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OPM ANNOUNCES SECOND DATA BREACH

OPM recently announced a data breach affecting the personal records of more than 21 million individuals. The breach – separate but related to a previous incident discovered in April – involved federal background investigation data.

It is highly likely that individuals who underwent a background investigation through OPM since 2000 are impacted by this cyber breach.

In the coming weeks, OPM will send notification packages to the individuals impacted; the packages will also provide details on the incident and information about how to access the identity theft monitoring and protection services to be provided to all impacted individuals.

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The summer heat doesn't bother MWR Outdoor Recreation Lifeguard Taylor Sturgill as she helps Alexander Martinez, 6, float on his back during a swim lesson at the APG North (Aberdeen) Olympic Pool July 10. Learn more about MWR swim lessons at www.apgmwr.com and view more photos on page 19.

Photo by Rachel Ponder

A fresh start for Maryland teens

ChalleNGe Academy welcomes 153 candidates to Class #45

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

More than 150 Maryland teenagers took a giant step toward turning their lives around after being accepted as candidates for Class #45 of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy (FCA) during in-processing at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center July 12.

"This is a second chance," said Quentin Banks, Jr., director of Public Affairs for the Maryland Military Department. "It's an

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Freestate ChalleNGe Academy 1st Sgt. Job Stringfellow directs applicants during the in-processing of Class #45 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center July 12. The "tough love" approach used by Stringfellow and his predecessors has helped graduate more than 4,000 cadets since the program's inception in 1993.



Elliott takes command of 1st AML

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

The 1st Area Medical Laboratory conducted a change of command ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, July 10.

During the ceremony, Col. Laura M. Elliott assumed command of the 1st AML from Col. Patrick M. Garman.

Part of the 44th Medical Brigade and 20th CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives) Command, the 1st AML deployed to Liberia in October 2014 to help contain the worst Ebola outbreak in history.

Col. Michael J. Talley, the commander of the Fort Bragg, North Carolina-based 44th Medical Brigade, praised Garman for his accomplishments during his two years in command of the one-of-a-kind Army unit.

"The expeditionary capabilities this combat multiplier brings to the fight are state of the art and have revolutionized the way we protect the force through disease surveillance and analytical laboratory testing and validation for environmental, endemic and CBRNE threats," Talley said.



Photo by Sean Kief

Col. Patrick M. Garman, right, prepares to relinquish command of the 1st Area Medical Laboratory to Col. Laura M. Elliott, left, during the change of command ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, July 10.

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Summer is a popular time for relocating to new areas. What advice would you give to newcomers to APG?

Go visit the local parks. I like going to Tydings Park in Havre de Grace. It's awesome. They have a play area for children, an eatery, and you can walk by the water on the promenade.



Andrea Kendrick
Civilian spouse

Check out local parks for hiking, fishing and kayaking. My family likes visiting Perryville Community Park, Elk Neck State Park and Susquehanna State Park. [MWR] Outdoor Recreation has equipment, like kayaks, available for rent.



Jeffrey Whitney
Military retiree

Visit the local library. There are many programs available for adults and children. It is a good place to meet others and find out what is going on. Find a local organization and get involved. If you have children, join the PTA. If you read, join a book club.



George Harrison
Military retiree

Learn the area and do some research on your own before purchasing a home. Don't just rely on what the realtors tell you.



Patience Davis
Military spouse

To save money, I go to Lancaster, Pennsylvania for outlet shopping. Or the Christina Mall in Delaware for tax-free shopping.



Katie Hockett
Military spouse

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Force structure reduction

Team APG,

As you are aware, our Army continues to assess our overall force structure reduction and stationing decisions as a part of the extremely difficult fiscal environment brought on by the Budget Control Act. In a press conference July 9, the Army responded to the realities of the Budget Control Act by announcing reductions over the next two years of 40,000 Soldiers.



Crawford

1. The reduction of 40,000 Soldiers will occur in fiscal years 2016 and 2017. This represents a cumulative cut of 120,000 Soldiers from the Regular Army, or 21 percent, since 2012. The announced cut in Soldier end-strength will be accompanied by a reduction of as many as 17,000 Department of the Army civilian employees. The analysis of civilian cuts is on-going. We anticipate having the impacts by installation in September-October 2015.

2. Aberdeen Proving Ground was negatively affected by the announced cuts, with an identified loss of 126 Soldiers. While the cuts have not been readily identified by individual commands and specific numbers, the Army Contracting Battalion and teams, PM Chemical Demilitarization, and TDA's at the Communications-Electronics Command, the Army Test and Evaluation Command, the Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center and Public Health Command have been mentioned when discussing the reduction of positions at APG.

3. If current law budget caps, commonly referred to as

sequestration, are not addressed, end-strength will be further reduced to 420,000 Soldiers by FY2019. This will result in a cumulative loss of 150,000 Soldiers from the Regular Army—a 26 percent cut over a seven year period. As a result, Army senior leaders assess that the resulting force would be incapable of simultaneously meeting current deployment requirements and responding to the overseas contingency requirements of the Combatant Commands.

4. The announced decisions are the result of a comprehensive analysis of mission requirements and installation capabilities that included public participation. The following factors played into the overall decision:

- a. Strategic considerations
- b. Costs and savings
- c. The results of the Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment including environmental and socio-economic impacts
- d. Community listening session input
- e. Mission Command requirements
- f. Statutory requirements and feasibility

Our Army is committed to minimizing the turbulence of this reduction for all members of the Army family. I am committed to keeping you informed as implementation guidance becomes available. Thank you for all you do every day in support of the APG team.

Trusted Professionals Always. Army Strong.

Respectfully,

MAJ. GEN. BRUCE T. CRAWFORD
APG Senior Commander

OPINION

Make every day a special occasion

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

With all the ugliness in today's world, I'm always refreshed by the sight of uplifting phrases or quotes. You see them all the time – spread across billboards, scrawled across t-shirts or posted on Facebook pages. I saw one recently that conjured up bittersweet memories. It suggested that we shouldn't save things for special occasions because every day or our lives is a special occasion. I agree with that wholeheartedly. But, I didn't always think that way.

I came to that conclusion on my own nearly 25 years ago in November 1990 when my unit was tapped for deployment to Operation Desert Shield/Storm. I was a Soldier and a single parent assigned to the 317th Maintenance Company at Darby Kaserne in Fuerth, Germany's, Nuremberg Military Community.

With just over three weeks to move out, my unit had no time to lose. Right away we went to 12-hour shifts. Our days were spent inspecting, packing and loading equipment and vehicles for transport by rail, sea and air to the Saudi Arabian desert. Family Care Plans were activated and within a few days my children were enrolled in school and settled in with my sister, who was an Army civilian in Stuttgart. As tough as it was, the separation left me free to turn my full attention to my squad.

Long, wearying days followed. Physicals, NBC training, weapons qualifications, powers of attorney, financial allotments, platoon meetings, commander briefings and mission requirements kept us fully occupied. I usually returned to my empty quarters late in the evening with a bag of fast-food takeout for dinner. I took to eating at the dining room alone with my thoughts. Naturally, I missed my kids and I thought (and prayed) a lot about the uncertain future just ahead.

I don't recall why I opened the dining room cabinet one

evening. I'm sure I was looking for something else when my gaze fell on a box of fine china that had been a house-warming present. We had never used it. I was saving it for a special occasion. On impulse, I opened the box, removed one full set of the four place setting, then closed it and placed it back on the shelf.

I ate my takeout meal on fine china that night. I sipped my soda from the delicate cup, balancing it on the saucer like it was high tea time in London. Every meal I ate at home until the day we moved out I ate on that china. Every morsel seemed extra special. Every sip, extra satisfying.

Never again, I told myself, would I save anything for a special occasion. Yes, I was going off to war.

But every day when we walk out our front doors we don't know if we'll return. We expect to. We hope to. But everyone who succumbs to a traffic accident expects and hopes the same.

From now on, I told myself, be it jewelry, champagne or a set of fine china, I'm going to enjoy it to the fullest. Tomorrow is promised to no one. I hoped to return to my family so we could resume our lives together and that happened. Today, they are grown with their own families and I enjoy every moment I spend with my beautiful grandchildren. I hope to pass on to them an appreciation of this gift of life and a determination not to leave this world with cupboards full of untouched gifts or purchases but with piles of worn out and thoroughly enjoyed

treasures.

A favorite quote of mine by President Abraham Lincoln states, "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years."

Moreover, the late, great humorist, Erma Bombeck said it best: "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything you gave me."

Life is for the living. So, live it.



APG SEVEN DAY FORECAST

Thurs



84° | 65°

Fri



85° | 68°

Sat



90° | 71°

Sun



91° | 72°

Mon



92° | 72°

Tue



90° | 71°

Wed



90° | 69°

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22nd Chem Battalion changes command

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

The 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) conducted a change of command ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, July 2.

Lt. Col. Eric B. Towns relinquished command of the APG-based “Guardians” to Lt. Col. Timothy E. Druell.

Part of the 48th Chemical Brigade, 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives), the 22nd Chemical Battalion also has units stationed at Fort Drum, New York. The 22nd Chemical Battalion is one of only two technical escort battalions in the U.S. Army.

The 20th CBRNE Command is the U.S. Army’s only formation that combats chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats around the globe.

Col. Sven Erichsen, the commander of the 48th Chemical Brigade, presided over the ceremony. Erichsen said the battalion traces its origins to Company C, 30th Engineers, which was later reorganized as the 1st Gas Regiment, during World War I.

“The Soldiers of C Company moved in close support of the American infantry divisions – preparing the assault with either a barrage of gas to open a hole in the German lines, or as frequently required, firing conventional high explosive munitions to pry the Germans out of their trenches,” Erichsen said.

“These Soldiers, the forerunners of the 22nd Battalion Guardians, were pioneers in the use of new weapons and provided a unique capability to Pershing’s Army,” he said.

Erichsen said today’s Guardians continue to uphold the 22nd Chemical Battalion’s legacy of service and innovation.

“Uniquely organized to combat the threat of CBRNE weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and faced with the fact that there are many potential enemies that may use these weapons, the Guardians aggressively prepare to face that threat wherever it may arise,”



It is an honor to stand among your ranks.

Lt. Col. Timothy E. Druell
Commander of the 22nd Chemical Battalion

Col. Sven Erichsen, right, commander of the 48th Chemical Brigade, passes the unit colors to Lt. Col. Timothy E. Druell at the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) change of command ceremony on Aberdeen Proving Ground, July 2.

Photo by Lamont Harbison

Erichsen said.

During his time in command, Towns led the battalion through several training exercises and transformed it into a deployable CBRNE Battalion Task Force.

“The battalion transformed from an organization that was exceptional at training and deploying CBRNE Response Teams to an organization that can now deploy as a CBRNE Bat-

talion Task Force made up of CBRNE company teams, defend itself in a non-permissive environment and assess WMD sites that may or may not be fully cleared of enemy forces,” Towns said.

Towns leaves APG to attend the U.S. Army War College.

Druell takes command of the 22nd Chemical Battalion after serving as the Chemical and Biological Branch Chief

at Joint Special Operations Command.

A graduate of The Citadel and native of Spartanburg, South Carolina, Druell has served as a platoon leader, company commander and staff officer in Special Operations and conventional U.S. Army units. He also served with the storied 75th Ranger Regiment on six operational deployments.

“It is an honor to stand among your ranks,” Druell said.



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Cyber Command tests ops kit at JUICE

By **JIM HAYES**
CECOM SEC

The Communications-Electronics Command's Software Engineering Center concluded the 2015 Joint Users Interoperability Communications Exercise, known as JUICE, at the end of June. The exercise provided participants a valuable opportunity to test communications interoperability across agencies in a cyber-environment.

New to JUICE this year was the U.S. Army Cyber Command's 101st Cyber Protection Team, which took the opportunity to validate the new Deployable Defensive Cyber Operations Kit, collecting data over the network and comparing it to similar data collected by the resident security event information management system. The opportunity to train and become familiar with the kit on a live network helped prepare the team for its upcoming real-world mission supporting CENTCOM.

Returning to JUICE this year, the National Security Agency focused on validating the operational readiness of its Trusted Cyber Sensor and developed a malicious data reporting process as part of a larger effort to develop a national security cyber solution.

The Department of Homeland Security also returned, with Federal Emergency Management Agency efforts focused on continuity of communications for National Security and Emergency Preparedness using the Multimedia Gateway to provide an interface between various government and federal agencies disparate communications networks and equipment. This is intended to test the ability of Amer-



Courtesy photo

JUICE is a joint event in which the Joint Cyber Cell institutes and manages a defensive cyber center where analysts can train and operate in defense of the Joint Task Force (JTF) network.

ica's warfighters, first responders and decision makers to communicate during a national emergency. Furthermore, this effort ensured interoperability between emergency agencies directly supporting Presidential Executive Order 12472 on National Security Preparedness.

Mother Nature also provided an unexpected communications challenge in the form of several solar coronal mass ejections, creating real world communications difficulties to transcend.

JUICE is a joint event, with the Joint NetOps Control Center providing

command and control while working to ensure network availability, flexibility and protection throughout the exercise, and the Joint Cyber Cell providing near real-time monitoring and cyber defense support of the Joint Task Force (JTF) network.

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BY THE NUMB#RS

Army Community Service celebrates 50 years

On Friday, July 17, Team APG will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Army Community Service noon to 4p.m. with a family-friendly event at the APG North (Aberdeen) bowling center and adjacent grounds. Army Community Service was founded July 25, 1965 to support U.S. Army Soldiers and their families worldwide.

16,303,770

Number of times ACS personnel tracked contact with Soldiers and family members who received support, resources and training from ACS programs.

10,000

ACS volunteers Army-wide who contribute approximately 500,000 hours of service every year.

300

Registered survivors who receive support through the APG Survivor Outreach Services program.

83

Army Community Service centers worldwide.

32

Years since the Army Family Action Plan, a grassroots initiative for identifying and prioritizing issues to enhance standards of living for Soldiers and their families, was formally adopted.

7

Years since Army OneSource, a web portal with ACS program resources, officially launched. Army OneSource was created to meet the needs of a more technologically advanced and geographically dispersed society.

By **RACHEL PONDER** APG News
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GEMS students explore computer science

Students of the 2015 APG GEMS Computer Science course explore how computer science relates to their lives through hands-on exercises with microcontrollers, during a lesson led by CERDEC Software Engineering Directorate engineers.

APG GEMS (Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science) is a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) summer program funded by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and managed by the Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP) office. Learn more about APG GEMS at www.usaeop.com.

Natick honors former commander killed in Afghanistan

By **BOB REINERT**
USAG Natick

To honor a former Natick Soldier Systems Center, or NSSC, commander, who was killed in Afghanistan, the Town of Natick renamed the street that leads to the installation's gates, July 10.

"General Greene Avenue" was dedicated in the name of Maj. Gen. Harold J. "Harry" Greene, who died Aug. 5, 2014, at age 55. At the time of his death, he was deputy commander of the Combined Security Transition Command.

Greene became the highest-ranking U.S. officer killed on foreign soil during wartime since the Vietnam War. He had served as Natick's senior commander from 2009 to 2011.

The dedication ceremony was attended by his widow, Dr. Susan Myers, children Army 1st Lt. Matthew Greene and Amelia Greene, daughter-in-law Kasandra Greene, father Harold F. Greene, and brothers Jon Greene and Steve Greene. The ceremony featured the unveiling of the street sign on the corner of North Main Street and the former Kansas Street.

Myers said that Greene loved Natick not just because he was a Massachusetts native and the state was home to his favorite teams, but because the installation's mission was so important.

"I especially loved Harry's gift of translating complex ideas so that everyone could understand what needed to be done and then encouraging us to do and be our best," Myers said. "Many of you know how he loved to make this tough work fun but also ensure that we planned for the future, such as getting resources to improve facilities, to recognize people for their excellence, and to thank us for supporting him."

After the dedication, a "Soldier's Cross" - consisting of a bronze helmet, inverted rifle with bayonet, and combat boots - was revealed near the NSSC main gate. The memorial to Greene was funded by Hanscom Federal Credit Union, and the Natick Veterans Relief Fund donated the benches placed near by. The memorial bears a plaque that includes Greene's name, dates of his birth and death, the years of his command at Natick, and this inscription: "A Soldier's Soldier who truly served his Nation with honor."

The dedication of General Greene Avenue marked the end of a year-long, \$2.5 million project to improve the roadway. The collaborative effort involved the Town of Natick, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and NSSC.

Josh Ostroff, of the Natick Board of Selectmen, called it a "worthy endeavor," noting that the man for whom the avenue is named "encouraged collaboration and teamwork. He loved his country and he used his unique skills as an engineer, a communicator, a team builder and a leader to serve the nation, and that was the hallmark of his career and of his time leading this base."

Ostroff also read letters from U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, U.S. Sen. Ed Markey of Massachusetts, and U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark of Massachusetts.

Massachusetts State Senate and House of Representatives resolutions were read by Sen. Richard J. Ross and Sen. Karen E. Spilka, and Rep. David Linsky, respectively.

Maj. Gen. Scott Rice, the adjutant general of the Massachusetts National Guard, attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with Greene. He related a piece of advice that Greene was fond of sharing.

"He said, 'Everything you do - everything - is about people,'" Rice recalled. "I thank God for that time that I had with my friend, Harry Greene, and his family."

Brig. Gen. William Cole, current NSSC senior commander, recalled how Greene was once his boss and how he would rise early one day each week for a video teleconference with Cole, who was in Afghanistan.

"I loved working for General Greene," Cole said. "He always helped me solve problems and meet challenges. Whenever we spoke, he gave me 100 percent of his attention and shared smart advice that came not only from his head, but also from his heart."

"He was a universally admired leader. I thank God for having put General Greene in our lives, and I ask that we all do our best to exemplify his legacy of selfless leadership."

John Harlow, Greene's public affairs officer at NSSC, remembered the fun-loving side of his former boss. He asked those in attendance to adopt some of



Photo by David Kamm

1st Lt. Matthew Greene unveils the sign for "General Greene Avenue," the roadway leading to the gates of the Natick Soldier Systems Center, or NSSC, which was renamed July 10, 2015, in honor of his father and NSSC's former commander, Maj. Gen. Harold J. "Harry" Greene, who was killed in Afghanistan, Aug. 5, 2014.

Greene's zest for life.

"Smile a little more often, laugh a little more often, and truly care about the people around you," Harlow said. "If you do that, there will be a little bit of General Greene in each and every one of you."

Myers said that Greene loved the people of Natick like they were his family.

"Harry loved the challenge of helping find sustainable and effective solutions to tough problems and was not afraid to tell people what he thought they needed to hear," said Myers, "even if it was not popular or something we wanted to hear."

"We can do better like Harry did by taking responsibility, accountability and leading by example. Thank you for your dedicated service and for helping us carry Harry's legacy forward by actively contributing to the betterment of our families, communities, nation and the world."

Myers joked that Greene was always working on his social skills while at Natick.

"Harry loved to get to know as many of you as possible because he genuine-

ly cared and loved you as he loved his family," Myers said. "He loved the joke about the extrovert engineer being the one who looked at other people's shoes instead of his own."

After the ceremonies, Greene's son spoke about memories of his father.

"I would remember my father as a very intelligent man," Matthew said. "He was someone that was probably one of the Army's leading technological innovators. He liked to shake things up."

"My father was a hard worker, a dedicated Army man. He spent a lot of time on the road, especially as I got older, making sure that he fulfilled his duties to the country. But there was always time and opportunity ... for his family."

Editor's Note: Maj. Gen. Harold Greene served as the deputy commanding general for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command headquartered at APG from May 2009 to May 2011. He then served as the Program Executive Officer, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, also headquartered at APG, from May 2011-2012.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

events&town halls

FRIDAY, JULY 17

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Team APG is invited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Army Community Service during a family-friendly event at the APG North (Aberdeen) bowling center and adjacent grounds Friday, July 17 from noon to 4 p.m.

Open to the entire community, the celebration will include bounce houses, face painting and games, as well as displays and program information about the services offered by ACS.

For more information call 410-278-7572/4372.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

GARRISON CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

Davis D. Tindoll, director of U.S. Army Installation Management Command, Atlantic Region, invites Team APG to a change of command ceremony during which APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory R. McClinton will relinquish command to Col. James E. Davis.

The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE DAY & EXPO

APG Army Community Service, in partnership with the APG Military Personnel Office/Directorate of Human Resources, the Susquehanna Workforce Network, and Department of Labor Licensing & Regulation, Local Veterans Employment Representative, will offer an Employment Resource Day & Expo at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center open to all job seekers in the community.

Attendees should dress in business attire and bring plenty of resumes.

For more information, call the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program at 410-278-9669/7572.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1

2ND GARRISON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SYMPOSIUM

The APG Garrison and the Directorate of Human Resources are proud to announce the installation's 2nd Garrison Professional Development Training Symposium Sept. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Top of the Bay.

More details are to follow. For more information, contact Celestine Beckett at 410-306-2333 or celestine.beckett.civ@mail.mil.

meetings&conferences

THURSDAY JULY 16

WOA "SILVER" CHAPTER QUARTERLY MEETING

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association's Aberdeen-Edgewood "Silver" Chapter will hold its quarterly meeting 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. 16 July 2015 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326.

For additional information, contact retired CW4 Jesse Fields at 410-278-9673/908-956-3368 or jesse.p.fields.ctr@mail.mil

For more information about the WOA Aberdeen-Edgewood chapter, visit <http://www.apgwoa.org>.

FRIDAY JULY 24

CBRNE GREEN DRAGON BALL

Celebrate the 97th year of the U.S. Army Chemical Corps during the Annual National Capitol Region 2015 Joint CBRNE Green Dragon Ball starting 6 p.m. at The Waterford, 6715 Commerce Street, Springfield, Virginia 22150. This event will be hosted by Lt. Gen. Thomas W. Spoehr, director, Army Office of Business Transformation, Office of the Under Secretary of the Army. The keynote speaker is Brig. Gen. William E King IV, Deputy ACoS, G3/5/7, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. To RSVP, register, or for more information, visit the Green Dragon Ball website at <http://www.ecbc.army.mil/greendragonball/> or email usarmy.APG.ecbc.mbx.green-dragon-ball@mail.mil.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19

31ST ANNUAL WOMENS EQUALITY DAY OBSERVANCE

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

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

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

health&resiliency

THURSDAY JULY 16

C4ISR HEALTH EXPO

CECOM will host an "Enhancing Resiliency- Strengthening Our Professionals" health expo 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mallette Mission Training Facility, Bldg. 6008 on the C4ISR campus.

Activities include weight loss circuits and seated massage; health screenings for vision, blood pressure, fat analysis and more; with topics on self-defense education; stress and weight management; financial wellness, sleep disorders, commuter information; nutrition; life insurance and much more.

Representatives on hand will include the APG Army Wellness Center; Army Substance Abuse Program; Family and Morale, Welfare & Recreation; Army Community Service; and various health care providers.

Door prizes and promotional giveaways will be available.

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

TUESDAY JULY 21

SCREAMING ABOUT SCREENINGS INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a Screaming About Screenings Informational Session, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bldg. 6001, second floor, room 224, in the ACC Training Room. This event, open to APG civilians, contractors and military, includes screenings and tests that are important parts of disease prevention. Visitors will learn the importance of keeping up with preventive screenings, understanding the numbers, and scheduling regular checkups.

Non-C4ISR employees must register to attend by July 15.

To request sign language interpreters or other disability-related accommodations, contact the CECOM EEO Office at 443-861-4355 by July 7.

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

JULY 21, 23 & 28

DENTAL CLINIC CLOSURE

The APG South (Edgewood) dental clinic will be closed Tuesday, July 21; Thursday, July 23; and Tuesday, July 28 due to provider shortage. All patients will be routed to the APG North (Aberdeen) Dental Clinic.

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Tasheva Pouncey, senior dental NCO, at 410-278-1795 or tasheva.l.pouncey.mil@mail.mil.

WEDNESDAY JULY 22

PERRY POINT VETERANS OPEN HOUSE

The VA Maryland Health Care System and the Baltimore VA Regional Office will host a Summer of Service Open House, Navigation Seminar & Town Hall 1 to 4 p.m. in the Gymnasium, Bldg. 314, at the Perry Point VA Medical Center in Perryville, Maryland.

VA staff will be on hand to help veterans apply for VA health care and compensation benefits and to answer questions about VA Maryland Health Care System and the Baltimore VA Regional Office services. During a Navigation Seminar & Town Hall, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the medical center theater, veterans will learn about specific programs and services offered by the VA Maryland Health Care System and the Baltimore VA Regional Office. Veterans applying for VA services should bring a photo ID and financial information from the previous year as well as their DD-214 (discharge papers), though it is not required. Veterans seeking claim related issues should contact the Baltimore VA Regional Office at 410- 637-6950 to ensure they bring the appropriate documents.

This event is free and open to military veteran and their families.

For more information, call the Community Outreach Office for the VA Maryland Health Care System at 1-800-949-1003, ext. 6071.

FRIDAY JULY 31

DENTAL CLINIC CLOSURE

The APG Dental Clinic will open for sick call 7 to 8:30 a.m. and then close for the remainder of the day for Commander's Call. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class TaSheva Pouncey, senior dental NCO, at 410-278-1795 or tasheva.l.pouncey.mil@mail.mil

TUESDAY AUG. 4

DE-STRESS INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Center of Excellence will host a De-Stress Info Session featuring Yogilates: Fitness, Health & Joy, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000. This event is open to all members of Team APG. For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901, tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

ARMY WELLNESS CENTER AT APG SOUTH CLINIC

The Army Wellness Center is seeing clients at the APG South (Edgewood) clinic, Bldg. E4110. Clients can have metabolism and body composition assessments and other services without having to drive to APG North (Aberdeen). Service members and their family members, retirees and Army civilians can make an appointment through the APG North AWC, or be referred by their unit or primary health care provider at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Upcoming APG South AWC dates are:

- July 23, 29
- Aug 13, 25
- Sep 10, 22

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

ONGOING

WEAR BLUE: RUN TO REMEMBER HARFORD COUNTY/APG

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

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

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

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

Upcoming dates include:

- August 8
- September 12
- October 10

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

THROUGH 2015

2015 CPR, AED CLASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

family&children

JULY 13-17

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The APG Main Post Chapel will host Everest Vacation Bible School July 13-17, free to children pre-school through sixth grade from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Children will participate in Bible-learning activities, singing, team-building activities and interactive games. Each day concludes with a Summit Celebration at 8 p.m., when parents are invited to attend and see what their children learned that day.

Space is limited. To register, visit <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/APGChapel-vbs2015>.

For more information, or to serve as a volunteer, call John Mark Edwards, director of religious education, at 410-278-2516.

miscellaneous

THROUGH JULY 31

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The annual hydrant flushing at APG starts June 22 and run through July 31, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The schedule is tentative and will be followed as closely as possible.

- July 13-17: Plumb Point Loop, restricted areas
- July 20-24: ARL, restricted areas
- July 27-31: ARL, restricted areas

For more information, contact government representative, Dennis Overbay at 443-206-8910 or City of Aberdeen representative, Roger Hall at 410-272-1449

ONGOING

HOT WORK PERMIT

The APG Fire and Emergency Services has a new phone number to request a Hot Work Permit. A permit can be obtained by calling 410-306-0001. When is a Hot Work Permit required?

A Hot Work Permit is required before

performing electric and gas welding, cutting or soldering operations requiring an open flame device, and for outdoor cooking with a grill, or similar device.

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

THROUGH 2015

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES

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

Local Hazards Course:

This is a 30-minute course is for personnel who are new to APG. It is a mandatory course for all APG service members, family members, DOD civilians, and contractors who are licensed motorcycle drivers. Those on temporary duty (TDY) at APG for more than 30 day also are required to take the course. Additional classes will be added as needed.

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

Course dates: July 9; Aug. 13; Sept. 17; Oct. 8; Nov. 12; and Dec. 10.

Intermediate Driver's Course:

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

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

Course dates: July 9; Aug. 13; Sept. 17; Oct. 8; Nov. 12 and Dec. 10

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

THROUGH 2015

RETIRING SOON? UNCLE SAM WANTS TO THANK YOU!

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

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

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

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

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

ONGOING

SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS BONUS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MORE ONLINE

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Rapid prototyping for quick delivery of airborne command post solution

By **KATHRYN BAILEY**

CERDEC Command, Power & Integration Directorate

The Army recently began fielding a network communications system that provides real-time, in-flight situational awareness to commanders and paratroopers to better support forcible entry operations from takeoff to jump.

The Enroute Mission Command Capability, or EMC2, came about by way of a government-to-government development partnership that produced a ruggedized network and workspace solution for the C-17 aircraft.

“When we received the EMC2 requirements from the Army, we knew we would require specialized engineering support to quickly build what is essentially a flying command post,” said Lt. Col. Joel Babbitt, product manager for Warfighter Information Network-Tactical Increment 1, or WIN-T, which manages EMC2. “We immediately reached out to our partners in the rapid prototyping and integration community.”

WIN-T teamed with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command’s communications-electronics center, or CERDEC. The center’s Command, Power and Integration Directorate led the effort for CERDEC and leveraged its C4ISR Prototype Integration Facility to complete the requirements.

The C4ISR PIF provides engineering design, development, fabrication, installation, integration, testing and fielding support for shelter, vehicular, aircraft, watercraft and Soldier prototype C4ISR systems.

“Our partners in WIN-T sent us the EMC2 engineering requirements in November 2013, and in nine months we delivered,” said Christopher Manning, chief, CERDEC CP&I Prototyping, Integration and Testing Division.

The task included creating and delivering robust communications and transit cases to house radios, power supplies, and Internet capabilities for mission command applications and Secure Voice Over Internet Protocol required for phone calls, chat and email.

One critical transit case was designated for the Key-leader Extension Node, or KEN.

“The KEN is a mobile hot spot that includes everything required to connect to the Internet and reach back to the unit’s home station while on the C-17,” said James Shannon, CERDEC EMC2 project lead.

Each communications and transit case had to meet stringent standards for mobility, functionality and strength.

First, they had to conform to a four-man weight lift limit per military standards even though they are wheeled. Second, the communications equipment could not produce electromagnetic interference with other command and control or airplane systems. Finally, the cases had to withstand the sometimes powerful vibration that occurs inside the C-17.



Soldiers configure the communications systems housed within ruggedized transit cases to allow in-flight secure network access and mission command for increased situational awareness, as part of the Enroute Mission Command Capability (EMC2) demonstration held May 14 at Pope Army Air Field, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Photo by Amy Walker, PEO C3T

“We tested all communications capabilities with WIN-T, but to conform to strict Air Force C-17 airworthy standards, we employed our environmental test lab to create conditions specific to in-flight conditions,” Shannon said.

“By testing for a variety of environmental issues, such as vibration, temperature, humidity, altitude, and shock, we are able to identify and rectify many issues before our customers conduct their own tests.”

Another major system requirement was to create a workspace for paratroopers and their laptops that provided Internet connectivity and physical stability while also leaving ample floor space to prepare for a jump. CERDEC engineers’ modular workstation design configures for up to seven users, connects to the Ethernet, securely ties down to the floor of

the C-17 and partially collapses to create a clear exit path.

To ensure the workstation remained secure throughout the flight, engineers conducted a pull-test that mimicked the gravitational pull a C-17 endures during takeoff and landing.

The 50th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 35th Signal Brigade, which supports the XVIII Airborne Corp’s Global Response Force, or GRF, recently demonstrated EMC2 aboard a C-17 at Pope Army Air Field, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The demonstration included establishing the entire EMC2 configuration

from beginning to end.

“The system is built and configured in a way that makes it ideal for expeditionary missions,” said 1st Lt. Michael Laquet, 50th ESB platoon leader, who oversees the operation and maintenance

of the EMC2 equipment. “Thanks to its modular design, we can deploy a package tailored to the mission quickly and easily, and after only one training session, my Soldiers were able to install the system in under an hour.”

One of the most critical capabilities using EMC2 is the paratrooper’s ability to watch live full motion video feeds of their drop zones. Derived from unmanned aerial vehicles, paratroopers can view threats on the ground right up to their jump. Additional upgrades for the EMC2 include separate video screens configured to hook directly onto the workstations, providing Soldiers with an up-close view of operational information.

EMC2, now referred to as the Army’s “flying command post,” has greatly reduced the unknowns that paratroopers can face during their often dangerous descent to the ground. The planned enhancements will further decrease these risks.

“Our engineers are already working with WIN-T on future iterations of EMC2, including nodes for key leaders and support staff flying in multiple aircraft,” Manning said.

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Sharon Reed ASAP program support assistant

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

Sharon Reed has been a support assistant for the APG Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) since May 2015.

“Basically I’m a receptionist for

everyone who comes in and out of the office,” Reed said.

In addition to greeting customers at the door and answering phone calls, Reed preps patient charts for the clinical side and is responsible for main-

taining the records room. She also schedules patient appointments and inputs their demographics into the computer.

ASAP provides services to active-duty military members. Reed said she helps refer civilians and family members to outside resources, and also helps with the preventive side of ASAP.

Reed has been a federal employee for more than 20 years and has worked in various positions. Previously, she worked in the medical records department for the surety mission at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic in APG South (Edgewood). She said she’s happy to be working for ASAP because she believes the program can help people.

“I’ve been wanting to be in the atmosphere of substance abuse to help other people” she said. “I would say that’s a passion I have – to help people get where they need to be.”

Reed said eventually she’d like to continue her education in the substance abuse field where she can put her people skills to good use. She said she excels at empathizing with other’s problems.

“Ultimately I want to be able to either do drug screening or do any type of counseling,” she said. “I try to put myself where the other person is so I can understand.”

For more information, contact Reed at 410-436-1987, or email sharon.g.reed.civ@mail.mil.



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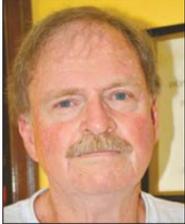
MEMORIES OF 'NAM



War fulfilled his desire to serve

Story and photos by
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APG News

Harford County native James F. O'Neill joined the U.S. Air Force in January 1966. O'Neill scored an 85 on an Air Force qualifier exam while he was still in high school. He said he knew he'd have to go into the service "one way or the other" so when he enlisted, just a few months after graduation, he stuck with the same branch.



O'Neill

"I figured it was just as good a choice as any," he said. "I didn't get the field I wanted, but at that time there wasn't a whole lot going on [in Vietnam]."

O'Neill grew up around airplanes. The Aberdeen native recalled when he and his brother would accompany their father to the old Aberdeen Air Park. His father, an Air Force veteran turned salesman and flight instructor flew for more than 65 years, including combat missions during World War II, and logged more than 40,000 hours.

O'Neill's military roots extend to his maternal grandfather, a World War I doughboy whose photographs and medals are displayed in his den. He even has a stamped 1918 envelope from a letter that was sent to his grandmother from "the front" as well as his grandfather's original ID tags.

One who likes to work with his hands, O'Neill said he didn't back away from serving. Instead, he looked forward to carrying on the family tradition.

"The Air Force seemed like a good fit, but I didn't go into mechanics, I joined the Air Force police," he said. "I think now they call them SPs."

His first assignment was at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey.

"It wasn't bad. The duty was light and I used to drive home on every three-day break," he said, adding that he stayed there 18 months before he got bored.

"I just didn't feel like I was accomplishing anything, I didn't feel like I was serving," he said.

He put in for a transfer and two weeks later received orders for Vietnam.

"I was excited, and ready to do my part," he said. "I wasn't afraid. That's the kind of attitude that'll get you killed."

O'Neill arrived at Nha Trang Air Base the first week of January 1968 and was assigned to the 14th Combat Support Group.

"It was rainy as hell," he said, adding that despite the rain, it took "about a month" to adjust to the heat.

"After my first two or three weeks there, things got serious. Mortars started falling," he said.

O'Neill's job was security and law enforcement but he also "did some time in the motor pool helping those guys out."

Typical guard duty was spent clutching a compass in one of the towers that lined the base perimeter.

"You looked for a muzzle flash and you lined up an azimuth on the muzzle flash and then called it in so they could locate the mortars," he said. "Shrapnel from mortars would easily flatten the tires on the M151 jeeps."

The air base supported C47 gunships, C-130 and C-121 transport aircraft operations and contained other headquarters such as the Army's 5th Special Forces Group headquarters as well as elements of the South Vietnamese Army.

While he heard about the Tet Offensive that began shortly after he arrived in 'Nam, O'Neill said his unit wasn't directly involved, though security became much tighter and they were no longer authorized to wear civilian clothes while off duty.

He said his time on the ground in 'Nam helped fulfill his need to serve.

"What we were doing was important," he said. "I felt like I was accomplishing something; like I was doing my part to stop the spread of Communism."

After 11 months and "20-something days" O'Neill left 'Nam Dec. 28, 1968. He did six months at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia and was honorably discharged from the Air Force with three-and-one-half years of service. The Air Force Commendation Medal and other awards decorate his den alongside those of his father and grandfather.

O'Neill returned to his job at the Maryland House gas station and then used his GI Bill to study Automotive Engineering Technology at Harford Community College.

"The next three years of my life it was school and work every day," he said.

He took a position as an IBM Selectric II typewriter repairman and serviced machines throughout his territory of Cecil County but resigned after a year due to the "gas crunch."

He returned to the gas station and then fixed typewriters for the Baltimore City school system and other office machine companies before he "got on at APG" under the Veterans Readjustment Act (VRA) in 1981.

O'Neill said he wanted to join the Typewriter Shop but was instead accepted to the Ballistics Research Lab (BRL).

"Again, it wasn't what I wanted but like my friends said, 'hey, it gets your foot in the door,'" he chuckled.

The outdoor job involved setting up test sites for government and contract projects. O'Neill said after about 18 months he was offered a permanent position that involved working with chemical agents.

"I didn't want that job," he said. He instead took a position as an engineering aid modifying Army gas masks. He traveled to Europe and Panama measuring Soldiers' faces and distributing questionnaires geared toward upgrading the standard protective mask.

After the Reduction in Force of 1988, O'Neill went on to hold several positions with the post Directorate of Public Works in the metal shop, as an automotive inspector, and as a high voltage electrician. He was part



A photo of James F. O'Neill during his service as an Air Force police officer is displayed in a shadow box in his den along with his medals, unit patches and other keepsakes. The Vietnam veteran served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1969 and retired from the APG Directorate of Public Works in 2012 after 31 years of government service.

of what he called "the high priority eagle program" that saw the placement of thousands of foil reflectors on the installation's high wires to prevent bald eagle deaths.

"It's all we did for weeks; sometimes weekends too," he said, "but it was all worth it to save the eagles."

He retired from DPW in 2012.

O'Neill never married. After he lost his mother in 2006 and his father in 2010 he sold the family home in Aberdeen and settled in North East.

"I like a nice, comfortable life without a lot of drama," he said.

Thinking back on 'Nam, O'Neill said he's unsure to this day exactly who won.

"Did we accomplish anything? I think our fighting at least stopped the spread of Communism long enough so it didn't get a foothold in other countries," he said. "I think everybody at the time thought we were doing the right thing and I think we accomplished something even though we

did eventually pull out."

Highly charged and passionate about his beliefs, O'Neill said he'd like to see a "kinder world" but realizes "there are some things – no matter how strongly you feel about them – that you cannot change."

He said he follows new coverage of terrorism and is concerned about threats to the nation, particularly from groups like the Islamic State known as ISIS.

"People thank me for my service and I tell them I wish I could do more," he said. "I want to see us back to being a strong country. Evil will take over this world if we don't do something to stop it. How about us getting back over there and stamping out that evil."

He said he remains proud of his service and is even prouder of the nation's armed forces.

"I don't think there's anything they can't handle," he said. "They know the meaning of service."

Pueblo Chemical Agent Destruction plant halfway through first mission



On July 6, the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant's Explosive Destruction System, known as PCAPP EDS, surpassed the halfway mark in its initial operation at the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado.

The destruction campaign, seen in progress at left, which launched March 18, comprised of a total of 560 munitions and Department of Transportation bottles.

The safe and reliable management of the PCAPP EDS by the Army's Joint Project Manager for Elimination, coupled with the long-standing dependability of the system developed and owned by the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity, and the experience of Edgewood Chemical Biological Center's highly trained operators are synced with Pueblo Chemical Depot teams to make chemical weapons history.

Photo by PEO ACWA

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ALL THINGS MARYLAND

The Lafayette Trail

Explore Havre de Grace history on foot

Story and photos by
STACY SMITH
APG News

Havre de Grace residents and visitors can view highlights of the city's culture, history and architecture while driving, walking or biking the Lafayette Trail, a three-mile self-guided tour through its renowned historic district.

The Lafayette Trail provides visitors with a small sample of the 800 historic structures that make up the rich history of Havre de Grace. In addition to dwellings, the trail includes churches, museums, parks, hotels, theatres and service facilities.

The tour has more than 50 stops, starting at The Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace at the Lockhouse and ending at Goll's Bakery, the city's oldest family-owned bakery. The trail's path is marked by blue signs and lines painted along the sidewalk.

The Lafayette Trail crosses Market Street, where visitors can catch a glimpse of the Susquehanna River and the Philadelphia, Wilmington, & Baltimore Railroad Bridge, built in 1906 and still in use.

Visitors are encouraged to venture onto side streets and alleys for additional sites and interesting architecture. Many structures include summer kitchens (outbuildings with a chimney), carriage houses, outdoor ovens and barns or livery stables, where horses were once housed.

The trail is named in honor of French Gen. Marquis de Lafayette, who fought for the U.S. during the American Revolutionary War. Lafayette visited the area several times and remarked that it reminded him of the French seaport city, Le Havre de Grace, "Harbor of Mercy." Inspired by Lafayette's comments, the residents incorporated the town as Havre de Grace in 1785.

According to the trail's sponsor, the Havre de Grace Historic Preservation Commission, the history of the city begins with the voyage of Capt. John Smith in 1608. Maryland enacted a treaty with the Susquehannock Indians in 1652 which cleared the way for settlements. The first ferry across the Susquehanna was established a little over 40 years later and remained in operation for 170 years.

Havre de Grace was nearly named



(Above) This 1880 Queen Anne style house along the Lafayette Trail was the home of prominent, former Havre de Grace resident A.P. McCombs, owner of the Havre de Grace Iron Works, a local newspaper and president of the First National Bank.

(Above, inset) Blue "Walk the Lafayette Trail" signs are scattered throughout the Havre de Grace historic district.

(Left) The Spencer-Silver Mansion, constructed in High Victorian style, is one of the largest historic houses in Havre de Grace. Originally built as a private residence around 1896, the bed and breakfast is a popular feature along the Lafayette Trail.



the U.S. capital; it tied with Washington during a vote in the House of Representatives. The Industrial Revolution of the late 1800s changed the face of Havre de Grace when the canneries, lumber yards, mills, factories and ice houses that

cropped up along its waterfront grew the city's economic potential.

Today, Havre de Grace is recognized for its small town ambience and picturesque waterfront views. For more information, or a map of the Lafayette

trail, visit www.havredegracemd.com, or contact the Havre de Grace Visitor's Center at 410-939-2100. Guided tours are available for \$12. Call 410-939-0565, or visit www.mainstreethdg.com for more information.

Wellness Center celebrates weight-loss success

Army Wellness Center

Weight is something that most American's struggle with day in and day out. The APG Army Wellness Center (AWC) seeks not only to motivate but to inspire and encourage clients to meet their health and fitness goals.

Whether it is to gain, maintain or lose weight or body fat, or change or eliminate habits as simple as drinking soda every day, AWC health educator Erin Flaherty said wellness center staff members "are there to help out every step of the way."

One client, who Flaherty said stands out to her as an AWC success story, is Cynthia Fountain, a retiree family member.

"She had been very inactive for many years and over time continued to gain more weight," Flaherty said. "After having knee replacements in both knees in 2006, she became a little more active, but she hated to exercise."

By December 2014, Fountain's primary care physician at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic suggested a visit to the AWC.

According to Fountain, she left his office and went directly upstairs to the wellness center to make her first appointment, despite some reservations.

"I was skeptical since I was so out of shape," Fountain said.

During her first appointment, Flaherty performed metabolic and body fat tests on Fountain to determine her starting point and provided a guide for setting realistic goals.

"These were easy tests; all I had to do was lie down and breathe, and then sit in the Bod Pod machine for about a minute," Fountain said.

Based on the results of the metabolic and body fat tests, as well as Fountain's age and fitness level, Flaherty recommended a strict calorie intake of just 1223 calories a day, along with several days of exercise each week.

"I wasn't put on any kind of diet or restrictions of particular foods," Foun-

tain said. "Erin said I can eat anything I want to as long as I stick to the calorie number she gave me. So it's all about portion control."

Fountain said she also followed Flaherty's advice to eat small amounts, but to eat often to avoid feeling hungry.

"I've still been eating pretty much the same foods I had always eaten; I just cut down the portion size," she said.

"My husband and I go out to dinner at least once a week and we've done some traveling where we're eating out for a week or more. I usually have to choose between wine, bread with butter, or dessert.

"I am 56 years old and this has been the easiest way I've ever found to lose weight. I saw results immediately! In the first month I had lost about 10 pounds and several inches. People had begun to notice the changes and would come up to me and mention how good I was looking."

As of June 2015, Fountain has lost 40 pounds and more than six inches from her waist.

"In December, I was wearing size 16 wide/extra large and now my new clothes are sizes 8/10 medium," she said. "I was even confident enough to wear a two piece swimsuit on our vacation in May."

According to Fountain, after her husband, Flaherty has been her biggest supporter during her path to a healthy lifestyle.

"Erin has cheered with me for my successes and has felt pride in knowing she's helping me feel like a new person," Fountain said. "She also gets excited when I weigh in and the numbers are getting lower and lower. She encourages me, praises me and answers any questions I have."

Flaherty said she is proud of Fountain's accomplishments and continues to provide guidance and support through her journey to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

"Mrs. Fountain's hard work and ded-



Courtesy photos

On the left is a photo of APG Army Wellness Center client Cynthia Fountain before she began her path toward a healthier lifestyle with the help of AWC health educator Erin Flaherty. On the right is a recent photo of Fountain, after losing 40 pounds and six inches from her waist since December 2014.

ication has shown not only physically, but her overall health has improved. Her commitment to change has given her great success," Flaherty said. "She has been a great role model to all of us here at the AWC and to her friends and family."

The APG North (Aberdeen) AWC is located in Kirk U.S. Army Health Clin-

ic. To schedule an appointment, call 410-306-1024. The APG South (Edgewood) AWC, located in Bldg. E4110, accepting clients the following days in the near future: July 23 & 29; Aug. 13 & 25 and Sept. 10 & 22. Check out the AWC Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ArmyWellnessCenter>.

MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION



Upcoming Activities

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

BABYSITTING COURSE JULY 21 - 23

APG Child, Youth and School Services, in partnership with 4-H, will offer a class to familiarize participants with all the responsibilities of babysitting as well as becoming certified in CPR/First Aid. Students will receive a certificate of completion of the course as well as their CPR/First Aid cards.

The course is two days in length, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. It will be held at Bldg. 2503, Highpoint Road, in the second floor conference room. This free course is open to youth ages 13 to 18. Registration is required.

For more information, or to register, contact Shirelle Womack at 410-278-4589.

LET'S COOK! INTERNATIONAL COOKING CLASS AUGUST 3-7

CYSS will host an international cooking class that will teach children skills to prepare food from different places around the world.

The second session will run Monday, Aug. 3 to Friday, Aug. 7. Each session will be held at the Corvias Community Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Children will learn about sanitation, kitchen safety and different recipes that require little help from parents. Each session includes a \$35 supply fee and is open to children ages 7 to 15.

For more information, email shirelle.j.womack.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-4589.

LEISURE & TRAVEL PA RENAISSANCE FAIRE AUGUST 1 - OCTOBER 25

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

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

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

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

MARYLAND STATE FAIR AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 7

The Leisure Travel Office is offering tickets to the Maryland State Fair at 2200 York Rd., Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$2.50 for children ages 6-11, \$19 for ride-all-rides passes, and \$11 for food

vouchers. Registration deadline is Aug. 17. To purchase tickets, visit Leisure Travel Services at the recreation center, Bldg. 3326. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or email usarmy.APG.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil.

AMUSEMENT PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS 2015 SEASON

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

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

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

SPORTS & RECREATION ULTIMATE FRISBEE WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

FREE TICKETS - TIGER WOODS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT JULY 29-AUGUST 2

Complementary tickets are available to all MWR patrons for the 2015 Tiger Woods Foundation Golf Tournament on a first-come, first served basis. There is a limit of 4 tickets per ID card holder.

Ticket distribution starts 9 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center and 10 a.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or email usarmy.APG.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil.

KAYAK CLASSES MAY-JUNE

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

- July 22-23
- July 30-31
- Aug. 13-14
- Aug. 17-18

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

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

2015 POOL PASSES

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

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

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

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

EQUIPMENT RENTALS ONGOING

The MWR Outdoor Recreation Office offers countless items for rent to make a summer barbeque or party complete, including barbecue grills, bounce houses, canopies, coolers, kayaks, yard games and camping gear. Visit www.apgmwr.com for

price list. Call 410-278-4124/5789 for more information.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

START & REVITALIZE YOUR CAREER WEDNESDAY JULY 22

Whether you are starting a new career or need a boost in your current career, this workshop will offer the following:

- Setting a career path that defines you
- Creating strategies to move your career to the next level
- Setting S.M.A.R.T goals that work
- Being the job applicant that stands out.

The class is free but does require registration. Seating is limited to 20 participants. To register, call the ACS Financial Readiness Program Manager at 410-278-7572.

GETTING INSURANCE WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19

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

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

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

Eligible MWR patrons and showing proof of eligibility

Army Regulation 215-1 "Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs" outlines individuals eligible to use MWR facilities, programs and services. These eligible patrons include, among others:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Army Community Service 50th Birthday Celebration

July 17, 12-4 pm
APG BOWLING CENTER, BLDG 2342

ACS 50th Birthday Celebration, Open to the APG Community; featuring Refreshments, Bowling, Bingo, Face Painting, Bounce House, Cake Cutting by APG Senior Mission Commander.

APG MWR Leisure Travel New York City Bus Trip

Sept 26, 2015

Departure: AA Recreation Center 7:00 AM
Return: AA Recreation Center 9:00 PM (time may vary depending on traffic).

Transportation to New York City, you are free to schedule your own activities-sightseeing, shopping, or taking in a show, and safe return to APG, MD.

\$48.00
Registration Deadline: Sept 12, 2015

To reserve your seat, 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

FIRST CHOICE

Stats show July as deadliest month

By **RON KRAVITZ**
Safety Office

According to a recently-released report by the National Safety Council, deaths from preventable incidents are 11 percent higher in July than the national average due to an increase in fatal car crashes, drowning, extreme temperatures, and other factors.

“Sun, sand, and vacation selfies mark July as the peak of summer,” said Deborah A.P. Hersman, NSC president and CEO. “Making safe choices can ensure July is the best month of the year, not the most deadly.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control’s National Center for Health Statistics, in 2013, unintentional Injury in the United States ranked #1 out of the 10 leading causes of death for ages 1 to 44; #3 for ages 45 to 64; and #5 for infants up to 1-year-old.

In 2013, the leading cause of unintentional injury deaths was:

- Unintentional suffocation for children under 1 year of age;
- Unintentional drowning for children ages 1 to 4;

- Unintentional motor vehicle/traffic accidents for children, teens and young adults ages 5 to 24;
- Unintentional poisoning for adults ages 25 through 64; and
- Unintentional falls for adults 65 and older.

To stay safe in July, and throughout the summer, the NSC has posted the following recommendations:

- Avoid speeding, using cell phones and driving under the influence.
- Place children in age-appropriate car seats.
- Learn about your vehicle’s safety systems and how to use them.
- Do not operate a boat while drinking or without a boater’s license.
- Ensure children use flotation devices and everyone in your group knows how to swim.
- Stay hydrated and avoid being outside for long periods of time in the extreme heat.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle.

For more information, visit www.nsc.org or www.cdc.gov.



Courtesy photo

According to the Centers for Disease Control’s National Center for Health Statistics, in 2013, unintentional drowning for children was one of the leading causes of death for ages 1 to 4.

ACS enhances military lives for 50 years

By **JESSICA MARIE RYAN**
FMWRC

In 1967, Hester Ruth Francis was living with her parents in a dilapidated, three-room cabin in rural Kentucky while her husband, Pvt. Sterling R. Francis, was stationed in South Korea. The cabin did not even have indoor plumbing or central heat.

Money was clearly an issue for the Francis couple -- especially with a newborn on the way. Hester already accrued out-of-pocket medical expenses and needed a military identification card to receive necessary health benefits. Unable to travel to obtain her card, she contacted the Army, specifically the Commander-in-Chief, to see what could be done.

Army Community Service at Fort Knox, Kentucky, stepped in. An emergency mission, dubbed “Operation Tomahawk” (named after Hester’s town of Tomahawk, Kentucky) assigned Maj. Raymond M. Marsh, the ACS center chief, and a photographer to travel to her home – via 17th Air Cavalry helicopter. Bringing along a typewriter, laminating machine and a camera with instant film processing capabilities, Marsh produced and issued her an ID card in her kitchen.

Days later, she gave birth to a healthy baby boy.

This is one of the first publicized stories of ACS’s remarkable commitment and service to Soldiers and their family members. This month, the program will celebrate its 50th birthday. While the military communities have evolved over the years, ACS is still dedicated to its motto: “Real-Life Solutions for Successful Army Living.”

“ACS is a group of professionals dedicated to relieving some of the burden our Soldiers and their families carry every day,” said Stephanie L. Hoehne, the G9 Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation director for the U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

“Our ACS centers are staffed with people who live the ideal of taking care of the Army family.”

The program’s formal conception started in the early 1960s. By then, services like Army Emergency Relief already existed. However, as the military entered into the Vietnam War, the needs of Soldiers and their family members changed.

Lt. Gen. J.L. Richardson, Army Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel, took action to establish an official “Family assistance” program in 1963. He requested a qualified officer to develop a plan for the program’s creation. Lt. Col. Emma Marie Baird, who was assigned to the AER and Personnel Affairs Office during World War II, was selected for the position. She began to establish a program addressing military Families’ growing needs. The program’s philosophy, however, would be of evaluation, not revolution.

“Emerging needs can be met, and services no longer needed discarded, to ensure that each program is adapted to the requirements and resources of the specific Army community,” she said in her 1986 paper entitled, “Army Community Service History.”

Under the guidance of AR 608-1, the ACS Regulation, the Army developed programming based on military families’ diverse needs. From 1965 to 1981, pro-



Fort Carson Army Community Service photo

A military spouse and her children visit the Army Community Service center at Fort Carson, Colorado, in 1970. ACS centers today still provide resources and services to meet the diverse needs of military Family members.

grams such as the Handicapped Dependents Program (now called Exceptional Family Member Program) and the Child Advocacy Program (now evolved into the Family Advocacy Program) were created.

The 1980s was also a time where Army leadership brought family care issues to the forefront. In 1983, Gen. John A. Wickham, Jr., the Chief of Staff of the Army, wrote a white paper entitled “The Army Family” to address how family members’ support was important to the mission. His paper led to Army Family Action Plan, a grassroots initiative for identifying and prioritizing issues to enhance standards of living for Soldiers and their families. Other programs such as the Financial Readiness Program, Volunteer Coordinator Program (now the Army Volunteer Corps), and the Relocation Assistance or Relocation Readiness Program were established in this decade.

The following decade brought the development of Army Family Team Building, a program where Soldiers, families and civilian employees could learn about the Army culture, professional development and leadership skills.

Marie Balocki, the executive director for the Department of Defense Office for Reintegration Programs, recalled AFTB’s early years. A military spouse and mother of three young children, she answered a newspaper ad for an AFTB office man-

er position at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Her duties included logging the instructors’ hours, scheduling classes, and filling in when instructors are absent. To fully understand her volunteers’ needs, she signed up for instructor training. It sounded like a great opportunity except for one caveat: She was “scared to death” to give presentations in front of people.

Looking back, Balocki remarked on how AFTB changed her life.

“The foundation that I got from AFTB is what gave me the confidence and skills needed for each step I have taken [in my professional career],” she said.

As the new millennium started, ACS programming evolved to meet the needs of a more technologically advanced and geographically dispersed society. Army OneSource, a web portal with program resources, launched in 2008. Other online resources such as Virtual Army Family Readiness Groups also became available.

The 2000s was also a time of major conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. This impacted military families as more wounded Soldiers came home.

Development of Soldier and Family Assistance Centers, facilities providing direct support for the Medical Command’s Warrior Care and Transition Program and Warrior Transition Unit Soldiers and their families, began in 2007.

Sgt. Christopher Robbins and his wife Amy used the SFAC services at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, after Robbins sustained injuries from his deployment. The SFAC staff members helped the family by relieving common stressors in the recovery process.

“The SFAC staff members set us up with childcare during my husband’s medical appointments. They also planned activities to make our family feel special,” Amy said. “We would still be lost in the dark if it wasn’t for their help and assistance.”

Another need increased by a decade of conflict was assistance for surviving family members. In 2008, Survivor Outreach Services was established to work alongside Casualty and Mortuary Affairs and Casualty Assistance Centers across the Army to provide long-term care for these family members.

Today, there are 64 ACS centers worldwide in addition to 25 SFACs and eight standalone SOS centers.

“Just as we supported Ms. Hester Francis in 1967, ACS will be there with the Army Family and adapt to meet their needs,” said Lynn McCollum, the G9 Family Programs director at IMCOM.

“As we celebrate the 50th birthday, we will continue with that original mission to help our Army families remain Army Strong.”

Retirement ceremony hails 30-year career of ATEC officer

By **SANDY GIBSON**
ATEC

Col. Greg W. Dreisbach retired after a 30-year career during a retirement ceremony held at the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's headquarters building at APG June 23.

ATEC Commanding General Maj. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler presided over the ceremony attended by Dreisbach's wife, Ivy, his daughter Caitlin, his parents, Carl and Nancy, and his in-laws, Richie and Phyllis Lambert. His father, Carl, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Karbler presented Dreisbach with a Legion of Merit award for "exceptionally meritorious service in defense of the nation during a time of turbulence and transition in the Army and for exceptional leadership, performance of duty, and professionalism while serving in positions of increasing responsibility culminating as the ATEC Director of Operations, Security, and Safety," according to the award citation.

Karbler thanked Dreisbach for dedicating his life to the Army and for his willingness to go wherever the Army's mission took him.

A decorated officer who served on three combat deployments, Dreisbach was assigned to ATEC as the G-3 Plans Officer and Director of the G-2/3/7 directorate since September 2013.

A native of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, he was commissioned in 1984 as a field artillery officer upon graduation from

Penn State's ROTC program.

His first assignment was with the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he served as a battery executive officer.

During his career, Dreisbach deployed numerous times with the Army and Army National Guard in support of humanitarian, disaster relief and combat military operations across the globe.

For two months, Dreisbach was deployed to Homestead Air Force Base in Florida, August 24, 1992, as Battery Commander for Joint Task Force Andrew after Hurricane Andrew, a Category 5 hurricane, destroyed the air base.

In 1993, he deployed to Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope and in 1994, he was deployed to Haiti in support of Operation Restore Democracy.

After his release from active duty in 1996, Dreisbach entered the New York Army National Guard and was assigned as the assistant division signal officer for the 42nd Infantry Division in Troy, New York.

While with the 42nd, Dreisbach served as the G-6 automation officer as part of Task Force Liberty and deployed to Tikrit, Iraq in 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In addition to his numerous deployments, Dreisbach has a long track record as a commander during times of crisis.

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, Dreisbach served as the commander of New York's Operation Empire Shield Joint Task Force from 2008 to 2011. The task force conducted Homeland Security operations in the New York City Metropolitan Area to deter and prevent further terror-



Photo by Lindsey Monger

Col. Greg W. Dreisbach, right, operations and plans director for the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, accepts the American flag from ATEC Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew B. Connette, signifying the culmination of Dreisbach's career during his retirement ceremony at ATEC headquarters at APG, June 23.

ist acts and to help save lives and reduce human suffering, Dreisbach explained.

Dreisbach was the commander of the boats that assisted the Coast Guard in the rescue efforts of 150 passengers and five crew members after U.S. Airways Flight 1549, piloted by Captain Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger, made an unpowered emergency landing in the Hudson River, Jan. 15, 2009, after both of the plane's jet engines failed.

In 2012, Dreisbach returned to active duty to support Operation Enduring Freedom in Kandahar, Afghanistan where he served as the commander of the 101st Signal Battalion.

"Greg has commanded many, many times," Karbler said. "He was given this very important responsibility because he earned the respect of his senior leaders by his demonstrated ability to lead teams and to influence and effectively command those in his charge."

During his remarks, Dreisbach

thanked his family and close friends for being great support systems for him over the years. He thanked his wife, Ivy, for supporting him through all the deployments, training exercises, and relocations over the last three decades.

Dreisbach spoke about the hazardous life of a Soldier, not only in combat, but in training as well. He thanked the men and women of ATEC for being a part of helping him get to the finish line and urged them to start looking at Soldier retirements in a different way.

"Yes, it [retirement ceremony] is honoring the service of the Soldier," Dreisbach said. "However, because of your hard work we have another Soldier who has made it to the finish line."

In closing, Dreisbach impressed upon the audience, his love of being a Soldier.

"I say with great sadness – that when I take off this uniform, it will be for the last time," Dreisbach said. "But I will always be a Soldier for life."

ATEC HR director retires after nearly 34 years

Story and photo by **LINDSEY MONGER**
ATEC

The Human Resources Director for the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command bid farewell during her retirement ceremony June 25 at APG.

Judy Tredway, a Nashville, Tennessee native, takes on a new chapter of her life after almost 34 years of federal service culminating as a Department of the Army civil servant.

During her remarks, Tredway thanked the ATEC workforce for their support throughout her career.

"I am very blessed to be where I am today, but I certainly did not get here on my own," she said.

ATEC's commanding general, Maj. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler, presided over the ceremony and thanked Tredway for her dedicated service and leadership of the human resources directorate.

"ATEC wouldn't be as successful as it is without you and your terrific work," Karbler said. "We are grateful to you not only for your service to your country, but for your service to the men and women of this command."

After her graduation from high school in 1967, Tredway joined the U.S. Air Force in 1968 and completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB) in Texas.

After basic training, Tredway studied public affairs, journalism, and broadcasting at the Defense Information School in Indianapolis, Indiana.

During her four years in the Air Force, Judy was assigned to Barksdale AFB in Louisiana – where she met her future husband, George – and Blytheville AFB in Arkansas.

"At the time, I was a journalist and editor for the military paper, and was assigned to do a story on the fastest runner on the base," Tredway said. "That turned out to be George."

After a brief courtship of only three months, Tredway and George married and have been married for 44 years.

"When you know, you know!" she said.

After her four years were up, Tredway decided to put her career on hold to start a family.

Tredway followed George through ten stateside and overseas assignments and held various jobs along the way, from a GS-3 dental assistant at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, to a GS-5 secretary at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.



Maj. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler, commanding general of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, presents ATEC Human Resources Director, Judith Tredway, with a retirement certificate during her retirement ceremony June 25 at ATEC headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

After returning stateside in 1990, Tredway started working for the Chemical Research Development and Engineering Center at APG South (Edgewood) as a GS-5 secretary.

Tredway left CRDEC in 1992 for the Army Research Laboratory for a position as a services support specialist and later, as an administrative officer (AO).

In 1993, Tredway received her Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Studies from the University of Maryland. In 2009, she completed her Master's in Strategic Studies through distance learning at the U.S. Army War College.

After Tredway's departure from ARL in 1996, she went on to work as an AO at the Evaluation Analysis Center (EAC), which she also helped establish.

"It was a tremendous experience learning how to establish an organization from scratch," Tredway said. "As the AO, I was responsible for the operations, human resources, and resource management functions."

Tredway said she also created EAC

policies and procedures which helped set the tone for the organization's ability to complete its mission.

While working at the EAC, Tredway said she became an Army expert in the Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project, which was a new pay-for-performance personnel system replacing the general schedule system.

"As one of the Army's experts, I was asked to be the Army's Acquisition Demonstration Project representative on the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) staffing and workforce planning working group," said Tredway.

The NSPS staffing and workforce planning group was charged with providing options to the Department of Defense (DOD) and the Office of Personnel Management's senior leaders for the design and implementation of a new DOD-wide personnel system, according to Tredway.

In 1999, Tredway became the Human Resources Director for the newly redesignated command, the U.S. Army Evaluation Center, which was

formed when the Operational Evaluation Command and the EAC were combined to move developmental and operational evaluation into a single, integrated command.

In 2008, Tredway became ATEC's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at its former headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

While there, Tredway directed and guided the personnel aspects of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission's recommendation and Congress' subsequent decision to relocate ATEC to APG in 2010.

After the transition to APG, Tredway became the human resources director for ATEC's G-1 Directorate and was responsible for the health and well-being of ATEC's military and civilian workforce.

As the human resources director, Tredway was charged with maintaining oversight and management of human capital strategic plans as well as the alignment of human resource policies to attract, develop, motivate, and retain a quality and diverse workforce.

Additionally, to support the accomplishment of ATEC's mission, Tredway was instrumental in creating programs to enhance leader development, employee development, and performance management.

"As I became a leader, I tried to help set the tone for employees looking for guidance and inspiration," Tredway said. "I served to help people, support the mission, and make a difference in people's lives."

Tredway was ATEC's lead human resources advisor for sequestration issues, furloughs, and was heavily involved in the planning and execution of a pilot program consolidating ATEC, AEC, and the Developmental Test Command's personnel offices.

"Looking back at my time at APG, I had the pleasure of working with wonderful, talented Soldiers and civilians who are truly enthusiastic about what they do," Tredway said. "The mission is so critical to support the men and women who serve so that we may be a free nation."

"While I am extremely proud of having the opportunity for public service, the accomplishment I'm most proud of is being the mother of two children, and with my spouse, raising them to be happy, confident, and productive adults," said Tredway.

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 2013.

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2015

10 Years Ago: July 14, 2005



(Left) The eventual winner of the 2005 U.S. Army Materiel Command Noncommissioned Officer of the Year competition, Staff Sgt. Christine Shannon, applies camouflage during common task testing. Shannon was the first female in eight years to be named NCO of the Year at the AMC level.

2010

(Right) Sgt. Ralph Beamis of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) escorts Survivor Eleanor Eldredge during a wreath laying at the Red Dragon Memorial near McBride Field during a reunion of surviving veteran and family members of the World War II-era 2nd Chemical Battalion that was located at the former Edgewood Arsenal.



2000

25 Years Ago: July 11, 1990



(Left) Members of the APG Garrison's Headquarters Support Troops, Pfc. Marshall McKee, left, and Spc. David Anaya, right, practice loading and unloading the 105mm howitzer for the Independence Day 50-gun salute.

1990

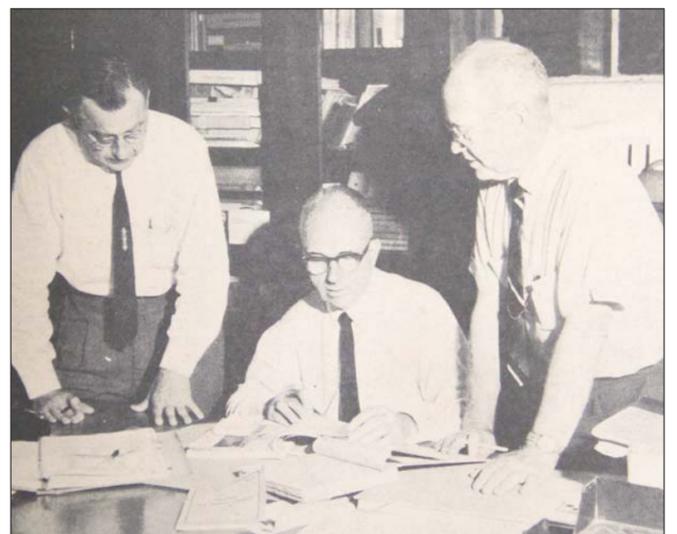
(Right) From right, Michael A. Parker, technical director of the U.S. Army Chemical Research, Development and Engineering Center and Maj. Gen. Paul L Greenberg, commander of the U.S. Army Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command receive a briefing while viewing the NBC Reconnaissance "Fox" vehicle from Capt. James Dietz of the Office of the Program Manager for NBC Defense during a tour of CRDEC.



1980

50 Years Ago: July 15, 1965

(Right) Pulitzer Prize-winning author James A. Michener, center, studies rare German order-of-battle documents with Ordnance Museum curators Karl Kempf, left, and retired Col. G.B. Jarrett, right, during his visit to APG for a research project.



1970



(Left) Matthew Margovich, president of the APG Federal Credit Union, right, presents a \$20 check to Warrant Officer Joseph Puskarich, left, and his son, Thomas, center, for becoming the credit union's 2,000th member.

1960

1950



20th CBRNE command ops chief completes 27-year career

Col. Robert T. Stein, the operations officer for the 20th CBRNE Command, speaks during his retirement ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, July 2.

Stein, the 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives) Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, concluded his 27-year career in the U.S. Army during the well-attended ceremony at APG South (Edgewood).

A Chemical Corps officer from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Stein served in numerous leadership positions around the world, including combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Brig. Gen. William E. King IV, the commanding general of 20th CBRNE Command, praised Stein for his numerous accomplishments during his nearly three decades in uniform.

Stein thanked his family for their support and encouraged the Soldiers in the audience to continue to serve.

Photo by Lamont Harbison

Dog handlers take pride in mission

By **VANESSA VILLARREAL**
3rd Infantry Division

“It’s the best job ever,” military working dog handler Spc. Ethan Taylor said, as he watched his dog, Alex, conduct an outside training-exercise last week on Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan.

“The dogs are just like Soldiers,” he said. “We train as we fight.”

This team supports Task Force Solid, out of the 21st Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The Soldiers and their dogs deploy together. And each working dog handler is assigned out of different duty stations.

Spc. Anthony Andrews and his dog, Andy, are from the 18th MP Brigade, Germany; Spc. Craig Holbrook and his dog, Niko, are from the 18th MP Brigade, Germany; Spc. Ethan Taylor and his dog, Alex, are out of Fort Drum, New York (16th MP Brigade, 8th MP Detachment); and Spc. Joseph Mora and his dog, Lee, are out of Fort Drum, New York (16th MP Brigade).

Andrews has been here for over a month. His dog, Andy, is almost eight years old. Holbrook has been here for nine months and his dog, Niko, is eight years old. Taylor has been here eight months and has had his dog, Alex, for more than a year. Taylor leaves in one month so he’s working with his replacement, Mora, now. Mora just arrived about two weeks ago and his dog, Lee, is two years old.

Dedicated to the mission

“Out here a lot of route clearance is done,” Holbrook said. “It’s an entire dog team effort. Not just the dog or the handler.”

The team’s job is to find explosives. Once the dog team finds an improvised explosive device, also known as IED, and explosive ordnance disposal will disarm it. The handlers are not trained to disarm the IEDs.

The dogs are trained at a training center on Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. It’s a 120-day course, where basic skills are learned and, at the unit, they learn more.

“The dogs, once they finish their training at Lackland, are assigned to a certain installation,” Holbrook said. “Once a handler arrives to their duty station, they are assigned a dog. From that point on, they train on just about a daily basis on and around the installation.”

Most dogs are Belgian malinois and German shepherds, which come from Germany and Holland. The Army uses breeders that are on a buy list.

“Belgian malinois and German shepherds are great working dogs,” Holbrook said. “They have a high drive and have a very good sense of smell. The military has used German shepherds for a long time. They used German shepherds as scout dogs and sentry dogs back in Vietnam.”

Training for excellence

The team is trained and certified when they arrive in country.

“All we do is get the new handler up to speed on the current techniques, tactics, and procedures, and how we operate out here,” Holbrook said. “When we go back to garrison, we will go back to the unit we came from originally. Our job back in garrison is to train, work law enforcement, and support different events such as searching for explosives for the [president of the United States], support Secret Service, and other special events.”

For the dogs, finding a “no-good item” is a game. Because if he finds that item, he gets a reward - his toy.

“This is a game for the dog and we



make it as fun as we can for them,” Taylor said.

There are also specific indicators for explosives and a handler can tell which one is which.

“There are a lot of different things that a dog can do to show you the change of behavior,” Holbrook said. “If the dog is acting differently than he normally does, that is a change of behavior. After you have been with a dog long enough you get to know exactly how he acts. A lot of us are able to tell when our dog smells an explosive by even the most subtle changes in our dog’s behavior. Sometimes it’s something so subtle that other people can’t even tell that he is acting any differently. But we’ve trained with them so much that we can pick it up.”

The dogs are given aggression and patrol training such as “the field interview.”

“This is when you walk up and the dog doesn’t bite unless told,” Taylor said. “The second phase is the bite. It attacks when the command is given. And the dog is told to let go. The dog is trained to stay really close. And it’s trained and ready to bite. It’s less than lethal force. The dog can terminate the pursuit. It’s the same thing in the rear. The dog is your backup. He’s your partner.”

Then there’s what’s called the stand-off or terminating the pursuit. For example, if a subject runs into a building, the dog won’t go in and start biting people. The dog will stop, guard, or follow the subject.

“One of the biggest things that we focus on is controlling our dog,” Taylor said. “The dog doesn’t do anything unless you tell him to. And it doesn’t stop until you tell him to.”

Staying fit & healthy

Every day, the dogs get out at least four hours a day. And, when not running missions, the dogs train. The dogs are on an eating schedule and must maintain a certain weight. Also, a dog’s working hours depend on the mission - both inside and outside of BAF.

“Some days we have multiple dogs going outside the wire and other days we don’t have any dogs going outside the wire,” Holbrook said. “It really just depends on the mission set and how many units request us that week.”



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class David Wheeler

(Top) U.S. Forces-Afghanistan is proud of their military working dogs and everything they bring to the mission. Belgian malinois and German shepherds are trained extensively alongside their handlers to complete missions like route clearance, ensuring improvised explosive devices won’t threaten U.S. Soldiers.

(Above) A military working dog pursues a perceived threat, at the direction of his handler, during a training exercise.

“We’re making the best dog we can,” Taylor said. “Just like Soldiers, we want to keep our dogs as healthy as we can. They’re very conditioned. Just like Soldiers, they have to be fit. They get a good amount of exercise. The biggest struggle is keeping the dogs hydrated. They adjust to the weather like we do.”

And a dog’s retirement doesn’t depend on age, but health. There are vets at installations back in garrison and there is also a vet here on BAF. Veterinarians do dog certifications to see if a dog is still able to work.

“We have dogs that work from 12 to 15 years,” Taylor said.

“Having a military working dog as a partner is an amazing experience that you can only fully understand by deploying as a military working dog team,” Andrews said.

“Andy is an amazing dog and he is really great at what he does. Andy to me is more than just a dog. He is my best friend and will always have a special place in my heart. I would do anything for Andy and I know he would do the same for me.”

Exchange marks 120 years with scavenger hunt

AAFES

In honor of the 120th anniversary of the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, a sweet scavenger hunt will give military shoppers the chance to search the candy aisles of their local Exchange for clues to win \$7,000 in prizes.

Authorized shoppers can find the five missing words from the Patriot Family 120th Anniversary Scavenger Hunt July 3-July 25, using clues located in their Exchange candy department. A grand prize of \$3,000 will be awarded to one winner, \$1,000 to two second-place winners and \$500 will go to four third-place winners.

"The Army & Air Force Exchange Service has always been about giving back," said Army Col. Karen Fleming, Exchange deputy director of logistics, "and on its anniversary it's only fitting that we give back something extra with this scavenger hunt."

To learn more about the contest and how to enter, visit the Patriot Family website at <http://www.aafes.com/about-exchange/patriot-family>. The seven winners will be selected at random from a pool of all eligible entries. No purchase is necessary to win, and all winners will be notified by email. For more information, visit www.shopmyexchange.com.



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DOTTIE DORMAN WORKING WOMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Applications Due July 22

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW) is proud to announce its Dottie Dorman Working Woman Scholarship for 2015. The \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a woman who is currently employed in federal service and working in the Harford, Cecil or Baltimore county areas. This is a one-time scholarship award.

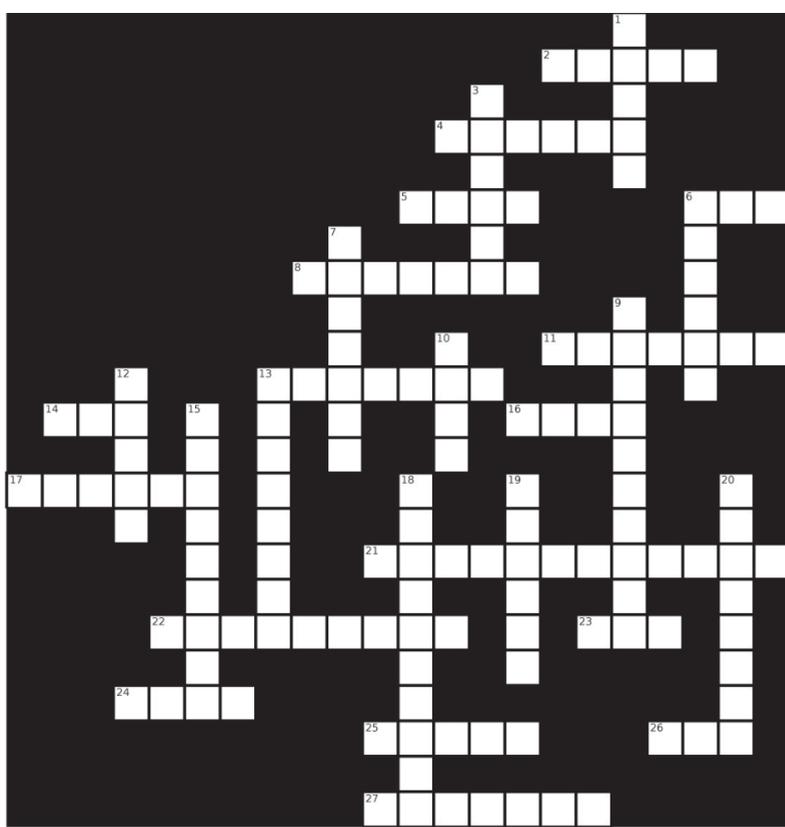


Individuals applying for the scholarship must be currently enrolled at a college or university pursuing their first undergraduate or first graduate degree. Please take the time to review the process for this award and then submit your application. All applications must be sent to MTC/FEW, P.O. Box 1613, Bel Air, MD 21014 and postmarked by July 22, 2015.

The scholarship will be awarded during the Team APG Annual Women's Equality Day Ceremony Aug. 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326.

For an application or additional information, contact Karen Jobes at karen.w.jobes.civ@mail.mil, 410-436-4429 or Michelle Williams-Gibson at michelle.williams-gibson.civ@mail.mil, 443-861-4746.

The APG Crossword



46th Anniversary of Apollo 11 historic moon landing

By **RACHEL PONDER**, APG News

This month marks the 46th anniversary of the historic Apollo 11 Moon landing. Complete this puzzle to test your knowledge about space exploration.

Across

2. NASA's first flight director, who oversaw development of Mission Control and associated technologies and procedures.

4. He is best known for his classic novel 2001: A Space Odyssey, published in 1968.

5. This planet's nickname is the "Red Planet."

6. Number of manned U.S. Moon landings, between 1969

and 1972.

8. This planet is not visible to the unaided eye and was the first and only planet found by mathematical prediction rather than by empirical observation.

11. In 1961, he became the first American to fly into space.

13. The Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center is located in this Texas city.

14. The nickname for Uranus,

the "___ Giant."

16. A Los Angeles native, she joined NASA in 1978 and became the first American woman in space in 1983. She remains the youngest American astronaut to have traveled to space, having done so at the age of 32.

17. This planet has at least 62 moons, the largest is Titan.

21. The interdisciplinary study of life in the universe, combining aspects of astronomy, biology and geology.

22. The first person to walk on the Moon.

23. In 1959 the Soviets obtained the first images of the ___ side of the Moon, never previously visible to humans.

24. The asteroid ___ is the region of the solar system located roughly between the orbits of the planets Mars and Jupiter. It is occupied by numerous irregularly shaped bodies called asteroids or minor planets.

25. In 2006, Pluto was relegated to ___ planet status, due to its size.

26. One reason for space exploration is to find out more about this star, an important source for energy of life on Earth.

27. In order to go to the Moon, a spacecraft must first leave the ___ well of the Earth. The only practical way of accomplishing this is with a rocket.

7. The smallest and closest to the Sun of the eight planets in the solar system. It can appear in Earth's sky in the morning or the evening.

9. The first woman in space.

10. In 1865 Jules Verne published a novel about space travel called "From the Earth to the _____."

12. This planet was the first target of interplanetary flyby and lander missions.

13. NASA's New ___ spacecraft made a historic Pluto flyby on July 14, 2015, after traveling 3 billion miles on its nine-and-a-half year journey.

15. Site for rocket launchings, Cape _____.

18. This U.S. President established the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

19. Mars has two moons, ___ and Deimos, which are thought to be captured asteroids.

20. The Giant ___ Telescope, set for completion in 2025, will be the largest optical telescope in the world.

Think you solved last week's puzzle?

Check out the solution below

Solution to the July 9 puzzle



WORD OF THE WEEK

Aggrandize

Pronounced: uh-GRAN-dahyz; AG-ruh n-dahyz

Part of Speech: Verb

Definition:

- To make greater, more powerful, richer, increase the scope of, etc.; often used reflexively
- To make seem greater in stature, influence, power or reputation; more exalted
- To consider to be or cause to appear greater than is really the case; exaggerate

Other forms:

Aggrandized, aggrandizing – transitive verb
Aggrandizement – noun; Aggrandizer – noun

Use:

- He hoped to aggrandize himself by dying a hero's death.
- The aggrandizement of celebrities and athletes is common in American culture.
- The popular comedy aggrandizes the bad guys and makes the police look foolish.
- A generous grant enabled the library to significantly aggrandize its collection of books on tape.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

Source(s): www.dictionary.com; www.merriam-webster.com

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

MCSB

Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion



The Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion is a military intelligence battalion of the United States Marine Corps. The battalion headquarters are located in Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Under the operational control of the Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service (DIRNSA/CHCSS) via the Marine Corps Service Cryptologic Component Chief, the MCSB trains, employs, and deploys Marines to conduct Signals Intelligence, Information Assurance, and National-Tactical Integration activities that satisfy NSA/CSS, Marine Air-Ground Task Force, and joint force intelligence requirements.

The Marines of MCSB Headquarters consists of the battalion staff and the Marine Liaison Office of the National Security Agency.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

Source(s): <http://www.hqmc.marines.mil/intelligence/Units/MarineCryptologicSupportBattalion.aspx>; www.wikipedia.org

Freestate candidates begin adjustment period

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opportunity for the kids to possibly earn the GED.”

For 22 weeks, youths ages 16-18 voluntarily live in the academy’s residential program, a structured, disciplined, quasi-military environment where they complete academic coursework and acquire essential life skills.

The program includes a 12-month post-residential phase, in which the teens work closely with mentors in their community. After graduation, most cadets obtain employment, continue their education or vocational training, or enter the military.

During in-processing, the teens were issued uniforms, considered potential mentors, had their bags inventoried for required items, and their medical and academic records were reviewed and collected. Male candidates also received a military-style haircut.

FCA recruiter Kelvin Chandler said Class #45 had approximately 250 applicants, with 204 receiving acceptance letters to the program. Chandler recruits each crop of candidates from all 23 counties in Maryland. All applicants must complete a series of orientations and interviews with program staff.

He said Class #45 candidates are now in the acclimation phase – a two-week time frame in which they will adjust to their new environment and decide if they want to remain in the program. During this time, cell phones and other technology are banned, but the candidates are encouraged to write and receive letters. If they choose to stay, they will become FCA cadets during a crossover ceremony July 27.

For the time being, some candidates may struggle with homesickness and the transition to a more disciplined and structured lifestyle. Despite these challenges, FCA Director Charlie Rose said parents should encourage their children to stick with the program.

“We tell their parents: You need to be strong, because if you’re weak and you allow them to come home, then what’s the purpose of them coming here when you wanted them here in the first place,” he said.

During in-processing, the parents and guardians of Class #45 candidates received an orientation briefing about the program, what they can expect from their child and how to provide constructive support throughout their time at FCA.

Rose added that some of the younger cadets will be placed on a path to re-enter high school, whereas others will prepare for the General Education Diploma (GED).

He said the GED recently became a computer-based test with stringent requirements for passing; students now have to perform at the college-entrance level. With these changes came a decrease in the number of cadets who were passing. However, the FCA procured a \$50,000 grant for a new computer lab and study materials, which has greatly improved recent results.

“Our percentages are going back up to where we want them to be,” Rose said.

He said he tells parents that their teen will return to them a changed person and that many of the candidates discover their potential in the academy. The staff also does their best to assist those who are struggling, he said.

“I did not bring them in here just to send them home, so we work with them as much as we possibly can. But they have to want to do it. They have to be willing to make the change,” Rose said.



(Above) Sgt. 1st Class Deleashia Jordan commands a squad of Freestate ChalleNGe Academy candidates after in-processing at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center July 12. For 22 weeks, the teens will voluntarily live in the academy’s residential program, a structured, disciplined, quasi-military environment.



(Left) FCA candidate Christopher Graham, and his mother, Krystal Fletcher, hug goodbye. Though cell phones are not allowed in FCA, program director Charlie Rose encourages candidates to write and receive letters.

The FCA recently implemented a vocational training program with the National Centers on Institutions and Alternatives, and Class #45 will have the opportunity to train in the culinary arts, building maintenance, automotive skills, or barbering.

“The goal is to help convert them into what we call ‘productive citizens,’ and we’ve been very successful at that,” Rose said.

Recent FCA Graduate Daniel Bernard, agreed that the academy changes youth for the better. Bernard volunteered to help during in-processing as a way to “give back” to those who he says changed his life. The 17-year-old graduated from the FCA in 2014.

“[I had] to straighten myself out and make sure I could provide for myself, and help my mom out as well,” Bernard said, adding that he understands what the cadets are going through.

“When I first came here I was like, ‘I don’t understand how I’m going to make it,’ but I had to think, ‘do I really want my high school diploma?’ I really wanted my diploma so I made sure I made it through no matter what.”

Before separating, parents, guardians and their teens shared emotional goodbyes.

Neal Fletcher said he has great expectations for his stepson, FCA candidate



Christopher Graham, 17.

“We feel like he’s going to aim high and he’s going to be all that he can be,” Fletcher said. “We know he can do it. This is a structured environment. This is what he needs. I think he’s going to soar high.”

The Freestate ChalleNGe Acade-

my is endorsed by the State of Maryland and is in a cooperative agreement between The Maryland National Guard and the National Guard Bureau. The program has graduated more than 4,000 youth since its inception in 1993. For more information, visit <http://www.mdmildep.org/fca/>.



APG CATCH-A-POACHER PROGRAM

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

Call the SUBMIT-A-TIP “HOTLINE” at 410-306-4673.

Emergencies or violations in progress should always be reported via 911.

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

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

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

Dailey calms fears over troop cuts

Story and photo by
STAFF SGT. JERRY GRIFFIS
1st Infantry Division

The Army's top noncommissioned officer addressed 1st Infantry Division Soldier and family trepidation about troop cuts during his first visit to the home of the "Big Red One" as sergeant major of the Army, July 7-9 at Fort Riley, Kansas.

"This an emotional topic for many people and I know it is a concern for many of you as well," Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey told a town hall audience of more than 400 at Barlow Theater, July 8. "First and foremost, we are going to do this responsibly and we are going to do it with discipline and focus."

"We are getting smaller," Dailey said. "Some of you may have heard the news announcement."

This week the Army announced 40,000 Soldiers will be cut in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 bringing regular Army end strength to 450,000. These changes will be accompanied by a reduction of about 17,000 Department of the Army civilian employees.

Driven by fiscal constraints resulting from the Budget Control Act of 2011 and defense strategic and budgetary guidance, these cuts will impact almost every Army installation, both in the continental United States and overseas.

Cuts are expected to come from two-star and above headquarters, like the 1st Infantry Division on Fort Riley, as well as from the reduction of brigade combat



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey outlines his initiatives as the 15th sergeant major of the Army in Barlow Theater on Fort Riley, Kansas., July 8, 2015. Dailey discussed the importance of balancing budget constraints with assessing the needs of the Army.

teams; the Aviation Restructure Initiative; operational force design changes; and reduction to enabler and generating forces.

Dailey discussed the importance of balancing budget constraints while maintaining the Army's duty to the nation.

"The most expensive thing in the United States Army is us," Dailey told the Soldiers surrounding him. "We have a responsibility to the American people to make sure that we do not

become too expensive."

Army officials were directed by Congress to make reductions and used an approach intended to preserve the Army's warfighting capability while simultaneously avoiding detrimental changes as the Army faces continuing fiscal pressures.

"At the end of the day, we fight and win our nation's wars, but our job is also to prevent and deter war," Dailey said. "We need to maintain the most credible

and lethal fighting force the world has ever known."

Dailey told the audience that despite the drawdown, the nation still needs the most highly-qualified professional Soldiers to protect American interests at home and abroad.

"Even though we are no longer at war in Iraq and Afghanistan, we still have a very high operational tempo," Dailey said. "Over 100,000 Soldiers are deployed today, and that will continue or at least persist for the foreseeable future."

Dailey said there needs to be great emphasis on retaining the Army's best Soldiers and civilians.

"We have to invest in one thing, and nothing against our other services, but we don't have big aircraft carriers, we don't have fancy airplanes - what we have is people," Dailey said "The American Soldier fights and wins on the ground."

Soldiers queried Dailey on the selection process for the looming cuts.

"We are going to manage ascensions and attrition to get to 450,000," Dailey said. "Natural attrition occurs and we are going to allow that to happen."

Dailey also said other programs, such as the Quality Management Program and the Qualified Service Program, will continue to be used as necessary to retain the very best of the Army profession.

"There is plenty of room in the Army at 450,000 for Soldiers that want to be a part of the profession," he said. "You should have no fear."

1st AML bids farewell to Garman, welcomes Elliott

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"The 1st AML provides these services for our joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multinational partners in both garrison and combat environments, as well as disaster relief and humanitarian operations," he said.

Garman commanded Task Force Scientist during the 1st AML deployment to West Africa.

Made up of microbiologists and laboratory technicians from 1st AML and the Naval Medicine Research Center, the task force also included civil affairs and military police personnel. Task Force Scientist tested Ebola samples at six mobile laboratories and pro-

vided same day results to health care providers.

"Imagine holding in your gloved hands a sample containing Ebola. That's what these Soldiers did. That's when all of those hours of training pay off. These Soldiers paid that training bill before

the Liberia mission was even being considered," Garman said.

"This unit of small number but large consequence represents the Army and the United States so very well," he said. "Confidence is contagious in the 1st AML and I have been so proud to work

alongside such confident and skilled Soldiers."

Following his 1st AML command tour, Garman will report to the U.S. Army Medical Department (AMEDD) School and then take command of the Evans Army Community Hospital on Fort Carson, Colorado.

An Iraq veteran, Elliott reports to 1st AML after serving as the chief of the Plans Division at the U.S. Army Office of the Surgeon General and U.S. Army Medical Command.

"To the mighty 1st AML, your success in Liberia is very well known and I'm so excited to be joining this great team," Elliott said.

To the mighty 1st AML, your success in Liberia is very well known and I'm so excited to be joining this great team.

Col. Laura M. Elliott

1st Area Medical Laboratory Commander

Did You Know?

The sinking of the General Slocum passenger steamboat in New York's East River in 1904, was the state's worst disaster in terms of loss of life until the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Named for Civil War general and New York Congressman Henry Warner Slocum, the General Slocum was a passenger steamboat built in Brooklyn, New York, in 1891. The steamboat operated as an excursion steamer for 13 years before her sinking.

A sidewheel boat, the Slocum was constructed with three decks, three watertight compartments and 250 electric lights. Each wheel had 26 paddles and was 31 feet in diameter. Constructed of white oak and yellow pine, her maximum speed was about 16 knots (30 km/h). The ship was usually manned by a crew of at least 22, including Capt. William H. Van Schaick and two pilots.

On June 15, 1904, the General Slocum was on a chartered run carrying members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church (German Americans from Little Germany, Manhattan) to a church picnic. This was an annual rite for the group, which had made the trip for 17 consecutive years. More than 1,300 passengers of mostly women and children boarded the Slocum to sail up the East River and then eastward across the Long Island Sound to Locust Grove, a picnic site in Eatons Neck, Long Island.

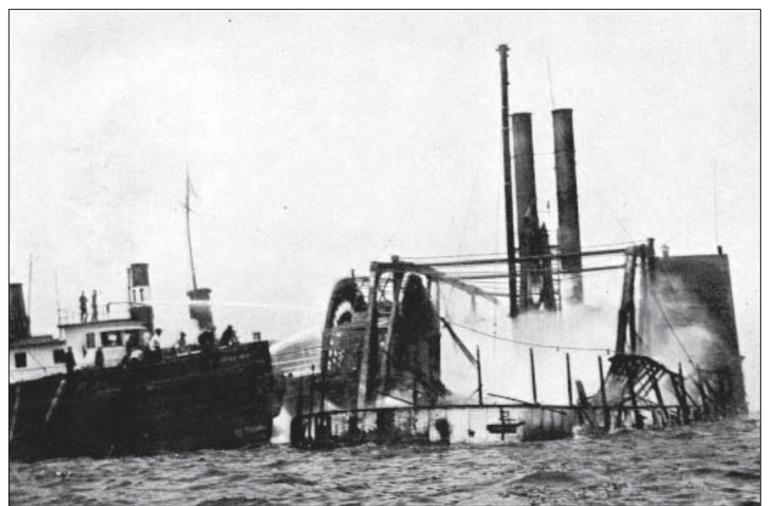
The ship got underway 9:30 a.m. As it passed East 90th Street, a fire started in the lamp room in the forward section, possibly caused by a discarded cigarette or match. It was fueled by the straw, oily rags, and lamp oil strewn around the room. The fire was first noticed at 10 a.m.; eyewitnesses claimed the initial blaze began in various locations, including a paint locker filled with flammable liquids and a cabin filled with gasoline. It was said Van Schaick was not notified until ten minutes after the fire was discovered and that a 12-year-old boy had tried to warn him earlier but was not believed.

Tragically, neither the ship's owners nor the captain had made any efforts to maintain or replace the ship's safety equipment. The fire hoses had been allowed to rot, and fell apart when the crew tried to put out the fire. The crew had never practiced a fire drill, and the lifeboats were tied up and inaccessible. Survivors reported that the life preservers were useless and fell apart in their hands. The life preservers had hung above the deck, unprotected from the elements, for 13 years; their canvas covers, rotted with age, split and scattered powdered cork.

Van Schaick's decision to continue his course rather than run the ship aground or stop at a nearby landing proved disastrous. Sailing into headwinds and failing to immediately ground the ship, fanned the fire. Van Schaick later argued he was trying to avoid spreading the fire to riverside buildings and oil tanks.

Some passengers jumped into the river to escape the fire, but the heavy women's clothing of the day made swimming almost impossible and most were dragged down. Many died when the floors of the overloaded boat collapsed; others were battered by the still-turning paddles as they tried to escape into the water or over the sides.

By the time the General Slocum sank in shallow water at North Brother Island, just off the Bronx shore, an estimated 1,021 people of the 1,342 people on board had either burned to death or drowned. There were just 321 survivors. It remains the worst maritime disaster in the city's history. Five crew members also died and the captain lost sight in one eye.



Courtesy photo

Firefighters work to put out the fire on the listing General Slocum.

There were many acts of heroism among the passengers, witnesses, and emergency personnel. Staff and patients from the hospital on North Brother Island participated in the rescue efforts, forming human chains and pulling victims from the water.

Eight people were indicted by a federal grand jury after the disaster: Van Schaick, two inspectors, and the president, secretary, treasurer and commodore of the Knickerbocker Steamship Company. Only Van Schaick was convicted on one of three charges: criminal negligence, for failing to maintain proper fire drills and fire extinguishers. The jury could not reach a verdict on the other two counts of manslaughter. He was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment and spent three years and six months at Sing Sing prison before he was paroled by the federal parole board under President William Howard Taft on Aug. 26, 1911. Taft pardoned Van Schaick Dec. 19, 1912; he died in 1927.

The Knickerbocker Steamship Company, which owned the ship, paid a relatively small fine despite evidence of falsified inspection records. The sunken remains of the General Slocum were recovered and converted into a barge, which sank in a storm in 1911.

The disaster motivated federal and state regulations to improve emergency equipment on passenger ships.

In 1906, a marble memorial fountain was erected at Tompkins Square Park on Manhattan by the Sympathy Society of German Ladies, with the inscription: "They are Earth's purest children, young and fair."

On Jan. 26, 2004, the last surviving passenger from the General Slocum, Adella Wotherspoon died at the age of 100. At the time of the disaster she was a six-month-old infant. Before Wotherspoon's death, the previous oldest survivor was Catherine Connelly (1893–2002) who was 11-years-old at the time of the accident.

Yvonne Johnson, APG News

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APG SNAPSHOT

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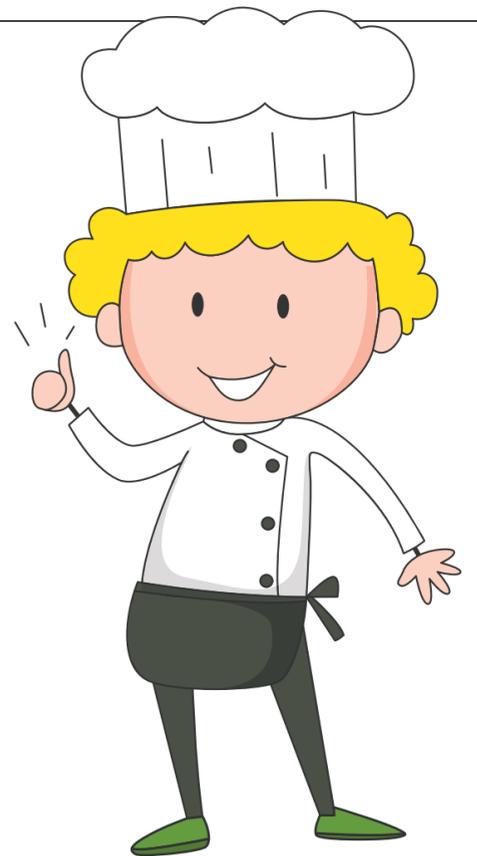


LEARNING TO STAY AFLOAT

(Clockwise, from top)
 APG MWR Lifeguard Taylor Sturgill teaches Lily Idler, 5, how to paddle forward; Sturgill shows Tess Idler, 4, how to use a kickboard and her legs to stay afloat; and Vincent Wood, 6, learns to float on his back with help from Sturgill during swim lessons at the APG North (Aberdeen) Olympic pool July 10.

MWR offers swim lessons for both children and adults. Learn more about MWR pools and swim lessons at www.apgmwr.com.

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INTERNATIONAL COOKING A LA CYSS

APG Child, Youth and School Services hosted the first of two international cooking classes July 6-10 at the Corvias Bayside Community Center. The class offers instructions in preparing foods from around the world, including fettuccine pasta, from scratch.

(Clockwise, from top)

SKIES volunteer cooking instructor Crystal Dunn demonstrates how to roll dough into balls while making "Reindeer poop" with cooking class students from left, Christian Ward 9, Chloe Litteral, 8, Noah Ward, 7, and Landon Armstead, 13; Carlton Philip, 10, spoons beans for a white bean dip into a food processor; Chloe Litteral, 8, masters a manual can opener; and Hannah Marriott-Predmore, 12, chops rosemary for homemade ranch dressing.

CYSS will host a second international cooking class Monday, Aug. 3 to Friday, Aug. 7. Each session will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Corvias Bayside community center.

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