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SHARP Resource Center opens

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The APG Sexual Harassment and Assault Response Program (SHARP) Resource Center, located on the second floor of the Janet M. Barr Soldier Center, Bldg. 4305, opened its doors in January.

The resource center, available to military personnel and civilians, is designed to handle restricted and unrestricted cases of sexual assault and sexual harassment.

Under the guidance of Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, APG senior commander and commanding general of Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM), and led by the installation's SHARP Program Manager Tracy Marshall, the resource center is a new asset to be utilized in the fight against sexual assault and harassment.

"The idea, like other resource centers, is to create a 'one-stop shop' where APG military and civilian community members can go for consolidated SHARP support and

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Five of the seven RDECOM scientists honored at the Black Engineer of the Year Award (BEYA) STEM Conference stand with RDECOM Commanding General Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton during the conference in Washington D.C., Feb. 6. From left, Doretha Green, Jean Christian Brutus, Dr. Cyril Williams, Wharton, Fernando (Rios) Merritt and Ifeanyi Igwulu were honored for professional achievements and student outreach efforts.

RDECOM scientists receive BEYA recognition awards

By DAN LAFONTAINE RDECOM

Seven employees of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command were recognized during the 29th Black Engineer of the Year Award STEM Conference held Feb. 6 and 7 in

Washington, D.C.

The BEYA STEM Conference recognizes technology leaders for their professional achievements, as well as identifies individuals who have worked to inspire young students of color to pursue careers in STEM fields.

The award recipients, representing four RDECOM centers and laboratories, were honored in a range of categories that include technical accomplishments and commitment to community educational outreach.

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Army chooses new ECBC director

ECBC

The U.S. Army has announced the selection of Dr. Joseph L. Corriveau as the new senior executive for the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

A member of the Senior Executive Service, Corriveau is a Department of Defense expert in countering emerging chemical and biological threats. He has served as acting director since Oct. 6, 2014 to fill the leadership role after former director Joseph Wienand retired.

Before his appointment, Corriveau served as the director of Research and Technology at ECBC, a role

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Dr. Joseph L. Corriveau during an Oct. 8, 2014 ceremony for the APG Army civilians who deployed to destroy Syria's declared chemical weapons stockpile. Corriveau is the new director of the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

Photo by Conrad Johnson



Budget cuts may impact Army readiness



Photo by Staff Sgt. Joe Armas

The Army is investing in the Improved Turbine Engine Program, also known as ITEP, designed to make aircraft more powerful and fuel efficient, including the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. Senior Army budget leaders addressed the 2016 Army budget during a Pentagon media roundtable, Feb. 3.

By DAVID VERGUN Army News Service

"Within our culture, we will always strive to meet any requirement from the combatant commander," said the assistant deputy chief of staff of the Army, G-3/5/7.

"The Army actively accomplishes those missions, which gives an impression that everything is fine and that there are no impacts to an Army that's still ready to do the business the nation requires," Maj. Gen. Gary Cheek said.

But "as the Army's size and capacity gets smaller, and if demands stay the same or get greater, it will take a larger portion of the Army to accomplish those missions, which we will continue to do," he said, referring to an increase in risk as the budget for manning, equipping and training the Army declines.

Cheek and other senior Army budget leaders addressed the 2016 Army budget during a

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STREET TALK

Presidents' Day is Feb. 16 – which U.S. president do you most admire?

I admire George Washington. He believed in the country enough that he fought against the British in the American Revolutionary War.



Chief Warrant Officer 4 Tony Lane
Maryland National Guard

I admire Abraham Lincoln. He didn't always do what was popular, and he made some hard decisions during his presidency. He was a man of integrity.



Rod Knecht
PEO IEW&S

I admire Thomas Jefferson for making the Louisiana Purchase, which doubled the size of the United States. I feel like he was a very forward-thinking president.



1st Lt. Carl Hartman
A Battery, 3rd ADA

I admire Lyndon B. Johnson because he signed the Civil Rights Act [of 1964], ending racial segregation in public places.



1st Lt. Liam Phillips
A Battery, 3rd ADA

I admire George W. Bush, because he has conservative values. I think he is a man of integrity. I really like the whole Bush family.



Joanne McAuley
Military spouse

Celebrating Black History Month

Mahatma Gandhi once said that “a small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.”

Looking back to 1915, few could have imagined the transformation that has occurred where African-Americans would be so central in the making of American history. This transformation was enabled by the work of so many diverse people, cultures and beliefs in this great nation.

This year's theme for Black History Month is “A Century of Black Life, History and Culture,” where we will pause to appreciate and celebrate the enduring story of so many African-Americans that have helped shape the identity of our nation.

The generations of African-Americans in the early 20th century through sheer effort, determination and struggle, were able to use their talents and leadership to give the post-World War I era an abundance of cultural gifts that we all enjoy today.

In the middle of the century, enabled by many “determined spirits,” with the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, we saw the struggle for civil rights become a national priority with the simple goal of doing what is right for all who are a part of this nation regardless of race. During this part of the century we are reminded of those great African-American leaders with courage and conviction like Rosa Parks, Dr. Ralph Abernathy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who held the torch and risked their lives so that our nation would recognize justice for all.

Now in the 21st century, because of the “small body of determined spirits” we can see the progress of a nation that embraces its “Life, History and Culture” for all mankind regardless of race, creed or color.

Our Army is a shining example of diversity in action with countless African-American Soldiers and leaders who have consistently fought bravely for our nation. I salute those brave men



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and women whose struggle gave me the opportunity to stand before you as your commanding general.

To honor those who have made such an indelible impact on our nation deserves our upmost dignity and respect. Our ability to honor and remember this past century of Black History will allow us to see an even greater century of progress and success in the future as we take on the challenges that require us to sustain that “unquenchable faith in our mission” as members and leaders in the strength of this great nation – The United States Army.

Trusted Professionals Always - APG Strong, Army Strong!
MAJ. GEN. BRUCET CRAWFORD
APG Senior Commander

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WHY WE SERVE

“Restoring our Commitment to the Profession”

“Why We Serve” Monthly Focus: Respect

During the “Why We Serve” event, we, as an Army team, stood side by side and reaffirmed the values we swore to defend and the ethics we pledged to uphold.

Every month we will continue to reflect on this solemn promise and reaffirmation of our commitment to the Army profession by highlighting one of the core attributes demonstrated by a trusted professional.

Respect is one of the seven core Army values that our noble profession embodies.

Respect is a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities or achievements. To be respected is to be perceived as a role model. We must lead by example. Upon reaffirming our oath, we made a steadfast commitment to do the right thing. We pledged to respect ourselves by promising to put forth our best efforts in everything that we do. It is our duty to inspire others to think and act while instilling unity within our formations and workplace.

As members of the Army team, we are privileged to serve in the most trusted and respected profession on Earth—the profession of arms. This bedrock of trust was carved by the sacrifices of our country's founding fathers and all the Veterans, our “Soldiers for Life,” that have served before us. It is our duty to serve as trusted professionals and to uphold the confidence and respect that the American people have put in us. In order



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to be deserving of the respect of the nation, we must live our lives in a way that is worthy of such admiration.

As both Army Soldiers and civilians, we pledge to treat others with respect while expecting the same in return.

Respect is supported by the columns of responsibility and accountability. We must always act in a responsible manner and be held accountable for our actions. We face challenges to our morals and ethics on a daily basis. We must rely on our cherished Army values to serve as a moral compass when we need direction. If we falter, we must have the strength to admit our errors.

Respect is earned, not given. It is something we must strive for every day. Your individual dedication to being a person of character is critical to how you will be viewed by everybody in the chain of command. People can see through someone who does not “walk the talk,” especially those in a leadership capacity.

Our Army team represents the very best that this nation has to offer. You will be called upon to build and shape the Army for the coming years. Our noble profession's legacy of respect and trust lies in your hands. The battlefield will evolve and our adversaries will change; but like the Constitution that founded our great nation, the guiding principles of our Army values will endure the test of time.

Ever vigilant and Army Strong!
COMMAND SGT. MAJ. WILLIAM G. BRUNS
APG Senior Command Sergeant Major

APG SEVEN DAY FORECAST

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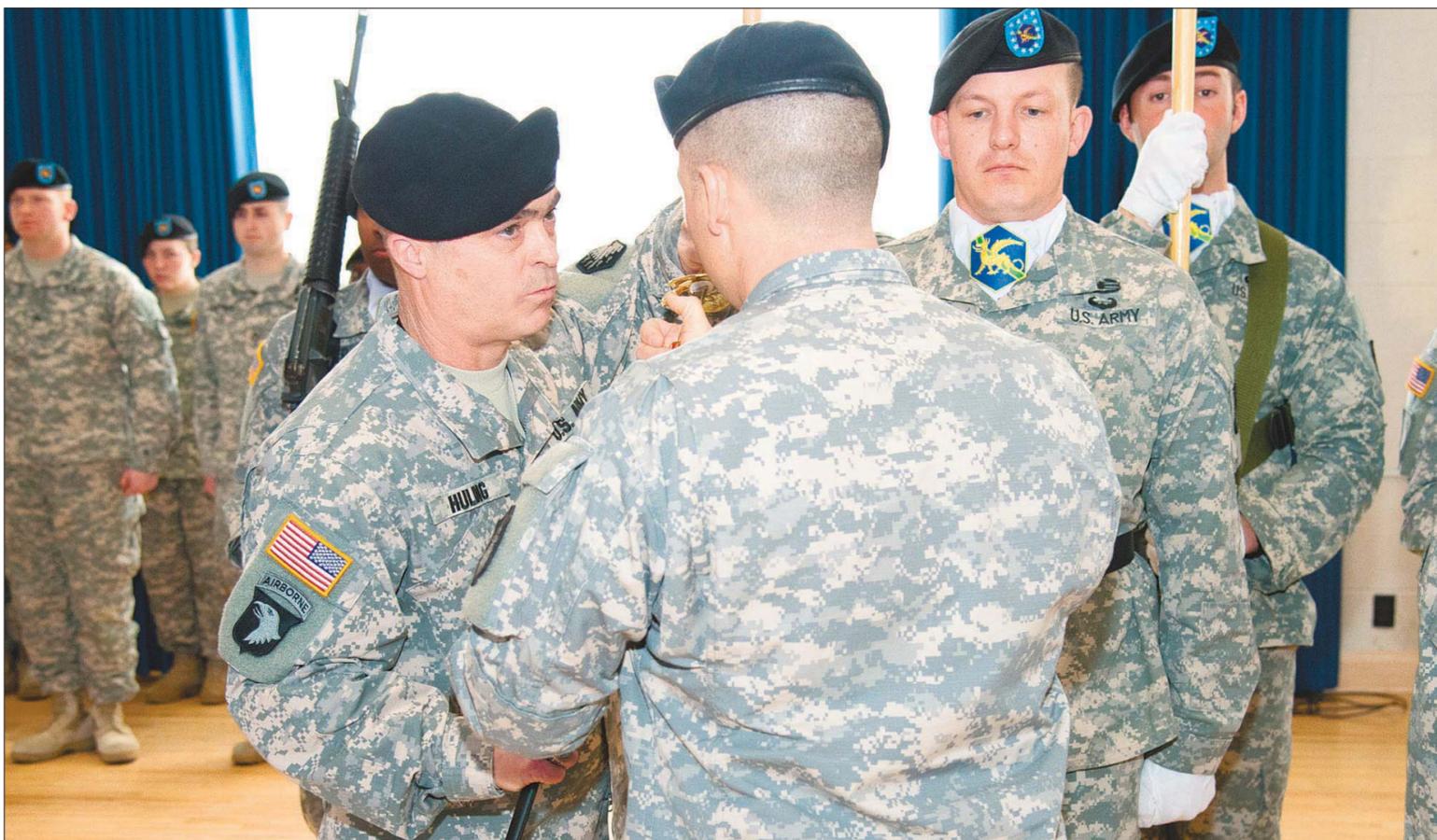
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22nd Chemical Battalion welcomes new CSM

(Above) Command Sgt. Maj. James M. Huling, left, assumes responsibility of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) during the Change of Responsibility ceremony at APG South (Edgewood) Feb. 6.

(Left) Command Sgt. Maj. Montoya A. Boozier, center, the outgoing senior enlisted leader, relinquishes responsibility during the passing of the Noncommissioned Officer Sword.

The 22nd Chemical Battalion (TE) is part of the 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives), the DOD's only command that combats CBRNE threats around the globe.

Photos by Sean Kief

BY THE NUMB#RS

Commemorating the birthday of 'Honest Abe'

Abraham Lincoln,
America's 16th president

\$3,000,000

Amount spent constructing the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The building was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1922, 57 years after Lincoln's assassination.

15,000

People who attended the Gettysburg Address on Nov. 19, 1863, four and a half months after Union armies defeated those of the Confederacy at the Battle of Gettysburg.

152

Years that have passed since Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring "that all persons held as slaves...are, and henceforward shall be free."

76

Lincoln's height in inches. Lincoln stood well above 6 feet tall, at a time when the average man's height was just 5 feet 6 inches. He reached his full stature by age seventeen.

18

Months of formal schooling Lincoln attained. He practiced law without a degree.

2

Number of times Lincoln ran for the U.S. Senate. He lost both times.

By **STACY SMITH** APG News

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Environmental field work on APG South

Installation Restoration Program

Throughout February, personnel on APG South (Edgewood) may notice small field crews digging in locations near several main roads. This work is part of a site inspection process being conducted by contractors for the APG Environmental Restoration Branch.

Digging will occur at three locations in Edgewood: the north side of Magnolia Road between Wise and Hoadley roads; the north side of Bond Road between Wise and Fleming roads; and the south side of Magnolia Road between Stokes Road and Igloo Street.

“APG’s Environmental Restoration Branch is conducting these site inspections at the first two sites in order to evaluate locations where glassware and medical debris were discovered during subsurface utility upgrades,” said Allison O’Brien, the Canal Creek Study Area program manager for the Installation Restoration Program.

“That glassware and debris was removed and properly disposed of when it was discovered, but this field work will focus on looking for any remaining debris and if any environmental contamination resulted at the site,” she said.

Test digging at the third location, the Westwood site, will concentrate on a waste-water line associated with a building that was demolished several years ago.

According to O’Brien, this work will focus on determining the exact length and location of the piping, and if any environmental contamination has occurred. In the event of an emergency, the contractors will immediately notify the Directorate of Emergency Services.

The results of the sampling and analysis conducted as part of the site inspections will be evaluated in order to determine if any additional study or clean-up is required, under the Installation Restoration Program managed by the Environmental Restoration Branch



Courtesy Photo

Personnel on APG South (Edgewood) may notice field crews digging at various locations on post this month as part of site inspections for potential contamination. For 25 years the Installation Restoration Program has studied and addressed contamination on APG from past military activities, including (as seen here) the application of a sustainable sediment cover over contaminants in a downrange pond.

in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment.

For 25 years, the APG Installation Restoration Program has been working with the EPA, MDE and the public, studying and addressing contamination

on APG from past military activities with a goal of restoring APG lands to usable conditions. APG IRP activities have been recognized with the 2012 Secretary of the Army Award for Environmental Restoration in the Installation category and the FY 11-FY 12 DOD

Meritorious Achievement Award.

Any questions on these field activities can be directed to Allison O’Brien, Canal Creek Study Area Program Manager for the Installation Restoration Program, at 410-436-3767 or allison.c.obrien.civ@mail.mil.

IMCOM strategic plan shapes 2025 workforce

Story and photo by
AMANDA KRAUS RODRIGUEZ
IMCOM

The newly developed U.S. Army Installation Management Command Strategic Human Capital Plan lays groundwork for re-shaping its workforce and culture to answer the future needs of the Army, provide premier installation management and become one of the premier federal workplaces by the year 2025.

Lt. Gen. David Halverson, commander of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, approved the SHCP, the first plan of its kind, Jan. 29, with eyes on both today’s challenges and tomorrow’s installation workforce needs.

“We have to adapt ourselves,” Halverson said. “The old ways of doing business no longer apply.”

The plan is a critical first step in the “IMCOM 2025 and Beyond” strategic design and its development was complex. IMCOM’s workforce includes over 54,916 civilian employees, in 329 different occupational series, spanning 31 Army career programs global-wide. A new approach was required to include everyone - appropriated fund, local national, and non-appropriated fund employees, according to Brian Gormley, SHCP project lead.

“We formed a tiger team of your peers,” Gormley said, “a multi-disciplined team that represented all of IMCOM’s functional responsibilities,



Megan Green, marketing manager at U.S. Army Garrison Fort Lee, Virginia, talks with fellow Strategic Human Capital Plan working group members. The working group, comprised of IMCOM employees from all regions, was tasked with developing a plan (and accompanying actions) that puts people first in IMCOM and develops an agile professional installation workforce for IMCOM 2025 and beyond.

from all regions and garrisons, to develop and publish IMCOM’s first ever Strategic Human Capital Plan.”

The team started with an assessment of the command, identifying opportunities for improvement using standards published by the Office of Personnel Management and the Government Accountability Office, along with

employee feedback.

“We want employees to know that meaningful cultural change is coming,” said Lois Keith, Civilian Personnel Chief of IMCOM. “It’s important that the workforce knows that this is a group effort – a transparent data driven, fact based process. Through the Federal Employee View Point Survey, employ-

ees have a voice. They spoke and we listened.”

Included in the assessment are annual Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey results, the Partnership for Public Service “Best Places to Work” rankings, historical data and demographics, as well as employee and supervisor interviews (from headquarters, region and garrison levels) that guided development of IMCOM’s Strategic Human Capital Plan.

“You’re making history, and it’s a good history,” IMCOM Deputy Commanding General for Support, Brig. Gen. Jason Evans told the working group.

Dana Davis, a financial management specialist at IMCOM Europe, region headquarters, and a member of the SHCP working group cited communication as the key to successful implementation

“I’m very hopeful that this effort will be sustained,” Davis said. “With General Halverson getting out there and telling everyone that this is important, other leaders and the regional directors repeating it, the message – people are our focus – is going to filter out to the entire workforce.”

The plan is scheduled for publication in February and includes specific action items to improve IMCOM practices and develop a people-centric focus. Employees can expect to see transparent, leader-led actions to achieve premiere workplace status and published results of progress.

Leave Donations

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.campbell.civ@mail.mil.

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CORRECTION

In the Feb. 5 issue of the APG News, Terry Guest was incorrectly identified as a former Navy contractor in the “At Your Service” column on page 12. Guest is a retired Navy sailor, E6, who served as an electrician and safety specialist. Guest also worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a safety specialist contractor before arriving at APG. The installation safety office was incorrectly identified as part of the Directorate of Public Works in the same article. The Safety Office is a separate department under the garrison. The APG News regrets the error.



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ECBC helps develop self-detoxifying suit

ECBC

If Warfighters become exposed to chemical warfare agents (CWA) in the field, it is possible that more damage could occur to them after the initial exposure than during.

CWA agents have the ability to absorb into certain types of fabric and stay there for an undetermined amount of time, possibly harming a Warfighter and perhaps others who come into contact with his gear well after the exposure.

The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC), Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research Development and Engineering Center (NSRDEC), and the Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC) have designed and tested new fabrics for a Self-Detoxifying Suit to replace Warfighter uniforms. This effort to keep Warfighters safe from head-to-toe is a part of DTRA's joint Army and Air Force Program, the Integrated Fabric Protective System project (IPFS).

The Self-Detoxifying Suit is made up of four materials – air impermeable concept, cover fabric, semi-permeable membrane and knit comfort liner – strategically placed within a Chemical and Biological garment that react with and decontaminate CWAs on contact.

Its purpose is to mitigate three key challenges:

1. Helps users retain protection after exposure to battlefield contaminants through using reactive materials that do not compromise protection.

2. Mitigates contact transfer hazard, so that after decontamination, any residual agent is reduced over time and is less likely to harm someone who comes into contact with it.

3. Decreases thermal burden to allow Warfighters to remain combat effective while being worn.

Defense Threat Reduction Agency began funding IPFS in 2006. In September 2014, the project hosted an Army Operational Demonstration of the Self-Detoxifying Suit for the Joint Project Manager Protection (JPM-P).

“It has been exciting to see this work that was taken from the early stages of research at Edgewood and developed into various suits that soldiers are wearing and evaluating during an Operational Demonstration,” said Dr. David McGarvey, a research chemist with ECBC’s



Courtesy photo

During an Army Operational Demonstration, users from the 7th Infantry Division, Fort. Lewis, Washington and instructors from the 3rd Chemical Brigade at the U.S. Army Chemical School, Fort. Leonard Wood, went through obstacle courses, firing ranges, a two-mile march, and mounted and dismounted vehicles comparing the self-detoxifying suit to the standard joint service suits that are currently fielded.

Analytical Toxicology branch. McGarvey has been with the IPFS project since its inception. Currently he serves as the ECBC project lead.

During the demonstration, users from the 7th Infantry Division, Fort. Lewis, Washington and instructors from the 3rd Chemical Brigade at the U.S. Army Chemical School, Fort. Leonard Wood, Missouri, went through obstacle courses, firing ranges, a two-mile march, and mounted and dismounted vehicles comparing the self-detoxifying suit to the standard Joint Service suits that are currently fielded. This kind of demonstration gives ECBC and its partners the information necessary to make any design changes to the suit in order for it to be an effective piece of Warfighter gear.

In order for the self-detoxifying suit to make it to an Operational Dem-

onstration, researchers needed to first develop unique, innovative and effective test methods that allow researchers to understand and identify what kinds of reactions take place between CWA and fabrics.

The testing of the fabrics took place at ECBC, where McGarvey and Dr. Bill Creasy, developed new analytical methods for a solid state Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectrometer. In this method, researchers could add live CWA to the fabric, seal it inside of a ceramic rotor, then repeatedly observe the sample over time without disturbing the sample.

Using previous methods, the fabric sample would have to be destroyed during the analysis. The previous methods required the making of multiple samples in order to observe different reaction times, which increased the possibility of errors. In other cases, a simulant was

used instead of live agent, leading to less accurate results.

“Our ability to safely use live agent is invaluable to our research,” McGarvey said.

“With this method, we don’t need to have multiple samples to analyze the changes over time, and can just monitor the one sample and how it changes. There is less chance of misunderstanding the data. We can test against the full range of CWA, for all the different fabric materials that have been designed.”

IPFS will next undergo an Operational Demonstration with the Air Force where airmen will wear the self-detoxifying suits while performing Air Force specific tasks such as refueling a plane.

Other organizations and institutions that worked with ECBC, NSRDEC and AFCEC were Emory University, Calgon/Chemviron, Enropics and Phasex.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

events&town halls

TODAY

FEBRUARY 12 BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE

The annual APG Black History Month Observance will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) Myer Auditorium. Gen. Dennis Via, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, will serve as guest speaker.

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Twana Burrow, ATEC equal opportunity program manager, at 443-861-9251 or email twana.s.burrow@mail.mil.

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 25 BLACK HISTORY MONTH JEOPARDY CHALLENGE

ATEC will host a Jeopardy challenge in celebration of Black History Month at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center from 10 a.m. to noon. Team contestants from ATEC will compete against other APG organizations to test their knowledge of black history facts.

Organizations interested in participating should send the names and contact information of their team contestants to Sandy Gibson by Feb. 13. Teams can include up to five people.

Those who would like to participate, or for more information, contact Sandy Gibson at sandra.m.gibson2.civ@mail.mil or 443-861-9678.

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 4 EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE DAY & EXPO

Meet with local employers and employment assistance specialists during the Employment Resource Day & Expo, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, Erie Street.

This event is open to all job seekers. Business attire is recommended.

Drivers not in possession of a government ID card will need to provide a driver's license, vehicle registration, proof of insurance and building information at the visitor center located at the MD 715 gate.

This event is presented in partnership with the ACS Employment Readiness program, the Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation, Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER), Susquehanna Workforce Network (SWN), and the APG Military Personnel Office (MILPO)/ Directorate of Human Resources.

For more information, contact the ACS Employment Readiness Program manager at 410-278-9669/7572.

TUESDAY

MARCH 10 APG NATIONAL PRAYER LUNCHEON

You are cordially invited to attend the APG 2015 National Prayer Luncheon that will be held at Top of the Bay, 11:30 a.m. This year's theme will be "Discovering God, Celebrating Life, and Serving Others. Reverend Dr. Leroy Gilbert, former Chief of Chaplains for the U.S. Coast Guard, will serve as the keynote speaker. Gilbert presently serves as the Senior Pastor of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. The event will be hosted by APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford.

ONGOING THROUGH 2015 RETIRING SOON? UNCLE SAM WANTS TO THANK YOU!

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

The APG Garrison hosts the event the 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. Retir-

ees 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.

meetings&conferences

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 26 RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting will be held at the Ramada Conference Center in Edgewood at 7 p.m. Topics to be discussed will be a review of calendar year 2014 IRP activities, plans for calendar year 2015, an update on the Bush River Study Area and the Long-Term Management sites at APG.

For more information, contact Karen Jobs at karen.w.jobs.civ@mail.mil.

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 11 FEDERAL WOMEN'S PROGRAM – WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TRAINING PROGRAM

The 35th annual Women's History Month Training Program hosted by the Federal Women's Program will be held 8 a.m. at the Mallette Auditorium, Bldg. 6008.

This year's theme is "Weaving the Stories of Women Lives," and the guest speaker is Yolanda Maria Martinez, CEO of Respira Medical.

For more information, contact Liz Young at 410-278-1392 or Teresa Rudd at 410-436-5501.

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 25 HOW TO SMART START YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

In honor of Women's History Month, Army Community Service will host a Powerful Women in Small Business seminar 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Top of the Bay, Bldg. 30. Attendees can purchase lunch for this one-day event. Future How to Smart Start Your Small Business sessions will be held at ACS Bldg. 2503, Highpoint Road 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 13, Aug. 12 and Nov. 4.

To register, contact the ACS Employment Program manager at 410-278-9669/7552. For more information, visit the ACS website on www.TeamAPG.com.

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THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 19 HEALTHY HEART INFO SESSION

Jump start your 2015 fitness goals during a Healthy Heart Info Session with Zumba 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000. This event is open to DOD civilians, contractors and service members. For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING JANUARY-FEBRUARY TOBACCO CESSATION CLASSES

Kick the habit with help from the Harford County Health Department. Free tobacco cessation classes will be offered at the APG North (Aberdeen) main post chapel in room 3, every Wednesday through Feb. 18 from 1 to 2 p.m.

Class size is limited. For more information, to register or to inquire about leave, contact Gale Sauer at gale.m.sauer.ctr@mail.mil or 443-861-9260.

Anthem BCBS victim of cyber-attack

It was recently reported that Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield was the target of a cyber-attack. At this time, it is unknown who has been impacted or what information has been compromised.

Current and former members impacted by this attack will be notified directly by Anthem and offered credit monitoring and identity protection services free of charge. The Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) has posted a link to the Anthem website as well as Anthem's toll-free phone number on the ABC-C website at <https://www.abc.army.mil/>.

Employees who are enrolled in Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield should direct any questions regarding this breach to Blue Cross Blue Shield directly.

ONGOING THROUGH APRIL 17 INSTALLATION SLIM DOWN CHALLENGE UNDERWAY

The Installation Slim Down Challenge kicked off Jan. 20 and runs through April 17. The challenge encourages individuals to stay active and pursue their fitness and weight goals in keeping with the Army Performance Triad. APG units and organizations are encouraged to start their own groups to compete for the Slim Down Challenge Tenant of 2015 award. Personnel can also compete individually.

Participants can take advantage of MWR fitness classes including special Slim Down Boot Camp classes held each Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. Visit www.apgmwr.com for class schedules at APG North (Aberdeen) and South (Edgewood) facilities.

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

ONGOING THROUGH 2015 2015 CPR, AED CLASS SCHEDULE

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

- **Feb. 18** – APG South (Edgewood) Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **March 18** – APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **April 22** – APG South (Edgewood) Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **May 20** – APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **June 17** – APG South (Edgewood) Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **July 15** – APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **Aug. 19** – APG South (Edgewood) Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **Sep. 16** – APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **Oct. 21** – APG South (Edgewood) Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **Nov. 18** – APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **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.

family&children

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 17 APG SUMMER CAMP WAITLIST OPENS

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miscellaneous

ONGOING THROUGH APRIL 2 2015-16 SENIOR SERVICE COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center is currently accepting applications for the 2015-16 SSCF program through April 2. The SSCF Program is a 10-month educational opportunity conducted under the auspices of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) at Aberdeen Proving Ground, as well as Huntsville, Alabama and Warren, Michigan.

The SSCF program prepares government civilians at the GS-14/15 levels or equivalent for senior leadership roles by providing training in leadership and acquisition. Program components include completion of DAU's Program Management Course (PMT 401), courses in leadership, applications of acquisition to national defense issues, research in acquisition topics, mentoring, and a distinguished speaker program.

For complete program information and application requirements, please visit: <http://asc.army.mil>. For APG specific program information, please visit: <http://www.dau.mil/sscf/Pages/apg.aspx>

For more information about the program, contact Jim Oman at james.oman@dau.mil or 410-272-9470.

ONGOING THROUGH APRIL 28 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

The basic and advanced American Sign Language Class that began Feb. 3 runs through April 28. Class is held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Bldg. E3330-31, room 270 in APG South (Edgewood). This class is free of charge and students can bring their lunch. The text book "ABC, A Basic Course in American Sign Language" is needed for the course.

To register, or for more information, contact BethAnn Cameron at 410-436-7175 or Instructors Pat Reeves and Randy Weber at 410-436-8546.

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE

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

REPORT POWER OUTAGES TO CORVIAS MILITARY LIVING

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

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

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

**MORE
ONLINE** More events can
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TeamAPG.com](http://www.TeamAPG.com)

Will you make it past Feb. 18?

By **CLAUDIA DRUM**

U.S. Army Public Health Command

It's that time of year again when weight-loss tops the resolution list of many Americans. Weight-loss commercials are flooding the airways, health clubs are promoting discounts, and new books and phone apps are hitting the market-place.

Nearly half of all Americans make New Year's resolutions, and nearly 40 percent of these resolutions are related to weight loss. In the end, however, the only thing that drops is the resolution itself.

According to a Gold's Gym membership study, Feb. 18 marks the date when most people abandon their New Year's resolution to lose weight and get more fit. This is the date when gym member check-ins take a nose dive. How can you keep your weight loss efforts from fizzing out?

Follow the steps below to turn your New Year's resolution into a lifestyle resolution:

1. Be specific: Be precise about what, when and how you plan to lose weight. For example, instead of telling yourself, "I'm going to exercise more," change it to, "I'm going to take a 45-minute walk during lunch."

2. Torch more calories during the day: Find and seize all opportunities to keep your metabolism stoked during the day. For example, take the stairs whenever possible, park your car farther away from entrances, and get out of bed 30 minutes earlier to fit in your exercise

before other commitments take over.

3. Use smaller bowls, plates, serving spoons, and cups: Trick yourself into eating smaller portions by downsizing your dishes and serving spoons.

According to a recent study published in the International Journal of Obesity, the average adult eats 92 percent of what is on his plate. Just by reducing the amount you serve yourself, you'll take in fewer calories and lose weight.

4. Think twice before taking a second-helping: Sit-down, slow-down, and savor your food rather than eating while watching TV or standing in front of the fridge. Being more mindful of what, how much, and why you eat can help you identify "triggers" that lead to over-eating. Put your fork down or take a sip of water between bites to help you slow down. Always pre-portion your snacks to help you control your calories.

5. Bet on yourself and against others: Put up cash to keep your weight down. People who promised to forfeit money if they failed to lose weight, shed 14 more pounds than those who didn't have anything at stake, according to a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Make weight loss fun and keep yourself accountable by signing up for a weight-loss challenge with high stakes. Check out any one of the following web sites: www.stிக்க.com; <https://healthywage.com>; or www.dietbetter.com.

6. Sleep to stay strong: When you're



The average size of a dinner plate has grown substantially since the 1960s. According to a recent study published in the International Journal of Obesity, the average adult eats 92 percent of what is on his plate. Just by reducing the amount you serve yourself – or even the size of your plate – you'll take in fewer calories and lose weight.

Courtesy graphics

sleep deprived, your will-power goes down and the number on the scale goes up. Sleep deprivation disrupts hormones in your body that help you regulate your hunger and fullness, making it easier to gain weight. Aim for seven to eight hours of quality sleep every night to help you lose weight. Getting enough rest will help you feel more energized, stay more active, and make better food decisions throughout the day.

7. Reward yourself; but not with food: Stop using exercise as your ticket to over eat. There is no quicker way to negate all of your hard work than to grab an extra-large portion or that Grande latte just because "you worked out". Instead, use non-food related rewards (schedule a massage, buy new workout attire, take a new fitness class, join a gym, etc.) to celebrate your successes.

For more tips on making lifestyle resolutions, follow the U.S. Army's Performance Triad which focuses on specific ways you can improve your sleep, activity, and nutrition habits. Visit <http://armymedicine.mil/Pages/performance-triad.aspx>.

Healthy Living

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



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APG to celebrate Black History Month

ATEC

In celebration of Black History Month, the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command will host a formal observance event Feb. 12 and a Jeopardy Challenge Feb. 25, both open to all installation personnel.

The Black History Month Observance event will be held in the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 12. The observance will include food sampling, educational performances and exhibits.

Gen. Dennis L. Via, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, will serve as the event's guest speaker. The theme

Black History Month Events

- ◆ **Black History Month Observance Feb. 12**
Myer Auditorium (Bldg. 6000) 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- ◆ **Black History Jeopardy Challenge Feb. 25**
APG North recreation center 10 a.m. - noon

for this year's event is "A century of black life, history and culture."

A Black History Month Jeopardy Challenge will be held at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center from 10

a.m. to noon, Feb. 25. Team contestants from ATEC headquarters will compete against other APG tenant organizations to test their knowledge of black history facts.

Organizations interested in participating in the jeopardy challenge should send the names and contact information of their team contestants to Sandy Gibson by Feb. 13.

Teams can consist of up to five teammates, and senior leaders are highly encouraged to participate as part of their organization's team.

Those who would like to participate in the jeopardy challenge should contact Sandy Gibson at 443-861-9678 or sandra.m.gibson2.civ@mail.mil.

For more information, contact your organization equal employment opportunity representative or unit equal opportunity advisor.

GEMS program application period now open

Army Educational Outreach Program

The application period for the 2015 student educational outreach program Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science (GEMS) at APG is open through March 15.

GEMS is an Army-sponsored summer STEM enrichment program for middle and high school students driven by the overarching mission to interest young people in STEM careers early enough in their education so they have time to attain the appropriate academic training.

GEMS at APG offers three program levels: GEMS I, GEMS II and GEMS III.

▪ **GEMS I:** Open to rising fifth, sixth and seventh-grade students, the program will focus on a range of lab practices in the use of biomedical instrumentation and analysis of biological data including chromatography, DNA analysis, toxicology, genetics, neuro-anatomy and

STEM in focus

"STEM in focus" is a recurring series in APG News highlighting Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) on APG. From countless student programs to an array of scientific, technological and engineering personnel working at APG, STEM is abound on the installation and this series aims to bring it all into focus. To suggest topics for the "STEM in focus" series, email amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil.

microscopy.

▪ **GEMS II:** Open to rising seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth-grade students, the program will focus on laboratory experiences from synthesis to fabrication to instrumentation and analysis. The program will include sessions on chemistry, environmental, physics, engineering, computer science, robotics, non-destructive

evaluation and others.

▪ **GEMS III:** Open to rising eleventh and twelfth-grade students, the program offers older students the opportunity to further explore more specific fields. Two GEMS III sessions will be held this summer: one focusing on computer science and the other focusing on power and energy.

Lost town of Magnolia once a popular destination

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

Magnolia trees, with their large blossoms and fragrant smell, are usually a staple of southern living. But in the 19th and early 20th centuries a tiny town was named in honor of the popular trees that were found in surprising abundance along the western border of Edgewood, according to former Harford County public schools superintendent C. Milton Wright.

The town of Magnolia was once a popular destination stop along the railroad lines that connected Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore. Magnolia now receives scant mention in local texts and census data, yet is memorialized in the name of a local elementary school and fire station in Joppa.

Although located in a sparsely populated area, in the mid-1800s the town had a train station, general store and, rather significantly, a post office, "which really put Magnolia on the map," said RDECOM command historian Jeffery Smart. The town was a small hub of commercial and leisure activities during a time when the West was still being won and locomotives were the most essential means of travel.

Magnolia was even the location of a famous Civil War raid. In 1864, the Johnson-Gilmer raid brought Confederate soldiers down Mountain Road, where they captured the Magnolia train station. They also captured Union Maj. Gen. William B. Franklin and then seized two trains, setting one ablaze and sending it out onto the Gunpowder Bridge where Union troops were standing guard. A



Courtesy photo

The Magnolia store, seen here in 1973 - three years after it officially shuttered its doors - appears more like a relic from a bygone era than a once prosperous general store. The store, known to locals as Brown's store, was frequented by Magnolia and Edgewood residents for more than 100 years. Customers could buy everything they needed - hardware, clothing, food and farming products, prescription drugs, and other supplies - in one place.

skirmish and shots ensued, and the bridge was temporarily destroyed, disrupting all railroad traffic between the Northeast and Washington, D.C.

According to Joseph Murray, co-author of "Images of America: Edgewood," by the early 1900's Magnolia also had a church, a two-room elementary school, a blacksmith shop, canning house, shoe shop and barber shop. Trains stopped frequently at Magnolia Station,

where revelers in music, dance and merriment could walk across the tracks to Magnolia Grove, "a favorite resort for picnic and excursion parties."

The 1856 Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Guide charmingly describes the grove as a "spacious circular pavilion...erected in the grove, seventy-five feet in diameter, where the bright and youthful dancers meet, with laughing lips and winged feet."

Despite the grove's appeal, a marked decline is visible on an 1878 map of the area, where one can see "there's a few more houses, but Magnolia Grove looks like it's pretty much disappeared," Smart said.

In 1917, the U.S. government took control of the land south of Magnolia's railroad tracks for a military reservation that would become Edgewood Arsenal, now APG South (Edgewood). In 1922, the War Department decided it needed a field artillery range and took a large section of the Edgewood Arsenal to create Fort Hoyle, in honor of Brig. Gen. Eli D. Hoyle, who died a few weeks earlier. According to Murray, Magnolia "became the gateway for Fort Hoyle."

The Arsenal brought thousands of new workers into Magnolia, increasing activity as the main entrance of the installation. By World War II, however, the Magnolia train station was demolished and the military gate was moved to the northeast, marking the beginning of Magnolia's decline. According to Smart, an overpass built across Mountain Road during this period, likely instigated a migration out of the small, rural town and into the larger, surrounding cities.

Magnolia, like several U.S. towns during this era, began to succumb to the advent of urbanization. By 1970, the Magnolia General Store, known to locals as Brown's store, officially closed its doors.

Magnolia's heyday may have faded, but a ride through the back roads of the old Joppa Farms area proves that the charm that once drew people to its countryside is still visible.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Precipitate

Pronounced: pri-SIP-i-teyt

Part of speech: Verb (Adjective; Noun)**Definition:**

(Transitive Verb)

1. to throw violently; hurl; to throw down
2. to bring about especially abruptly
3. to cause to separate from solution; to cause to condense and fall

(Intransitive Verb)

1. to fall headlong; to fall or come suddenly into some condition
2. to move or act with violent or unwise speed
3. to separate from solution or suspension; to condense from a vapor and fall as rain or snow

Other forms:

Adjective: pre-cip-i-ta-tive

Noun: pre-cip-i-ta-tor

Use:

- Her death precipitated a family crisis.
- The budget problem was precipitated by many unexpected costs.
- The mere mention of the dragon drew a precipitate retreat by the villagers.
- The terrorists intended to precipitate an international crisis.
- His carelessness in driving precipitated a disastrous accident.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News
Source: <http://dictionary.reference.com>

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

SIOC

Strategic Information and Operations Center

The Strategic Information and Operations Center (SIOC) is the global watch and communications center of the FBI.

It operates around the clock to maintain enterprise-wide situational awareness and to provide FBI leadership with strategic information by serving as a clearinghouse to collect, process and disseminate information in a timely manner.

Additionally, the team supports field commanders representing the Bureau worldwide in major investigations, tactical operations and other matters. The SIOC is a part of the Critical Incident Response Group (CIRG) that enables the FBI to rapidly respond to and effectively manage special crisis incidents nation-wide.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News
Source: www.fbi.gov

ALL THINGS MARYLAND

Honoring 'strength of mind'

Museum highlights Maryland African-American history, culture



By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

What do Harriet Tubman, Dominique Dawes, Matthew Henson and Thurgood Marshall have in common? They all are famous African-Americans born in Maryland who are featured in the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African-American History and Culture, located near Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

The Reginald F. Lewis Museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, focuses on the accomplishments of African-American Marylanders who made an impact in art, education, history and industry. The 82,000 square-foot facility is the largest African-American museum on the East Coast and the second-largest in the nation.

The museum opened in 2005 and is named after the Baltimore-born entrepreneur and philanthropist Reginald Lewis, who served as chair and chief executive officer of TLC Beatrice International, the largest U.S. company owned by an African-American during his lifetime.

Throughout the museum, exhibits show how Maryland African-Americans persevered through slavery, segregation and the fight for equal rights. The "Strength of the Mind" gallery, for example, features an exhibit about the African-American jazz musicians who played the segregated Pennsylvania Avenue clubs during the 1930s. And music legends like Cab Calloway, Etta James, Billie Holiday, The Temptations and the Supremes all played at the Royal Theater located on "The Avenue."

The "Strength of the Mind" gallery includes a replica of a tiny one-room schoolhouse attended by African-American students during segregation, complete with actual text books used during the era. Also, visitors can learn how Baltimore native Thurgood Marshall campaigned to end segregation and



became the first African-American Supreme Court justice, Oct. 2, 1967.

Special events and attractions

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the "Star Spangled Banner" the museum is hosting a special exhibit "For Whom It Stands: The Flag and the American People" until the end of February. The exhibit explores how the U.S. flag serves as an icon for the nation and its people.

"For Whom it Stands" also pays tribute to Grace Wisher, a young African-American indentured servant of flag



Photos by Rachel Ponder

Exhibits in the Reginald F. Lewis Museum focus on the accomplishments of history-making African-American Marylanders.

(Above) A leotard worn by Dominique Dawes, a gold medalist during the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia, and a baseball jersey worn by National Baseball Hall of Famer Leon Davis, a right-handed pitcher who played for the Baltimore Elite Giants (a Negro League team) are displayed in a sports memorabilia exhibit. Both athletes were born in Maryland.

(Left) The sculpture "Freedom's Gate" by African-American multimedia artist and Baltimore native, Sam Christian Holmes stands on display in the museum gallery.

maker Mary Pickersgill who sewed the original Star-Spangled Banner in Baltimore during the War of 1812. A fragment of the original Star-Spangled Banner is on display near the entrance of the exhibit. "For Whom it Stands" has received accolades from "USA Today" and "Baltimore Magazine," which declared it the "Best Historical Exhibition" in 2014.

In celebration of Black History Month, admission to the museum will be free Saturday, Feb. 28. Museum events that day will feature interactive tours, activities and live entertainment.

The Reginald F. Lewis Museum is located at 830 E. Pratt St. in Baltimore. Museum hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for senior citizens (age 65 and older), youth (ages 7 to 17) and students with valid ID. Children ages 6 and under and Maryland Public School teachers are admitted free of charge.

Throughout the year, the Reginald F. Lewis Museum hosts cultural events for all age groups. For more information visit rflewismuseum.org or call 443-263-1800.



At your service

Travis Heeter

Senior Web Developer

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

As a senior web developer for the APG Garrison, Travis Heeter is responsible for developing and maintaining the official Team APG website www.teamapg.com.

"I manage the APG website. I make sure it looks good and all the information is accurate," Heeter said.

He is currently working to build a search system for the website; he said that making the software himself allows more accurate results, and regular search engines collect too much data to be used for the APG site.

Aside from routine maintenance and updating, Heeter is responsible for several on-going projects that assist

commands in their daily functioning. He's developing a program that will allow the fingerprinting office to keep track of their appointments; an updated CAC appointment scheduler is soon to follow.

Heeter has more than 10 years experience in web development, working independently and with development firms. He has worked at APG since July 2014.

"I like the challenge. I like having to learn stuff and not really have anyone to fall back on. As a web developer, that's when you learn the most," he said. "Every day is like throwing down the gauntlet- you have to get it done or quit. It's just really intense, and it's a lot of fun."

Now where did I leave that copy of the APG Newspaper?

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Upcoming Activities

SAVE THE DATE 2K COLOR FAMILY FUN RUN SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015

Registration opens Tuesday, Feb. 17
A 2K color run is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to noon in celebration of Month of the Military Child at the APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center, Bldg. 2522. The event is free and registration opens Tuesday, Feb. 17 on <https://eventbrite.com>.

For more information, contact: Stacie Umbarger at stacie.e.umbarger.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-2857. REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Please visit the Parent Central Office, Bldg 2503 Highpoint Road, second floor, rooms 210/211/209, or call 410-278-7571/7479 to register.

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES APG SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

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INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION THROUGH THURSDAY 26

Registration is open for the CYSS indoor soccer league. Games begin March 3 and will be held each Tuesday: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7 at 6 and 7 p.m.

AGE: Boys and girls ages 11-14, Age Determination Date: July 31, 2015 (same as fall soccer cut-off)
COST/FEE: \$20

For more information, contact william.m.kegley3.naf@mail.mil or call 410-306-2297.

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION Through Thursday, Feb. 26

Registration is open for spring sports at CYSS Central Registration Bldg 2503, Highpoint Rd 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Fridays.

For more information go to <http://www.apgmwr.com/child-youth-school-services/child-and-youth-sports>.

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION FEBRUARY 2-FEBRUARY 26

Registration is open for spring sports at CYSS Central Registration Bldg 2503, Highpoint Road 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

For more information go to <http://www.apgmwr.com/child-youth-school-services/child-and-youth-sports>.

SAT PREPARATION CLASSES FEBRUARY 5 – MARCH 12 MARCH 26 – APRIL 30

Get ready for the SATs with Sue Fasold. She works with students of all levels to prepare them to take all areas of the SATs: Critical Reading, Math, and Writing. Online video chat small-group sessions offered at the Aberdeen Youth Center, Tech Lab.

Winter Session: Every Thursday, Feb 5-Mar 12, 6-8 p.m. (SAT Test Date: March 14) Winter Session: Every Thursday, March 26 - April 30 (SAT Test Date: May 2)

The preparation class does not include the official exam. Each class is limited to five students per session.

AGES: 14-18 years
COST/FEE: \$225 (this includes the cost of the SAT Prep Book)

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

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

The next Parent Advisory Committee is set for noon to 1 p.m., Bldg. 2503, CYSS conference room 214. The PAC Board represents all CYSS programs. Parents with children enrolled in CYSS programs are encouraged to attend to receive two Parent Participation Points for attending. Attendees can bring their own lunch.

For more information, contact myria.i.figueroa.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-2572.

PRE-TODDLER AGE CDC OPENINGS

Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) offer active duty military, and DOD civilians and contractors a comprehensive program to assist with full-day child care needs.

The APG programs currently have immediate full-time child care openings at the Aberdeen and Bayside CDCs for children aged 13-months-old. Participants must be registered with the Parent Central Office. Fees are based on the total family income.

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

Through Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum and TS Gold, our installation helps children work with their strengths, interests, and each other, to feel good about themselves, and to grow as individuals. Activities are offered in the areas of oral language, social/emotional, physical, cognitive, literacy, mathematics, science & technology, social studies, arts and English language acquisition. Sign up your child today.

LEISURE TRAVEL SERVICES ROUNDTOP, LIBERTY AND WHITETAIL SKI TICKETS

The following ski ticket packages are available at the MWR Leisure Travel Services:

- Weekend/Holiday Extended Lift - \$62
- Weekday/Non-Holiday Extended Lift - \$50
- All Mountain Package Weekend/Holiday ** - \$100
- All Mountain Package Weekday/Non-Holiday ** - \$85
- Learn-to-Ski Weekend* - \$80

*Learn to Ski includes Ski/Snowboard rentals, beginner's lesson, and a beginner's 8-hour lift pass.

All Mountain Packages include a lift ticket valid on all lifts, optional class lesson and use of rentals.

MONSTER JAM DISCOUNT TICKETS

Purchase discount tickets to the monster truck show "Monster Jam" to be held at the Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore. Ticket prices are as follows: \$20 for adults, \$14 for children ages 2 and up. Pit pass is \$12, for 2 p.m. shows only. Tickets are available for the following dates and times:

- Friday, Feb. 27 – 7:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, Feb. 28 – 2 p.m.
 - Saturday, Feb. 28 – 7:30 p.m.
 - Sunday, March 1 – 2 p.m.
- Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 13.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS TICKETS

Purchase your discount tickets for The Washington Capitals. Home games are played at the Verizon Center, Washington D.C. For pricing and ticket availability contact MWR Leisure Travel Services at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or email usarmy.apg.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisure-travel@mail.mil

BROADWAY'S "CHICAGO" FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Purchase your tickets for the Broadway production of "Chicago" at the Hippodrome Theater 8 p.m., Friday March 6. Tickets cost \$38 for left and right side Orchestra Seating. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 16.

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

2015 APG TRAVEL FAIR & SPRING BAZAAR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Complete your vacation plans early this year by attending the 2015 APG Travel Fair at the APG North recreation center, Bldg. 2236, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Speak directly with representatives from local attractions, amusement parks, museums, Disney parks, the Baltimore Orioles and more.

The spring bazaar will include tables from local area vendors and businesses. Complementary light refreshments will be served and door prizes.

National Cherry Blossom Festival Bus Trip

Saturday, April 11
Seats are available for a bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the National Cherry Blossom Festival. The festival includes special events, a parade and a Japanese street festival. Space is limited on the bus, tickets are \$32 per person, all ages. The deadline to register is March 27.

SPORTS ALL ARMY SPORTS "GET IN THE GAME" – SOCCER APPLICATIONS THROUGH MARCH 6

All-Army Men's Soccer is now accepting applications through March 6 for athletes.

For selection criteria and the application, visit www.allarmysports.armymwr.com.

For more information, contact MWR sports at 410-278-7933 or 410-436-3375.

APGMWR

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Thursday February 26, 2015

Ruggles Golf Course Clubhouse
Doors open at 5PM Event starts at 6PM
\$25 in advance
\$30 at the door (if available)

Includes refreshments, cash bar
Prizes to the top winners
To purchase, visit MWR Leisure Travel Services at the
AA Recreation Center, BLDG 3326.

For questions call 410-278-4011/4907 or email us at
usarmy.apg.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil

The 2015 APG MWR Travel Fair

March 11,
10am-2pm
APG Recreation Center
Building 3326, Ballroom

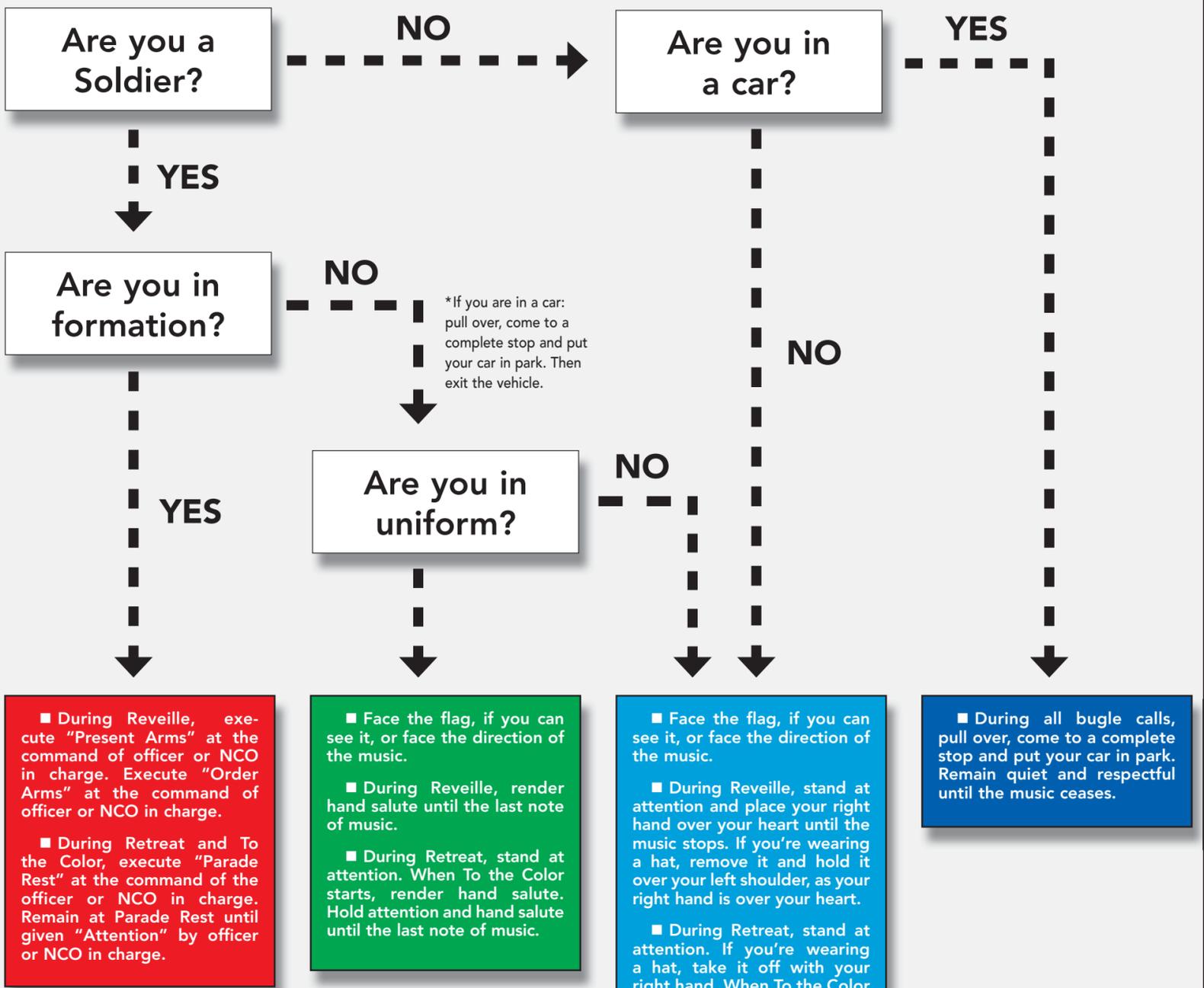
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Believe It or Not!

Contact MWR Leisure Travel Services for more information at the AA Recreation Center, BLDG 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil

Complete your vacation plans early this year!
Speak directly with representatives from:

- Local Attractions
- Amusement Parks
- Museums
- Orioles
- Door prizes
- And more

You hear the bugle call, now what?



HINT: Reveille is heard in the morning, at 6:30 a.m. Retreat and To the Color are heard in the early evening, at 5 p.m.

APG civilian heads to Westminster

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

An APG civilian will enter her dog in the 139th Annual Westminster Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show in New York City, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Vickie Venzen, a Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division civilian, and her dog, "Apex's Time to Face the Truth," will be among the more than 3,000 dogs from all over the country competing in events during Westminster Week.

"It's the number one dog show in the country," Venzen said. "I am excited to compete at Westminster. It is a tough competition. Competing in the show is a 'bucket list' moment."

"Apex's Time to Face the Truth," also called "Face" by family and friends, is a 2-year-old, 120-pound, Cane Corso (pronounced KAH-NAY Korso), an Italian Mastiff known for its hunting and protecting abilities. Cane Corsos are classified as "working" dogs.

Venzen, who has worked on APG for eight years, said she originally purchased Face from a local breeder to be a family pet, but after being told by several people that Face had striking looks, she considered putting him in a show.

"I would have people literally stop me in their cars and on the street to tell me how gorgeous a dog he is," she said.

Last May, Venzen started participating in dog shows with Face after taking a dog handling class. She said his striking, prominent features as well as his easy-going temperament and natural movement in the ring contributes to his success.

In less than six months, Face earned Canine Good Citizen, Champion and Grand Champion titles, which are earned based on points received during shows.

In addition to earning several titles in a very short time, Face also ranked as the number 15 Cane Corso in the coun-



(Left) Vickie Venzen, a Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division civilian and her dog, "Apex's Time to Face the Truth," also known as "Face" pose with a Best of Breed award after a practice match in May 2014.

(Below) Venzen routinely exercises Face with a balance ball to strengthen his leg muscles.

Courtesy photos

try for 2014, based on breed points, and is currently the number one owner-handled Cane Corso in the country for 2015.

Since November, Venzen has entered Face in competitions almost every weekend using her own funds. To prepare for shows, she exercises Face twice a day using balance balls. She plans to take him for a full body workout in a water therapy swimming pool in Towson this summer.

Face also practices "stacking," or standing still while being examined by a judge.

"When they are judging Mastiffs, judges are looking for sound structure and good movement," she said.

Venzen said this year she has set her goals even higher and is internally campaigning for Face to be among the

top ten in his breed. This means that the dog is owner-handled, as opposed to being handled by a professional, and is not sponsored. She said she plans to compete almost every weekend, so Face can earn the needed points.

"It will be tough to get into the top ten, because we will be competing against dogs that are sponsored," she said. "But I believe that I can get my dog in the top ten based on how well we did last year, without knowing how to do it."

Above all else, Venzen, a lifetime dog enthusiast, said she is having fun spending time with her pet.

"When I walk in the room, there is a

huge connection between me and him," she said. "It reflects in how he shows and how I show him. I can look around a room and tell who owns their dog, and who doesn't. I enjoy spending time with him."

The Westminster Kennel Club website will host live streaming of all breed judging and the Cane Corso group will compete at noon, Tuesday, Feb. 17. For more information go to <http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/2015/show/info.html#theshow>.



EOD company completes decisive action training

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

The 725th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company returned to Fort Drum this week following a decisive action training rotation at the U.S. Army's premier light infantry training center.

Army EOD troops trained with the 10th Mountain Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team at the Joint Readiness Training Center on Fort Polk, Louisiana.

The Fort Drum-based 725th EOD Company integrated task force elements into the 1st Brigade Combat Team's operations during the exercise.

The 725th EOD Company is part of the 63rd EOD Battalion, 52nd EOD Group, 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives), the U.S. Army's only command that combats the full range of CBRNE threats from Weapons of Mass Destruction to Improvised

Explosive Devices.

In 2014, the APG-based 20th CBRNE Command began integrating into combat training center rotations at Fort Polk and at the National Training Center on Fort Irwin, California.

To stay ready for their high stakes missions, 20th CBRNE Command units train with joint, interagency and allied partners around the world.

Last September, the 725th EOD Company hosted the Canadian Army's 43rd Counter Improvised Explosive Device (CIED) Squadron for a bilateral training exercise on Fort Drum.

Capt. John D. France, commander of the 725th EOD Company, said the recent training rotation on Fort Polk enabled his Soldiers to hone their mission-enabling and life-saving skills.

"The training was focused on highly realistic and stressful joint and combined arms training across the full spectrum of conflict," said France.



U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal troops from the 725th EOD Company train with the 10th Mountain Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team at the Joint Readiness Training Center on Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Courtesy photo

France said his company improved its combat readiness during the decisive action training rotation.

"Our greatest accomplishment was our ability to successfully integrate

with seven different task force elements within the brigade," said France, a native of Camdenon, Missouri, who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

SHARP resource center open to all APG personnel

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treatment," said Marshall.

The center on APG is supported by staff including: a Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer, a Criminal Investigations Command (CID) agent, a medical expert, a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), a victim advocate, and Marshall, the program manager.

According to Marshall, the center is one of 12 in the entire Army that have implemented this concept. The initiative started in Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, and has since received the full support of the Chief of Staff of the Army.

Marshall emphasized that this resource center has qualities that set it apart from the rest.

"Here at APG, we have a unique location where we can provide services to more diverse communities than just to our military here on the installation," she said. "We've also established partnerships with local ROTC [Reserve Officer Training Corps] programs as well as local National Guard and Army Reserve units to give them support as well."

Many of these organizations do not have organic SHARP professionals, so the APG SHARP Resource Center is in a position to reach out to other communities.

"In the past, a victim would have to go to multiple locations for services," said

Marshall. "That made it difficult for victims to feel safe and secure about the process, so they wouldn't come forward and report their incidents."

Besides providing victim support, the resource center offers SHARP training for leadership to better equip them with implementation of SHARP programs in their respective organizations.

Marshall noted that the recent Bystander Intervention training has been a great way to inform leaders and subordinates on ways to stop incidents before they start by recognizing the various warning signs in everyday interactions.

SHARP continues to be the Army's number one priority, and installations such as APG are finding innovative methods to help better support victims and improve on efficiencies.

"In the end, we are the blueprint of the nation," said Marshall, in reference to the Army. "We have to set the example by making a culture change so victims have faith in the system. Before, no one wanted to come forward, but now that the leadership has been engaging in SHARP and supporting resource centers, we are seeing record numbers of people reporting their incidents. Everything we do in the Army is about the people. This resource center will be a shining example of that."

For help or for more information, contact the APG SHARP Hotline at 410-322-7154.



Courtesy photo

APG Sexual Harassment and Response Program (SHARP) Program Manager Tracy Marshall leads the APG SHARP Resource Center team. The resource center, available to both military personnel and civilians, is located on the second floor of the Janet M. Barr Soldier Center, Bldg. 4305, and is designed to handle restricted and unrestricted cases of sexual assault and sexual harassment.

THIS WEEK IN APG HISTORY

APG News

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 2009.

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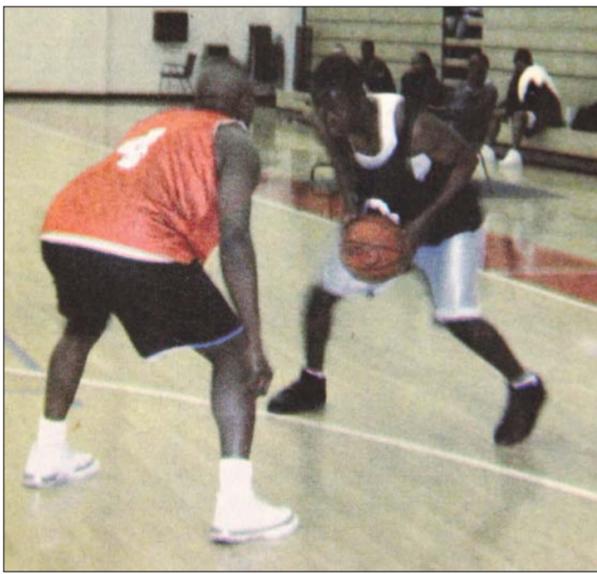
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By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News

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10 Years Ago: Feb. 10, 2005

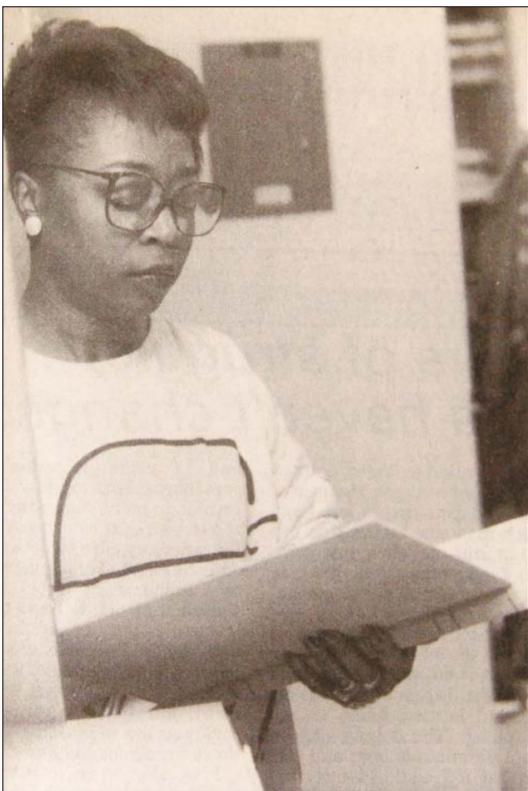


(Left) From left, William Williams, Company E 16th, guards Jamal Callwood, Company A 16th, during the first half of an intramural basketball game at the APG athletic center.

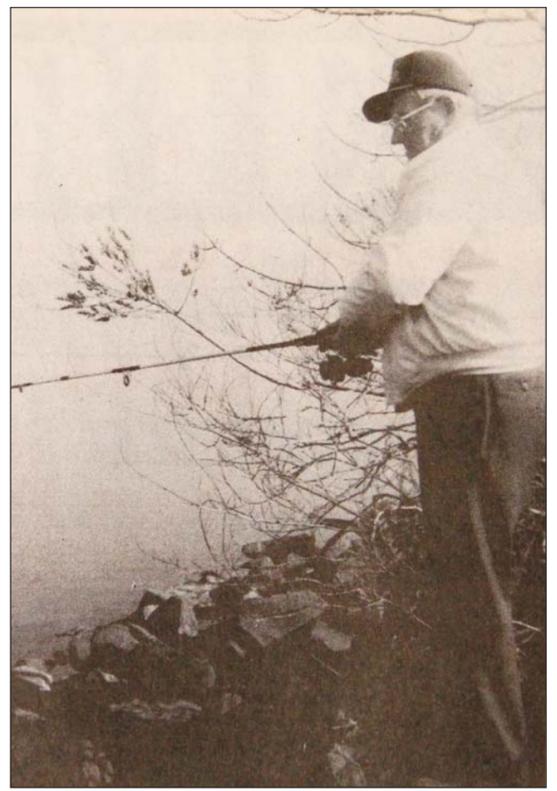


(Right) Military and civilian personnel from six Department of the Army installations receive Risk Reduction Readiness program training conducted at APG in January 2005. The training serves as an aid to identifying problem areas on post.

25 Years Ago: Feb. 7, 1990



(Left) Recreation specialist Cardelia Lee checks the roster attendance at the Youth Services Center lock in event.



(Right) Military retiree John Mitrovich fishes for bass off the rocks of Spesutie Island.

50 Years Ago: Feb. 11, 1965



(Left) A modified T-95 tank undergoes testing with a new three-point hydro-pneumatic suspension system on an APG test range.



(Right) Volunteer candy striper Mary Chapman watches as Lt. Col. Josephine Ognibene, chief nurse at Kirk Army Hospital, diapers 9-month-old patient Leon B. Casey II.

Acquisition package cutoff date announced

ACC-APG

The Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground (ACC-APG) Tenant Contracting Division has established the Fiscal Year 2015 (FY 15) cutoff date for submission of complete Acquisition Packages to include purchase requests (PRs) and required acquisition documentation.

With proper and early planning, together we can execute your requirements and your support continues to remain the key to a successful year-end by identifying and submitting these packages by or before the date listed below. This greatly enhances the ability of the ACC-APG Tenant Contracting Division to meet our customer needs.

Any packages which might be accepted after the cutoff date shall be handled on a best effort with no guarantee of award.

The following schedule has been established for the submission of acquisition packages for FY 15. This cutoff date is for the PR and all supporting documentation and signed approvals. Incomplete acquisition packages will not be accepted.

Failure to include the necessary documentation could result in delay, untimely, or non-award of requests.

Subject-to-availability-of-funds (SAF) will only be accepted by the Tenant Contracting Division Branch Chiefs. APG activities should consider maximizing use of their government purchase cards to execute small dollar transactions for authorized items rather than submitting a purchase request to the contracting office.

Acquisition package requirements

All acquisition packages must be submitted electronically and at a minimum shall include the following:

- Funded purchase request
- Statement of work/description of requirement/purchase description
- Signed independent government

APG North (Aberdeen) Acquisition Package Cutoff Date: May 15, 2015

(Including, but not limited to, the following actions)

- Noncommercial items over \$150,000*
- Noncommercial items between \$2,500- for services; \$3,000- for supplies; \$2,000- for construction and \$150,000
- Commercial items under \$150,000
- Commercial items over \$150,000*
- Services under \$150,000
- Services over \$150,000*
- Delivery orders and task orders under existing contracts
- GSA schedule procurements
- Short-of-award over \$2,500**
- Maintenance for FY 2015 – (FY15 Contract Modifications and Options for Existing Maintenance Contracts)

* There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the Branch Chiefs prior to this date. The ACC-APG Tenant Contracting Division encourages our customer activities to coordinate their projected FY-end requirements with their respective Branch Chiefs during the third quarter in order to discuss acquisition methods and identify those documents, reviews, and approvals required to accompany the procurement package.

**Customers submitting short-of-award PRs, especially for services requirements, must consider whether funding will materialize. A substantial amount of effort is expended to prepare these pending actions and they must be prioritized after PRs that are funded and PRs that are subject to the availability of funds. Short-of-award actions, if not funded in FY15, should be funded immediately in FY16 as a bona fide need.

cost estimate (IGCE)

- Service acquisition strategy (>\$150,000 inclusive of options)
- Service contract approval
- COR nomination completed in VCE-COR tool
- Quality assurance surveillance plan (QASP)
- NEC approval and/or AK1 Goal Waiver (IT hardware, software and services),
- Evaluation factors
- Complete sole source justification

(<\$150K and J&A for >\$150K, if appropriate),

- Antiterrorism/Operations Security (AT/OPSEC) cover sheet
- Market research.

ACC-APG Points of Contact

Who to contact:

- Chief, Tenant Contracting Division – Cynthia H. Phillips: cynthia.h.phillips.civ@mail.mil, 443-861-4812
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443-861-4832

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Edgewood 2015 procurement cutoff dates

Edgewood Contracting Division

The Edgewood Contracting Division (ECD), a contracting division under the Army Contracting Command-APG, provides contract support for APG South (Edgewood).

The following guidance is published to highlight the established Fiscal Year 2015 cutoff dates for submission of purchase requests for those customers receiving contract support through ECD.

Advance planning in identifying and submitting PRs on or before the published cutoff dates greatly enhances the ability of the ECD to meet customer needs. The peak processing time for most contracting offices is between July 1 and Sept. 30 of each fiscal year.

“Last year ECD processed 291 procurement actions valued at approximately \$58.8 million during the July through September time period,” said Ruby Mixon, chief of the ECD Policy Office.

“Due to the slow start in the distribution of customer funding this fiscal year it is anticipated that the number of actions will significantly increase during this year’s peak period to compensate for the lag in distribution of funds. Therefore it is extremely important that customers be as diligent as possible in identifying their needs early in the cycle,” Mixon said.

Maintaining adequate resources continues to be a challenge for the contracts team and customers therefore it is equally as important to submit complete procurement packages.

“Incomplete packages delay the process and create inefficiency. It is essential this year that upfront coordination

with the appropriate Contracting Officer takes place,” Mixon said.

This ensures all purchase request packages contain the necessary documents and approvals to avoid delays in processing awards and make maximum use of available customer dollars, Mixon said.

Mixon stressed that customers should ensure that all procurement requests processed through GFEBS contains the necessary information in the description. Identifying the branch chief as well as the contracting officer, if known, will assist routing the actions to the correct

contracts team as quickly as possible for processing.

Purchase requests for actions that are not GFEBS enabled must continue to be submitted electronically to the ECD using the SHARED MAILBOX: usarmy.APG.acc.mbx.edgewood-contracting-division@mail.mil.

“ECD will make every effort to accommodate those customers whose procurement packages are submitted after the established cut-off dates,” Mixon said. “However, there is no guarantee that the award will be processed prior to Sept. 30.

For more information, contact:

- Chief, Edgewood Contracting Division: Debra R. Abbruzzese at debra.r.abbruzzese.civ@mail.mil 410-436-2554;
- Steven Austin, Branch A (ECBC, ACWA & CMA customers) at steven.o.austin.civ@mail.mil 410-436-2449;
- Eric Braerman, Branch B (JPEO-CBD customers) at eric.w.braerman.civ@mail.mil 410-436-8621; or
- Diane Street, Branch C (JPEO-CBD customers) at diane.l.street.civ@mail.mil 410-436-3750

Cutoff dates for all APG South (Edgewood) procurement requests

(Notwithstanding any prior approved milestones)

- Noncommercial items over \$150,000 – May 29**
- Services over \$150,000 – May 29**
- Commercial items less than \$6.5 million – May 29
- Delivery orders and task orders under existing contracts – June 2
- GSA schedule procurements – June 2
- Short-of-Award actions – May 29***

* All actions that require a justification and approval document prior to processing must be submitted by May 1.

** There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. These actions must be coordinated with the Branch Chief prior to this date.

***Customers submitting “short-of-award” Requirements must consider whether funding will materialize. Time spent processing these actions can be better utilized on funded actions.

Flirting with your future, readying for retirement

By NICOLE DECAMPLI

Social Security District Manager, Abingdon

Remember your first love? For years, the two of you came to the same place—a cafeteria or office or train car. At first, you sat across from each other, but as the time passed, you edged closer. You stared into each other’s eyes. A warm feeling developed in your chest and your lips curved into a coy smile. Soon, you got a smile in return.

International Flirting Week, Feb. 16 to 22, is a reminder that flirting can be fun. But you need to act to bring about what you want in life. That’s true about love—and your retirement.

Chances are you’ve been flirting

with the idea of retirement for years. All the while, your retirement has been watching you, waiting for you to make a move. All you need to do is take notice.

When you decide to retire, the easiest and most convenient way to make your move is to visit the website, www.socialsecurity.gov, to apply for retirement benefits.

You can do it right from the comfort of your home. You can apply for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes. In most cases, there are no

forms to sign or documents to send; after you submit your electronic application, you’re done.

Have your bank account information handy, so you can receive your payments electronically. Electronic payment of federal benefits is now mandatory with few exceptions.

Still not quite ready to take that next step and commit? If you’re still just flirting with retirement, check out the Retirement Estimator, where you can get instant, personalized estimates of

your future retirement benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

After spending a little time with the Retirement Estimator, and you may decide it’s time to make a commitment after all. Learn more about retirement in the online publications “Retirement Benefits” and “When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits,” both available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

You’ll have to look elsewhere for the book of love, but we’ve got the book of retirement covered.

Stop flirting with your retirement future and learn more about retirement planning tools and services at www.socialsecurity.gov.



Female Soldiers prepare for Ranger course

By **DAVID VERGUN**
Army News Service

Five female Soldiers out of 26 service members recently graduated from the first-ever, gender-integrated Ranger Training Assessment Course (RTAC), which qualifies them to go on to the Army's Ranger course, beginning in late April.

The training is a pre-Ranger course that is mandatory for all female Soldiers, as well as many male Soldiers, said Maj. Gen. Scott Miller, commander of the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE), at Fort Benning, Georgia. Fort Benning hosts the RTAC and Ranger school.

Miller and others spoke during a media roundtable, Feb. 6.

The total graduating class of RTAC, which concluded Jan. 30, was 58 Soldiers, out of 122 who started, he said. Three more RTAC courses will be held before the Ranger course start date, with the second RTAC beginning Feb. 6.

As of press time, 21 females were enrolled in this second RTAC course, said Maj. William "Shep" Woodard Jr., a company commander with the U.S. Army National Guard Warrior Training Center at Fort Benning.

The training is a "productive course," Miller said. "If we put people through this and they meet the prerequisites, we've found they have a higher success rate as they enter the actual Ranger course."

Miller described both RTAC and the Ranger course with various adjectives: "tough," "rigorous," and "physically demanding." He called the Ranger course "probably the most physically demanding course in the United States Army."

Of the 300 to 400 people who start a Ranger course, the attrition will often exceed 50 percent, Miller said. Typically, students lose 20 to 30 pounds coming out of the Ranger course, due to the amount of activity.

One standard for all

"There is absolutely no intention of changing any of the current standards" of RTAC and the Ranger course, Miller said. "The standards in place will remain the same as they always were. [A] Soldier not completing RTAC will not go

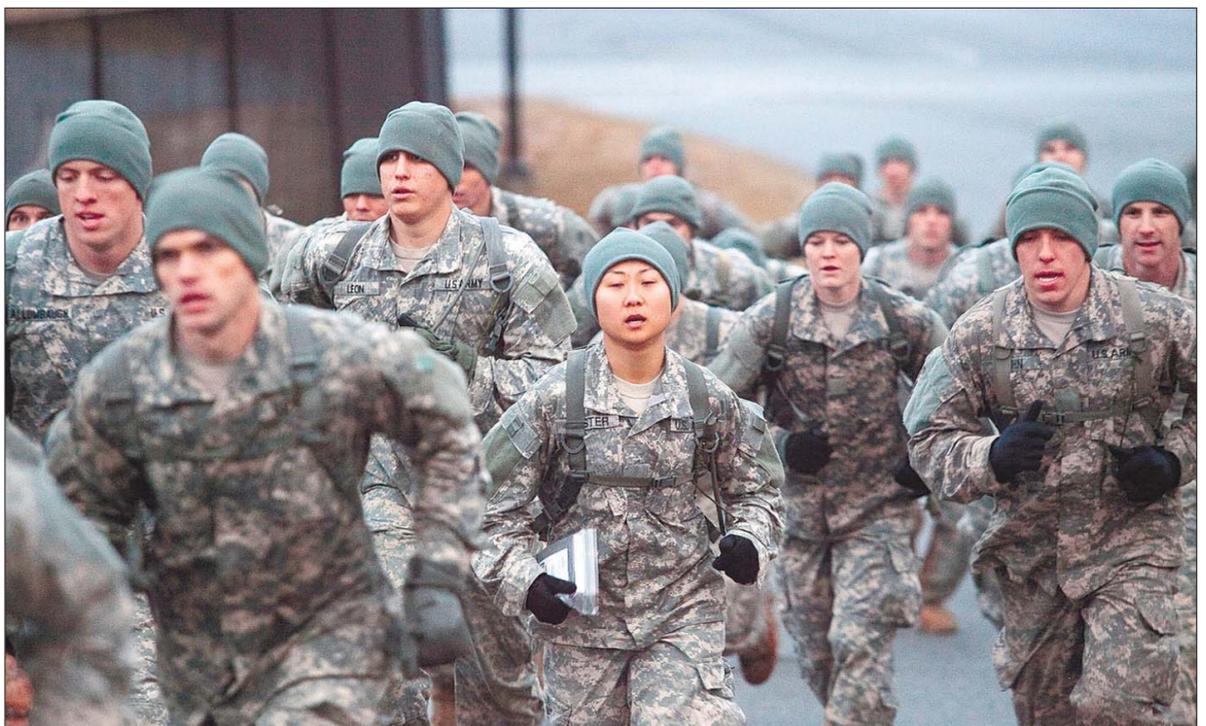


Photo by Patrick A. Albright

Potential male and female Ranger course students run in formation during the Ranger Training Assessment Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, Jan. 24.

forward to the Ranger course.

"We're trying to set Soldiers up for the best possible chance of success going forward," male or female, Miller added.

Woodard discussed his observations of the female Soldiers from the first integrated RTAC course. "They were very thankful for the opportunity to be able to finally do something they really wanted to do and they definitely wanted to be treated the same -- no better, no worse," he said.

"They want to be dealt the same hand just like everyone else, and, as a group, they showed an incredible amount of commitment and resolve," Woodard said.

One of the reporters asked why other female Soldiers didn't make it through RTAC.

"Females failed for the same reason the males did, the physical fitness test," Woodard said.

Col. David Fivecoat, commander of

the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade, explained that the test consists of 49 push-ups, 59 sit-ups, a five-mile run in 40 minutes and six chin-ups.

Another chance

Some of the women who did not successfully make it through RTAC "were pretty close to meeting the standards," Miller said. "Going forward, if they want to come back to try again to meet the prerequisites we're willing to do that."

"Same with the male Soldiers," Miller said.

Woodard said that at least one female has already asked to return and she's being allowed to do that and is currently enrolled in the second course.

Of the five females who successfully completed the first RTAC, all are officers; one major and four first lieutenants, Woodard said. Their jobs include field artillery, combat engineer and the Medical Service Corps.

The Army is closely monitoring the

entire integration effort, Woodard said.

There are 31 observe-advisors, all females, who shadow, but do not interfere in the RTAC training, he explained. To baseline their findings, they observed all-male RTACs and then the integrated ones to get a balanced measure of how things are progressing.

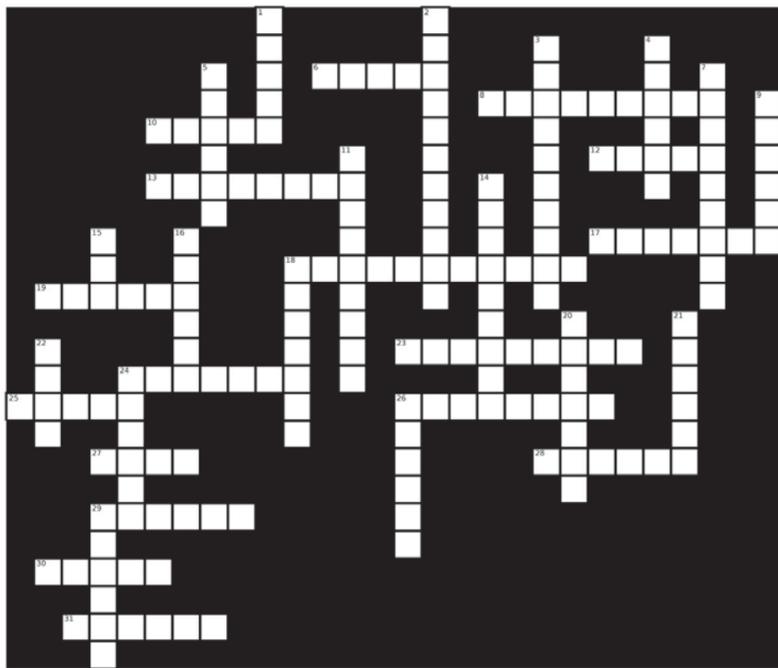
No bias among instructor cadre

These Ranger instructors are absolute professionals who show no favoritism and have complete objectivity, said Miller, who was joined in those remarks by MCoE Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy A. Guden.

"We will execute this integration effort professionally and objectively," Miller concluded.

"It's a historic time. It's always great to see any Soldier, male or female, who's willing to raise their hand and voluntarily step forward to undertake rigorous training."

The APG Crossword



By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

While cupids and hearts come to mind at the mere mention of Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, the day is also significant for individual birthdays and other historical events that have nothing to do with the international day of love. Still, this challenging trivia puzzle about Feb. 14 should tickle your slings and arrows.

Across

- This African American actor, singer, dancer and choreographer, born Feb. 14, 1946, died of liver cancer at age 57 in 2003.
- Born in 1882, this Shakespearean actor's 1920 portrayal in the film "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" was so successful the Navy used his photos on recruiting posters.
- Born in 1894, this American actor and comedian, who died in 1974 at age 80, was known for his terrible violin playing.
- This former slave, born Feb. 14, 1760, helped establish the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia and became the first African American bishop in the United States.
- This CBS anchorman

announced his retirement Feb. 14, 1980 after a career spanning more than 70 years.

17. On Feb. 14, 1962, this first lady took TV viewers on a tour of the White House.

18. Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to this country is killed during a botched kidnapping Feb. 14, 1979.

19. These machines are approved by Congress for use in federal elections, Feb. 14, 1899.

23. This South African model was shot to death by her Olympic and Paralympic boyfriend Feb. 14, 2013.

24. The League of Women Voters is founded Feb. 20, 1920 in this major American city.

25. Born Feb. 14, 1913, this former Teamsters boss went missing in

1975 and was declared dead in absentia in 1982.

26. The original Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, in the Latter Day Saint movement is formed in this Ohio city, Feb. 14, 1835.

27. On Feb. 14, 1849, he became the first president to have his photograph taken.

28. The first diesel-powered submarine is commissioned Feb. 14, 1912 in this Connecticut city.

29. Born in 1859, this inventor's amusement park ride that was named after him remains incredibly popular today.

30. This Detroit native and recording artist, born Feb. 14, 1978, sold copies of his first single, "Rize" out of the trunk of his car.

31. This former NFL quarterback born on Valentine's Day in 1973, died on Independence Day, July 4, 2009.

Down

1. This Canadian-American actress, born Feb. 14, 1960, may best be remembered for her roles in the films "Agnes of God" in 1985 and "Valmont" in 1989.

2. Feb. 14, 1989, the first modern Block-II satellite, the first of 24 satellites of the Global _____ System is launched into orbit.

3. This former White House Counsel and convicted Watergate co-conspirator, died of complications from diabetes Feb. 14, 1999.

4. Launched Feb. 14, 2005, video-sharing website YouTube, was brought by this multinational corporation specializing in Internet-related services and products the following year for \$1.65 billion.

5. This American puppeteer, voice actor, and son of the creator of the Muppets, died of a heart attack, Feb. 14, 2014.

7. Along with Bob Woodward, this American journalist, born Feb. 14, 1944 uncovered the Watergate scandal while working for the Washington Post.

9. This former MLB pitcher, born Feb. 14, 1981, pitched Barry Bond's 714th homerun tying Babe Ruth in 2006, and died in October 2014 after falling from a cliff.

11. Texas is linked by this to the rest of the United States on Feb. 14, 1855.

14. Before he became the 26th

president of the United States he lost his first wife and his mother on the same day, Feb. 14, 1884.

15. On Feb. 14, 1990, the Voyager 1 spacecraft takes the photograph of planet Earth that later becomes known as the Pale Blue _____.

16. With the Feb. 14, 1931 opening of the film "Dracula," this Hungarian actor set the standard against which all other attempts at playing the iconic vampire would be measured.

18. This state is admitted as the 48th U.S. state, Feb. 14, 1912.

20. This co-founder of Golden Corral was born Feb. 14, 1940.

21. This state becomes the 33rd U.S. state Feb. 14, 1859.

22. This British explorer and captain in the Royal Navy was killed by angry Hawaiian islanders during his third exploration of the Pacific Feb. 14, 1779.

24. He remains the reputed brains behind the famous Saint Valentine's Day Massacre that left seven people – six of them gangsters – dead, Feb. 14, 1929.

26. Born Feb. 14, 1838, this female invented a machine that folded and glued paper to form the flat bottomed brown paper bags familiar to shoppers today.

29. This Navy formally recognizes the U.S. flag for the first time with a nine-gun salute after sighting the USS Ranger, commanded by John Paul Jones, Feb. 14, 1778.

Solution to the February 5 puzzle



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Army implements new network campaign

Story and photo by **J.D. LEIPOLD**
Army News Service

The Army chief information officer/G-6 announced the implementation of the Army's Network Campaign Plan, which will guide the service through near-term and mid-term development, from 2015 through 2021 and beyond.

Lt. Gen. Robert Ferrell told about 800 attendees at the 14th Annual Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Northern Virginia Army IT Day, Feb. 4, that the plan supports the Army plan, is aligned with the Army Operating Concept and is the "overarching document that lays out our network modernization strategy to move the Army forward."

Ferrell said he wanted his vision of the network to be clear, simple and easily understood by everyone from those within the Pentagon to the Soldiers in the field.

"It must be secure, integrated, standards-based with uninterrupted global access, enabling collaboration, enabling decisive action and doing it throughout all phases of operations across all environments," he said.

"It outlines the critical, strategic environment that we're in," Ferrell said. "You all know that after coming out of two wars, as we downsize and look at fiscal constraints, we talk about the geopolitical atmosphere. ... All of that is laid out on how we will set the conditions as we move forward with the Army network."

Ferrell said the plan's five-fold lines of effort are aimed at desired end states, which will result in an integrated network in a common operating environment while keeping the network protected and interoperable to result in "agile, expeditionary command posts and enhanced home station training and readiness."

Addressing cyber awareness and capability, Ferrell said the Army had come a long way in the last year and had created 41 cyber protection teams



Lt. Gen. Robert Ferrell, Army chief information officer/G-6, announces the implementation of the Army's network campaign plan during the 14th Annual Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association's Northern Virginia Army IT Day, Feb.

of which 21 are active duty, 11 in the National Guard and nine in the Army Reserve. He added that he expected to reach full operating capacity by the April-May time frame.

"The Army also approved a new cyber career field, and it's in the warfighter domain so the numeric number for that is in the 17 series," said Ferrell, adding that two units were targeted as pilot programs -- the 780th Military Intelligence brigade at Fort Meade, Maryland, and the 7th Cyber Mission Unit at Fort Gordon, Georgia. The 7th Cyber Mission Unit has since stood up and been renamed the 7th Cyber Protection Brigade.

"We've done the assessment and

[Human Resources Command] has recently gone through an accession board and identified the first increment of officers and enlisted to cover down on those requirements within the cyber space of operations," said Ferrell, adding that the cyber force would be a combination of about 3,000 Soldiers and civilians.

Ferrell also spoke about the presidential initiative passed through the Department of Defense to each of the services to close data centers of which the Army had more than 1,000. He said the Army had such momentum during the past year and that it was able to consolidate and close up to about 55 percent of that target, which also means reviewing which

applications stay or go.

"So, we are going through a rationalization effort with our applications," he said. "We started a huge pilot within one of our large data centers at Redstone, Alabama. That data center has well over 11,000 applications, so we're reviewing which applications are we going to migrate to the cloud, which applications we'll kill and which that are not enterprise wide, but unique locally that we'll keep at that location."

Ferrell said the next major hurdle after closing the data centers and application migration to the cloud would be moving the Army to voice-over-Internet protocol, or IP, and unifying capability.

Cuts to have lasting impact on future Army

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Pentagon media roundtable, Feb. 3.

The 2016 budget will "help us mitigate that risk," Cheek said.

If sequestration were to return in 2016, that would take a nearly \$6 billion chunk out of the Army's \$126.5 billion fiscal 2016 budget request, said Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Horlander, director of the Army budget.

And, if reforms outlined by the recently released Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission report to Congress are not enacted, that would further impact every component of the Army's budget, Horlander said.

A third impact -- not as immediate as sequestration or entitlement reform -- would come from a future decision on base realignment and closure.

Another round of Defense Base Closure and Realignment, also known as BRAC, is necessary because the Army maintains upwards of 160 million square feet of excess facility space, which is not being utilized, said Davis Welch, deputy director of the Army budget. That extra capacity requires electricity, plumbing, heating, cooling and other attention, which eats into the budget.

Putting a face to readiness

Cheek provided an example of how the absence of training dollars can affect readiness, not just for one year, but for decades.

A captain who is a company commander needs command experience that is both realistic and challenging, Cheek said. In the absence of combat, that experience is best acquired by leading a company through a rotation at one of the Army's combat training centers.

A captain is usually in command of a company for two years or less, so if that experience isn't acquired in short order, "it's gone forever," Cheek said, explaining that the captain would then become a major and lead a battalion and perhaps stay in the Army for another 10, 15, 20 or even 30 years -- but would have a gap

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Maj. Gen. Gary Cheek

Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, G-3/5/7

in their leadership experience.

"Every leader has gaps in experience but we want to minimize those gaps," Cheek said. That's why "even budget decisions made in a single year will have a lasting impact on the Army."

Besides the captain, his entire company, and the battalion and brigade Soldiers above him would also lose those training opportunities and the Army would just have to hope they wouldn't be called upon to deploy, Cheek said.

Typically, about nine brigade combat teams are engaged in operations around the world, Cheek said, while the remainder are at home station recovering or preparing for deployments. Should one of those brigade combat teams, or BCTs, at home station miss a combat training center rotation or home-station training opportunity and be called upon to deploy because of some unanticipated large-scale event, they would be put more at risk going into harm's way.

Incidentally, renewed sequestration in 2016 would result in the number of BCTs dropping down to about 30, he said.

Additionally, by 2017, the number of combat aviation brigades could be expected to drop from 13 to 10, Cheek said.

Army structure

Another impact on readiness and budget will be determined by next year's findings of the Commission on the Structure of the Army. The commis-

sion's report, Cheek said, would have a bearing on the Army's Aviation Restructuring Initiative, or ARI, which calls for the Army National Guard transferring Apache helicopters to active-duty units, while active-duty units transfer Black Hawk helicopters to Guard units.

Another component of ARI, he said, is divesting the oldest of Army aircraft, while investing the savings into aircraft that are more suited to future missions and which are more easily maintained.

Portfolio previews

Welch said the Army is doing things now with its current fleet of helicopters to extend their useful lives and will continue to invest in incremental improvements just as it has been doing with its ground systems.

One of the improvements the Army is investing in is the Improved Turbine Engine Program, also known as ITEP, designed to make aircraft more powerful and fuel efficient, said Maj. Gen. Robert Dyess, director of Army Force Development, G-8. He said ITEP could also become relevant for the Army's Future Vertical Lift program.

Regarding ground systems, the Army is investing in upgrades to its fleet of tanks, Strykers, and Bradley Fighting Vehicles, Dyess said.

Progress with the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle program "looks pretty solid," Dyess said. "We're happy with the competition, which is good for the Army."

A fleet of vehicles known as the "Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles," or FMVT, is also receiving investments, he said. The FMVT program produces vehicles that are able to carry heavy payloads, and they are becoming more in demand.

Funding for the MIM-104 Patriot missile program, the Army's surface-to-air missile, is also on track and will continue to be an important program, not just for the Army but also for the combatant commander's joint force, Dyess said.

Welch said the Warfighter Information Network - Tactical is becoming increasingly important to battlefield networks and it is being budgeted. He said three brigades and a division headquarters will be fitted with WIN-T systems.

Cyber investments

Lastly, Army investment in cyber capabilities is now split between the intelligence and mission command portfolios.

Although cyber is vital, there's not a lot of investment at this time, Dyess said. The Army is pausing its investments as the cyber community defines its procurement requirements. "We're on the early side" of that, he said.

While the dollar amount in cyber will grow over time, there's still a sizable increase in cyber investments reflected in the 2016 budget, Welch said, meaning there is a 31 percent increase in procurement and 92 percent increase in research, development, testing and engineering.

Another reason for the pause, Cheek said, is to allow for statutory requirements to catch up to intelligence, communications and cyber capabilities. "We have to weave those to allow statutory requirements to stay aligned and yet still be effective."

Besides that, the Army is now deciding where to station all the new gear and what the training requirements will be, Cheek said. Getting it right is very important but it's also "very complicated."

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BEYA honors achievements, student outreach

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Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton, RDECOM commanding general, commended the award winners for their dedication to the Army and civil service excellence.

“RDECOM takes tremendous pride in the technical expertise of our workforce,” Wharton said. “The accomplishments of our award winners at the BEYA STEM Conference show that we have the world-class team of dedicated Army civilians that it takes to develop the best technologies to empower the joint warfighter.

“It is imperative that we recruit and retain the best minds in America. Our nation deserves nothing less. STEM educational outreach is important to growing the command’s future workforce of scientists and engineers, and BEYA STEM is key to ensuring that RDECOM will have the diverse and talented workforce we need to support the Joint Warfighter of 2040 and beyond.”

The following RDECOM scientists and engineers (in alphabetical order) were recognized.

Jean Christian Brutus

Jean Christian Brutus is a mechanical engineer at the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC).

Brutus has seven years of government service and started at CERDEC in 2010. He received a Most Promising Engineer award. He has worked with Home for our Troops to build a specially adapted house for a disabled veteran, served as a virtual judge for the 2014 eCYBERMISSION competition and spoke at the World Language Honor Society induction ceremony to explain how speaking multiple languages has impacted his career.

“Modern-Day Technology Leader awardees are bright women and men who are shaping the future of engineering, science and technology,” Brutus said. “I am honored to know that the U.S. Army leadership thinks of me that way.

“Science, technology, engineering and math education has allowed me to work in research and development, manufacturing, test and evaluation, and life-cycle sustainment. Most importantly, it has allowed me to support the front line of defense, our warfighters. I would recommend a STEM-related field to anyone I mentor.”

Doretha Green

Doretha Green is an industrial engineer at the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC).

Green has 20 years of government ser-



Photo by Conrad Johnson
RDECOM Commanding General Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton speaks with RDECOM awardees and other guests during the 2015 BEYA STEM Conference in Washington D.C., Feb. 6.

vice and 10 years at ECBC. She received the Outstanding Technical Contribution-Government award. She managed the first integration of a new Raman-based detection system onto a military platform to demonstrate the utility of this technology for chemical reconnaissance operations.

As a result of her leadership and program execution, the Rapid Area Sensitive-Site Reconnaissance system received a Joint Military Utility Assessment in 2012 from the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific Experimentation Center.

“It is a great honor made possible by my team of scientists, technology developers and integrators, engineers, the test and evaluation community, and the Soldiers and Marines who told us what they did and did not like about the technology,” Green said.

Dr. Reginald Hobbs

Dr. Reginald Hobbs is the associate director for experimentation at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL).

Hobbs has more than 30 years of computer industry experience and has worked at ARL since 2013.

He established the Network Science Research Laboratory to broaden network science research work by incorporating information, social and telecommunications network capabilities into an experimentation environment.

Hobbs received the Professional Achievement-Government award.

“It is both humbling and gratifying to have been selected for special recognition by the BEYA STEM Conference committee. It means that they felt that my accomplishments as a researcher and STEM educator have had an impact in influencing young people into science and engineering,” Hobbs said.

Ifeanyi Igwulu

Ifeanyi Igwulu is an electronics engineer at CERDEC.

Igwulu has been with CERDEC for five years and was recognized with a Most Promising Engineer award. He has volunteered for several deployments to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Igwulu’s technical expertise helped to ensure that Soldiers could perform tactical radio configuration/initialization and network management functions in support of Capability Set 2013 fielded units.

Gayla McMichael

Gayla McMichael is the outreach and diversity program manager at U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC).

McMichael, an AMRDEC employee since 1989, has led outreach events and activities that have engaged more than 13,000 students in the past year. She has established Army ties through seven education partnership agreements with minority higher educational institutions.

McMichael was recognized with the

Corporate Promotion of Education and Educational Leadership award.

“I love working with our nation’s youth,” she said. “They are our future leaders and STEM professionals. I take seriously my efforts toward inspiring the minds of tomorrow. Outreach and diversity is not just a job for me; it is my passion. I truly have the best job in the world, and God has been good to me.”

Fernando (Rios) Merritt

Fernando (Rios) Merritt is the logistics engineering team lead at AMRDEC.

In addition to his recognition at BEYA, Merritt recently won a Defense Manufacturing Technology Achievement Award for his work to integrate cold spray technologies into Army systems. He has more than 30 years of service with the Army and Air Force.

Merritt was recognized in the Professional Achievement, Community Service, Outstanding Technical Contribution and Career Achievement-Government categories.

“I was very honored and yet humbled to have been nominated and selected for one of the BEYA STEM awards this year,” Merritt said. “It was quite a surprise.

“I realize the awards are competitive and only go to those that have excelled and made major contributions in the areas of science and technology.”

Dr. Cyril Williams

Dr. Cyril Williams is a mechanical engineer with ARL.

Williams pioneered, developed and submitted a patent for a new experimental method for studying the response of materials under extreme dynamic conditions at the continuum, micro/meso and atomic levels simultaneously. He has worked at ARL since 2005 and is receiving a Professional Achievement award.

“Conferences such as the BEYA Conference are so important as they recognize excellence in science and engineering. I am very honored as an engineer with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory to be selected for such recognition and this is a testament of the quality research conducted at ARL,” he said.

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Did You Know?

An African-American was awarded a Medal of Honor for historic Civil War Battle of Mobile Bay.

Born on June 16, 1837, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania native John Lawson enlisted in the Navy in 1863. He was serving as a landsman with a berth deck ammunition party aboard the USS Hartford, a sloop-of-war steamer, during the Battle of Mobile Bay, Aug. 5, 1864, when he and other crew members were wounded by an incoming shell.

Despite a serious wound to his leg, Lawson stayed at his post and continued to supply the ship’s guns. He was one of 12 men who were awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism that day.

Lawson’s Medal of Honor citation reads:

“On board the flagship U.S.S. Hartford during successful attacks against Fort Morgan, rebel gunboats and the ram Tennessee in Mobile Bay on 5 August 1864. Wounded in the leg and thrown violently against the side of the ship when an enemy shell killed or wounded the 6-man crew as the shell whipped on the berth deck, Lawson, upon regaining his composure, promptly returned to his station and, although urged to go below for treatment, steadfastly continued his duties throughout the remainder of the action.”

After leaving the Navy in July 1865, Lawson returned to the Philadelphia area, where he raised a large family and earned his living as a huckster. He died in Philadelphia on May 3, 1919 and was buried in Mount Peace Cemetery, Lanside, New Jersey. He was 81.

Over time, the tombstone which marked his grave became unreadable and a fire at the cemetery offices destroyed burial records and the cemetery map. Lawson’s exact resting place is unknown. A new tombstone was dedicated in his honor April 24, 2004 and placed among at least 72 other Civil War veterans who are buried at Mount Peace. Local veterans groups, politicians, several of Lawson’s descendants, and community members attended the ceremony.

The USS Hartford was the flag ship of Rear Adm. David G. Farragut. The ship survived the battle which restored the important Gulf of Mexico port to Union control. The ship survived until 1956 when she sank while awaiting restoration at Norfolk, Virginia.



Yvonne Johnson, APG News

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Corriveau to serve as senior executive for Chem-Bio center

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in which he was responsible for overseeing initiatives to support the DOD and other government agencies with the most innovative science and technology solutions for chemical-biological defense.

The focus on innovation was evident when he launched programs that give ECBC engineers and scientists internal seed funding to develop high-potential chemical-biological defense into full projects.

“For more than a decade, Dr. Corriveau has been a key member of the ECBC leadership team that has built an impressive track record of major technical advances for the warfighter and national defense,” said Maj. Gen. John Wharton, commanding general of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, ECBC’s higher headquarters. “His leadership, dedication and focus on innovation will continue to pave the way for future advancements that will keep our soldiers and our nation safe from existing and emerging chemical and biological threats.”

RDECOM is the Army’s largest technology developer, ensuring the dominance of Army capabilities by creating, integrating and delivering technology enabled solutions to its soldiers. ECBC is one of RDECOM’s seven Army Research and Develop-

ment Centers.

It is the nation’s premier research and development facility for chemical and biological defense, and boasts state of the art facilities and some 1,400 world class scientists, engineers and technicians who have for nearly a century developed the equipment and expertise to keep both soldiers and the nation safe from chemical and biological threats. For example, ECBC developed the Field Deployable Hydrolysis System that was deployed on the Cape Ray ship last year to destroy 600 tons of Syria’s declared chemical weapons stockpile.

Corriveau joined ECBC in June 2003 as the deputy director of Research and Technology after serving in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics as the chief scientist for the DOD Chemical Biological Defense Program. Earlier in his career, he served as a senior analyst with the U.S. Army’s National Ground Intelligence Center.

Corriveau holds two degrees from Brown University: a doctorate in biology with an emphasis in cell and molecular biology, and a master of science in biology with an emphasis in biochemistry. He also holds a master of science in plant pathology from the University of Delaware and a bachelor of arts in biology from Saint Anselm College.



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BOOT CAMP KICKS SLIM DOWN CHALLENGE INTO HIGH GEAR

For participants in the 2015 Installation Slim Down Challenge, a special Boot Camp fitness class is offered every Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. For more information contact Capt. Joanna Moore, APG Performance Triad Action Officer, at 410-278-1773 or joanna.t.moore@us.army.mil

(Clockwise from top left)

- Boot Camp fitness instructor Kelly Albright, left, instructs participants on the proper squatting form;
- Slim Down Challenge participants perform burpee exercises. Burpees consist of dropping into a squatting position, kicking your legs back and arms out into a push-up position, returning to the squatting position and then jumping up to a standing position, all in quick succession.
- ARL employee Jennifer Warren, left, musters a smile with DES employee Lita Singh during pushup repetitions;
- From right, CPAC civilian Jackie Frieze, Julie Rosa of CERDEC and Gwen Bedwell of PEO C3T use a wall to perform modified pushups.



TANK, AUTOMOTIVE LEADERS VISIT ATEC

(Above) Maj. Gen. Gwen Bingham, commander of the U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command, standing, far left, serves as the Army Evaluation Command's guest speaker for leadership in test and evaluation during the 2015 APG Senior Leader Cohort Summit. At the summit, leaders engage in and promote strategic level discussions on key issues between stakeholders within the acquisition community

(Left) Col. Warline Richardson, center, military deputy of the Army Evaluation Center, welcomes TACOM LCMC Commander Maj. Gen. Gwen Bingham, left, and TACOM LCMC Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse L. Sharpe, Jr., right, to AEC.

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