Curtiss NC-4 seaplane in May 1919.
- The first Coast Guard Air Station opened in 1920 at Morehead City, North Carolina.
- Alex Hailey, author of "Roots: The Saga of an American Family," served 20 years in the USCG, 10 as a steward and 10 as a journalist.
- Male and female USCG enlisted recruits undergo eight weeks of training at Cape May, New Jersey.
- The USCG's only Medal of Honor winner, Signalmen 1st Class Douglas Munro, was killed while rescuing trapped Marines near Point Cruz, Guadalcanal, Sept. 27, 1942.
- In World War II the USCG recruited women to free up men to serve in combat areas. Organized into the Women's Reserve, these female recruits were called SPARs, as an acronym for "Semper Paratus – Always Ready," which combined the Coast Guard motto and meaning.
- Other celebrities who served in the USCG include golfer Arnold Palmer, musician Tom Watts, and actors Sid Caesar, Lloyd, Beau and Jeff Bridges and Cesar Romero.
- The USCG is the nation's only military branch that doesn't belong to the Department of Defense; it is an arm of the Department of Homeland Security.
- The USCG Deployable Operations Group (DOG) is a quick-reaction force that handles maritime interdiction, force protection, nuclear-biological threats, counter-piracy, counter-terrorism and anti-terrorism.
- According to the 2012 USCG Boating Resource Center, on an average day, the Coast Guard conducts 109 searches and rescues, saves 10 lives, seizes 169 pounds of marijuana and 306 pounds of cocaine worth \$9.5 million and investigates six vessel casualties.

Yvonne Johnson, APG News

Source(s) <http://www.uscg.mil>; www.wikipedia.org; www.funtrivia.com; www.mentalfloss.com

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.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

2015

10 Years Ago: Aug. 4, 2005



(Left) Carol Sue Hansen, president of Quilts for Wounded Heroes, looks on as Wounded Warrior Sgt. Sean Steans accepts a quilt from the group during their visit to the Medical Hold Company at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

2010



(Right) From left, Katie Cole, Jackie Le, Sarah North, Linda Buddemeier Shawn Kluchinsky and Faith Edmonson give a synchronized performance of the song, "Rhythm in Your Hands" during the Summer Program Talent Show by members of the Edgewood Area youth center.

2000

25 Years Ago: Aug. 1, 1990

1990



(Left) Sgt. 1st Class Gary Baukman of the APG Foreign Materiel Intelligence Battalion, briefs Opposing Forces Weapons Course students on the Soviet AGS-17 automatic grenade launcher during a week-long class at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

1980



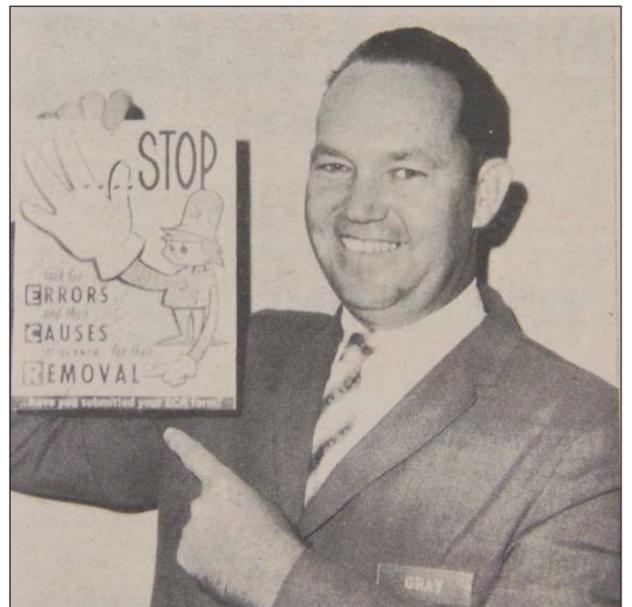
(Right) Nicolas Boniface shows his winning style during the final heat of the Tubes of Thunder tube race at the Aberdeen Area boat dock. Boniface won first place; he beat his dad who was the runner up.

1970

50 Years Ago: Aug. 5, 1965

(Right) Edward C. Gray of D&PS displays a poster from the error-causing removal campaign to put the finger on error-causing situations present in their jobs.

1960



(Left) Trudy Triplett, the daughter of Col. Austin Triplett and an instructor lifeguard at the Special Services swimming pool, helps Louise Derryberry, one of 160 non-swimmers enrolled in post swimming lessons.

1950

Experts recommend breastfeeding as best choice for optimal nutrition

By **LISA YOUNG**
U.S. Army Public Health Command

Are you a military mom and want to keep breastfeeding your baby after you return to duty? Be encouraged by the fact that breastfeeding is the natural way to feed your baby.

Breastfeeding advances infant's physical and mental growth and development, and also benefits the mother's health.

Aug. 1-7 is World Breastfeeding Week, a combined effort recognized every year in more than 120 countries to bring awareness to the benefits of breastfeeding. The focus of the week is to promote exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life due to the many health benefits linked to breastfeeding.

Organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Public Health Association, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and the World Health Organization recognize breastfeeding as the best health choice for a mother baby. Breastfeeding the first six months:

- Provides the best nutrition possible – the mother's breast milk.
- Saves money. The average cost for baby formula is \$100-\$120 a month, about \$30/can.
- Allows for less time away from work due to illness. Breast milk provides natural immunities so that breast-fed infants are less likely to get sick early in life.
- Provides strong bonds between mother and child.
- Promotes faster recovery and weight loss. Producing milk burns calories.

Healthy Living

Healthy Living is a recurring feature in the APG News. It addresses health topics that matter most to our readers. To view more health topics and the Community Health Promotion Council calendar of events, visit the APG homepage www.TeamAPG.com To suggest health-related topics for the Health Living series, email amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil

Exclusive breastfeeding burns an extra 300-500 calories a day.

Many military moms find breastfeeding difficult when they return to work and some don't even think it is possible.

Due to working conditions, deployments, lack of time and places to pump breast milk, as well as the lack of other breastfeeding moms to network with, it is easy to see why military moms view breastfeeding as tough. Some military moms who have been successful at breastfeeding offered the following suggestions:

- Make breastfeeding plans before you deliver, i.e. where you are going to pump during the day and how you are going to store the milk.
- Provide your supervisor with a memorandum before you have the baby

explaining your breastfeeding plan for their approval. If you are going to need extra time during lunch to feed your baby, ask for your command's approval and support well in advance of your delivery date.

Enlist the support of unit and community leaders, friends who are also mothers, fathers/partners, lactation consultants, pregnancy educators and online support groups.

Research your installation and community for lactation rooms and electric pump availability.

Healthy People 2020, a federal agency that sets and tracks national health goals, states that breastfeeding is important to public health since children's health affects the condition of families, communities and the health care system.

Human breast milk is widely accepted as the most complete nutrition for most infants, with a range of benefits for their health, growth and development. Human milk is made up of many nutrients that work together for the healthy, full-term, human infant.

The federal government and many states have laws that protect a woman's right to breastfeed. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Women's Health strongly promotes breastfeeding through promotional campaigns and policy statements. Breastfeeding in public may be challenging at times, even with growing awareness, but moms should be encouraged.

Here are some tips for breastfeeding in public:

- Slip into a women's lounge or dressing room to breastfeed.
- Use a special breastfeeding blanket around your shoulders.
- Wear tops that allow easy access to your breasts.
- Place your baby in a sling to keep it close to your body.
- Practice at home to maintain your personal level of privacy.
- Breastfeed your baby before he or she becomes fussy so you have time to get into a comfortable place or position to feed.

You can celebrate World Breastfeeding Week this year by joining an event in your local area. There are also many online resources to support your choice to breastfeed.

For more information, contact Lisa Young, PHC health educator, at 410-36-7844 or lisa.j.young.civ@mail.mil; or the Le Leche League of MD-DE-DC at <http://www.llofmd-de-dc.org/>.

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BY THE NUMB#RS

Purple Heart Day

Aug. 7 is recognized as Purple Heart Day. On that day, Gen. George Washington created a military merit badge consisting of a purple, heart-shaped piece of silk. Today, the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President to any member of the U.S. armed forces who has been wounded or killed while serving on or after April 5, 1917.

1.8 million

Estimated total number of Purple Hearts awarded, many of which were bestowed retroactively since 1932 to include former military conflicts and additional branches of the armed forces. Records have not been kept consistently so there is no definite count of how many Purple Hearts have been awarded.

200,000+

Estimated number of Purple Hearts awarded for the Vietnam War. U.S. Secretary of State and Vietnam veteran John Kerry received the award for a shrapnel wound he sustained during his naval service.

83

Years that have passed since the War Department announced the creation of the Purple Heart medal. The original award – the Badge of Military Merit – fell into disuse after the American Revolution and was not proposed again officially until 1932.

9

Record for the number of Purple Hearts awarded to one person. That distinction belongs to Marine Sgt. Albert L. Ireland, who was awarded five Purple Heart medals in World War II and four more during the Korean War.

6

Months of imprisonment a defendant may serve if convicted of falsely claiming to have received the Purple Heart award. The Stolen Valor Act of 2005, signed into law by President George W. Bush, made it a federal misdemeanor to falsely represent oneself as having received any U.S. military decoration or medal.

By **STACY SMITH** APG News

Sources: <http://armylive.dodlive.mil>, www.history.army.mil, www.thepurpleheart.com



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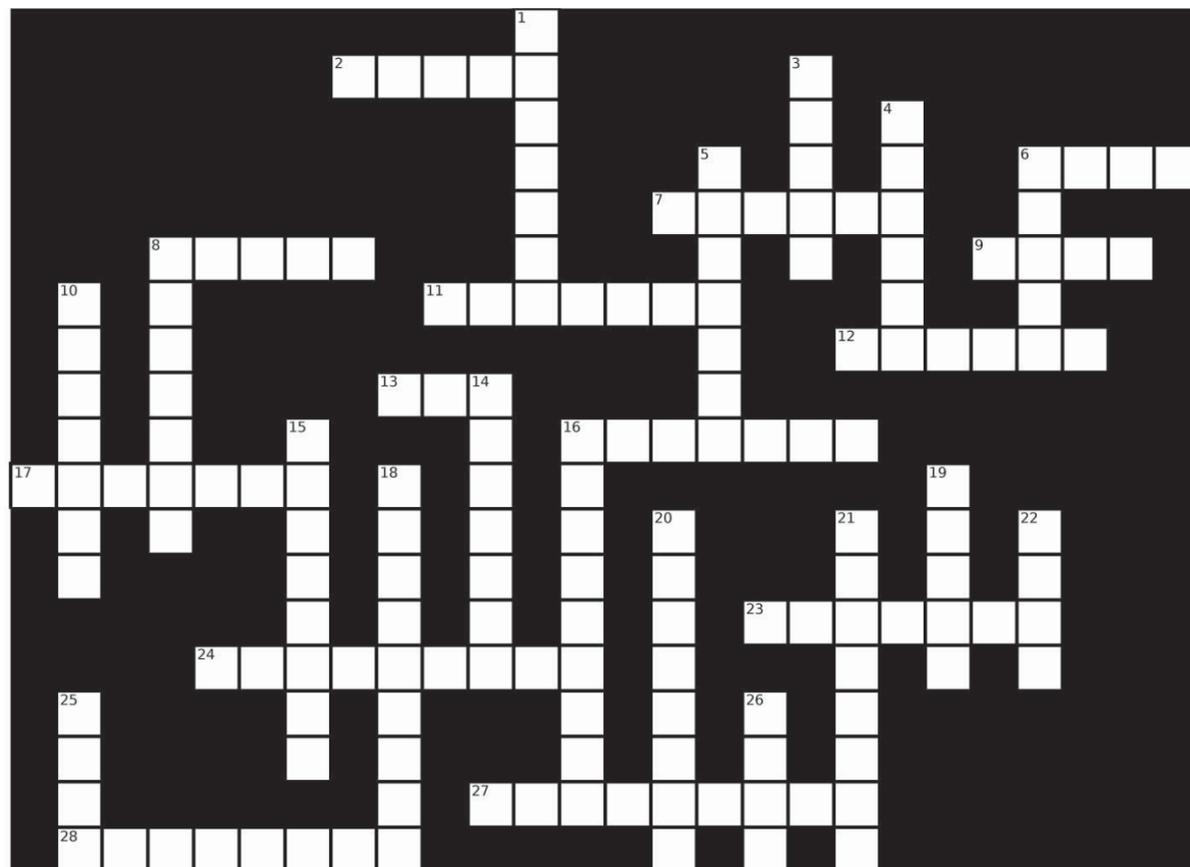


YOUR RIDE IS HERE

Several existing vanpools are looking for riders as well as individuals looking to start vanpools for the following areas listed at right.

Commuters only need to be willing to travel to the designated areas to ride the vanpool. For more information, contact the APG Commuter Center POC, Syreeta Gross, at 410-278-5491 or syreeta.a.gross.ctr@mail.mil.

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♦ Columbia, Maryland	♦ Washington, D.C.
♦ Aberdeen train station shuttle	



- evolved to fight off infectious microbes.
- This vaccine is given to non-pregnant females or right after delivery to protect future pregnancies.
 - The required immunizations for children during school enrollment are decided by each _____.
 - Life-threatening mosquito-borne infectious disease with no effective vaccine.
 - Plague that killed up to a third of the European population during the Middle Ages.
 - Infection of the small intestine that often killed virtual players in the popular 1990s computer game, 'The Oregon Trail.'
 - Protein produced by the body's immune system when it detects harmful substances.
 - Types of this infectious disease include seasonal, avian and swine.
 - Highly contagious bacterial disease colloquially known as 'whooping cough.'
 - The hepatitis B vaccine was developed to prevent hepatitis B in this body organ.
 - Epidemic of infectious disease that has spread through human populations across a large region.
 - The current United States childhood immunization schedule protects against 15 of these.
 - Some researchers fear parental decisions not to vaccinate their children endangers _____ immunity, a form of indirect protection from infectious disease.
 - Global pandemic that was first recognized in the U.S. in the 1980s.
 - Also known as DPT, this class of combination vaccines protect against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus.

The APG Crossword

National Immunization Awareness Month

By **STACY SMITH**, APG News

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NIAM highlights the importance of immunizations, one of the top 10 public health accomplishments of the 20th century. Complete this puzzle to learn more about immunization.

Across

- Virus that the 1st Area Medical Laboratory at APG deployed to Liberia to help fight against last year.
- Unexplained, lethal syndrome in babies which was once thought to be caused by vaccinations. In 2003, this myth was dispelled when the Institute of Medicine released a report that found no evidence to support it.
- In the late 1990s, some anti-vaccinationists suggested a causal connection between thimerosal, an antiseptic and antifungal agent, and this neurodevelopmental disorder.
- Infectious disease best known for the puffy cheeks and swollen jaws that it causes.
- Scientist who discovered and developed the first successful inactivated polio vaccine.
- During the Civil War, non-_____ medical equipment was used during surgeries, often causing repeated infections.
- English physician who pioneered the smallpox vaccine, the world's first vaccine.
- Department of Health and Human Services organization that protects

public health and safety through the control and prevention of disease, injury, and disability.

- Population that had a 20 percent mortality rate before vaccinations became common more than a century ago.
- Any substance that causes the immune system to produce antibodies against it.
- French chemist and microbiologist who discovered of the principles of vaccination, microbial fermentation and pasteurization.
- Treat with a vaccine to produce immunity against a disease.
- The goal of immunization is to _____, or get rid of, life-threatening diseases.
- Viral disease characterized by a painful rash that occurs in older people who once had chickenpox.

Down

- A substance that is usually injected into a person or animal to protect against a particular disease.
- Disease that infected folk singer Joni Mitchell as a child. She recovered, but it left millions paralyzed.
- A system in the body made of a complex network of cells and organs that

Think you solved last week's puzzle? Check out the solution below

Solution to the July 30 puzzle



WORD OF THE WEEK

Salubrious

Pronounced: suh-loo-bree-uh s]

Part of Speech: Adjective

Definition:

- Favorable to or promoting health; healthful: salubrious air.
- (Of a place) pleasant; not run down

Related forms:
 Salubriously, Adverb
 Nonsalubrious, Adjective
 Nonsalubriously, Adverb
 Nonsalubriousness, Noun

Use:

- The rental properties seemed seedy and overall less salubrious than we'd hoped.
- Unlike her adventurous friends she preferred men of salubrious intentions.
- His private chef prepared salubrious meals designed to reduce salt and sugar intake.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News
 Source(s): www.dictionary.com; www.oxforddictionaries.com

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

ABC-C

Army Benefits Center - Civilian



The Army Benefits Center – Civilian, located at Fort Riley, Kansas, provides automated benefits support to Army-serviced appropriated fund employees through the Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS) and trained benefits specialists.

Comprised of civilian human resources professionals, the ABC-C strives to provide responsive, quality service that allows serviced civilian employees to manager their benefits and entitlement portfolios.

The ABC-C website, www.abc.army.mil, serves as a one-stop-shop for all civilian benefits informatin, offering a wide variety of resources for civilian employees including information on: health insurance; life insurance; thrift savings plan and retirement, as well as quick links to eOPF, EBIS, MyBiz, and mypay.

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**, APG News
 Source(s): www.abc.army.mil.



APG CATCH-A-POACHER PROGRAM

A wide variety of wildlife call Aberdeen Proving Ground home. The APG Conservation Law Enforcement Branch is asking you to be a partner in protecting and preserving the natural resources here on post. If you see or have knowledge of poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources, you can use the SUBMIT-A-TIP hotline to anonymously provide information to catch a poacher.

Call the SUBMIT-A-TIP "HOTLINE" at 410-306-4673.
 Emergencies or violations in progress should always be reported via 911.

When reporting poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources on APG, please take note of the information listed in the form below.

Name/Description/Address of the Poacher
Location/Days/Times & Type of Poaching
Vehicle/Vessel Description or Registration #

You can also cut out this completed SUBMIT-A-TIP form and mail it to: 2200 Aberdeen Blvd. APG, MD 21005

League of Dreams engages special needs players

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Sgt. Eric Jimenez, BOSS president, who was attending his final League of Dreams game before leaving for Recruiting School, said he was saddened to say goodbye to Kolarek and the children.

"This was never hard for us to do because Frank [Kolarek] takes such special interest in the kids, he makes you want to help," he said. "To watch these kids catch and throw and run the bases and just enjoy themselves makes you feel warm inside and that's the reward you get. It's pretty special."

Kolarek said the group's interaction with APG means a lot. He recognized BOSS for the positive reputation it has earned through volunteering and thanked Jimenez for his leadership of the program. As a parting gift, he presented Jimenez with a 2009 homerun ball from the Major League Baseball All Star Game.

"Our partnership with APG and BOSS has only benefited the group," Kolarek said.

"We want you to have this baseball as our thanks for your service and every player here will sign it."

He added his thanks to the parents, caregivers, coaches, teachers and volunteers who "make it all happen."

"All this couldn't happen without you," he said.

Adams added that his thanks to Kolarek.

"We're always happy to work with the league because of all he does for children," he said.

On the field, Soldiers, parents and volunteers worked the children through their practice drill. They were assisted by Cal Ripken Little League World Series baseball players from Central Perk, Pennsylvania; Canada; New Zealand and the West Raleigh, North Carolina team which won its third consecutive U.S. Championship and challenged team Mexico for the World Series championship that evening.

West Raleigh Coach Rick Pate said the team looks forward to "helping out the league."

"It's become a tradition to us," he said. "We're happy to help make these kid's dreams come true. We think it's wonderful."

Many of the players' parents agreed. Lakesha Lewis of Baltimore, whose



League of Dreams player Kourtney Rivers receives congratulations from APG BOSS Soldiers and volunteers as she exits the playing field during the League of Dreams practice and game at Ripken Stadium's Cal Sr. Field Aug. 1. League of Dreams is an award-winning program that enables special needs children and adults – who are unable to participate in organized sports – the opportunity to play baseball and softball. APG has partnered with the league since 2010.

son Terrence Ridley, 15, was a first-time attendee, said she was "thankful we were able to make it here."

"It was so nice to see able-bodies helping children like him," she said.

She said that though wheel-chair bound, Terrence participates in other sports and activities as far as he is able.

"He loves sports and he loves people," she said. "He doesn't let the wheelchair stop him."

Bonnie Smith-May, the mother of League of Dreams player Kendall May, 24, who has been with the league 11 years, told Lewis about the event.

"I'm so glad I did," she said. "Kendall always looks forward to this. He's always excited to come."

George Mauler of Abingdon said his son, Kyle, 11, has been a League of Dreams player for three years.

"This is great social interaction for the kids," he said. "They get to meet other kids, learn about teamwork and are just able to express and enjoy themselves with other kids that are exceptional."

First-time volunteer Tyrone Ramsey, of the Ohio Masonic Riders motorcycle club from Upper Marlboro, Maryland, said his wife told him about the event.

"She knows we're always looking for new ways to serve communities," he said. "We heard a lot about the League of Dreams. This was awesome and just being a part of it felt

great. It's why we love giving back to the community."

The League of Dreams was named the Public Awareness Program of the Year during the 20th Annual Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities award ceremony in 2010 and in 2011, the APG BOSS program was awarded a gold award from the Baltimore Federal Executive Board (FEB) in the Volunteer Service-Group Award category for its work with League of Dreams. Additionally in 2011, the league received the U.S. Army Community Program Award.

To learn more, visit the League of Dreams website at www.leagueofdreams.org.

Purple Heart recipient 'honored, humbled'

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action against an enemy of the United States.

Cannon was presented the Purple Heart for wounds received in action Aug. 28, 2013 in Afghanistan while assigned to the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

"He was serving as an AG [Adjutant General] Officer and a fairly complex attack occurred in Afghanistan," Williamson said of the August 2013 attack. "A very large IED [was detonated] followed by individuals attacking who also had explosives vests and devices. Capt. Cannon acknowledged his wounds but his very first thought was to check on his teammates and to help in the defense of that FOB [Forward Operating Base]."

Williamson said the medal presentation served as a reminder that the effects of war are "very, very real, and that we [the Army] have folks every day who are put in challenging situations, and who often come back with scars and the effects of that environment."

"It's very easy to forget about the fact that there are people who are making the ultimate sacrifice; there are people who are wounded every day, and that this has been going on for the last 14 years," he said. "For some of us, the routine of the day – the routine of our position and our activities – can actually allow us to isolate ourselves from that stark reality."

Nearly 30 of Cannon's coworkers

"If anything, I'd like to draw attention to the National Intrepid Center of Excellence in Bethesda, Maryland. They do great work with our nation's wounded warriors...I'm so appreciative of the time they spent with me."

Capt. Clayton J. Cannon
Purple Heart Recipient

and battle buddies at the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, where Cannon is currently the Assistant Product Manager for Obscuration at Joint Product Manager Reconnaissance and Platform Integration, traveled to the Pentagon to witness the Purple Heart presentation. Additional JPEO CBD personnel watched via video teleconference from APG.

"I am honored and humbled to receive the Purple Heart," Cannon said. "And I was surprised and certainly appreciative of the turnout of those who came along [to the Pentagon]."

"If anything, I'd like to draw attention to the National Intrepid Center of Excellence in Bethesda, Maryland," he said, humbly drawing attention away from himself and instead to the Department of Defense institute that studies traumatic brain injuries.

"They do great work with our

nation's Wounded Warriors. They have been conducting a 15-year study of TBI diagnosis and treatment. I want to give credit where credit is due and they're doing wonderful things; I'm so appreciative of the time they spent with me."

A native of Britton's Neck, South Carolina and former police officer, Cannon began his military career when he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2007 and entered the Adjutant General Corps.

His assignments include battalion adjutant/S1 with the 21st Signal Brigade at Fort Detrick, Maryland; the strength management officer for the 21st Signal Brigade; and brigade S1 for the 21st Signal Brigade.

Cannon deployed to Afghanistan with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division where he served as a member of Security Force Advise Assist Team 1 in the role of senior S1 ANSF advisor to the 3rd Brigade, 203rd Thunder Corps, Afghan

National Army.

Cannon was accessed into the Army Acquisition Corps in July 2013 and was assigned to the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center at APG, where he served as the executive officer and interim military deputy to the center's Space and Terrestrial Communications directorate.

Cannon's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Superior Unit Award, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Drivers Badge.

The Purple Heart was established by Gen. George Washington at Newburgh, New York on Aug. 7, 1782 during the Revolutionary War. It was then known as the Military Badge of Merit and took the form of a heart in purple silk with "merit" embroidered across it. It was reestablished by the President of the United States per the War Department in 1932.

"While an individual decoration, the Purple Heart differs from all other decorations in that an individual is not recommended for the decoration," states the Army Purple Heart website. "Rather, he or she is entitled to it upon meeting specific criteria."

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Protection against infectious diseases

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The recent measles outbreak at Disneyland along with the rate of vaccine refusal by parents has started a national debate on immunizations (also known as “vaccines” or “shots”). These events have raised questions, such as: Am I protected/immune to diseases? How do I develop protection/immunity? Are there vaccines to prevent me from getting diseases?

Vaccines against disease are said to be one of the greatest public health interventions of the 20th century. Although vaccination is seen as a major achievement in health and wellness around the world, the discussion about vaccines continues.

There is a distinct difference between vaccination and immunization although the terms are often used interchangeably. In a nutshell, vaccines cause immunization. Vaccination is the injection of a killed or weakened organism like a virus, bacteria or parasite that causes a particular disease or set of diseases. It produces immunity (protection) in the body against the organism so it cannot cause illness or it decreases the seriousness of an illness.

Immunization is the process by which an individual becomes immune or protected from diseases. This can happen



U.S. Army photo
Spc. Joshua Ryan, a medic with the 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, administers the influenza vaccine to Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Atkins at the troop medical clinic at Contingency Operating Base Q-West, Iraq.

when an individual comes in contact with the organism causing a disease or when an individual receives antibodies. Antibodies are proteins in the body that attack disease-causing organisms naturally like through breast milk or through human intervention such as getting a vaccine. It is important to note that vaccines are not available for all diseases.

No one can predict when and where the next disease outbreak will occur, so make sure that you and your family members are protected by being up-to-date on vaccines.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices currently have recommendations for dif-

ferent vaccines for all ages to help prevent against many, but not all infectious diseases. Vaccination schedules and recommended vaccines are outlined below for each age group:

- Children (birth through 6 years old)

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/patients/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf>

- Preteens and teens (7 through 18 years old)

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/downloads/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf>

- Adults
- <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-combined-schedule.pdf>

Remember to always ask your health provider any questions that you have about your immunization status, recommended vaccines and booster shots. It's also important to work with your health care provider, as not everyone may be eligible to receive all the recommended vaccines depending on their current health status or medical history.

Remember the famous saying, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,” so make sure you take the necessary steps to ensure you and your family members are protected.

If you plan to travel, check the travel alerts and vaccine requirements.

Online behavior should align with Army Values

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any other type of misconduct that undermines dignity and respect are not consistent with Army Values and negatively impact command climate and readiness.”

The ALARACT emphasizes commanders' responsibility to “reinforce a climate where current and future members of the Army team, including Soldiers, Army civilians, contractors, and Family members, understand that online misconduct is inconsistent with Army values.”

The document also states that such a climate included an avenue through which “online-related incidents are prevented, reported, and addressed at the lowest possible level.”

In March, the Army chief of staff directed the creation of a “tiger team” to address the issue of online misbehavior, including retribution, and to find ways to prevent and respond to harm inflicted through the use of electronic communication.

One goal of the tiger team was to create a reporting system for “online-related incidents” and report those up to senior Army leadership.

Tiger team member Lt. Col. Kay Emerson, who also serves as director of the Army's Equal Opportunity policy office, said members of the Army staff and command representatives are working to identify the data fields and reporting requirements for such an online reporting system.

“Once collated, senior Army leadership will have a sight picture of reported online-related incidents and actions taken by commanders in the field,” Emerson said.

The Army is expected to update AR 600-20 in the next published version to address online and social media violations. Emerson said she is currently re-writing paragraph 4-19 within AR 600-20 to incorporate the Department of Defense's drafted policy with the Army's online conduct efforts.

Section 4-19 of AR 600-20, called “Treatment of persons,” addresses hazing and bullying, as well as command

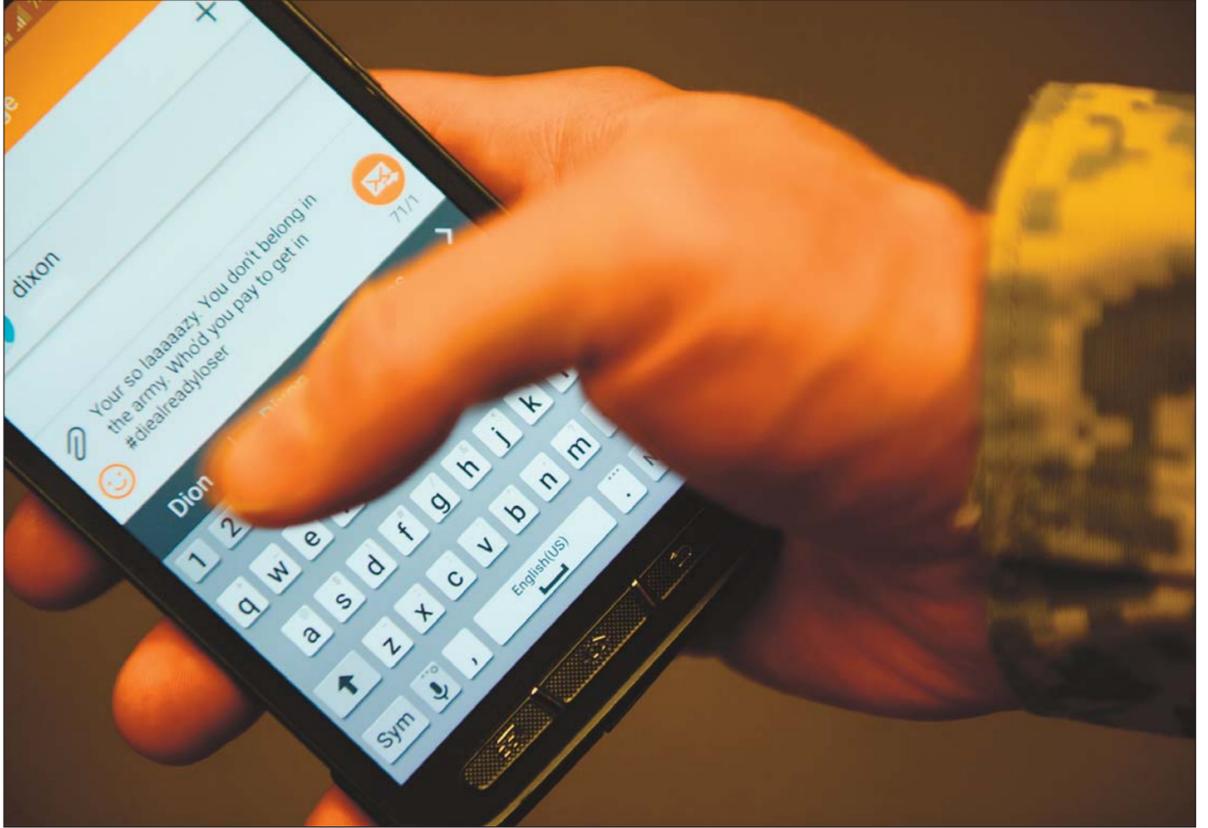


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If Soldiers were still unsure of what bad behavior looks like online, the Army clarified it for them in an “All Army Activities” message – commonly called an ALARACT – that went out force-wide last week. Online misconduct, it says, is “the use of electronic communication to inflict harm. Examples include, but are not limited to: harassment, bullying, hazing, stalking, discrimination, retaliation, or any other types of misconduct that undermine dignity and respect.”

and individual responsibilities in regards to them.

The regulation and the ALARACT direct Soldiers and Army civilians who experience or witness online misconduct to report it to their chain of command.

Additionally, section 4-19 of AR 600-20 is “punitive” in nature. It authorizes commanders to potentially punish those who are in violation of its direction, making failure to adhere to the Army's rules for online behavior a

punishable offense.

“Soldiers who violate this policy may be subject to punishment under the UCMJ [Uniform Code of Military Justice],” the regulation reads. “Whether or not certain acts specifically violate the provisions of this paragraph, they may be inappropriate or violate relevant civilian personnel guidance.”

Despite new rules and directions regarding the use of social media and other forms of electronic communication, the

Army says it doesn't want to stop Soldiers from communicating online. Instead, said an Army official, when using electronic communication devices, Soldiers should apply “Think, Type, Post.”

That maxim is summarized as “think about the message being communicated and who could potentially view it; type a communication that is consistent with Army values; and post only those messages that demonstrate dignity and respect for self and others.”

ARL partnership to benefit Army, industry, academia

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industry.

“By bringing together academia, industry small business, and government for on-site research and development collaboration, it enhances the Army's research potential and gives us a hand in expanding our body of knowledge to maximize our potential to create the Army of the future,” said Dr. Thomas Russell, ARL Director.

The partnership also supports the development of the ARL Open Campus initiative, a collaborative endeavor begun in 2014 that enables businesses, students, professors, scientists and researchers to have access to an array of resources and research personnel who have worked on and developed complex defense-centered situations and tasks in science and technology.

“Open Campus will leverage the best and brightest across the collective research community to more effectively produce transformative science and technology to meet our nation's needs,” Russell said.

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vides special advantages to ARL partners. According to its website, ARL scientists and engineers work - with visiting scientists in ARL facilities, and as visiting researchers at collaborator institutions.

Central to the research partnerships is mutual scientific interest and investment

by all partners – the ARL Open Campus is not a funding opportunity. The global academic community, industry, small businesses, and other government laboratories benefit from this engagement through collaboration with ARL's specialized research staff and unique tech-

nical facilities.

“It's an honor that we were chosen as one of the few partners to help facilitate ARL goals of establishing an Open Campus in Northeastern Maryland,” said Danny DeMarinis, president of Northeastern Maryland University Research Park.

“Our role and mission in this partnership is to bring extra research capabilities and joint interests to the table to help our Soldiers and government contractors through our higher education and research resources,” DeMarinis added.

The 2015 Open House for the ARL Open Campus is set for Nov. 3-4. The two-day event will feature a variety of scheduled presentations, tours and opportunities to meet with leading Army researchers, as well as top industry and academic innovators.

For more information about the ARL Open Campus, visit <http://www.arl.army.mil/open-campus>, or contact the ARL Open Campus Program Manager, Wendy Leonard, at wendy.a.leonard.civ@mail.mil.

APG SNAPSHOT

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ULTIMATE FRISBEE FRENZY

Members of Team APG participated in a pickup game of Ultimate Frisbee at the field adjacent to Shore Park July 29. Ultimate Frisbee is a limited-contact field sport played in teams with a disc or frisbee. Points are scored by passing the disc to a teammate in the opposing end zone. Other basic rules are that players must not take steps while holding the disc, and interceptions, incomplete passes, and passes out of bounds are turnovers.

(Clockwise from top right)

Leaping for possession, ECBC's Satchell Doyle Jr., center left, and ARL's Blake Barnette, center right, reach for the Frisbee during a July 29 game as other players close in; AMSAA's Tim Pohland tries to pass as MEDCOM's Rob Causey stretches to block the play; CECOM's Christina Ju runs towards the frisbee in play as CERDEC's Nick Pesta jumps to catch it; Two turkey vultures keep a sharp eye on the match from above, sitting atop a light post.

Ultimate Frisbee is held at Shore Park on APG North (Aberdeen), every Wednesday from 5:15 to 7 p.m. All levels of players, including beginners, are welcome. For more information about Ultimate Frisbee or other APG sports, visit www.apgmwr.com.

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ARTISTS PUT ON A SHOW

SKIES Unlimited hosted a week-long Summer Art Workshop at the Corvias Bayside Community Center July 27-30. The class introduced students to a variety of mediums and methods including drawing, painting and collage. At the end of the session, the students' artwork was displayed during an art show for parents and caregivers July 30.

(Clockwise from top left)

SKIES volunteer and instructor Rebecca Holt helps Christina Nguyen, 6, apply glue to her project; Zacharia Holt, 11, works on a drawing using chalk pastels; Christina Nguyen, 6, accepts an Art Achievement Certificate while getting her picture taken by her mom Hanh during the art show; Jaya Coats, 9, finishes a project from the previous day; Journey Coats, 4, colors her painted foil art with markers.



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