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Corvias offers four ways to request on-post housing maintenance

Corvias Military Living

As cooler weather settles in, the heat is turned on, families are cooking holiday meals and relatives stop by for an extended visit, home problems inevitably arise.

Luckily, Corvias offers residents several convenient ways to submit maintenance service requests. APG residents can submit work order requests to the APG Corvias Community Office four ways:

1. **By phone:** Call 410-305-1076.

2. **Via email:** Contact AberdeenNeighborhood.Office@corvias.com.

3. **Online:** visit <http://apg.corviasmilitaryliving.com/work-order>.

4. **In person:** Stop by the community office at 2658 Chesapeake Avenue.

The Community Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All maintenance requests are initially handled by Corvias maintenance team members who wear Corvias uniforms. Corvias also has an established support network of contractors that are able to assist with services to include

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Photo by Yvonne Johnson

APG Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis, right, waves to the crowd at the Cecil County Christmas parade in North East, Dec. 5. Davis is joined by his daughter Gracy, left, APG Fire Chief Stephen Jellie, center, and Davis' wife Michelle, who followed in the APG Fire Department Rescue Truck 1251. **View more community holiday parade photos on page 3.**

Tree lighting kicks off holiday season

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

Service members, civilians and families abided a cold drizzle to attend the annual Installation Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony outside the Bayside Community Center in APG North (Aberdeen) Dec. 2.

The holiday festivities included a singing performance by the Joyous Voices Carolers, refreshments and a special visit from Santa Claus. Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis thanked attendees for coming and encouraged them to spend time with their loved

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"Joyous Voices" carolers, from left, Randy Goldberg, Jocelyn Taylor, Rhonda Robinson and Clay Welch perform during the APG North (Aberdeen) Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at the Bayside Community Center Dec. 2. The celebration included buffet-style refreshments, visits with Santa, and photos inside a giant snow globe.

Photo by Molly Blossie



Garrison holds first town hall of fiscal year

Garrison town hall highlights CFC, future, professional development

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

APG Garrison leadership held the first quarterly town hall meeting of the fiscal year at the post theater on APG North (Aberdeen), Dec. 2.

Topics of discussion included the garrison's top priorities for the next five years, the Installation Management Career Program (CP-29) and the Combined Federal Campaign. Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis introduced himself and welcomed his new deputy, Frank W. Lands, then discussed the four pillars of his leadership philosophy: faith, family, unit and self.

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Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis discusses the four pillars of his leadership philosophy during the garrison quarterly town hall meeting at the post theater on APG North (Aberdeen), Dec. 2.

Photo by Sean Kief



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STREET TALK

Does anything give you the "bah-humbugs" during the holiday season?

I just wish I didn't have to work on Christmas Eve. I used to celebrate Christmas Eve with family and friends, so it is a special day to me.



Kylie Slaughter
Garrison SHARP Office

Stores having 'Black Friday' sales on Thanksgiving. People should be spending Thanksgiving with their families, not in a store.



Cynthia Mostella
Retiree

I don't like when Christmas decorations are put up before Thanksgiving. Stores advertise for the holidays too early.



Carmen Dimeo
Exchange

I like going to the mall, but during the holidays the stores are packed even during the weekdays. Everyone wants to go to the mall all the time and parking is an issue.



Christine Qabar
Military family member

I like celebrating the holidays, but I don't like hearing the same songs over and over again, it gets boring.



Annie Pace
MWR

OPINION

Giving in to our extreme sides, if just a bit

Commentary by **STACY SMITH**
APG News

"Cigarettes and chocolate milk, these are just a couple of my cravings. Everything it seems I like's a little bit stronger, a little bit thicker, a little bit harmful for me."



Smith

In his song, "Cigarettes and Chocolate Milk," singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright pokes playful fun at his love of excess. It seems to be a tiny act of rebellion, given how society teaches us to feel ashamed of our desire for heightened experiences; we're so often told by supposed 'life gurus' that we shouldn't do anything that harms the body in any way or makes us appear greedy or foolish to others.

Dr. Oz teaches us how to keep our bodies in shape, but it's moments of excess that most of us will recount on our deathbeds- times we spent with others having too much fun and laughing until our stomachs hurt- not our hours spent on a treadmill.

Aristotle exalted the philosophy of the 'golden mean,' living life in the desirable middle between two extremes. Yet, as the staff of Weight Watchers can attest to, so many of us are practically incapable of doing this, especially during the holiday season. It is the rare, ascetic soul among us who hasn't attended a party this time of year and had one too many helpings of some delectable goodie.

The list of things we "can't" or "shouldn't" do can quickly trump the items on our bucket list, even though it's precisely the latter that makes life worthwhile. So why are we quick

to avoid living with the reality of excess that our brains seem hard-wired for? Is it just a glitch in human evolution, or are we born to indulge ourselves?

After all, if we didn't give in to our extreme sides from time to time, we'd never fall in love, follow our dreams, fight for what's right, or take risks that often lead to positive changes in our lives; all of which are, arguably, experiences that feel better and more satisfying than what our pedestrian lives usually offer us. Sometimes taking out the garbage can wait until we've had our fill of something more desirable.

Extremes not only feel good, they're often vital to progress. A lot of great things come from extremes in human experience – great works of art, intellectual achievements, feats of athleticism and technological innovations are a result of someone who spent excessive hours creating, practicing, dreaming, and lying awake at night waiting for that flash of genius, not because they always did the sensible thing. The archetype of the starving artist living in a garret and spending long nights awake hunched over a desk or easel, fueled by sugar and stimulants, still lives in our psyches because we recognize the best of ourselves in it. Great people in history followed their muse wherever it led, often to spectacular results.

And, as history has shown, anesthetizing our desire for excess can lead to secret overindulgences and destructive behaviors, as well as the psychological defense mechanism known as 'projection', which we employ to accuse others of the very same desires we secretly wish to indulge. A puritanical mindset caused the Salem Witch Trials.

Perhaps we're not meant to live like Roman emperors, but a world devoid of all forms of excess would be a very drab world indeed. I invite you to overindulge along with me this holiday season – because if this isn't the time of year to give in to your "guilty" pleasures, when is?

Police & Fire BLOTTER



The following statistics were provided by the APG Directorate of Emergency Services, recapping the fire, medic and police responses, issued citations and arrests made during the month of November.

**Mutual Aid often involves incidents off post in the local community.*

Calls for Service

- FIRE: 367**
- Fire Alarms – 29
 - Mutual Aid* – 17
 - Watercraft Emergencies – 1
 - Fire Drills – 7

- MEDIC: 21**
- Mutual Aid* – 0
 - Chest Pains – 1
 - Breathing Problems – 0

- POLICE: 665**
- Alarm Activation – 137
 - 911 Hang-ups – 18

- Traffic Accidents – 17
- Active Warrants – 6

Citations

- TOTAL: 227**
- Warning Citations – 130
 - Non-Warning Citations – 95

Arrests

- TOTAL: 16**
- Traffic Related – 7
 - Warrant Arrests – 6
 - Domestic Related – 1
 - DUI/Alcohol Related – 1
 - Drug Related – 1

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APG joins local communities to celebrate holiday season

Aberdeen Proving Ground leadership gathered with the surrounding communities during the first weekend of December to celebrate the start of the holiday season. (Clockwise, from left)

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command color guard, including Staff Sgts. David Hoisington and Travis Bradley, and Sgts. Rebecca Scalies and Kyle Tolbert, marches in the Aberdeen Christmas parade Dec. 5, joined by RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. James P. Snyder, back.

The 20th CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives) Command color guard, along with the command's G3 (Operations) Col. Sven Erichsen and Command Sgt. Maj. Harold E. Dunn, march in the Bel Air Christmas parade Dec. 6.

Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis, center, joined by his daughter Gracy, left, and APG Fire Chief Stephen Jellie march in the Cecil County Christmas Parade in North East, Dec. 5. Davis' wife, Michelle, followed in the APG Fire Department Rescue Truck 1251.

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey O. Adams, not picture, participated in the Havre de Grace Christmas Parade, Dec. 4, and helped city leaders and Mr. and Mrs. Claus light the city Christmas tree.



MEMORIES OF 'NAM



Vet remembers cryptology mission

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Though he rarely faced the “front line,” local Vietnam veteran Curt “CW” Weaver remains proud of his service and grateful to his nation.



Weaver

Weaver grew up in South Baltimore in the 1950s and 60s. He said his childhood was reasonably happy.

“We were poor and didn’t know it,” he said. “But we had everything we needed. In those days, everyone looked out for each other and if you did something bad the neighbors would tell your parents.”

Weaver attended Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, a college preparatory school with a graduation rate above 95 percent.

“I had no desire to go to college, but in 1966, if you weren’t married with kids or in college you were getting drafted.”

He said he originally planned to join the Air Force but after he tested, an Army recruiter called him and offered him the same benefits as the Air Force but with a three-year enlistment instead of four.

Weaver was sold.

Enlistment

After flipping through an Army MOS catalog, he selected and enlisted for general cryptograph repairman “mainly because the school was 47 weeks long.”

“That was almost a year,” he said. “Plus, I figured since computers were temperature sensitive how could they send them to Vietnam?”

He graduated in 1966 and enlisted in February 1967. His question was answered during advanced individual training when they were told the course would be extended a few weeks to train students on a new system that was mobile and used in helicopters.

“I was one of the first to train on the equipment,” he said, adding that the system was brand new and modified for ‘Nam, his destination after AIT.

Heading to ‘Nam

Vietnam was nothing like he imagined. He said the first thing replacement center personnel did when he arrived at Cam Ranh Bay in March 1968 was rip up his orders.

The Tet Offensive was in full swing and Weaver said he knew that meant trouble. He said his heart sank when the replacement clerk solemnly told him, “You’re headed north.”

He was assigned to Nha Trang Air Base. Weaver said when he looked out the second floor window at that replacement center and saw the ocean he knew he was “in a good place.”

“Nha Trang was probably hit [by mortar attacks] eight times while I was there,” he said. The huge installation of Air Force and Army personnel was heavily fortified, however, and successfully repelled all attacks.

Because of the secret and delicate nature of the work, cryptograph repair was in high demand and repairmen were only semi-controlled by their units. Weaver was assigned to a large Communications Center in the Grand Hotel on the South China Sea at Nha Trang.

He and two other buddies with the same MOS were frequently called on for repair runs out “in the field” to the 22 stations they supported.

“Because of our clearances the commander had little control. We’d just grab our tool boxes and go.”

He said travel to field sites was left to the repairmen.

“You had to find your own way out there,” he said. “We’d either hitch a ride from the nearest airbase or hop a convoy. It really made the job interesting, especially if we had to stop at an [U.S.] Air Force base. They had everything.”

He said he envied the Airmen; their recreation and shopping facilities were superior to anything he’d seen on Army bases, until one Airman told him it was nice, but “like being in jail.”

“He hadn’t left the base in a year,” Weaver said. “I guess they had to supply all that stuff just to keep them from losing it.”

When not working, Weaver would relax in their hooch downtown or on the beach with buddies.

“We never stayed in our barracks,” he said, noting that other elements on the installation included Army engineer and aviation elements as well as the 5th Special Forces Group and Republic of Korea (ROK) soldiers.

“Nha Trang was where the French troops did their R&R,” he said.

“It took me a long time before I could say I’m glad to be here. It didn’t feel like it was real, like I was in a cartoon.”

A cartoon vs reality

One thing that was real, however, was his respect for his Vietnamese neighbors in town of Nha Trang.

“I fell in love with the people,” he said. “I really got a feel for what they were going through. They went through the French [occupation] and now this. They were to the point where they’d listen to anybody with a uniform on.”

He recalled one night when “Charlie [Viet Cong soldiers] were ‘coming up the street shooting.’”

“Some of my neighbors ran to our hooch to hide and I thought to myself, ‘how can you live like this?’”

In retrospect, he said, he realized they didn’t have much choice.

“Most of them were women, children and old men,” he said. “All their young men were in the South Vietnamese Army.”

Staying positive was important, he said, and looking for the humorous aspects of serious incidents. One night while on duty in the Grand Hotel communications center Weaver said he received a Top Secret message.

“It said that they would be changing the MPC the next day,” he said.

MPC or military payment certificates were a form of currency used to pay military personnel in foreign countries. They were printed banknotes used in place of money. Weaver said the word was out that the Viet Cong were using American MPCs.

“That meant the next day, they would be collecting old MPCs from everyone in ‘Nam and issuing new money,” he said. “Before the day was over I had Mama sans and Papa sans coming up to me with bags full of old MPCs asking for 10 percent of their worth. I told them by then it was toilet paper.”

A black wooden box with mother of pearl inlay designs on the cover holds the photographic memories of Weaver’s time in ‘Nam. Along with photos of local villagers working or relaxing on the beach there are photos of GIs posing near their bunkers. He even saved his ration card, his short timer’s calendar and his MAC (Military Airlift Command) ticket home.

“I wanted my mother to think I was on a big vacation so I always sent beach photos home,” he said.

Weaver said he was situated just right for promotion and other opportunities.

“When we got to Nha Trang, the Com Center had radio teletype communications,” he said. “The machines created a lot of heat which caused breakdowns. We came up with an idea to separate the machines so we’d have fewer breakdowns.”

The three repairmen soon went from working 24 hours every other day to eight hours on and 24 hours off. Weaver said they were recommended for Bronze Star medals for the project, which they never received.

Weaver served in ‘Nam from March 1968 to February 1969. He made Spc. 5 (E-5) within his first 18 months in the Army, and he said he was offered E-6 if he extended for six months, which he declined.

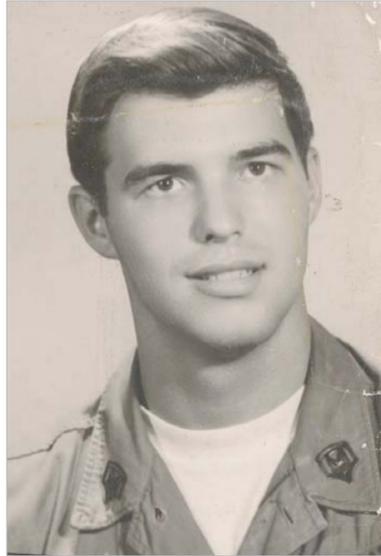
“I thought about, it, he said. “Guys who went back to the states complained about all the [nonsense]. In Vietnam you knew your job and you did it but they said there was all kinds of other stuff to put up with stateside.”

Weaver was assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado in March 1969. He left the Army less than a year later in February 1970.

Civilian life

Weaver said he worked about 40 different jobs after he left the service. He once applied for a position at the National Security Agency, where others with his level of clearance wound up but was turned off by the “rigid environment.”

“After that I went to work for the Eclipse Mattress Company in Linthicum [Maryland] where I had the freedom to move around,” he said. “I



Courtesy photos

(From top) Vietnam War veteran Curt Weaver, right, is happy he can still fit into the Class A uniform he wore when he was Army Spc. 5 Curt Weaver in 1969, on left; Weaver, second from left, and friends relax during downtime in Nha Trang; Weaver took this photo of a young Vietnamese boy making a soccer ball out of scrap leather and an inner tube; Weaver poses in the village near his hooch with one of his many Vietnamese friends.

needed my freedom.”

Weaver and his wife raised a son and a daughter and now have five grandchildren.

He said that after ‘Nam he was on a downward spiral. He grew a beard, was drinking heavily and experimenting with drugs. He left his first wife six months after he returned.

“My mom said Vietnam changed me,” he recalled, “but I never put a needle in my arm and I always had a job.”

Life changed for him while living in Tennessee in from 1978-81 when he “found the Lord and got saved.”

“Since then, I’ve led a good life,” he said. At age 67, Weaver now sells retractable awnings and says he doesn’t

see himself retiring.

“The older you get, the more you should do,” he said. “In the Bible, God seems to give older guys more to do.” He said ‘Nam gave him a love of life and country that is still burning.

“I’ve been in seven auto accidents but I was never even scratched in Vietnam,” he said. “That tells me my runs not done yet.”

“Vietnam was one of the best things that happened to me. If everybody lived outside of this country for six months they wouldn’t be bad-mouthing this country. What we have as a country – as a people – is priceless. We’re not perfect, but democracy is the best guarantee for freedom.”



Garrison participates in interactive assault prevention training

Educator Katie Higier seeks audience input as educator Chris Sanders writes down audience-suggested components of a "bad hookup" during a garrison Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) training at the post theater, Dec. 4. The exercise drove home the point that consent is always a component of a "hookup," regardless of if either party wants the encounter to happen again.

Garrison SHARP Coordinator Theresa Owolabi said she hoped garrison employees appreciated "something new" when it came to fulfilling mandatory SHARP training requirements. The week's training sessions brought in educators from Catharsis Productions – a company that focuses on reducing interpersonal violence using humor, relatability and research-supported programs. Owolabi said the majority of the feedback after the training was positive.

Photo by Molly Blossse

Team APG – Together we Serve. Together We Give!



The deadline to pledge donations to the Combined Federal Campaign has been extended to Dec. 31.

In the spirit of giving this holiday season, pledge to donate a portion of your paycheck to the charity of your choice. This year, Team APG's goal is to raise \$350,000. As of Dec. 8, we're at \$174,091.

Help us reach our goal!

To make your pledge, follow these easy steps:

- (1) Log on to myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>
- (2) Click "Combined Federal Campaign" from the main menu under "Pay Changes."
- (3) Follow the on-screen instructions to indicate how much you'd like to donate each pay period, and to which charity.

For more information about the CFC at APG, contact Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Woods at Anthony.l.woods3.mil@mail.mil.

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- Unusual vehicles operating in or around APG.
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- Unusual contacts on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.



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meetings&conferences

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15

WIN IN A COMPLEX WORLD – FOR S&T

Team APG is invited to virtually attend the “Win in a Complex World – for S&T” meeting, live-streamed from Adelphi, Maryland, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As we work to adapt and orientate the Army S&T community toward future Army Operations, it is critical that R&D organizations stay aligned with operational doctrine. TRADOC will discuss how the S&T community fits into the Army’s new concept; what the Army envisions as the future Operational Environment; and where the Army stands today regarding capabilities overmatch. The meeting will wrap up with a discussion about the Army’s capability needs and critical gaps.

The meeting is designed to illuminate how Army R&D contributions fit into the Army’s plan and future needs.

To view the live-stream, visit www.fedstreaming.com/arlmeeting.

The e-invitation can be viewed at this link: <https://invitations.afit.edu/inv/anime.cfm?i=269431&k=00674B0D7856>.

For more information, contact Troy Alexander at 301-394-2303 or troy.a.alexander1.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The Religious Services Office hosts a new Soldier and Family Christian Fellowship Bible Study Class 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., every Tuesday at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel. Free childcare is included. The class focuses on biblical fellowship and outreach and encouragement through prayer and is open to the entire APG community. For more information, call 410-278-4333.

THROUGH DECEMBER

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

An American Sign Language (ASL) class will be held each Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Dec. 15 in Bldg. E4301 Otto Road (past Hoyle Gym) conference room at APG South (Edgewood).

This free class offers basic to advanced instruction. The required text book, “ABC, A Basic Course in American Sign Language,” can be found on www.amazon.com. Students can bring their own lunch.

To register, for directions or for more information, contact Randy Weber at 410-436-8546 or randy.k.weber.civ@mail.mil.

health&resiliency

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10

C4ISR SLIM DOWN CHALLENGE: JUMP START SESSION

C4ISR Slim Down Challenge participants are invited to the jump start session “Weight Loss, Nutrition and Exercise Guidelines” at Bldg. 6001, fourth floor, room 120 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Learn how to eat well and move your body for optimal health presented by Tony De Cesare, certified personal trainer, owner of Metabolix Nutrition, and Towson University rugby coach.

To request sign language interpreters and other disability-related accommodations, contact the CECOM EEO Office at 443-861-4355 by Nov. 24.

For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

EDGEWOOD DENTAL CLINIC CLOSED

The APG South (Edgewood) Dental Clinic will be closed due to a senior leadership conference.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27

APG IRON EAGLE COMPETITION

The APG Army Performance Triad initiative will host the second APG Iron Eagle 6 a.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) Hoyle Gym. The event will consist of pushups, sit-ups, pull-ups, dips and a running event.

For more information, contact Capt. Joanna Moore, Performance Triad Action Officer, at (410) 278-1773 or joanna.t.moore@mail.mil.

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:

- Dec. 12
- Jan. 9
- Feb. 13

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

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15

FIVE PILLARS OF HEALTH INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee invites Team APG to the Five Pillars of Health Informational Session, held at Bldg. 6001, second floor, room 224 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The session will discuss the five pillars of health and how they can provide immunity to stay healthy and happy.

All non-C4ISR employees must register by Dec. 9. C4ISR Slim Down Challenge participants, must bring their Wellness Activity Rosters for attendance to be credited.

VTC will be available for groups of employees who are not stationed at APG. For a VTC dial in number and code, contact the G1 POC. For sign language interpreters and other disability-related accommodations, contact the CECOM EEO Office at 443-861-4355 By Dec. 1.

For more information, or to request a registration packet, contact Tiffany Grimes, G1 POC, at 443-861-7901, tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

DECEMBER 24-25

KIRK U.S. ARMY HEALTH CLINIC CLOSED

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas holiday. KUSAHC will resume normal operations Monday, Dec. 28.

ONGOING

KUSAHC CLOSED FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic believes the key to being the premier health and readiness platform is a professionally-developed workforce, and reinvesting in employees is an investment to their service to APG.

As such, KUSAHC will close the first Wednesday of every month for training purposes until further notice, starting Wednesday, Oct. 7.

For more information, visit <http://kusahc.narmc.amedd.army.mil/SitePages/Home.aspx> or www.facebook.com/KUSAHC.

THROUGH 2015

FINAL 2015 CPR, AED CLASS SCHEDULED

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services will host two final CPR/AED classes for 2015. Classes are open to the entire APG community.

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

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

THURSDAY JANUARY 14

SETTING REALISTIC GOALS FOR THE NEW YEAR

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a “Setting Realistic Goals for the New Year” informational session 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 6001, second floor, room 224.

Attendees will learn how to create realistic weight loss goals for the New Year, as well as how to make healthier eating choices and the importance of portion control.

The session is open to civilians, contractors, and military. All non-C4ISR employees must register by Jan. 8. Email tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil for registration, visitor’s form and instructions. Any contractors who participate in CECOM activities must not invoice any government contracts for time spent at these activities.

C4ISR Slim Down participants should bring their Wellness Activity Rosters for attendance credit.

THURSDAY JANUARY 21

NEW YEAR – IMPROVE YOUR CREDIT SCORE SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a “New Year – Improve Your Credit Score” informational session, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 6001, second floor, room 224.

Susan Manning, from Freedom Federal Credit Union, will share tips on understanding what your credit score means, why it is important, how credit scores are weighted, ways to improve your credit score, and how to maintain an excellent score.

The session is open to civilians, con-

tractors, and military. All non-C4ISR employees must register by Jan. 15. Email tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil for registration, visitor’s form and instructions. Any contractors who participate in CECOM activities must not invoice any government contracts for time spent at these activities.

C4ISR Slim Down participants should bring their Wellness Activity Rosters for attendance credit.

THURSDAY JANUARY 28

FREE VISION SCREENINGS & EYE HEALTH/WELLNESS EDUCATION SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host free vision screenings and an Eye Health and Wellness session open to all members of Team APG at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The vision screening will include three painless tests that assess color perception, visual acuity and peripheral vision. Participants will receive an Amsler Grid and instructions on how to test vision at home for certain disorders like macular degeneration and glaucoma.

Additional eye health and wellness information offered will include:

- At Risk Assessment – Are you at risk for eye disease?
- Simple Tips for Healthy Eyes
- Computer Vision Syndrome
- Heart Disease and Eyes
- Diabetes and Eyes
- Glaucoma
- UV Radiation and Your Eyes

The vision screenings at this event are not a complete professional examination and should not be taken as such. Only a comprehensive eye and vision examination can evaluate your overall eye health and vision status.

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For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

family&children

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

GOSPEL YOUTH CHOIR AND DRAMA SHOW

The APG Gospel Service Youth Choir will host a Christmas play at the main post chapel from 4 to 6 p.m. During the free event, children ages 6 to 14-years-old will perform the play, “The Minions are Looking for the Savior.” Refreshments will follow the performance.

miscellaneous

ONGOING

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE FOR SALE

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

ONGOING

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 fourth Thursday of each month –except November – and the first Thursday in December, at the Dickson Hall (Ball Conference Center).

Much goes into the planning for these events. Event planners set up flag displays, write speeches, print programs, provide sound equipment and photography support and even create photo DVDs for each retiree.

Also, awards and decorations are presented to retirees and their spouses.

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.

After all, Uncle Sam wants to thank you. Don’t you think you’ve earned it?

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

ONGOING

NEW HOURS FOR WEEKDAY MASS

The hours of weekday Mass have changed to the following:

At the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel, Mass is celebrated 11:45 Monday, Tuesday and Friday in the main sanctuary; Thursday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

On first Fridays at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel, Mass begins 11 a.m. with Holy Hour with exposition of the blessed sacrament, meditation and confessions prior to the 11:45 a.m. Mass.

At the APG South (Edgewood) chapel, Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at noon followed by confession.

For more information, contact the Religious Support Administrative Office at 410-278-4333.

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:

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:

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.

If you see it, report it

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



Cyber Center of Excellence visits with APG researchers

By **KRISTEN KUSHIYAMA**
and **KASHIA SIMMONS**
CERDEC

The Army's research, development and engineering center for tactical cyber operations hosted informational sessions at Aberdeen Proving Ground Dec. 2-4 for representatives from the U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence.

Col. LaRoy Peyton, director of the Cyber Center of Excellence Capability Development and Integration Directorate, or Cyber CoE CDID, visited the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, or CERDEC, to gain a familiarity of the center's cyber capabilities and mission functions.

Army approved the transformation of the Training and Doctrine Command's Signal Center of Excellence to the Cyber Center of Excellence in May 2015. This was Peyton's first visit to CERDEC to learn how the two organizations work together to deliver Soldiers tactical cyber capabilities.

After two days of lab tours, program overviews and technology demonstrations, Peyton said he learned more than he expected about the center. "It's about knowing," Peyton said. "To understand all the work that is done [at CERDEC] and how we can tap into this expertise has been a pleasant surprise...it is important for us to grow this relationship."

CERDEC provides the Army's technical expertise in applied research and engineering to inform the art of the possible for Soldiers in the areas of tactical networking, offensive and defensive cyber operations, electronic warfare and a number of other "information" science areas. One of their functions is to refine requirements and assist the Army's doctrinal writers and cyber Soldiers on matters of research and development advances in cyber.

Cyber CoE CDID provides Soldiers and units the capabilities required to support combatant commanders by developing, evaluating and inte-



Photo by Kashia Simmons

From left, Henry Muller, CERDEC director and John Willison, director, CERDEC Space & Terrestrial Communications Directorate, provide an overview of CERDEC's mission and more specifically CERDEC's cyber defense mission, infrastructure and programs to Col. LaRoy Peyton, Cyber Center of Excellence Capability Development and Integration Directorate director and CDID Senior Enlisted Advisor Sgt. Maj. Perry Summerville.

grating cyberspace operations, signal communications networks and information services, and electronic warfare across the warfighting functions and formations of doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership and education, personnel and facilities, or DOTMLPF, according to a Nov. 17 brief to the Association of the United States Army.

Peyton and CDID Senior Enlisted Advisor Sgt. Maj. Perry Summerville toured CERDEC labs related to cyber electromagnetic warfare, signals intelligence, network and information assurance, and position, navigation and timing.

"Our job is to help you write realistic requirements that can be built, tested and deployed. 'Together' we can do a better job of shaping those up front. And with your partnership, our engineers can have a better operational understanding of capabilities as they're developed," said Henry Muller, CERDEC director.



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From right, Col. LaRoy Peyton, Cyber Center of Excellence Capability Development and Integration Directorate director and Sgt. Maj. Perry Summerville, Cyber Center of Excellence Capability Development and Integration Directorate Senior Enlisted Advisor examines a prototype position, navigation and timing system integrated on a Soldier's boot.

Prep your home for winter weather

Corvias Military Living

Just because snow hasn't fallen in our area yet, that doesn't mean freezing temperatures can't cause havoc on their own. You take precautions to keep yourself warm, bringing the winter coats, hats and scarves out of storage – but what about your house? Have you helped it mount similar defenses? If not, then let the winterizing process begin.

Winterizing your home

With the proper preparation and maintenance schedule, however, cold temperatures and inclement conditions are no match for your humble abode. Here are some things you can do on your own before the season arrives at your front door.

1. Keep the thermostat in check

To save on home heating oil, you may be inclined to layer up rather than ratchet up the temperature when there's a nip in the air. That's fine to do, just don't overdo it. It's far better to keep the thermostat at a constant temperature – ideally between 65 degrees and 70 degrees Fahrenheit – because a cold interior can increase the risk of pipes freezing.

2. Shut and lock windows

We may have a few unusually warm days, but for the most part, count on temps being too cold to open windows. To make sure you keep the heat bottled up inside, shut and lock all the windows. Using the locking function on your window actually creates a better seal and helps reduce drafts and leaks.

3. Move furniture off vents

If you have vents in the floor or at floor-level that pump in heat, you may be preventing them from performing at their best, simply by how you've laid out your furniture. Check to see that the sofa or loveseat isn't blocking the vents, obstructing warm air from dispersing.

4. Reverse direction of ceiling fan

Fans have their function in the winter-time, too, especially the ceiling variety. Because heat naturally rises, you want to push air downward so that everyone can bask in its comfort. Your ceiling fan can help. Simply reverse the direction so it's moving in a clockwise rotation. There should be a switch near the motor that allows you to do this.

5. Shut the garage door

When the garage door is open, warm air from the house flows out. Keep the garage doors closed as often as possible to keep the warm air inside.

6. Dodge the draft

Cut down on any drafts sneaking in

underneath an exterior or garage door by using a draft guard which you can easily make yourself by placing a rolled bath towel under the offending door – or look up a DIY craft project online to make a more attractive and permanent solution.

7. Replace filters

Regularly changing the filters in the central air and heating system can vastly improve its efficiency. As part of the Corvias Property Manager's Preventative Maintenance Program, APG residents can pick up filters at the community office and a member of the maintenance team can assist with replacement, if needed.

8. Clean gutters

Cleaning leaf debris from gutters ensures water – or melting snow – flows properly through your gutter system – and away from your home's exterior walls and foundation. It also helps prevent heavy icicles from forming.

Preventing frozen pipes

A home's water pipes can be a casualty of winter's wrath, in the form of frozen pipes, especially when temperatures dip into the single-digits and lower. The reason for this boils down to what happens when water freezes. To put it simply, it expands, so much so that the pipes can't withstand the pressure, eventually cracking.

Rest assured you can avoid frozen pipes by taking the appropriate precautions:

1. Remove all outdoor hoses

When cold temperatures arrive, ice can form within hoses still attached to the exterior spigot, as well as within the spigot. Both increase physical pressure on water pipes. Avoid this by simply removing exterior hoses before the cold weather sets in and put them in storage.

2. Keep your heat on

It might be tempting to turn off the heat when you leave for vacation, but an unheated home can cause pipes to freeze. Instead, lower the thermostat to between 60 and 65 degrees Fahrenheit when you are away from your home for an extended period of time. This will save on heating costs, but also keep your pipes warm and cozy.

3. Open cabinet doors

We know, your Mom was always telling you to close the cabinet doors when you were growing up. But, when it's cold out, keeping them open is a smart move. If temperatures dip into the single or negative numbers (can you say Polar Vortex?!) opening the cabinet doors –

1. REMOVE HOSES
Hoses connected to exterior spigots in the winter allow ice to form and increases pressure in the water pipes which leads to frozen or broken pipes. Simply remove hoses from exterior faucets to help prevent considerable damage to your home and belongings.

2. KEEP YOUR HEAT ON
Warm, circulating air helps prevent pipes in exterior walls from freezing. Keep your heat set to between 60-65 degrees when away from home. This temperature helps to save energy, while preventing pipe freezing and bursts.

3. OPEN CABINET DOORS
In extremely cold conditions, opening cabinet doors around plumbing allows warm air to circulate around faucets and pipes. Please move any hazardous cleaning supplies out of the reach of children and pets.

4. DRIP WATER FROM INTERIOR FAUCETS
Setting both hot and cold faucets to a low trickle or drip allows water to continuously flow through the pipes. If water is moving, it cannot freeze.

5. CLOSE THE GARAGE DOOR
Keep the garage door closed as much as possible to help keep heat in and prevent water supply lines in the garage from freezing.

6. CONTACT US
Please contact your Community Office immediately if you are experiencing issues with your water lines. Frozen and/or broken pipes is a maintenance emergency. Also, let us know if you will be traveling away from home for an extended period of time, so that we can check on your home while you are away.

Infographic Courtesy Corvias Military Living

assuming they're in the vicinity of where the plumbing is – allows warm air to circulate, providing the atmosphere it needs to avoid freezing.

4. Drip water before going to bed

Normally, a leaky faucet is a sure sign that a plumber needs to be called, but when it gets cold out a slow trickle might be a good thing. Before going to bed, open the faucet knobs just enough for water to drip. As long as water is moving through the pipes, they can't freeze.

5. Close garage doors

If your garage is attached to your

house, be sure to keep the doors closed as much as possible when it's cold out. This helps keep the heat inside so that there's more air to work with, thereby lowering the risk of pipes freezing. When the doors are opened, all that warm air escapes, with cold taking its place.

Any APG resident who experiences frozen pipes should immediately call the Corvias Community Office at 410-305-1076 for emergency maintenance service.

Remember fire safety this holiday season

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**

APG News

Meant to be a joyful time, when families and friends come together to count their blessings and look forward to the new year, the holiday season can quickly turn dangerous if festive decorations become fire-starters.

Many in the Maryland area remember news reports of a deadly house fire near Annapolis in January 2015 that killed two adults and their four grandchildren and reduced the 16,000-foot home to ashes. The fire, according to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) was a direct result of improper use of stringed-lights and a dry Christmas tree.

According to APG Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Inspector T.C. Glassman, keeping your family safe during the holiday season should be a top priority.

"The holiday season can be a busy time for many people, but it is critical to slow down and make sure you aren't unknowingly putting you and your family at risk," he said.

Buying a tree

For families who purchase a live tree during the holiday season, it is important to select a healthy tree and keep it that way all month long, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC.)

Look for:

- A tree that is a deep, vibrant shade of green
- Pliable needles that don't snap when bent
- A tree stump that is still sticky with resin
- Branches that don't shed too many needles when given a firm shake.

A tree with brown, dead branches, brittle needles and surrounded by a pile of fallen needles indicates an unhealthy, dried out tree that should be passed over in search of a healthier – and safer – one, Glassman said.

"You don't want to bring a dried out tree into your house and then add electricity to it as it becomes even drier over the course of the holiday season," Glassman said. "It creates an unsafe situation, and



really the perfect fire-starter."

If your family opts for an artificial tree, be sure to purchase one labeled fire resistant.

"A fire resistant artificial tree doesn't mean it won't catch on fire," Glassman said. "But it will resist burning and more importantly it will extinguish quicker, if it were to catch on fire."

Trimming the tree

Before you start decorating, it is important to prepare the tree to remain healthy and vibrant for several weeks indoors.

- Do not place a tree near a fireplace, radiator or heating ducts
- Cut two to three inches off the stump to allow the tree to absorb more water
- Use a sturdy, wide-legged, water-bearing tree stand and guy-wires to secure the tree to the wall or ceiling.

"While you should never put a tree near the fireplace, you also want to avoid putting it near a radiator or heating duct, which will dry out the tree," Glassman said.

When pulling out the holiday lights from storage, check each string for cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections.

"If your lights are in poor condition,

they need to be repaired immediately or replaced entirely. When purchasing new lights, look for ones that have been tested by a recognized organization like UL (Underwriters Laboratories)," Glassman said.

- Use no more than three standard-size light sets per single extension cord.
- NEVER use candles on a live or artificial tree. Keep other candles at least three feet from a live or artificial tree.
- The CPSC recommends using only non-combustible or flame-resistant decorative materials.
- Avoid decorating with tinsel all together if you have pets, as it can be incredibly dangerous if ingested.
- Avoid using lights not marked specifically for outdoor use if you plan to decorate the outside of your home.
- Secure outdoor lights to trees, walls, etc. to protect from wind damage.

"Remember to turn off holiday lights when you go to bed or leave your house," Glassman said. "Not only does it save energy, but lights could short and start a fire while your family is asleep or away from home."

The deadly fire in Annapolis, according to ATF, occurred while the family was asleep. The 15-foot tree had been on dis-

play for six weeks, and its 1,500 lights had been left on continuously. A corroded outlet overheated and ignited the tree skirt. The report said the tree was engulfed in flames immediately and burned at more than 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, leaving the family virtually no time escape their home.

A study conducted by the ATF found that a tree watered just once a week would engulf in flames in 30 seconds, in a similar fashion to the one in the Annapolis fire. A tree watered once a day, however, would take a full seven minutes to ignite into dangerous flames.

"Water the tree every day to keep it well hydrated. Set a daily reminder on your smartphone if you have to, or make it into a special holiday routine with your children. A dry tree will go up in flames quickly – in just about 10 seconds," Glassman said. "Your family wouldn't have much time to react, especially if you were asleep or away from home, so it's really important you take the necessary safety precautions beforehand."

Using the fireplace

A warm, crackling fire is the finishing touch to many holiday evenings, but using the fireplace improperly can be dangerous.

- Remove all greens, boughs, papers, stockings and other decorations from the fireplace area before starting a fire.
- Make sure the flue is open.
- Keep a screen in front of the fireplace at all times while the fire is burning.

"Don't use your tree for firewood after you take it down," Glassman said. "When dry evergreens burn, they burn just like tinder. Flames can flare out of control and send sparks flying into your living room or up the chimney where they can ignite creosote deposits."

According to Glassman, the best way to dispose of a tree after the holiday season is to donate it to a recycling center.

"Harford County and Baltimore County both offer tree drop-off programs that recycle the trees into mulch, rather than them ending up in a landfill," he said.

For more information about holiday decorating safety, visit www.nfpa.org for tips from the National Fire Prevention Association.



ALL THINGS MARYLAND

Yacht club hosts Lights Parade

Festive boats to illuminate Annapolis Harbor Dec. 12

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

On Saturday, Dec. 12, festive decorated boats will light up the night during the 33rd annual Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade in the Annapolis Harbor.

“About 33 years ago members of the Eastport Yacht Club decided it would be really cool to give the city of Annapolis a present of a lights parade, to show appreciation,” said Babak Rajaei, event organizer. “It started out small, with about 12 boats. Over the past 33 years it has grown to a huge event.”

Rajaei said the illuminated boat parade is now the fourth largest annual event in Annapolis. Last year, approximately 25,000 people attended the family-friendly event.

This year about 35 boats, big and small, will participate in the parade. Boat themes range from pop culture favorites like “Star Wars” and “M&M’s” to more traditional holiday themes like “Santa’s Sleigh,” and “Toy Soldiers.” Some boats are detailed with up to 30,000 lights.

Rajaei said that in addition to holiday motifs, many boat owners choose to decorate their boats with themes that celebrate the local culture. For instance, the “Santa Claws” boat will feature a Maryland blue crab wearing a Santa hat. Past boat themes include a Baltimore Ravens boat and a Blue Angels boat, a nod to the U.S. Naval Academy, located in Annapolis.

“[Participation in the boat parade] is completely voluntary,” he said. “This is their own time, money and effort that they are putting into it, it is rather amazing.”

Participants compete for various trophies including “Best Illumination” and “Best in Show” awards. Boats that are affiliated with clubs, schools or organizations will be judged for the “Club Challenge.”

Rajaei said about 65 volunteers, or “elves” contribute their time and expertise to make the festive event a success. This year, 60 Anne Arundel County Public School students participated in a poster contest to raise money and to advertise the event.

Parade details

Although the lights parade begins at 6 p.m., Rajaei recommends that spectators arrive around 4 p.m. for good parking and viewing areas. Lawn chairs are not recommended.

The lights parade will also be streamed live via www.LiveStream.com. Rajaei said people appreciate the opportunity to view the parade from anywhere in the world.



Photo by John Horn

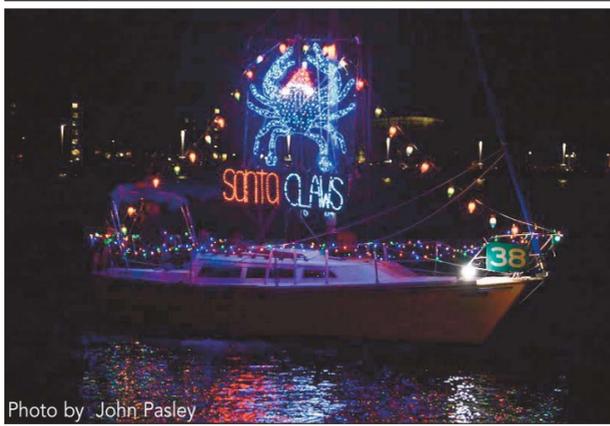


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Photo by John Horn

(Clockwise, from top)

- Santa waves to parade spectators on a sleigh-themed boat during the 2010 Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade. The Annapolis Harbor event features decorated boats of all sizes.
- A colorful lighthouse-themed boat cruises the Annapolis Harbor during the 2010 Lights Parade.
- A festive Baltimore Ravens boat lights up the night during the 2014 Lights Parade.
- The “Santa Claws” boat features a Maryland blue wearing a Santa hat. Crabs are a popular decoration in the annual Lights Parade.

“It has been seen as far away as New Zealand, Australia and the Middle East,” he said.

The lights parade will take place along the Annapolis Spa Creek waterfront from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, including past parade photos, tips for spectators, and a route map visit <http://www.eastportyc.org/>.

Prevent drunk or drugged driving in December

ASAP

The APG Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) reminds everyone that December is “National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month” or “3-D Month,” a national effort to bring attention to the problem of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. An estimated 258,000 persons were injured in crashes where police reported that alcohol was present - an average of one person injured approximately every two minutes.

“If you find it hard to figure out if you’ve had too many drinks to drive - don’t risk it,” said Cindy Scott, ASAP prevention coordinator. “Chances are if you’re feeling ‘buzzed’ you are too impaired to drive safely. Risk driving at an illegal level and chances are law enforcement will catch you and you’ll

spend the holiday in jail.”

The ASAP suggests that party hosts include alcohol-free beverages and protein-rich foods, along with reminding guests to plan ahead and remember the following advice:

- Don’t risk it - If you plan to drive, don’t drink.
- Choose a sober designated driver before partying.
- Take a taxicab or ask a friend to drive you home.
- Spend the night where the activity is being held.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.
- Always wear your seat belt - your best defense against an impaired driver

For more information, contact Scott at 410-278-4013/DRUG or email cynthia.m.scott4.civ@mail.mil.

APG ASAP (410) 278-DRUG

Leave Donations

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); or OPM 630- B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Please contact Sue Campbell at 410-306-0266 or sue.a.campbell8.civ@mail.mil

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

Upcoming Activities

LEISURE & TRAVEL MARVELS UNIVERSE LIVE DEC. 11-13

Marvel fans, assemble! Watch your favorite Marvel Super Heroes including Spider-Man, Iron Man and Hulk and threatening villains come to life in an action-packed Royal Farms Arena extravaganza. You'll definitely feel the energy with cutting-edge special effects, pyrotechnics, aerial stunts, martial arts, motorcycles and more. It's being hailed as the most technically advanced live show ever. Join Marvel fans of all ages for this once-in-a-lifetime, monumental performance. The fate of the universe depends on it!

All tickets, while supplies last, are \$25 and available for the following dates and times:

- Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 12 at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

To purchase tickets, visit MWR Leisure Travel Services at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326. For more information, contact the Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/4907 or email usarmy.apg.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel.

ARMY/NAVY GAME TRIP AND TICKETS DEC. 12

MWR will host a trip to the Army/Navy game in Philadelphia. For \$130 a person, individuals will receive transportation and admission to the game. The bus will depart the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center at 8 a.m. and return at roughly 8 p.m.

Game tickets only (no transportation provided) are \$91. All tickets are for the upper level end zone, Navy side.

To purchase tickets, visit the MWR Leisure Travel Services at the APG North or APG South (Edgewood) recreation centers.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907.

MWR STOCKING STUFFERS THROUGH DECEMBER

Looking for the perfect gift or stocking stuffer? Visit the MWR Leisure Travel Office for discounted tickets, including:

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CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA DEC. 12

Santa will make a special appearance at Top of the Bay Dec. 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. The pancake breakfast costs \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-10; children ages 4 and younger are free.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 410-278-5915 to register, or visit www.apgmwr.com.

LET'S COOK DEC. 12

This international cooking class will teach children different skills to prepare foods from places around the world. The children will learn about sanitation and kitchen safety. They will also be taught different recipes that require little help from their parents. Children will learn to cook up to 3 dishes including a main dish and a dessert.

Each class, open to children ages 7 and older, will be held at the Corvias Bayside Community Center, 2658 Chesapeake Ave., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is a \$17 supply fee, per class.

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

4-H/CYSS BABYSITTING COURSE DEC. 28-29

CYSS will host a 4-H/CYSS Babysitting Course at Bldg. 2503 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The class will familiarize participants with all the responsibilities of babysitting; participants will also receive certification in CPR and first aid.

The event is free and open to youth ages 13-19.

Registration is required; contact Shirelle Womack at 410-278-4589 or shirelle.j.womack.naf@mail.mil.

PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN CHILD CARE OPENINGS

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ing Kindergarten that need Before & After School Care.

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For additional information contact Parent Central Office at 410-278-7479 or 410-278-7571.

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All youth ages 8-18 can request a Youth Sponsor before, during or after their move to the Aberdeen Proving Ground community. A Youth Sponsor can provide you with information about schools, shopping and culture or maybe become your new friend! Youth Sponsorship is coordinated by the Youth Services and will match sponsors to new youths according to gender, age/grade, interests/hobbies, and school attending.

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Why become a Youth Sponsor? Everyone is encouraged to become a Youth Sponsor. If you like to help and meet new friends, then being a sponsor is the right thing to do. As a Youth Sponsor, you get to identify, meet and help incoming teens and youth. You provide them with friendship, a warm welcome, information, and possibly a tour of the community/program. Youth Centers are always looking for new teen sponsors.

To participate, contact the School Liaison Office (SLO) at 410-278-2857 or email stacie.e.umbarger.naf@mail.mil.

SPORTS & RECREATION SUTHERLAND GRILLE CLOSES FOR SEASON THROUGH APRIL 4, 2016

The Sutherland Grille at Ruggles Golf Course is closed for lunch service for the winter season and reopens April 4. During this time, the grille will be available for meetings and special events.

For more information and the special holiday menu, call 410-278-4794.

HOLIDAY SEASON AT RUGGLES THROUGH DEC. 18

Celebrate the holiday season at Ruggles with festive holiday music, seasonal

decorations and a fire in one of our two fireplaces. The Sutherland Grille is booking special events for the December holiday season. Dates are available for weekday luncheons, after work functions, or weekend parties, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

For more information and the special holiday menu, call 410-278-4794.

2015 DEMO CLUB SALE THROUGH DEC. 23

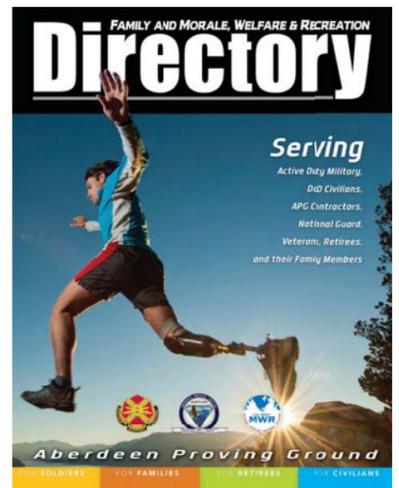
Ruggles golf shop is now selling 2015 Demo Clubs. Stop by to see the inventory and great savings on Callaway, Taylor Made, Titleist and Mizuno clubs. Sale continues while supplies last. The Pro Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information and the special holiday menu, call 410-278-4794.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT FINESSE DEC. 10

ACS will host a course identifying ways to properly use and build credit, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bldg. 2503. The course will also explain good credit practices; identify measures to protect your credit; explain what is in a credit report; pinpoint credit report information used in forming your credit score; identify security measures to protect from identity theft; and identify ways to maintain a good credit report. The course is held in partnership with ACS Financial Readiness Program and Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union.

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U.S. Army photos

(Top Left) Veronica "Roni" Ewing, third from left, director of PEO C3T's Business Management Division, accepts the Acquisition Executive's Excellence in Leadership Award for Business Operations Professional of the Year Dec. 1 in Orlando, Florida. She is congratulated by (from left to right) Lt. Gen. Michael Williamson, the principal military deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; Heidi Shyu, the Army Acquisition Executive (AAE) and Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; and Gabe Camarillo, principal deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; (Top Right) Danielle Moyer, Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground branch chief, accepts the Acquisition Executive's Excellence in Leadership Award for the Contracting Professional of the Year, Dec. 1.

APG employees receive acquisition excellence awards

By **NANCY JONES-BONBREST**
PEO C3T

Two Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) team members, nominated by the Program Executive Office Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T), were awarded the Army Acquisition Executive's Excellence in Leadership Awards.

The winners were recognized by Heidi Shyu, Army acquisition executive and the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, at a ceremony hosted by PEO Simulation, Training and Instrumentation in Orlando, Florida, Dec. 1.

Receiving the prestigious awards were Veronica "Roni" Ewing, Business Management Division (BMD) director for PEO C3T, who received the Business Operations Professional of the Year award, and Danielle Moyer, branch chief for the U.S. Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), who received the Contracting Professional of the Year award.

The 2015 Excellence in Leadership Awards recognize Army acquisition workforce and acquisition community mem-

bers whose performance and contributions directly reflect outstanding achievements in support of the Soldier and in transforming the Army. Presented annually, these highly competitive awards help shine a spotlight on excellence and professionalism in Army acquisition.

Veronica "Roni" Ewing

"It is a great and humbling honor to be recognized for this achievement," Ewing said. "This award speaks highly of the tremendous level of performance and contributions that the members of the BMD team make on a daily basis. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to work with some of the best professionals in the Army."

As PEO C3T BMD director, Ewing is responsible for establishing the business practices of an organization comprised of more than 1,100 Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and contractors who support 28 key acquisition programs. These programs develop, acquire, field and support the Army's tactical communications network – a critical Army modernization priority that brings information dominance to current and future Soldiers. Ewing successfully led the organization

to meet emerging fiscal challenges, while embracing new acquisition approaches by streamlining initiatives and enacting smart policy changes.

Danielle Moyer

As the Army Contracting Command-APG Branch Chief, Moyer manages four Project Manager Tactical Radios (PM TR) programs, overseeing seven contracts with five of the contracts each totaling more than \$1 billion. In her role, Moyer refused to accept the status quo and implemented innovative approaches to contracting strategy to better serve the warfighter.

Moyer was a key driver in the innovative Non-Developmental Item (NDI) acquisition strategy, which is being used to procure the radios. The NDI strategy aims to cut costs and deliver radios more quickly using non-developmental item products that are produced by industry.

"I was humbled to learn that my nomination for the award was from my customer, PM Tactical Radios, PEO C3T," Moyer said. "It is such a pleasure working with a respectful and grateful customer in what many say is a thankless job. I'm also very appreciative for my amazing branch of employees and leadership. Without their tenacity, dedication and support I wouldn't be as successful."

Managing multiple billion dollar ACAT ID competitive contracts for PM Tactical Radios has challenges, added Moyer.

"But it's those challenges that make the job both rewarding and exciting," she said. "We've been able to develop unique contractual strategies leveraging feedback from industry on our non-developmental items to create a radio marketplace that will increase innovation and save costs, which is truly fulfilling."

Winning the Project Management/Product Director Office Professional of the Year was Col. John R. Cavado Jr., proj-

ect manager Joint Program Office for Joint Light Tactical Vehicles with PEO Combat Support and Combat Service Support. While Lt. Col. Kevin S. Chaney, product manager for Aircraft Survivability Equipment Countermeasures with PEO Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors won Product Management/Product Director Office Professional of the Year.

Lt. Gen. Michael Williamson, the principal military deputy to the assistant secretary of the army for acquisition, logistics and technology, provided closing remarks at the ceremony honoring the winners of the AAE Excellence in Leadership Awards.

Additional award winners, as reported by Army AL&T News, include:

Acquisition Support Professional of the Year: Joan L. Sable, U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center

Defense Exportability and Cooperation Professional of the Year: Timothy Schimpp, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Defense Exports and Cooperation

Engineering and Systems Integration Professional of the Year: James C. Kirsch, Ph.D., PEO Missiles and Space

Logistician of the Year: Michael R. McAllister, PEO Enterprise Information Systems

Science and Technology Professional of the Year: G. Dan Bailey, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center

Contracting NCO of the Year: Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan M. Turner, ACC – Redstone Arsenal

Contracting Battalion/DCMA Team of the Year: 926th Contracting Battalion; ACC-APG

Contracting Brigade/DCMA Team of the Year: 418th Contracting Support Brigade; U.S. Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command.

BY THE NUMB#RS

Hanukkah

Every year, millions of Jews celebrate Hanukkah worldwide. Hanukkah, or the "Festival of Lights," commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and includes traditional Jewish foods, music and customs.

4 million+

Number of Americans who identify as 'Jewish,' either by religion or ancestry. Film director Steven Spielberg, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and singer Barbara Streisand are counted among them.

1200 (BC)

Year of the Israelite exodus from Egyptian slavery which is celebrated during the Jewish holiday of Passover.

252

Years since the oldest operating synagogue in America, the Touro Synagogue, located in Newport, Rhode Island, was dedicated Dec. 2, 1763.

67

Years since the state of Israel was formed in 1948 after the genocide of more than 6 million Jews during World War II.

8

Number of days Hanukkah is celebrated. Each night a candle is lit on the menorah, a nine-branched candelabrum – a traditional symbol of Judaism.

5

Number of books in the Torah, Judaism's written law, where Jewish teachings and laws abide.

By **STACY SMITH** APG News
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Engineers demo autonomous robots

Story and photos by **KELLY WHITE**
CERDEC

Army engineers demonstrated autonomous robots as part of a teaming effort to evolve natural interaction between Soldiers and autonomous systems during an exercise at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, Nov. 2-3.

This interaction allows for one Soldier to use numerous unmanned systems, which require neither dedicated operators nor significant cognitive burden on the part of commanders.

The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center Technology Enhancements in Autonomous Machines, or C-TEAM, was rapidly initialized to focus on the single mid-term exercise. The team used two Modular Detection and Response System, or MDARS, robots for the demonstration.

The demonstration incorporated a tactical scenario in order to show relevance of how this capability can be integrated into a mission to benefit the Soldier.

The two MDARS navigated autonomously to their destinations while the C-TEAM followed in a chase vehicle, and engineers verified that the radios provided a communications relay by watching the video streams from each vehicle and sending it back to the Commander vehicle via a radio network.

Chuck Shoemaker, lead for autonomous systems at CERDEC, said the concept of the demonstration was to show how the commander can leverage unmanned ground vehicles, or UGVs, to create beyond line-of-sight communications; use Mission Command applications to create plans and task the UGVs to execute mission, leverage the sensors on board the unmanned systems for situation awareness; and get eyes-on-target for target detection and engage the enemy from beyond line-of-sight.

The idea was the culmination of a year-plus collaborative effort consisting of four CERDEC Directorates to include the Command, Power and Integration Directorate, or CP&I, the Space



(Left) Government and industry personnel attended the CERDEC-Technology Enhancements in Autonomous Machines, or C-TEAM, Robotics Demonstration at Range 1, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey.

(Below) Engineers verified that the radios performed a communications relay by watching the video streams from each vehicle and sending it back to the Commander vehicle via a radio network.

& Terrestrial Communications Directorate, Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate, and the Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate.

Assisting in this effort were several industry contractors, supporting the MDARS as a platform and the development of a high-performance planner that allows the MDARS to operate off-road.

During his opening remarks, Gary Blohm, CERDEC CP&I director, emphasized all systems, manned and unmanned, need robust Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, or C4ISR, capability.

"We demonstrated the power of bringing all of CERDEC together to address challenges in autonomous operations. Through teamwork, the team accomplished a great deal and has identified next steps to continue to advance autonomous capability," he said.

Autonomous robots are capable of task execution with limited supervision, and their capabilities continue to advance rapidly. Each of the directorates used their science and technology expertise to enhance the capabilities of the MDARS robots.



"We are setting a new baseline for a number of technologies used on robotic vehicles that are a step beyond teleoperated systems," Shoemaker said.

The C-TEAM focused on four major areas to include navigation, communications, command and control, and studies to identify new sensors that would provide the look-ahead range, resolution and scan rate to identify a new class of Laser Imaging and Detection Sys-

tems, or LIDARS.

"It's important to have sensor LIDARS on the vehicle to ensure minimal latency and detect obstacles in field of view for robot and ensure maneuvers around the obstacles," Shoemaker said. Each focus area will help accelerate the rate at which these systems are deployed. "The technologies demonstrated are invaluable to the Soldiers," Shoemaker said.

Hammack wants Army installations off the grid

Story and photo by **DAVID VERGUN**
Army News Service

If a tsunami ever hits Oahu, Hawaii, where tens of thousands of troops are stationed, power would be knocked out across the island and military operations would be impacted because all of the electrical generators are located along the shore, Katherine Hammack said.

Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, spoke during a panel: "Energy Across America: A Policy Discussion on Microgrid Technology," at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., Dec. 3.

The Army realizes its vulnerability, she said, and has partnered with Hawaii Electric Light Co., giving them an easement on a portion of Army land that's the highest point on the island, where a dual-fuel microgrid plant will be built.

Once built, that plant will be able to restart power at an Army airfield, a community hospital, and other critical facilities, Hammack said, adding that having that backup power would be important for enabling humanitarian relief efforts in the wake of a tsunami or other natural or man-made disaster.

Dumb vs. Smart microgrid

The Army has about 100 microgrids. Of those, there are two basic types, Hammack said, "dumb" ones and "smart" ones. While both types are better than having none, the smart ones are the most efficient.

Dumb microgrids are the traditional ones that use non-renewable energy to provide power to installations, should power go out on the main grid. Hospitals and universities also use these for emergency generation.

Smart microgrids use renewable energy like solar, wind and hydro. Another feature of smart microgrids is that they prioritize and manage the load, moving energy around where it's most needed, she said.

One such smart microgrid, the Army's largest, is located on Fort Drum, New York, where a coal-fired power plant was converted to biomass, she said. That plant now supplies power to the installation and the local community, and it's connected to the main power grid. Excess energy can be transferred back to the utility, saving cost.

Three weeks ago, the Army wanted to test what would happen if there were a disruption to the main power grid at Fort Drum, she continued. The utility was contacted to let them know that the installation would unplug itself from the outside grid to determine if



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the microgrid could function on its own.

This notification was important because "dropping 20 megawatts in less than a second would have disrupted the main grid if they were not expecting it," she explained, adding that the test was a success.

Another example of a smart microgrid, Hammack said, is one that's solar-powered at Fort Hunter-Liggett, California. It serves five buildings now, but there are plans for expansion across the post.

At Fort Carson, Colorado, the Army has partnered with Sandia National Laboratories to provide a solar-powered microgrid and vehicle-to-grid storage. That program, she said, goes by the name Smart Power Infrastructure Demonstration for Energy Reliability and Security, or SPIDERS.

The vehicle-to-grid approach uses Fort Carson's government vehicles as microgrid energy storage devices, she said. When the vehicles are parked, they either receive electrical power from the microgrid, or, if they have excess power, they return it to the microgrid.

When the vehicles are being used, the vehicles themselves provide power to Soldiers who, for example, might be running electric power tools or compressors, she said. This alleviates the need for them towing petroleum-fed generators around.

Charles Hanley, senior manager, Grid Modernization and Military Systems Group at Sandia, credits Hammack's leadership and vision for

getting SPIDERS operational throughout the last several years.

Hanley said Sandia and the Department of Energy sampled 20 of the Army's microgrids to see how well they were operated and protected from cyber threats and found all of them functioning very well.

He offered that the microgrids are providing "mission assurance" to the Army and will be emulated across the other services and likely in the public sector as well.

Hanley predicted that one day microgrids would enable all installations to be energy independent should the main grid go down.

Public policy issues

The Army's challenge for increasing the number of smart microgrids is that policy for each state is different, Hammack said. Within each state, utilities' policies also have different approaches. This forces the Army to take multiple approaches, slowing down construction.

What's needed, she said, is a standardized energy policy throughout the United States that provides definitions and protocols for such things as turning on and off the microgrid, how the utility communicates to its customers, how new technologies are incorporated, net metering and so forth.

"We've got enough background knowledge, lessons learned and pilot studies," Hammack said. "It's time to move on this."

Both Sen. Martin Heinrich of New Mexico and Sen. Lisa Murkowski of

Alaska agreed with Hammack that Congress needs to act on energy policy. They said bipartisan bills in both the House and the Senate are making their way through and action on the bills could come as soon as early next year.

Heinrich said the impetus for action will likely come from consumers who want energy control and choices.

Bill Gausman, senior vice president of strategic initiative, PEPCO Holdings, said the impetus for action already came, in the form of Superstorm Sandy, which battered the Eastern Seaboard. Lawmakers in those states still remember how hard it was to evacuate people when gas stations were shut down for lack of power.

Energy resiliency

Murkowski described her home state of Alaska in terms similar to how Hammack described Army installations - having the need for energy independence and resiliency.

About 80 percent of Alaskan communities are not connected by road, she said. Small planes carry expensive fuel to these places. The high cost of flying this fuel out to them is driving many to move to the large cities. So, the state is taking matters into its own hand.

One of the nation's largest fishing ports and fish-processing plants is located on Kodiak Island, she said. It was a matter of economic necessity for these workers and residents to build 19 wind turbines that currently power their microgrid. While folks in the lower 48 "are still talking about it, we're actually doing it," she said.

THIS WEEK IN APG HISTORY

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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 2013.

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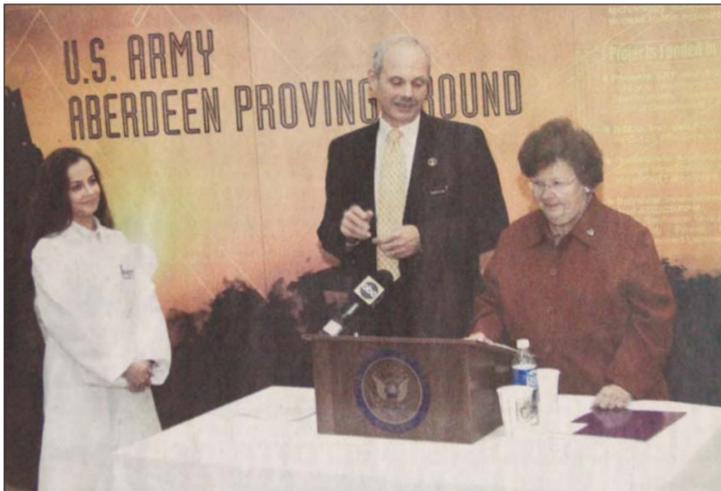
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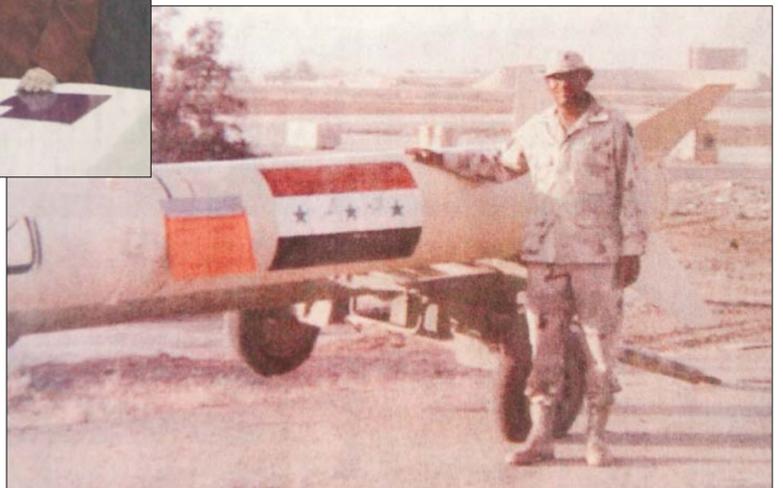
2015

10 Years Ago: Dec. 8, 2005



(Left) Edgewood Chemical Biological Center research scientist Dr. Vicky Bevilacqua, left, looks on as ECBC Technical Director Jim Zarzycki, center, thanks U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski for her support of the Aberdeen Technology Transfer Initiative program.

2010



(Right) Chief Warrant Officer Paul M. Thurston, shown here while serving as the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion property book officer in Baghdad, Iraq in 2003, is named Demonstrated Master Logistician by the International Society of Logistics.

2000

25 Years Ago: Dec. 5, 1990

1990



(Above) Spc. Pam Wallace of Headquarters Support Troop, right, snaps an ID card photo of Pfc. Jose Acevedo, an Army Reservist from Brooklyn, N.Y. at the APG processing center for Soldiers and civilians heading to Operation Desert Shield.

(Left) Soldiers of the Combat Systems Test Activity, Headquarters and Military Support Company, rappel a 40-foot tower they constructed at the Perryman Test Course.

1980

1970

50 Years Ago: Dec. 9, 1965

(Right) Maj. Donald Rhode of the U.S. Army Foreign Technical Intelligence Office, left, discusses characteristics of the Viet Cong uniform with Marine Corps Staff Sgts. Curtis Johnson Jr., left, and Willis Paylor, right, part of a group from Quantico, Virginia, during a tour of APG test sites and facilities.



1960



(Left) The Army Materiel Command and U.S. Army Test Evaluation Command host a firing demonstration of the armed CH-47A Chinook helicopter.

1950

All military occupations open to women

By **CHERYL PELLERIN**
DOD News

Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced that beginning in January, all military occupations and positions will be open to women, without exception.

For the first time in U.S. military history, as long as they qualify and meet specific standards, the secretary said women will be able to contribute to the Defense Department mission with no barriers at all in their way.

“They’ll be allowed to drive tanks, fire mortars and lead infantry Soldiers into combat,” Carter added. “They’ll be able to serve as Army Rangers and Green Berets, Navy SEALs, Marine Corps infantry, Air Force parajumpers, and everything else that was previously open only to men.”

Harnessing women’s skills

Even more importantly, he said, the military services will be better able to harness the skills and perspectives that talented women have to offer.

Despite real progress in recent decades and lately, opening more than 111,000 positions to women across the services, Carter said that about 10 percent of military positions - nearly 220,000 total - have remained closed to women.

These included infantry, armor, reconnaissance, and some special operations units, the secretary said.

Over the past three years, he added, senior civilian and military leaders across the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Special Operations Command, or SOCOM, have studied the integration of women into these positions.

“Last month I received their recommendations [and] the data, studies and surveys on which they were based regarding whether any of those remaining positions warrant a continued exemption from being opened to women,” Carter said, noting that the Army, Navy, Air Force and SOCOM said none



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Adrian Cadiz
Defense Secretary Ash Carter announces his Women in Service Review during a press brief at the Pentagon, Dec. 3.

of the positions warranted exemptions.

The Marine Corps asked for a partial exemption in areas that included infantry, machine gunners, fire support reconnaissance and others, he added, “[but] we are a joint force and I have decided to make a decision which applies to the entire force.”

Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was the Marine Corps commandant at the time, and Carter said that he and Dunford have discussed the issue many times.

“I just met with him and the other chiefs and service secretaries today, and he will be a full part of implementation,” Carter added, noting that he believes the issues raised by the Marine Corps can and will be addressed in implementation.

Departmental memorandum

In a memorandum to the secretaries

of all military departments and others, Carter directed the military services to open all military occupational specialties to women 30 days from today - a waiting period required by law - and by that date to provide updated implementation plans for integrating women into the positions now open to them.

Carter said Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work and Air Force Gen. Paul Selva, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will oversee the decision’s short-term implementation, ensure there are no unintended consequences to the joint force, and periodically update Carter and Dunford.

Women will be fully integrated into combat roles deliberately and methodically, the secretary said, using seven guidelines.

Seven guidelines

1. Implementation will be pursued

with the objective of improved force effectiveness.

2. Leaders must assign tasks and jobs throughout the force based on ability, not gender.

3. Equal opportunity likely will not mean equal participation by men and women in all specialties, and there will be no quotas.

4. Studies conducted by the services and SOCOM indicate that on average there are physical and other differences between men and women, and implementation will take this into account.

5. The department will address the fact that some surveys suggest that some Service members, men and women, will perceive that integration could damage combat effectiveness.

6. Particularly in the specialties that are newly open to women, survey data and the judgment of service leaders indicate that the performance of small teams is important.

7. The United States and some of its closest friends and allies are committed to having militaries that include men and women, but not all nations share this perspective.

Integrating women into all jobs

Implementation won’t happen overnight, Carter said.

“Fully integrating women into all military positions will make the U.S. armed forces better and stronger, but there will be problems to fix and challenges to overcome,” he said. “We shouldn’t diminish that.”

The military has long prided itself on being a meritocracy, where those who serve are judged only on what they have to offer to help defend the country, Carter said.

“That’s why we have the finest fighting force the world has ever known,” he added, “and it’s one other way we will strive to ensure that the force of the future remains so, long into the future.”

APG Religious Services Holiday Schedule

APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel

APG South (Edgewood) Chapel

Catholic Mass		
Date	Service	Time
Sunday, Dec. 13	3rd Sun of Advent	8:45 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 20	4th Sun of Advent	8:45 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 24	Christmas Pageant	5 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 24	Christmas Kid’s Mass	5:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 25	Christmas Mass	8:45 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 1	Mary, Mother of God	8:45 a.m.

Catholic Mass		
Date	Service	Time
Sunday, Dec. 13	3rd Sun of Advent	10:45 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 20	4th Sun of Advent	10:45 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 25	Christmas Mass	10:45 a.m.
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Protestant Worship		
Date	Service	Time
Sunday, Dec. 13	3rd Advent/Cantata	10:15 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 20	4th Sun of Advent	10:15 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 27	Worship	10:15 a.m.

Protestant Worship		
Date	Service	Time
Sunday, Dec. 13	3rd Sun of Advent	9:15 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 20	4th Sun of Advent	9:15 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 27	Worship	9:15 a.m.

Gospel Worship		
Date	Service	Time
Saturday, Dec. 12	Children’s Play	3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 13	3rd Sun of Advent	Noon
Sunday, Dec. 20	4th Sun of Advent	Noon
Sunday, Dec. 27	Worship	Noon
Thursday, Dec. 31	Watch Night Service	10 p.m.

Other Holy Days
Islamic Contact
Mohamed Meshal 443-861-3745
Jewish Contact
Harford Jewish Center, 443-939-3170 8 North Earlton Road, Havre de Grace Hanukkah, Menorah Lighting

Combined Events
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Thursday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. APG North Chapel Refreshments served afterward

Dear Friends,
The APG Chapel community offers a variety of exciting programs to meet your religious and spiritual needs. This flyer summarizes the services and ministries currently offered. These services and ministries will assist you and your family pursuing spiritual resiliency at APG.

Blessings,
Chaplain Lt. Col. Jerry Owens
Garrison Chaplain
410-278-4333

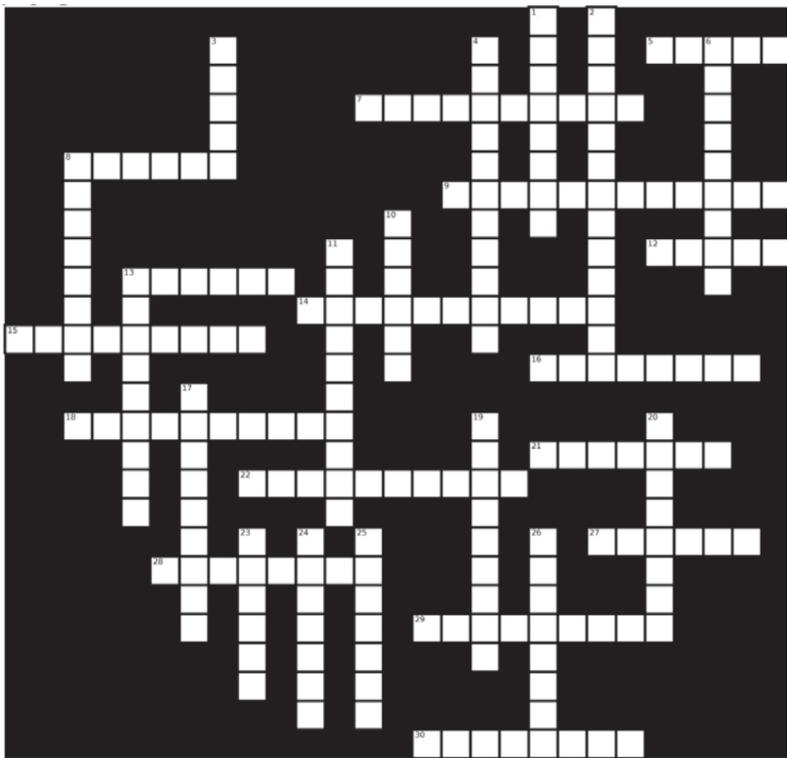


Have a great idea for a story?

Know about any interesting upcoming events?
Wish you saw more of your organization in the paper?

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

- Story ideas or content must be geared toward the greater APG community and cannot appear to endorse any private company.
- The deadline for content to appear in an upcoming issue of the APG News is the **Thursday PRIOR** to publication. The APG News cannot guarantee submissions received after the Thursday prior to publication will appear in the next issue of the paper.
- Send story ideas or pre-written content to amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil or call 410-278-7274 for more information.
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The APG Crossword

Human Rights Day

By **STACY SMITH**, APG News

Human Rights Day is observed each year on Dec. 10 to commemorate the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Complete this puzzle to learn more about the struggle for human rights and its history around the globe.

Across

- 5. African-American civil rights organization in the United States, formed in 1909 with the mission to "ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination."
- 7. Some argue that this controversial practice, which intentionally ends a human life in order to relieve pain and suffering, should be considered a human right.
- 8. French philosopher who hoped that literature would serve as a means to enable oppressed minority groups to gain recognition.
- 9. Authoritarian form of government in which politicians regulate near-

- ly every aspect of the public and private behavior of citizens.
- 12. Founding Father whose book "Rights of Man" posits that popular political revolution is permissible when a government does not safeguard the natural rights of its people.
- 13. Region in Western Sudan with a genocide that began in 2003 and persist today, making it the first genocide of the 21st century.
- 14. Adjective that describes human rights as not transferable or capable of being repudiated.
- 15. German city where several prominent members of the political, military, and economic leadership of Nazi Germany who participated in The Holocaust and other war crimes were

- prosecuted and convicted.
- 16. Thirty of these are included in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- 18. The 1919 peace treaty that stressed the right to self-determination and minority rights.
- 21. Human rights abuse that was abolished in America in 1865 with the passing of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; Mauritania became the last country to abolish it in 1981.
- 22. People native to a particular region who have often found their lands and cultures overridden by more dominant societies, especially during the era of European colonial expansion and imperialism.
- 27. The 1864 convention that established humane rules of war.
- 28. Human rights violation that attempts to systematically eliminate a racial, ethnic, religious, cultural or national group.
- 29. U.S. First Lady whose 1948 speech "The Struggle for Human Rights" is listed as number 55 in American Rhetoric's Top 100 Speeches of the 20th Century.
- 30. Some scholars argue that human rights are _____ to culture and are not universal to all people.

Down

- 1. Can refer to a state of affairs in which all people within a specific society have the same status in certain respects, often including civil rights, freedom of speech, property rights, and access to social goods and services.
- 2. The 18th century European philosophical movement during which the concept of 'human rights' originated.
- 3. The 17th century English philosopher who identified natural rights as being "life, liberty, and estate."
- 4. Human _____ is the trade of humans, most commonly for the purpose of sexual slavery, forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation.
- 6. A system of racial segregation in South Africa in place from 1948 to 1994 that curtailed the rights, associations, and movements of the majority black inhabitants.
- 8. More than 300,000 children under the age of 18 are being exploited as child _____ in armed conflicts worldwide.
- 10. Famous wall or barrier that separated East and West Germany

- from 1961 to 1989.
- 11. Free speech is the right to speak freely without _____.
- 13. System of government that students and citizens fought for during demonstrations at Tiananmen Square in, Beijing, China in 1989.
- 17. The U.S. Declaration of Independence states that citizens have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of _____.
- 19. Newly implemented 7th Fundamental right added to the constitution of India in 2002.
- 20. Characterization given to a person who advocates or supports the rights and equality of women.
- 23. English city where the human rights non-profit organization Amnesty International was founded in 1961.
- 24. "Give me _____ or give me death" is a quote attributed to Patrick Henry from a speech he made to the Virginia Convention in 1775.
- 25. The 1987 fictional novel penned by Toni Morrison about the life of an escaped slave; the book had a great impact on human rights issues and struggles.
- 26. Global system of interconnected computer networks often used for the exchange of information and free expression. Some governments monitor, restrict and censor use of the medium.

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

Solution to the December 3 puzzle



WORD OF THE WEEK

Cede

Pronounced: seed

Part of Speech: Verb

Definition:

1. To yield or formally surrender to another; to give up; to resign, as to cede a fortress, a province or country to another nation by treaty.

Use:

- Spain ceded Cuba to the United States in 1898 after the Spanish American War.
- The people must cede to the government some of their natural rights.
- After the ballot count was confirmed, the commandant left his chair, ready to cede his place to his rival.
- To argue that he deserved it is to cede the point.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News
Source(s): <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com>
<http://dictionary.reference.com>
<http://in-a-sentence.com>

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

AFRICOM

The United States Africa Command



The United States Africa Command, (AFRICOM) is one of six geographic combatant commands of the U.S. Defense Department and is responsible to the Secretary of Defense for military relations with African nations, the African Union, and African regional security organizations. A full-spectrum combatant command, AFRICOM is responsible for all U.S. DOD operations, exercises, and security cooperation on the African continent, its island nations, and surrounding waters. AFRICOM began initial operations Oct. 1, 2007, and officially became an independent command Oct. 1, 2008.

The command has approximately 2,000 assigned personnel, including military and U.S. federal civilian and contractor employees. About 1,500 work at the command's headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany. Others are assigned to AFRICOM units at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, and RAF Molesworth, United Kingdom. Command programs in Africa are coordinated through Offices of Security Cooperation and Defense Attaché Offices in approximately 38 nations. The command also has liaison officers at key African posts, including the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping and Training Centre in Ghana.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News
Source(s): <http://www.africom.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

Soldiers can mix camouflage patterns for cold-weather gear

By **C. TODD LOPEZ**
Army News Service

As winter weather approaches and temperatures drop, Soldiers turn to their cold-weather gear to keep warm outdoors while conducting training or operations.

Many Soldiers now wear their Army Combat Uniform, or ACU, in the new Operational Camouflage Pattern, or OCP. But their organizational clothing and individual equipment, or OCIE, such as their wet-weather gear and their Extended Cold Weather Clothing System sport the Universal Camouflage Pattern, or UCP.

Soldiers don't need to freeze so as to avoid a uniform faux pas, however, the Army wants Soldiers to know that it's okay to wear the foliage green fleece cold-weather jacket and other UCP cold-weather gear on top of their new OCP uniform.

"Soldiers should continue to use the equipment they have been provided to remain safe and warm in environments that call for it," said Sgt. Maj. Eva M. Commons, uniform policy sergeant major, Army G-1. "This is why the Army gives you this gear to wear."

Cold-weather gear is not part of the "clothing bag" issued to Soldiers during basic training. Instead, Soldiers get items like the fleece cold-weather jacket, the wind cold-weather jacket, the soft shell cold-weather jacket and trousers, or the extreme cold/wet-weather jacket and trousers from the clothing issue facility, or CIF, at their installation.

Commons said that no matter what ACU Soldiers are wearing - the one in UCP pattern or the one in OCP pattern - they are allowed to wear the winter-weather gear that is issued by the CIF.

"Any item issued from CIF is permitted for wear," she said. "There is no restriction based on camo pattern or color."

The Army also has two different colored T-shirts available for wear under their ACU. There is the "sand-colored" T-shirt and the "Tan 499" T-shirt. Belts are also available in both of those colors. Boots are available in sand or coyote colors, as well.

The rule here, Commons said, is that when a Soldier is wearing the UCP ACU, he or she must wear the undershirt, belt and boots designed for wear with the UCP ACU. However, when Soldiers wear the OCP ACU, they can wear "any combination" of boots, belt and



Photo by Spc. Ferdinand Rejano
An Intelligence and Sustainment Company team races through the snow transporting a simulated casualty to a landing zone during the Gauntlet Challenge at Fort Drum, New York, in this file photo.

T-shirt, in any of the available colors; the boots, belt, and t-shirt do not have to match each other.

Commons caveated that, however, by saying "both your left and right boot must be the same color."

The Army, Commons said, has an inventory of items including belts, boots, T-shirts, uniforms, and cold- and wet-weather gear. Each of those items has a certain wear life on them. Items such as cold-weather jackets last a very, very long time, she said. Other items, such as T-shirts, can be worn for less than a year before they ought to be replaced.

The liberal policy for how uniform items can be mixed with the OCP ACU allows the Soldiers more flexibility in the wear of their uniform, and additionally allows more time for the Army to eventually get OCIE in the new OCP pattern.

"With all these different uniforms, we have to give the widest range of allowance to Soldiers to properly wear, and not have that come out of pocket," she said. "It also allows the Army to make sure they have proper stock in issuing facilities to support demand."

Commons said that Soldiers can continue to wear the UCP ACU until Sept. 30, 2019. After that, they must show up to work wearing the OCP ACU.

Soldiers who are deploying or have an operational need are provided with OCIE items in the Operational Enduring Freedom Camouflage Pattern, also known as OEF-CP.

"Deployers will never go without," Commons said. "The Army will ensure Soldiers get the appropriate equipment for their mission."

The Army has been issuing the pattern to those deploying for some years and will continue to do so until the transition to OCP.

It will be some years before UCP OCIE is exhausted and is replaced with OCP OCIE because the items are "quite durable," Commons said.

Commons also said some Soldiers had expressed confusion about what camouflage pattern the name and service tapes should be in on their UCP-colored fleece jacket. She said the name and service tape pattern should match the color of the fleece jacket, not the pattern of the

ACU the Soldier is wearing underneath.

Blue, white and read the regulations

Commons said that for some time, the OEF-CP was worn only in Afghanistan. And while deployed to Afghanistan, the rule was to wear the tactical subdued American flag patch on the right sleeve.

"Soldiers had only seen the subdued patch on that uniform, so they assumed that is the only patch allowed with that uniform," Commons said.

But that is not the case.

According to AR 670-1, paragraph 21-18, "All Soldiers will wear the full-color U.S. flag embroidered insignia on utility and organizational uniforms, unless deployed or in a field environment."

Commons said that the OEF-CP ACU, and the OCP ACU can, and should be, worn with the full-color American flag while in garrison. Soldiers should wear the subdued flag patch on those uniforms while deployed, or in a field environment.

First sergeants, she said, will let Soldiers know when they are going to be in a field environment, and what the uniform requirements will be.

Town hall discusses garrison's top priorities

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"I care about what goes on here," Davis said. "We, APG, have got to have a five-year plan that keeps us on track so that we can fulfill our mission."

Davis said his top five priorities for the next 24 months include protecting the garrison, creating and implementing a five-year plan, promoting self-sustainability through environmental efforts, building community relationships and improving housing, family and recreational programs.

"I want to enhance the quality of life for our workforce, for the people that live here, and for the U.S. Army," Davis said.

Guest speaker Timothy Weathersbee, a career program manager with the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, talked about the installation management career program (CP-29) and its benefits. He said CP-29 offers training,

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Col. James E. Davis
APG Garrison Commander

education and development programs that serve Army civilian employees whose preponderance of duties contribute to installation management and its core functions.

Weathersbee said that participation in the program, which includes a preliminary application and selection process, can help employees increase their competencies, enhance their skills, and

further their careers in government. Participants have the opportunity to earn degrees and certifications in subjects ranging from public management to business analysis, among others.

"We had one person who took the management training and said she wished she'd taken the course 10 or 15 years ago," Weathersbee said. "It was very helpful for her and served her well

[afterwards]."

Weathersbee said federal employees should visit their Army career tracker at <https://actnow.army.mil> to review their career maps, identify development opportunities and construct individual development plans. Employees can also visit <https://www.goarmyed.com> for training applications and supervisor approval forms.

For more information about CP-29, contact Weathersbee at 210-466-0674, or timothy.a.weathersbee.civ@mail.mil.

Davis also discussed the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), which set a goal for \$350,000. As of Dec. 8, APG has raised \$174,091. Davis encouraged attendees to consider pledging a contribution to the CFC. Following the town hall, it was announced that the deadline for online contributions was extended from Dec. 15 to Dec. 31.

The next garrison town hall is scheduled for mid-March 2016.

Vanpoolers needed at APG!

APG Commuter Center

There are several existing vanpools looking for riders as well as individuals looking to start vanpools for the following locations:

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.

APG North (Aberdeen) to:

- ◇ Baltimore, MD (Canton-area)
- ◇ Baltimore County, MD (near I-70 and 695)
- ◇ Elkton, MD
- ◇ Philadelphia, PA

APG South (Edgewood) to:

- ◇ Baltimore, MD
- ◇ Delaware
- ◇ Philadelphia, PA



Tree lighting celebration ‘brings families together’

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ones this holiday season.

“This is just a marvelous community to live in,” Davis said. “Think about those who aren’t as fortunate [and] keep them in your prayers. And most importantly, enjoy the holidays and enjoy this time with your family and friends.”

Dianne Crawford, wife of APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, also wished everyone happy holidays and encouraged them to “remember the reason for the season.”

Larry M. Muzzelo, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, also commented on the event.

“We gather together on this happy occasion to take pause and reflect on the joys that 2015 provided,” Muzzelo said. “For me, the holidays represent a moment of peace and respite when I relax, recharge and count my blessings.”

After a brief invocation led by Chaplain Lt. Col. Jerry Owens, the crowd counted down, ...“three, two, one....,” as Crawford, Muzzelo, and Robin Bruns, wife of APG Senior Command Sgt. Maj. William G. Bruns, pulled the lever that lit the tree.



Photo by Molly Blossie

In front of a crowd of onlookers, Larry M. Muzzelo, deputy to the commanding general of the Communications-Electronics Command, pulls the lever to light the APG holiday tree with the assistance of Dianne Crawford, right, wife of APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, and Robin Bruns, center, wife of CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. William G. Bruns, during the APG North (Aberdeen) tree lighting and holiday celebration at the Corvias Community Center, Dec. 2.

A reception inside the Bayside Community Center followed. Children visited with Santa and received candy

presents as others enjoyed buffet-style refreshments. Families also gathered for photos inside a large, simulated

snow globe.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation Coordinator Gwyn Dolzine, said that the celebration is important to the APG housing community.

“It brings families together to kick off the holiday season,” Dolzine said.

Retired military member Darryl Sullivan said the tree lighting reminded him of the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Lighting in his native New York City. Recently retired from the military after 30 years of service, Sullivan said he was impressed with the event.

“I had to come out, and they haven’t disappointed because just look at all this; it’s awesome,” he said. “It means so much to the little guys, and they know Santa is [inside] so I know they’re going to have a blast.”

Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Gill, Army Public Health Center, said he brought his 10-year-old daughter, Shelby, to the celebration so that she could share her Christmas wish list with Santa.

“It’s a good tradition to come out and celebrate the lighting of the Christmas tree,” Gill said. “It’s something we’ve done every year that we’ve been here. We really enjoy it.”

On-post housing maintenance prioritized by situation

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plumbing, HVAC, water extraction, electrical and cleaning.

Work Order Priorities

Service requests fall into one of three categories – emergency, urgent or routine – that will determine priority.

Residents should call 911, and their Neighborhood Office immediately when applicable, in the event of any life-threatening emergency, such as fire, flood or medical emergency due to failure of mechanical equipment or housing components.

Emergency - Response Time 8 hours or less

Emergency work orders take priority over all other work orders and require immediate action. Corvias maintenance personnel will respond promptly to handle all maintenance emergencies.

The following situations are examples of some, but not all, emergency conditions which may constitute an immediate threat to life, health, mission, security or property:

- No heat when outside temperature is below 60 degrees Fahrenheit
- Natural gas leak
- Electrical short or fire
- Electrical fixtures—shorting or sparking
- Broken electrical components which may cause fire or shock
- Sewer back-up
- Inoperable commodes (when only one available for use)
- Burst or frozen pipes
- Overflowing drains
- Water outage or major leaks from pipes, drain, or faucet
- Stove, oven, or refrigerator inoperative

In case of emergency

Corvias housing service requests fall into one of three categories – emergency, urgent or routine – that will determine priority. Residents should call 911, in the event of any emergency that puts you, your family or guests in immediate danger due to failure of mechanical equipment or housing components including fires or medical emergencies.

- Accidental lock-ins of small children
- No air conditioning when outside temperature is above 78 degrees Fahrenheit
- Hot water supply outage
- Pest infestation for bee/wasp swarms; poisonous reptiles and venomous spiders in an occupied home where health hazards or a life threatening concern exist.
- No air conditioning when outside temperature is 78 degrees Fahrenheit or less
- No heat when outside temperature is 60 degrees Fahrenheit or greater
- Broken window (cracked only)
- Garage doors jammed or inoperable
- Garbage disposal jammed or inoperable
- Tub, sink, or exterior faucet drip
- Light fixtures, switches, receptacles not working
- Inoperable commode where other operable commodes exist

Routine - Completion Time 10 working days or less

Residents are encouraged to contact their Community Office if there are questions concerning any maintenance issues.

The following work may be classified as routine (but not limited to):

- Inoperable dishwasher (without leaks)
- Screen repair
- Broken cabinets or countertops
- Fencing
- Repair Gutter or downspout
- Regular Pest control

24-Hour Emergency Maintenance

Emergency after-hours maintenance is designed to provide swift, responsive action to housing related emergencies. Any after-hours emergency maintenance request should be made by calling 410-305-1076.

The call is then immediately routed to “Level One,” the 24-hour answering service, to gather all information pertinent to the resident and nature of the emergency. The answering service will immediately contact the on-call emergency maintenance technician.

All after-hour emergency calls are recorded and we ask residents to be specific about the installation and neighborhood where you reside. Many military installations use Level One as their answering service and some locations may have similar names. Residents should make sure to mention either “Patriot Village”, “Edgewood” or “Aberdeen” which includes all of Bayside and Plumb Point Loop.

In the event to a widespread power outage at APG, calls for after-hours emergency maintenance should first be made to 410-305-1076. If that line does not pick up, and thus your call cannot be forwarded to the 24-hour answering service, call the answering service directly at 1-866-882-8418.

Follow Up

Once a resident maintenance request is complete, Corvias sends a follow email inviting residents take a short 10 question satisfaction survey about the work that was performed in their home. Corvias values resident feedback.

For more information on maintenance services, residents can reference the Resident Responsibility Guide at http://apg.corviasmilitaryliving.com/sites/default/files/pdf/Aberdeen_Proving_Ground_RRG.pdf or call Corvias at 410-305-1076.

Did You Know?

December was originally the 10th and final month of the calendar year?

Today, December is the twelfth month of the year and has 31 days, but it was originally the tenth and final month of the year on the Roman calendar, consisting of only 30 days. It is the last month of the year in the modern day Gregorian calendar and its predecessor, the Julian calendar.

December was originally the last month of the Roman calendar since the winter period was not assigned months. It originally consisted of 30 days, but its length was shortened to 29 days when King Numa Pompilius reformed the calendar and added the months of January and February around 700 BCE. During the Julian calendar reform, two days were added to December making it 31 days long.

December kept its original name from the Latin word decem meaning “ten.” The month was named during a time when the calendar year began with March, which is why its name no longer corresponds with its placement.

All Things December

December is the first month of meteorological winter in the Northern Hemisphere and the first month of summer in the Southern Hemisphere.

For the Northern Hemisphere, December contains the winter solstice which is the shortest day of the year.

Every year, December starts on the same day of the week as September and ends on the same day of the week as April.

The December birth flower is the Euphorbia pulcherrima or poinsettia and its birthstones are turquoise, tanzanite and zircon.

December Holidays

While Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and New Year’s Eve get all the attention, the month of December has more than 200 daily, weekly and monthly holidays and observances. Some of the lesser known ones include:

- Daily
 - Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday, Dec. 1
 - International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Dec. 3
 - Bathtub Party Day, Dec. 5
 - Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day, Dec. 8
 - National Cocoa Day, Dec. 12
 - Wright Brothers Day, Dec. 17
 - International Answer the Telephone Like Buddy the Elf Day, Dec. 18
 - National Hamburger Day – Dec. 21
 - National Homeless Person’s Remembrance Day – Dec. 21



Weekly

- Cookie Cutter Week, Dec. 1-7
- Tolerance Week - December 1-7
- National Older Driver Safety Awareness Week – Dec. 7-11
- National Hand Washing Awareness Week – Dec. 6-12

Monthly

- National Critical Infrastructure Protection Month
- Bingo’s Birthday Month
- Exotic Fruits Month
- National Egg Nog Month
- National Fruit Cake Month
- National Stress-Free Family Holiday Month
- National Tie Month
- National Write a Business Plan Month
- Operation Santa Paws
- Quince and Watermelon Month
- Root Vegetables Month
- Safe Toys and Gifts Month
- Spiritual Literacy Month
- Tomato Month
- Tropical Fruits Month
- Winter Squash Month
- Worldwide Food Service Safety Month
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over National Crackdown, Dec. 18 – Jan. 3

Yvonne Johnson, APG News

Source(s): <http://www.timeanddate.com>
<http://www.holidays-and-observances.com>
<https://www.americangemsociety.org>

APG SNAPSHOT

Take a peek at the events making news in and around APG. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>.

Ring in the holiday season at APG

Members of Team APG came together for the annual tree lighting ceremony and holiday celebration at the Corvias Community Center, Dec. 2.

(Clockwise from top right)

- Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis, center, poses for a playful holiday photo with his wife Michelle, right, and daughter Gracyn, left, in giant snow globe. Many APG families lined up for photos inside the wintry scene.

- Mikaylah Watson, 3, tells Santa what she wants for Christmas.

- Bel Air Recruiter Sgt. 1st Class Ron Collins selects snacks with his 8-year-old twin sons Payton and Brenton.

- Staff Sgt. Geoffry Lombard, of A Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, right, looks on as his daughter Nayomi, 4, select gifts for Lombard and his wife, Shatoya, left. Children "shopped" for holiday presents for loved ones during the event.

- Blake Clawiter, 2, shares a smile with his dad, Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Clawiter of CERDEC and his mom Amy Clawiter.



Photos by Molly Blossie



Holiday Social draws crowd at Top of the Bay

(Below, Left) Lead singer Vic Frierson, Bassist Jesse L. Powers Jr. and Saxophonist Russell Lyles, members of the band Spice, perform holiday favorites and jazz and Motown classics during the Installation Holiday Social at Top of the Bay, Dec. 8.

(Below, Right) Installation personnel mingle, chat and snack with coworkers and friends during the Holiday Social, hosted by APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford and sponsored by the garrison's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Photos by Molly Blossie

