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## Bike Bash stresses motorcycle safety

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
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About 25 riders participated in the APG Motorcycle Check Ride's "Bike Bash 2015" June 11. Led by the APG Garrison's Installation Safety Office and Headquarters & Headquarters Company, riders participated in refresher training on the post motorcycle training course near Bldg. 4510 and took in a safety briefing before kickstands went up about 9:30 a.m.

The riders crossed the Conowingo Dam over the Susquehanna River and stopped at the Chesapeake Harley Davidson in Darlington, Maryland, the Lancaster Harley Davidson in Willow Street, Pennsylvania and a pit stop for lunch. The majority of the day was spent along scenic back roads that meandered through the Lancaster dairy farm region surrounding the Mason-Dixon byway.

Event leaders included ISO Safety and Occupational Health Specialist Mike Allen and HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Daniel Nelson. Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams briefed riders before the morning departure and Installation Chaplain

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Photo by Sean Kief

Incoming Commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Maj. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler, left, accepts the ATEC flag from Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Daniel B. Allyn as former ATEC Commander Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley, far right, looks on during a change of command ceremony, June 15, at APG.

## ATEC welcomes new commander

### Maj. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler arrives from Army G-8

By **ANDRICKA THOMAS**  
ATEC

Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley relinquished command of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command to Maj. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler during a change of command ceremony on the front lawn of the command headquarters, June 15, at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Karbler took command over the Army's

independent test and evaluation enterprise, which is responsible for the planning and execution of experiments, developmental and operational testing, and assessments on new and emerging capabilities.

"This command [ATEC] is fundamental to the process of choosing the right warfighting systems and modifying them for the realities of combat and support to Soldiers," said

Gen. Daniel B. Allyn, Army vice chief of staff and presiding officer for the ceremony. "ATEC ensures we [the Army] procure the best systems and helps us focus our resources both effectively and efficiently."

Karbler joins the ATEC team from his most recent assignment as the Joint Integra-

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## Senior commander marks Army birthday

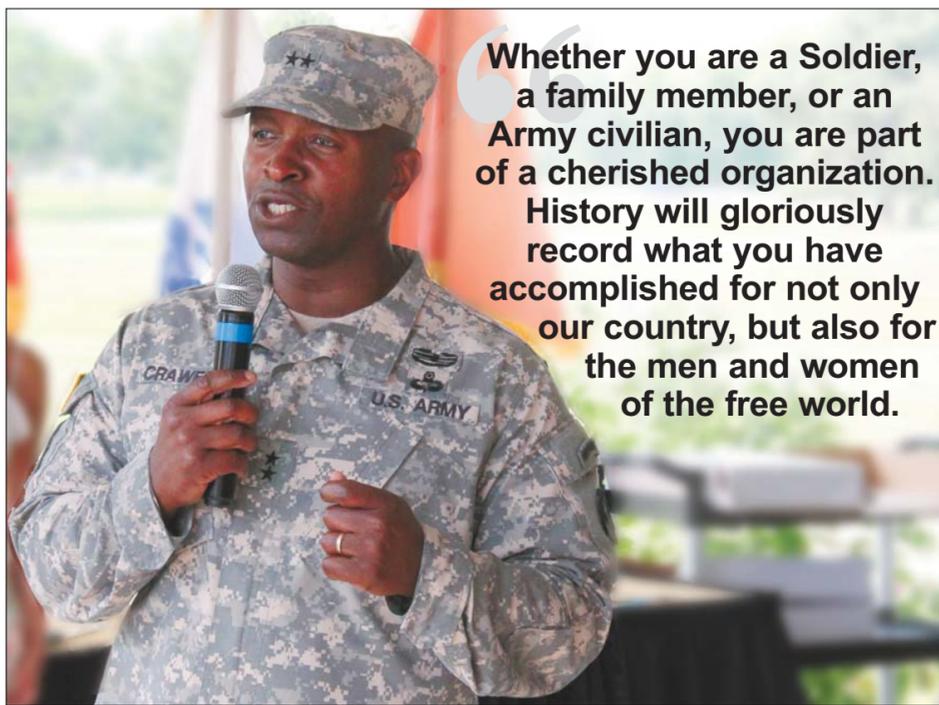
(Right) APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford speaks to attendees during an Army Birthday Celebration at Ruggles Golf Course June 12.

Founded on June 14, 1775, the Army celebrated its 240th birthday this year.

"The Army Birthday is also a time to reflect on our storied past, on the state of the world around us, and on where we are headed," Crawford said of the occasion.

"Whether you are a Soldier, a family member, or an Army civilian, you are part of a cherished organization. History will gloriously record what you have accomplished for not only our country, but also for the men and women of the free world who thirst for democracy and liberty."

Photo illustration by Molly Blossie



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## Freestate ChalleNGe Academy graduates Class #44



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

Military and community leaders, family members, cadre and guests gathered to honor 85 young men and women who successfully completed 22 weeks of rigorous training during the Maryland National Guard (MDNG) Military Youth Corps Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Completion Ceremony at the APG post theater June 13.

During opening remarks Maj. Gen. Linda Singh, the first female and African American to hold the post of MDNG adjutant general, said FCA benefits Maryland because cadets graduate from the program with the desire to be productive citizens.

She congratulated the cadets for reaching this milestone

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Cadet Hannah Pagano of Class #44 smiles as she receives a completion certificate and congratulations from 1st Sgt. Job Stringfellow during the Maryland National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Completion Ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater June 13.

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# STREET TALK

**Father's Day is Sunday, June 21.**  
**What makes someone a good dad?**

"Somebody that sacrifices a lot for their kids and their well-being, and somebody that will just love them unconditionally."



**Dadmary Perez**  
Family member

"Someone who is there for their child; someone who is there for their family, and who takes care of their parental duties."



**Staff Sgt. Craig Prewitt**  
Veterinary services

"The simple answer is [someone who] takes the responsibility for his family. [He is] responsible for the kids, responsible for the wife; and accepts that responsibility."



**Jay Smith**  
Retired military

"What makes a good dad is the amount of time they give to their children."



**Karen Reilly**  
Family member

"I guess what makes a good dad is somebody you can talk to - [someone who] listens, makes you laugh, and is caring and protective."



**Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tasha Mayes**  
ATEC

TEAM APG PRESENTS

# WHY WE SERVE

"Restoring our Commitment to the Profession"

## Why We Serve: Integrity

*In December 2013, a homeless man found a bag filled with more than \$2,400 in cash and \$40,000 in traveler's checks; a life changing bounty. Without hesitation he turned in his findings without expectation or reward.*

**What would you do?**  
 Take a minute and ponder this scenario as I begin this month's Why We Serve rhetoric about Integrity.

As your command sergeant major, part of my responsibility to you, both our Soldier and civilian personnel, is to oversee your adherence to Army standards and professional development. This includes the intangibles that comprise our seven Army values.

While we can't touch or see them, our values are an inherently vital component to the overarching success of our force. I honestly believe our integrity serves as the moral compass of our values. Integrity asks each of us to evaluate our actions and points us toward the right direction, whether we like it or not. I consider it the grumbling, nagging, mother-in-law of our belief system; it's the one that we grow to love.

To sit back and pretend that during my career I haven't made a wrong choice or poor decision would be a disservice to this readership. I am by no means infallible, nor do I pretend to be. Our integrity matures with continual and honest self-assessments, lessons learned and the depth of our knowledge. What I'm hoping to convey, is that we can overcome our errors in judgment. We must continue to recognize that our personal integrity is a living thing that changes and develops with age and wisdom.

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For Glen James, the homeless gentleman I spoke of in my opening, returning the money to its rightful owner proffered a windfall beyond hope. Strangers nationwide were so enamored by his integrity that they raised more than \$150,000 for him through a fundraising campaign. His life was forever altered by making the decision to simply do what was right.

James' story serves as a modest reminder that it's not the copper in our pocket that matters, but rather being okay with the person you face daily in the mirror.

*Who do you see?*

**COMMAND SGT. MAJ. WILLIAM G. BRUNS**  
APG Senior Command Sergeant Major

### Vanpoolers needed on APG North & South

APG Commuter Center

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

<p><b>APG North (Aberdeen) to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Newark, Delaware</li> <li>◆ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</li> <li>◆ White Marsh, Maryland</li> <li>◆ Columbia, Maryland</li> <li>◆ Aberdeen train station shuttle</li> </ul>	<p><b>APG South (Edgewood) to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Baltimore, Maryland</li> <li>◆ Columbia, Maryland</li> <li>◆ Newark, Delaware</li> <li>◆ Washington, D.C.</li> </ul>
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Commuters only need to be willing to travel to the designated areas to ride the vanpool. For more information, contact the APG Commuter Center POC, Syreeta Gross, at 410-278-5491 or syreeta.a.gross.ctr@mail.mil.

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# APG teen lands \$50,000 Corvias scholarship

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

An APG family member and high school student recently received a \$50,000 scholarship from the Corvias Foundation.



**Chrissandra Jackson**

Chrissandra Jackson is a graduating Aberdeen High School senior and the daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Les Jackson of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity and Venetta Jackson, a medical support assistant with the VA Medical Center at Perry Point.

Chrissandra Jackson is no stranger to achievement. She was introduced to the community in March by Olympic gold medalist Gail Devers when she was chosen as the county Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County during a ceremony at Harford Community College. She is the president and founder of Aberdeen High School's first International Key Club (a community service club); and she has logged more than 60 community volunteer hours in the past year. In addition to the Key Club, she also serves on LEO (Leader's Experience Opportunity); the Green Team environmental club; FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes); the Student Government Association; Senior Class Council; and played on the school's Lacrosse and volleyball teams.

Jackson's father describes his daughter as "driven."

"If she has a problem, she got head-first into it to try to fix it," he said. "She knocks roadblocks down with only limited help from others. She's always been like that."

Noting how her daughter attended the 2014 and 2015 Joining Forces and National Math & Science Initiative Celebrations in Washington, D.C., where she was introduced to first lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and his wife Dr. Jill Biden; Venetta Jackson called Chrissandra an "achiever."

"She's been determined and focused her whole life," she said. "She's always loved learning, and she's developed many great leadership qualities."

She added that she's "not surprised" by the scholarship, which is one of several, totaling more than \$130,000 that have been presented to Chrissandra.

"I expected it because she put in the work," she said. "I'm grateful because it could have gone to anyone but she was chosen."

A lover of chemistry and the sciences, Chrissandra is a STEM education consultant with the Boys & Girls Club STEM labs. She recently coached a Junior Solar Sprint Team of sixth-grade girls that won first place and will compete in the national competition in Dallas, Texas.

"The really exciting part is that these girls have never been on an airplane," Jackson said, adding that the flight is all the girls can talk about.

Jackson also placed third with the Sea Perch underwater robotics competition for students in the APG community. Hosted by Dr. Christopher Hoppel of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Sea Perch is an outreach program to foster interest in STEM education.

"ARL is active in STEM outreach in Maryland communities to create opportunities for students to enjoy science, technology, engineering, and mathematics," Hoppel said.

About 110 students competed in the Sea Perch challenge of manipulating robots underwater at the APG Olympic Pool.

Jackson coached a team from Windsor Valley Elementary School. She said the competition was tough for her team of one third-grader, one fourth-grader and two fifth-grade students.

"We placed third against really good elementary school teams," she said.

She said she "usually makes A's and B's" and that while class work remains her highest priority, she's takes pride in her community service. Through her leadership, her school's Key Club grew from a handful of students to more than 70 members and she proudly serves as a Youth Team Leader on the Sharing Table and other community service projects with the Gospel Service congregation at the APG North (Aberdeen) post chapel.

"When I think about how I grew up moving around the country, I remember how every community helped those within the community," she said. "When you serve your community you are building something lasting, and to me that's what it's all about."

The senior class president of Aberdeen High School Class 2015 with a cumulative 3.7 grade point average, Jackson will attend American University in Washington, D.C. in the fall.



Courtesy photo

APG family member and Aberdeen High School senior Chrissandra Jackson, right, is all smiles after meeting First Lady Michelle Obama while attending the Joining Forces and National Math & Science Initiative Celebrations in Washington, D.C. Jackson was recently awarded a \$50,000 college scholarship from the Corvias Foundation.

## **Corvias Foundation**

According to the Corvias Foundation press release, Corvias awarded 11 college scholarships of up to \$50,000 to outstanding high school students, marking the 10th class of scholarship recipients since its founding by Corvias Group CEO John Picerne, totaling nearly \$6 million in scholarships to the families of active-duty service members. Along with Aberdeen Proving Ground, this year's 11 graduating seniors are the children of active-duty service members at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Meade, Maryland; Fort Polk, Louisiana; Fort Riley, Kansas and Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

## **Scholarships & grants**

The Corvias Foundation offers scholarships and grants through three main programs:

### **Our Family Educational Programs – Military Service Members**

- Our Family Scholarships support col-

lege-bound children of active-duty military service members in their pursuit of higher education.

- Our Family Educational Grants empower spouses of active-duty military members to pursue continuing education and expand their professional development goals.

### **Our Future Educational Programs – Partner Organizations and Universities**

- Our Future Scholarships support scholars enrolled in specific partner organizations and universities.

- Our Future Target Scholarships are developed as targeted scholarships for specific areas of study and research priorities.

### **Employee Educational Programs**

- The Corvias Foundation supports college-bound children of Corvias Group employees in their pursuit of higher education through one annual scholarship award.

For more information, visit <http://corviasfoundation.org/?id=scholarships-grants>.

# Natick test methods transition to ATC

By **JANE BENSON**  
NSRDEC

Researchers, at the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center, or NSRDEC, have devised new, more operationally-relevant ways to evaluate protective eyewear and soft-body armor.

These new test methods and apparatus are transitioning to the Aberdeen Test Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland and will be incorporated into standardized test operating procedures.

The quick transition to ATC has been enabled by the Science and Technology, or S&T, Objective, or STO, Force Protection Soldier and Small Unit program, formerly TeCD 1b, which focuses on aligning and transitioning science and technology projects to programs of record and various customers.

“STO Force Protection: Soldier and Small Unit comprises 77 projects that are delivering knowledge products, materiel, and test methods - all aimed at understanding and increasing Soldier performance and protection in an operationally relevant environment,” said Jaclyn Fontecchio, STO lead, NSRDEC Warfighter Directorate.

“New and relevant test methods are critical to the ability to accurately assess products or systems during their S&T development. As new products emerge through research and development, the use of standard test methods, as is or modified, are not always applicable particularly when dealing with revolutionary or novel products and materials. In many cases, new test methods are required to measure parameters of interest and require an upfront investment. Failure to do so can lead to non-conforming products, shortened product service life, and increased testing costs.”

Natick’s new test methods for protective eyewear and soft-armor protection were needed to evaluate evolving, state-of-the-art protection and new materials/designs, in situations where previous methods were incapable of testing the new materials/designs accurately.

The new test methods include a soft-armor flexibility test, a soft-armor durability test, an eyewear abrasion test, and an eyewear anti-fog test. The new NSRDEC-developed tests are consistent, accurate, reliable, repeatable, and most important, operationally relevant, to ensure that equipment better meets the needs of Soldiers.

## Soft-body armor

Previous test methods, which existed for evaluating soft-armor flexibility and durability were written based on woven fabric constructions. These methods were inapplicable to new, higher-performance materials, which were not made of woven construction.

NSRDEC developed a flexibility test for soft armor, which consists of a spherical bend procedure that characterizes the flexibility of multilayer, soft armor ballistic panels.

“Previous soft-armor tests didn’t really translate to someone wearing it in a real environment,” said Robert DiLalla, ballistic and blast thrust area manager. “There was no means to say, was this too hard or too soft?”

According to DiLalla, NSRDEC came up with a study testing soft armor panels of varying stiffness, put them on Soldiers, had them do various tasks, and then asked about the overall comfort. Goniometer and reach measurements, along with Soldier feedback, were used to develop a method to test samples of soft armor by plunging it through an eight-inch diameter hole, he said. They



Photo by Vernon Bentz

**A Soft Armor Flexibility Test Apparatus measures armor sample stiffness by plunging it through an 8-inch diameter hole with a 2-inch depth. The new test is operationally relevant and is based on Soldier input regarding comfort and range of motion.**

then measured how much force it took to plunge the sample two inches through the hole.

“Believe it or not, as you got panels that took more force to plunge, you could see that the Soldiers would say it was too stiff or prohibited range of motion,” DiLalla said. “We found the threshold where Soldiers didn’t like it. We also found a lower threshold where they started to say that it was too soft.”

Thus, the new test methods are a standardized way to evaluate soft armor based on direct Soldier input.

“It is very simple, reliable and repeatable,” DiLalla said. “The apparatus provides an accurate way to test current armor and future designs. The reason

that this test is better is that we can actually test a system level, multi-layered system unlike the previous method of measuring the fabric stiffness of a single ply. We wanted to come up with a method that was operationally relevant and that reflected what the Soldiers would think, and at the same time not prohibit new materials/constructions from being used.”

The second new test method measures wear durability with an apparatus that subjects an armor sample to load conditions that replicate physical movements used frequently by warfighters - including squatting, bending and twisting - in a single mechanical stroke.

“In this case when we say durability, we are trying to predict wear life or say that the system will at least last for some period of time. If Soldiers are in theater and wear this every day for a year - will the protection hold up to wear over 12 months? We don’t want a system that will degrade in performance from normal, expected field use. We developed a

test method to measure that. We came up with an apparatus that can mechanically work an armor sample in one stroke, and it’s repeatable. Previously, there was no test method available to show how long the ballistic protection would last with typical use.”

## Eye protection

Previous testing methods for eye protection, including goggles and spectacles, did not adequately test for real-world conditions, including the desert conditions that have been prevalent in many Soldier operations.

“Our eyewear must be scratch resistant, fog resistant, and protect from dust and sand infiltration,” said Michelle Markey, NSRDEC science and technology researcher. “This can be accomplished through design and specialty coatings. More ventilation can mean less fog, for example, but it can also mean more dust and sand gets in. It’s a challenging balance that continuously needs to be looked at.”

Previously, there wasn’t a very reliable, effective test method for the laboratory. So, researchers had to rely on user field test data, which is time consuming and expensive. NSRDEC developed a new fog test and apparatus that measures anti-fog performance and provides quantifiable measurements that apply to real scenarios.

“Instead of having to test products in the field or a large chamber, we can now do it at a laboratory scale,” Markey said.

Eyewear for Soldiers also needs to work, as part of a system and in conjunction with a helmet, which made private industry test methods inapplicable.

“Wearing eyewear with a helmet can affect air flow,” Markey said. “The existing test methods didn’t account for design, style, how it is worn, and the var-

ious environmental conditions the eyewear is used in. So, Natick came up with a test methodology to look at all these different considerations.

“A heated moisture bath in the head form is used to simulate heat and moisture from the eyes. Mounting on a head form also allows the space factor between the eyewear and the head to be considered, as well as the effect of other equipment, such as helmets. The environment is also a factor. Is it cold? Is it warm? What is the relative humidity and what effect does it have? The test apparatus addresses all of this, and is enclosed in a chamber, basically creating a miniature controlled environment for consistent test conditions.”

This type of testing will improve Soldier safety because service members will be more likely to keep their protective goggles and spectacles on if they do not have problems with fogging.

NSRDEC also developed a new standard test method for abrasion resistance. The method incorporates the use of rapidly blowing sand to replicate real-world conditions. None of the previous methods could accurately replicate this type of damage. In fact, eyewear that performed well under previous methods sometimes performed poorly when exposed to the blowing sand test mechanism.

“Abrasion resistance is always a key concern with eye protection,” Markey said. “It’s a challenge because of the nature of the impact-resistant material we use. It is soft and has to be coated to keep it from scratching. The durability of those coatings must be tested, ideally with something similar to what is experienced in the field. In a desert environment, blowing sand can be quite abrasive.”

“People tend to focus on just the products, but they don’t realize that behind the scenes we are working diligently to develop new methods to better assess the performance of these products,” DiLalla said. “In many cases, old-test methods can’t be applied to the new products. So, we need to be the lead, not only in developing these new products, but in developing operationally relevant methods to assess them.

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**Jaclyn Fontecchio**

STO lead, NSRDEC Warfighter Directorate

# Legal team visits Aberdeen Middle School

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**  
APG News

Team APG military and civilian attorneys and paralegals conducted a mock trial and mini career day at Aberdeen Middle School, June 10.

Members of the Army Materiel Command Legal Center – Aberdeen Proving Ground donated their time to lead a mock trial based on a real case from the Salem Witch Trials to help demonstrate to students how the American judicial process works.

During the mock trial, several students were selected to serve as judge, prosecutor, defense counsel and witnesses. The remaining students served as members of different juries who deliberated separately.

After announcement of the verdicts, a discussion was held on how juries could hear the same facts yet arrive at different verdicts. According to legal team volunteers, the students had several questions about defense attorneys.

“Many students were curious how lawyers could represent an individual whom the lawyer knew was guilty of a crime,” said Jamie Ford, chief of Business Law Division A, ALC-APG. “They seemed surprised but satisfied with the explanation concerning the adversarial system, and how a defense counsel is an important piece of making that system work.”

“They also seemed to understand that the defense counsel is often the only advocate/friend of the accused facing trial.”

The attorney and paralegal volunteers ended the session with remarks on what motivated them to pursue a law career.



(Left) Jamie Ford, foreground, chief of Business Law Division A, ALC-APG, sets the stage for the Salem Witch Trail case used during a mock trial at Aberdeen Middle School June 10 as Maj. David Jones, far right, looks on. During the mock trial, students took on the roles of prosecutor, defense counsel, judge and jury.

(Below) From left, 1st Lt. Julius Blattner, of the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, Maryland Army National Guard, Capt. Marina Loshak, special victims counsel, ALC-APG, and Jamie Ford, chief of Business Law Division A, ALC-APG, moderate jury deliberations as students contemplate a verdict during a mock trial and mini career day at Aberdeen Middle School June 10.

Courtesy photos

“My hope was that our interactions with the young men and women of Aberdeen Middle School would spark in them an interest in the law [field] and in the Army,” said Capt. Marina Loshak, an ALC-APG special victims counsel. “I think that did, in fact, happen with many students who asked multiple questions both about the Army profession and the practice of law.”

“It was an important community outreach effort, since we touched the most impressionable members of the community, and also the ones with the most potential for future change,” she said.

The Judge Advocate General’s Corps conducts celebrations in honor of American Law Day, observed May 1 each year, to promote the field of law to young people.



## Harford County to spray for mosquitos

Harford County Government

The Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation will participate in the 2015 Mosquito Control Program season from June 1, 2015 to September 17, 2015.

The program is offered by the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Mosquito Control Section.

Spraying to control adult mosquitos will take place in the following areas: Flying Point Park in Edgewood; Mari-

ner Point Park in Joppa; Lake Serene at Edgewater Village Park in Edgewood; Swan Harbor Farm in Havre de Grace; and the Equestrian Center for the annual Farm Fair event in Bel Air.

Other areas in Harford County that will be sprayed for mosquitoes, not under the control of the Department of Parks and Recreation, include: Rumsey Island, Plum Tree, Woodside, Mayfield/Stonehedge, Seagull/Heron,

Forest Greens/Perryman, West Shore, Oak Landing, Long Bar Harbor, West Baker and Homestead Village.

For more information regarding the mosquito control activities and policies, please visit the Maryland Department of Agriculture website at [http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito\\_control\\_policy.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito_control_policy.aspx). At this website, you can find a Request for Exemption from Adult Mosquito Con-



trol Services form.

For questions about the mosquito spraying program, contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture at 301-422-5080. To contact the Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation, call 410-638-4753.

### Woman of the Year nominations due June 30

Nominations for APG’s Outstanding Woman of the Year, Outstanding Supervisor of the Year and Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals will be accepted through June 30.

These awards recognize individuals, military or civilian, and organizations across APG that are exemplary in their support of Federal Women’s Program goals. Nominations may be submitted by an employee or management official. Nominees are not required to be members of the FWP.

In recognition of women winning the right to vote, Women’s Equality Day will be observed with a guest speaker and awards ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center ballroom Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Recognition will be given to the Outstanding Woman of the Year, along with a first and second runner up; Outstanding Supervisor/Manager of the Year; and Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals. An independent panel will evaluate the qualifications of each nominee against specified criteria.

For more information, and the nomination format, contact Elizabeth Young at 410-278-1392 or [elizabeth.h.young.civ@mail.mil](mailto:elizabeth.h.young.civ@mail.mil).

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## events&town halls

### 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 JUNE 18

#### VETERANS JOB FAIR

RecruitMilitary will host a job fair for military veterans and their spouses 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at FedEx Field, 1600 FedEx Way, Hyattsville, MD 20785. The free event includes representatives from 63 companies such as: Disabled American Veterans, Adobe Systems Inc., Lockheed Martin, The Home Depot, PNC Bank, US Department of Education and many others with real job openings who are looking to hire.

In addition, a 10 a.m. seminar, "Five Steps to Informed Financial Transition," provides information to veterans and spouses concerning their future retirement. At 10:15 a.m., the seminar, "Prep for Success – Practical Advice to Help You Thrive in Your Job Search" will be offered. The seminar features tips to prepare and focus on success.

To pre-register for the RecruitMilitary job fair and/or seminars go to <https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/washington-dc-all-veterans-job-fair-june-18-2015#registration>.

### TUESDAY JUNE 23

#### STEM PROFESSIONALS & STUDENTS NETWORKING EVENT

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Chesapeake Post will host its annual STEM-Student Networking Event and Scholarship Recipient Recognition at the Wetlands Golf Club in Aberdeen, 5:15 to 7:30 p.m.

Open to high school and college students, STEM professionals, and scholarship recipients and their parents, the event is expected to draw more than 100 local community members.

Jyuj Hewitt, executive deputy to the commanding general at the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, will serve as guest speaker.

Entry is complimentary to students and parents of scholarship recipients. Cost is \$12 for all others. To register, visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-same-chesapeake-scholarship-banquet-and-student-networking-tickets-17044365155?aff=erellivorg>.

For more information, contact scholarship and mentoring committee chairperson Stan Childs at 410-322-8575 or stanley.e.childs.civ@mail.mil.

### THURSDAY JUNE 25

#### RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The next RAB meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center in Edgewood. Topics of discussion will include Canal Creek, other Edgewood Areas, and Lauderick Creek Cluster 13.

For more information, contact Karen Jobs at [karen.w.jobs.civ@mail.mil](mailto:karen.w.jobs.civ@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/Manger of the Year, and Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals will be recognized. Maj. Gen. Linda Singh, Maryland National Guard Adjutant General, will serve as guest speaker. This year's theme is "Women's Right to Vote"

For more information, contact Elizabeth Young, 410-278-1392, [elizabeth.h.young.civ@mail.mil](mailto:elizabeth.h.young.civ@mail.mil).

## health&resiliency

### TUESDAY JUNE 23

#### FAMILY FITNESS INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a Family Fitness and Nutrition Informational Session 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000. The session includes a mini healthy cooking session and interactive fitness activities focused on nutrition and exercise fun for the whole family.

The session is open to APG service members, civilians and contractors.

For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or [tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil).

### FRIDAY JUNE 26

#### KUSAHC CLOSING AT NOON

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will close at noon for the change of command ceremony for Lt. Col. Zinnante at the APG North (Aberdeen) post chapel at 2 p.m. This closing affects all areas of the clinic including the pharmacy.

For more information, contact Patient Advocate Sgt. 1st Class Marquis Turner at 410-278-1724, [marquis.d.turner.mil@mail.mil](mailto:marquis.d.turner.mil@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:

- June 26 and 30

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

### 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](mailto:tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil).

## 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.

July 15 – APG North Chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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.

## 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:

- July 11

- August 8

For more information, contact Robin Bruns at 910-987-6764 or [brunsrdb@yahoo.com](mailto:brunsrdb@yahoo.com).

## 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

### FRIDAY JUNE 19

#### UNDER MY SKIN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Ruggles Golf Course will host the first Under My Skin for Life Foundation golf tournament to benefit local veterans and Wounded Warriors. Registration begins 8 a.m. and tee time is 10 a.m. The cost of \$125 for singles and \$500 per foursome, includes golf cart, unlimited beverages and the awards luncheon, which will be held immediately after play in the Sutherland Grille at the Ruggles clubhouse.

To register, download a registration form at [www.bushmiltavern.com](http://www.bushmiltavern.com) or [https://www.facebook.com/BushmillTavern/info?tab=page\\_info](https://www.facebook.com/BushmillTavern/info?tab=page_info), and mail check or money order to: Bushmill Tavern C/O Billy Little, 4017 Philadelphia Road, Abingdon, MD 21009. Register by June 1. Late registration is June 19.

For more information, contact Lisa Libatore or Billy Little at 410-914-5820

### JUNE 22 – 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.

- June 22-26: 2000, 3000 and 4000 building blocks

- June 29 – July 3: 4000, 5000 and 6000 building blocks

- July 6-10: 4000, 5000 and 6000 building blocks

- 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

#### HCC FALL SCHEDULE

Registration is open for Harford Community College Fall 2015 classes to be held at APG. Log onto your OwlNet account and follow the registration guidelines. New students should contact the Registration Office at 443-412-2100.

#### Classes:

- Math 216: Introduction to Statistics, Tuesday/Thursday, Aug. 31 to Dec. 15, 5:30 to 7:25 p.m.

- English 216: Business Communications, Tuesday, Aug. 31 to Dec. 15, 5:30 to 6:50 p.m.

- PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology, Monday/Wednesday, 6 to 8:50 p.m., Oct. 19 to Dec. 15.

For more information, contact Tiffany Morrell at 443-412-2100, [tmorrell@harford.edu](mailto:tmorrell@harford.edu) or visit Bldg. 4305, Room 335.

## ONGOING

#### CMU FALL SCHEDULE

Registration is open for Central Michigan University Fall 2015 classes to be held at APG.

#### Classes:

- MSA 601 Organizational Dynamics and Human Behavior, Aug. 21-22; Sept. 18-19; Oct. 18 (End date)

- CED 555 Human Relations Skills, Oct. 23-24; Nov 20-21; Dec. 6 (End date)

These are hybrid courses requiring additional online interaction.

For more information, contact Barbara Jenkins at 410-272-1532, [aberdeen.center@cmich.edu](mailto:aberdeen.center@cmich.edu) or visit Bldg. 4305, room 209.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## ONGOING

#### ARMY DISASTER PERSONNEL ACCOUNTABILITY & ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

All Department of the Army personnel must validate their emergency data as well as their family members in the Army Disaster Personnel Accountability & Assessment System (ADPAAS).

Visit <https://adpaas.army.mil> and follow the instructions below to validate/update your personnel data:

1. Select "Soldiers, DA civilians, NAF employees, OCONUS contractors and their family button."

2. Choose one of the three login methods

3. Click the "My Info" tab.

4. Select "Contact Information" to review, add or edit emergency contact information.

5. Select "Family Member Info" to review, add or edit your family member information.

Individuals in a geographic area of natural or man-made disasters will be prompted to complete an assessment survey.

# MORE ONLINE

More events can be seen at [www.TeamAPG.com](http://www.TeamAPG.com)

# Teams hone skills with interagency partners

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

Specialized teams from 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives) routinely train with joint, interagency and allied organizations.

The 20th CBRNE Command's CBRNE Response Teams, known as CRTs, participate in exercises around the world to hone their life-saving and mission-enabling skills.

Inside the cordon and outside the wire, CBRNE Response Teams operate with government agencies and combatant commands to counter chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats.

Each CRT is capable of tackling a variety of challenging missions, including initial sampling, limited decontamination, packaging, escorting, detection, munitions assessment, explosive threat mitigation and contaminated sensitive site exploitation.

Made up of Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) troops, the teams combat the full range of CBRNE threats.

CRT Soldiers also train for breaching and confined space operations.

CBRNE Response Team 1 from the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland-based 22nd Chemical Battalion's 64th Chemical Company recently trained with the Federal Bureau of Investigation or FBI.

"The exercise was heavily focused on forensic procedures and evidence collection," said CRT 1 Team Leader Capt. Matthew R. Reinstein.



Courtesy photo  
**Soldiers from the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) train to counter chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats with interagency partners.**

"The exercise improved our Soldier's understanding of the importance of evidence chain of custody," said Reinstein, an Afghanistan veteran.

One of two technical escort battalions in the U.S. Army, the 22nd Chemical Battalion operates 12 CRTs.

The 22nd Chemical Battalion is part of the 48th Chemical Brigade, 20th

CBRNE Command. Headquartered on Aberdeen Proving Ground with Soldiers and civilians stationed on 19 posts in 16 states, 20th CBRNE Command is the Defense Department's only multifunctional formation that combats CBRNE threats around the globe.

Maj. Vance M. Brunner, the 22nd Chemical Battalion operations officer,

said CRTs provide critical capabilities for combating CBRNE threats on the modern battlefield.

"The teams are Army's premier force for CBRNE exploitation and assessment," said Maj. Vance M. Brunner, who deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. "There are no CBRNE targets that these teams cannot exploit and assess."



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# 240th ARMY BIRTHDAY

240 Years of Selfless Service to the Nation



## Army Community Service

By **RACHEL PONDER**

APG News

For nearly 50 years Army Community Service, known as ACS, has helped Soldiers and their families deal with the unique challenges of military life, like multiple moves and deployments. Today, more than 80 ACS centers worldwide provide standardized services and programs across the Army.

Part of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Army Community Service provides military personnel and their family members, as well as civilian employees, a central point to turn to for information, advice and guidance in resolving personal and family issues and challenges.

At APG, the ACS team is comprised of seven civilians and three contractors. Three positions are currently vacant ACS Officer Linda Edwards said the staff works together to provide critical services for the community.

“What I am most impressed with in ACS, is the team really does come together,” she said. “Everyone in this building is pretty much a generalist, they can backfill for each other. To me, that is impressive.”

Edwards said that ACS is the Army’s equivalent to a social services agency.

“No matter what is going on, the moment a client walks in the door in need, [our] folks here will take real good care of them,” Edwards said. “They have come to the right place for help.”

Edwards said she is happy to be able to make a difference in the military community.

“When you leave here at the end of the day, you know the work that has been accomplished is meaningful. It makes the difference in the lives of so many.”

Vicky McClinton, wife of APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton, said ACS is a crucial component of Army life.

“ACS is a lifeline to Army families when they relocate to their new duty station and throughout their assignment to installations around the world,” she said.

“ACS provides Army families resources and leads to address their needs on the installation and in the surrounding community. The ACS staff works hard to partner with the families and support agencies until issues are resolved. This teamwork strengthens the Army family and the community making our Soldiers and civilian workers truly Army Strong.”

Edwards said one challenge facing ACS centers worldwide is reduced funding and manpower. To tackle this problem, the Army is currently looking at ways to provide certain services online.

For instance, recently the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) was conducted virtually. The AFAP provides a way for Soldiers and family members to let Army leadership know what works, what does not, and what they think will resolve the issues.

“We received as many issues as we did in the past when we had two or three day symposiums,” she said. “We received about 40 issues, and one was forwarded to the Department of the Army for resolution.”

A quarterly steering committee meets to resolve local issues raised by the AFAP.

Edwards said one common misconception is that ACS does not provide services to civilians. Although some services are only offered only to Soldiers and family members, many services are offered to all eligible FMWR patrons, which includes Soldiers, DOD civilians, retirees, contractors and their family members.

Throughout the year, ACS provides free educational classes and most are offered to all FMWR patrons. ACS events are advertised in the InDemand e-newsletter and on FMWR social media

### Services offered by APG ACS

#### Employment Readiness Program

Howard has 29 years of experience working with ACS.  
“It’s a family oriented organization,” Howard said. “It is my career goal to work with Soldiers and their families.”

#### Survivor Outreach Services (SOS)

Serving as temporary SOS program manager, Mike Farlow said he is looking to link SOS with youth sports programs and other activities for young survivors.  
“We are conscious of incorporating the surviving family members into Aberdeen Proving Ground community life. Not just for the solemn ceremonies,” Edwards said. “We encourage them to participate in the social and leisure activities on post like Oktoberfest and the U.S. Army Soldier Show.”  
The APG SOS program services six counties within the state of Maryland, providing support to 300 registered survivors.

#### Family Advocacy Program

Designed to break the cycle of spouse/intimate partner and child abuse by identifying abuse as early as possible, the Family Advocacy Program provides prevention and intervention services and resources for affected service members and their families. FAP services are also available to individuals who just want to gain the skills necessary to improve self and relationship.  
Rose Smith, the FAP manager, joined the ACS team in the spring.

#### Military & Family Life Counseling Program

The Military and Family Life Counseling Program provides Soldiers and their families with issues they may face throughout the cycle of deployment. The MFLC Program consultant provides short-term, non-medical counseling support. Civilians are not eligible for this program. Consultants rotate every six months.

#### Exceptional Family Member Program

The mission of EFMP is to assist Soldiers with family members who have physical, emotional, developmental or intellectual needs who require special treatment, therapy, education, training and equipment modifications. EFMP is designed to minimize the disruptions those needs might have upon the family during relocation, and give considerations to those needs in the reassignment process through medical and education evaluations.  
EFMP Manager Nancy Goucher can provide consultations to civilians. For military and family members she provides advocacy directly in the schools.  
“If we cannot provide services for civilians, we can provide referrals,” Goucher said.

#### Mobilization and Deployment/Stability & Support Operations Readiness

This program provides assistance to Soldiers and their family members in maintaining individual readiness throughout the Deployment Cycle Support (DCS) Process. The DCS provides a means to identify individuals/family members who may need assistance with the challenges inherent to extended deployments. Training includes: pre and post deployment and post-deployment resilience training for couples.  
Dee Ford the Mobilization and Deployment/Stability and Support Operations Readiness program manager assists commanders by organizing and training Family Readiness Group (FRG) members utilizing operation R.E.A.D.Y. materials.

#### Survivor Outreach Services

#### Financial Readiness Program

#### Exceptional Family Member Program

and in the APG News. For more information visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/>.

APG ACS is located in Bldg. 2503. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 8 to 4:30 p.m. Friday. For more information call 410-278-7572.

*Editor’s Note: On June 14, 2015, the U.S. Army celebrated 240 years of selfless service to the United States of America. The nation’s oldest and largest branch of service, the Army leads the way as the world’s premier all-volunteer force. In this three-part series, the APG News takes a closer look at three of*

*many significant phases of Army life.*

*The first article in this series appeared in the June 11 issue of the APG News, exploring recruitment and enlistment and the decision-making process for young recruits and Army recruiters.*

*This article explores the active-duty phase through the lens of the Army Community Service elements in place at every Army installation to support the needs of single and married Soldiers as well as single parents and geographical bachelors and their families.*

*The Army continues to take care of*

*its own when Soldiers have passed on and the final phase details casualty and mortuary affairs procedures in place to honor Soldier’s service and support their survivors.*

*Several other elements, such as tactical and physical training, medicine, military and civilian education, and the transition to civilian life also impact Soldiers throughout the military life cycle. These three examples were chosen as a snapshot to demonstrate how today’s Soldiers truly are Soldiers for Life.*

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# ALL THINGS MARYLAND

## HonFest in Hampden

*A 'Bawlmer' tradition for 21 years*

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

HonFest has been a Baltimore – or ‘Bawlmer’ as the locals say – tradition for 21 years. According to the official website of Honfest 2015, what began as a tiny “Baltimore’s Best Hon” pageant in an alley behind a restaurant has grown into a nationally recognized festival that stretches four city blocks on Hampden’s renowned 36th Street.

The annual festival includes local music, seafood, street art and local wares, as well as Baltimore’s Best Hon and Little Miss Hon competitions. Attendees are encouraged to immerse themselves in hon culture by speaking Baltimorese, a local dialect, and dressing like a hon.

Some locals and out-of-towners visit HonFest every year. Tina and Margo Wittelsberger, a mother and daughter from Federal Hill, attended the festival for the second time this year.

“It’s extremely unique; it’s so Baltimore,” Tina Wittelsberger said. “I just absolutely love it.”

“Hon,” short for “honey,” is a classic Baltimorean term of endearment. Hons are the epitome of 1960s-era Baltimore working-class women from the row homes of Highlandtown, Irvington, Canton, Locust Point, Hampden and Pigtown neighborhoods who had a penchant for colorful, printed dresses, beehive hair-dos, and cat-eye glasses.

HonFest is a celebration of the spirit of these women who helped make Baltimore into the city it is today. Hon culture has been translated into celluloid many times by Baltimore-native film director John Waters. Movie-lovers can watch the cult classics “Hair-spray” or the more off-color “Pink Flamingos” to get a sense for what life was like in 1960s Baltimore.

Margo Wittelsberger said she likes to learn about the culture, but she also enjoys the more frivolous aspects of the festival.

“It’s fun to see everyone dress up,” she said.

In the past few years, HonFest has struck a chord across the nation. According to its website, the festival has been acknowledged by The New York Times, Rachel Ray’s “Tasty Travels,” NBC’s “Nightly News with Bri-



(Above)  
The Baltimore-based performance art group Fluid Movement perform a parody of Dean Martin’s classic song “That’s Amore” at Baltimore’s 2015 HonFest June 13.



(Left)  
Daughter and mom duo Margo, left, and Tina Wittelsberger pose in their best “hon” attire during the 2015 HonFest in Hampden June 13. The two-day street festival captures the spirit and fashion sense of Baltimore’s 1960s working class women.

an Williams,” “The New York Post,” and “Southern Living” magazine, to name a few.

For those who remember growing up during the 60s, the festival is a nostalgic trip to the past. Tina Wittelsberg-

er said she is touched by the time and place in American life that Hon culture epitomizes. She dressed in her best hon garb for the event.

“I feel like my mother lived this era,” she said. “She actually had a bee-

hive. She wasn’t from Baltimore; she was from Pennsylvania. But I’m kind of reliving her youth.”

For more information about the Baltimore HonFest, visit <http://www.honfest.net/>

## 13th annual eCYBERMISSION kicks off

By **DENNIS NEAL**  
RDECOM

Students from across the United States arrived in Hunt Valley, Maryland June 15 to compete as national finalists in the U.S. Army’s 13th annual eCYBERMISSION competition.

“The U.S. Army is constantly amazed at the level of talent these winning teams possess during the eCYBERMISSION competition,” said Louie R. Lopez, program manager for eCYBERMISSION. “We want to continue doing our part in encouraging students to excel in STEM. This was no easy challenge to take on, and all of the teams’ projects this year have set the bar high for future eCYBERMISSION competitions.”

### STEM in focus

STEM in focus is a recurring series in APG News highlighting Science, Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) on APG. From countless student educational outreach programs to an array of scientific, technological and engineering personnel contributing to diverse missions, STEM is abound on the installation and APG News aims to bring it all into focus. To suggest topics for the STEM in focus series, email [amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil](mailto:amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil).

The web-based science, technology, engineering and math competition is designed to cultivate student interest in STEM by encouraging students in

grades six through nine to develop solutions to real-world problems in their communities, Lopez said.

Judges chose 20 national finalist

teams from 60 regional finalists. A panel of judges consisting of U.S. Army scientists and engineers, educators and STEM professionals will select the national winners during the National Judging and Educational Event June 15-19.

National finalists focused their projects on one of seven mission challenges that affect their communities: alternative sources of energy; the environment; food; health and fitness; force and motion; national security and safety; and robotics. As national finalists, each team member received a \$2,000 U.S. Series EE Savings Bond and a paid trip to compete for the first-place national award in their grade. National winning teams receive up to \$9,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds, valued at maturity.



(Above, left) Student scientists taking part in the eCYBERMISSION National Judging and Educational Event learned about the engineering design process June 15 by completing a challenge called Toxic Popcorn. Students worked in teams to design, build, test and redesign a product to save a fictitious city from toxic popcorn.

(Above, right) eCYBERMISSION national finalist teams took time off from the competition to tour the nation’s capital June 16. Students took a walking tour of the Capitol Building and the National Mall, visiting the Lincoln, Korean, Vietnam and World War II memorials.



Photos by Conrad Johnson

# MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION



## Upcoming Activities

### CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

#### BABYSITTING COURSE JUNE 29 – JULY 1 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 JULY 6-10 & 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 first session will run Monday, July 6 to Friday July 10. 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 NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12

The Leisure Travel Office is offering seats on a bus to New York City Sept. 12. The bus will leave the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center at 7 a.m. and return to the recreation center at 9 p.m., depending on traffic. The cost is \$48 per person. To reserve a seat, visit Leisure Travel Services at the recreation center, Bldg. 3326. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or email usarmy.APG.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil.

### AMUSEMENT PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS 2015 SEASON

The Leisure Travel Office is offer-

ing 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](http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation-and-sports/ticket-office) or call 410-278-4011/410-436-2713.

### BALTIMORE ORIOLES DISCOUNT TICKETS 2015 SEASON

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

### SPORTS & RECREATION ULTIMATE FRISBEE WEDNESDAYS

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

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!

### LUNCH & BOWL THROUGH JUNE 30

The APG Bowling Center will offer "Lunch & Bowl" each Monday, Tuesday and Friday through June 30.

For \$10, bowlers can receive one game of bowling, shoe rental and a box lunch between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The box lunch includes a choice of sandwich (ham, turkey, club, tuna or chicken Caesar), a bottle of water, chips or pasta salad and two freshly baked cookies.

For faster service, call in box-lunch orders ahead of time, before 10:30 a.m., at 410-278-4041.

For more information, contact Richard Burdette at [richard.g.burdette2.naf@mail.mil](mailto:richard.g.burdette2.naf@mail.mil) or call 410-278-4041.

### KAYAK CLASSES MAY-JUNE

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

- June 29 & 30

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 SWIMMING POOL PASSES

MWR pools open Memorial Day weekend. Get ready for summer now and purchase your summer pool passes.

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

Passes can also be purchased at the Bayside Pool on APG South or the Olympic Pool on APG North during operating hours, starting Saturday, May 23.

Pool pass prices:

- 30-day Individual Pass - \$35
- 30-day Family Pass - \$70
- Season Individual Pass - \$85
- Season Family Pass - \$175

Passes are valid through Sept. 7, 2015.

Active duty service members and their families swim free.

For more information, call 410-278-4124/5789 or email [usag-mwr-outdoor-rec@mail.mil](mailto:usag-mwr-outdoor-rec@mail.mil).

### EQUIPMENT RENTALS ONGOING

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

### ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE CONSUMER RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS WEDNESDAY JULY 8

ACS will host a Consumer Rights &

Obligations course at the ACS Building, #2503, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class will focus on consumer rights, obligations and scams perpetrated to defraud consumers. It will also provide an overview of what the Federal Trade Commission does and does not protect, while in CONUS, and discuss warranties for products purchased and how to go about filing a complaint.

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

### CHECKBOOK MANAGEMENT WEDNESDAY JUNE 24

ACS will host a Checkbook Management course at ACS Bldg. 2503 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The course will illustrate the choices in banks and banking services, provide guidance in choosing the right account; identify the skills necessary to maintain a balanced account. Participants gain a complete understanding of their responsibility in managing their money and the accounts, debit cards, checks and ATM machines that come with it.

The class is free, but requires registration. Call the ACS Financial Readiness Program Manager at 410-278-7572.

### CREATING A SOLID SPENDING PLAN

Make plans to attend this free class to learn how to balance your finances. This information can help you stay disciplined and organized financially, which is the first step to knowing your overall financial health. In this easy to follow one-hour class, whether employed or unemployed, you will get the information you need to create and maintain your personal financial goals.

Class will be held the following dates from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Bldg. 2503:

- Wednesday, Sept. 9
- Wednesday, Nov. 18

Registration is required. To reserve a seat call ACS 410-278-9669/7572.

Learn more about APG MWR activities and services by going online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) and downloading the FMWR Directory.

**Getting Insurance**

**August 19, 11:30 - 12:30  
ACS Building 2503**

Provides an overview of insurance, insurance terms, and getting the most for your money. Explores questions such as **Do I have enough? What will these terms mean to me? What insurance do I need?**

To enroll in this FREE class you must register with: ACS Financial Readiness Program Manager, 410-278-7572

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CYSS SPORTS

**FALL SOCCER SIGNUP**

June 1- June 29, 2015  
APG Youth Soccer Fields and County Fields

Youth Soccer League for boys and girls. Teams will play in the ESSL (Eastern Southern Soccer League) in Harford County.

Practices and team meetings begin the week of August 3. Practices are held weekdays and games are held Saturdays.

AGES: Boys and Girls ages 4-6 (Coed) U6 League (APG Only)  
Boys ages 6-14 (League play) U8, U10, U12 & U15  
Girls ages 6-14 (League play) U8, U10, U12 & U15  
Age Determination Date: August 1, 2015

COST/FEE: \$40

Sports Physicals are required to play before August 3.

Interested in coaching?  
Email William Kegley for a background check packet. For more information, contact [william.m.kegley3.naf@mail.mil](mailto:william.m.kegley3.naf@mail.mil) or call 410-306-2297.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:  
Visit the Parent Central Office, Bldg 2503 Highpoint Road, Second Floor, Rooms 210/211. Please call 410-278-7571/7479 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome at any time but appointments will have priority.

U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services

## Resources focus on motorcycle safety

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation launched Motorcycle Safety Awareness campaigns in May. The programs call for all drivers to share the road and to ride sober. Additionally, the Army campaign promotes the Motorcycle Mentorship Program (MMP).

According to the U.S. Army Safety Center, the purpose of MMP is to establish voluntary installation-level motorcycle clubs where less experienced riders and seasoned riders can create a supportive environment of responsible motorcycle riding and enjoyment. Such an environment can create positive conduct and behavior and serve as a force multiplier that supports a commanders' motorcycle accident prevention program.

### Motorcycle Mentorship

Motorcycle Mentorship Programs impact Army formations by proactively mitigating risk and promoting discipline among Army riders. Training, coaching and mentoring creates a safe unit riding culture. Increased ridership + reduced deployments = greater exposure to mishaps.

MMPs are the operational link between the commander and the rider focused on improving or sustaining motorcycle safety. Experienced riders mentor new riders through their transition as they become safe and disciplined motorcyclists.

The MMP is a concept that can be tailored to meet the needs of the command. No single MMP template is applicable in every location, but based on input from Soldiers and leaders, implementing programs using best practices is the most effective approach.

Most motorcycle mishaps result from rider indiscipline. Trending indicates that the Progressive Motorcycle Program, which is focused on training, has reduced skills-based mishaps. In response to rider



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

ISO Safety and Occupational Health Specialist Mike Allen directs a rider during refresher training at the motorcycle training course near Bldg. 4510 before the start of the Bike Bash 2015 Motorcycle Check Ride, June 11.

Indiscipline beyond required training, MMPs focus on improving behavior, sound decision making and preventing loss of perishable skills.

Learn more at the Army Combat Readiness website at <https://safety.army.mil>.

### Maryland Fast Facts

The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration offers the following facts about state motorcycle rules and statistics:

- Motorcycle riders aged 21-49 are overrepresented in crashes, compared to rates among all driver types statewide.
- Nine out of 10 motorcycle crashes involve a male rider.
- Three-quarters of motorcycle passengers involved in crashes are female.
- Motorcycle crashes are serious. Three out of every four motorcycle crashes result in a motorcyclist injury or fatality.
- Motorcycle driving is a two-way

street. Both drivers and riders have a responsibility to share the road safely.

Motorcyclist fatalities have fallen from the peak a few years ago. Motorcycle fatalities fell in 2011 to 66—7 fewer than the 73 fatalities in 2010 in Maryland. This is the lowest level of motorcycle fatalities since 2003.

Unfortunately, the total number of crashes remains high. The total number of motorcycle crashes and injuries has not declined at the same rate as fatalities. The difference between a fatal motorcycle crash and a nonfatal crash can be a slight difference in speed or direction. So, the number of crashes that become fatal could easily go back up.

Motorcycle crashes, injuries and fatalities are most concentrated in the Baltimore and Washington metropolitan areas. More than 40 percent of all crashes statewide (42.7 percent) occur in Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Harford counties and Baltimore City.

Crashes between cars and motorcycles are more common in the urban areas in the Baltimore–Washington corridor. A little more than half of all motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle.

In crashes between drivers and riders, the driver is at fault more than half of the time.

Crashes where only a motorcyclist is reported to be involved make up slightly less than half of all crashes. A small proportion of these crashes are caused by animals and other hazards in the roadway and some causes are unknown, but the largest proportion of motorcyclist-only crashes is caused by rider error.

### Share the Road

Motorcycles are vehicles with the same rights and privileges as any motor vehicle on the roadway.

All motorists are reminded to safely “share the road” with motorcycles and to be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists safe. Motorcyclists are reminded to make themselves visible to other motorists.

### Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over

Alcohol affects those skills essential to riding a motorcycle - balance and coordination. So it plays a particularly large role in motorcycle fatalities.

Statistics show that the percentage of intoxicated motorcycle riders in fatal crashes is greater than the percentage of intoxicated drivers on the roads. This is why NHTSA urges all motorcycle riders to always ride smart and sober.

### NHTSA Did You Know:

4,957 motorcyclists were killed in 2012 - a 7 percent increase from 2011.

Use of DOT-compliant helmets remained at 60 percent in 2013, unchanged from 2012.

Motorcycle helmets do not interfere with the rider's vision or hearing.

For more information about motorcycle safety, visit <https://safety.army.mil>; [http://mhso.mva.maryland.gov/SafetyPrograms/program\\_motorcycle\\_safety.htm](http://mhso.mva.maryland.gov/SafetyPrograms/program_motorcycle_safety.htm); or <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/Motorcycles>.



## John Kearney,

Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS)

By **STACY SMITH**  
APG News

As the director of the Plans Training Mobilization and Security (DPTMS), John Kearney supervises and synchronizes installation plans and operations, security and emergency management functions for APG.

“We [DPTMS] do all the force protection emergency management planning and lead the Emergency Operation Center when either man-made or natural disasters occur,” Kearney said.

In coordination with the Directorate of Emergency Services, he and members of his staff coordinate the response and

resources required to successfully navigate various emergencies. He communicates developments as events unfold to the garrison and senior commanders, and he consults with senior leadership concerning the logistics affecting installation activities and events, such as ceremonies and conferences.

DPTMS “makes sure all the required logistics support— flags, audiovisual, and photography— are synchronized for all tenants across the installation,” Kearney said. Although he and his staff plan events thoroughly, the unforeseen does occasionally arise and requires flexibility on everyone's part.

“Things come up that you didn't know about, then you have to adjust resources that you had committed to one organization to another organization due to priorities,” he said.

Kearney began his government civilian career at the Aberdeen Test Center, working his way up to DPTMS director in 2009. He left APG in 2012 for a three-year position as DPTMS director in Stuttgart, Germany.

“As a Soldier I spent probably 11 years in Germany, so the wife and I jumped on the opportunity to go back,” he said.

Kearney returned to APG in March. He said the best thing about his job is the people he works with, and being part of a large military and civilian community.

“Aberdeen is a great place. I spent 22 years as a Soldier and ended up retiring here. This is where [I] call home.”

For more information, contact Kearney at 410-278-0466, or [john.a.kearney.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.a.kearney.civ@mail.mil).

## Mentorship program offers perspective, growth

Story and photo by  
**AMANDA KRAUS RODRIGUEZ**  
IMCOM

Energy and enthusiasm blew through the room like wildfire during presentations given by U.S. Army Installation Management Command Headquarters Centralized Mentorship Program attendees during the final phase of the program.

A major benefit of the mentorship program, and specifically the presentation phase, was “new perspective,” according to mentee Ralph Williams from U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria. Williams said the program gave him a deeper understanding of the connection between strategy and base-level operations.

“I've seen a bigger picture now - how it's all related - and understand the importance of holistic development for the future,” he said.

Attendees worked over a nine-month period to develop potential human capital improvements to present to senior mentors and IMCOM leaders.

While the presentation of the capstone projects was the final piece of the 12-month employee development program, the three-day return also included exclusive leadership development time with Brig. Gen. Daniel Mitchell, Deputy Commanding General for Support, who praised the groups for their energy and innovative projects.

“Someone already thinks you have



Ralph Williams, a mentee from U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria, and his fellow mentees attend the capstone portion of the U.S. Army Installation Management Centralized Mentorship Program in San Antonio. The HCMP is year-long employee development program key to IMCOM 2025 and Beyond strategic design.

potential,” Mitchell said, “because you're here. Now, make the Army values come alive for you. You are our future leaders, take the time to reflect on what those values mean to you.”

Karen Perkins, Director of Human Resources and SGM Lon Culbreath, IMCOM Human Resources praised both

projects and program, while recognizing every participant's commitment and participation in the HCMP.

“Mentorship is about inspiring others, touching lives and giving back to the organization,” Perkins said. “We've invested in you, now take all that you've learned here back to your workplace.”

Culbreath reminded the mentees that their work doesn't stop once the presentations are complete.

“You leave here as change agents,” Culbreath said, “and should be proud when you see your ideas in the IMCOM 2025 strategy.”

Parting words among the mentors and mentees were a heartfelt mix of thanks and encouragement, with one mentor charging the mentees to “do something every day that will leave [IMCOM] better than you found it.”

The HCMP is an annual development opportunity for IMCOM and Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management employees that pairs mentors in grades GS 13-15 (or equivalent), with mentees in grades GS 11-13 (or equivalent), including non-appropriated fund and local-national employees.

For more information about applying to the HCMP as a mentor or mentee, contact the IMCOM headquarters workforce development team: Beth Burns at [beth.e.burns.civ@mail.mil](mailto:beth.e.burns.civ@mail.mil); Dr. Phillip Douglas at [phillip.d.douglas.civ@mail.mil](mailto:phillip.d.douglas.civ@mail.mil); or Nick Gonzales at [nicholas.c.gonzales.civ@mail.mil](mailto:nicholas.c.gonzales.civ@mail.mil).

*Editor's note: This is part three of a three-article series on the IMCOM Headquarters Centralized Mentorship Program. The first two articles are available online at <http://www.army.mill/article/130378/>; <http://www.army.mill/article/141805/>*

# Dangers lurk during extreme heat

By **RON KRAVITZ**  
Safety Office

High temperatures and humidity stress the body's ability to cool itself and become a special concern during hot weather. Extreme heat conditions will impact different parts of the country and many people will succumb to heat illness.

Workers who are exposed to extreme heat or work in hot environments may be at risk of heat stress. Exposure to extreme heat can result in occupational illnesses and injuries. Heat stress can result in heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps, or heat rashes. Heat can also increase the risk of injuries in workers as it may result in sweaty palms, fogged-up safety glasses, and dizziness. If you must be in the open, wear a hat. If possible place cool water on your body or wet your clothes.

When the heat index rises, one should take measures to compensate for the increased loss of fluids in the body. Dehydration creeps up – by the time you realize you are thirsty it's too late, you're already suffering from dehydration.

To attain optimal hydration, drink two or three glasses of water during the two hours before you begin an outdoor activity. Then maintain hydration by drinking four to eight ounces every half-hour or so. Do not drink caffeinated sodas, beer or any alcoholic beverages; they promote dehydration. Your best choice is cool water. Also, to maintain an adequate salt balance, eat regularly or snack on salty foods such as pretzels.

There are three major forms of heat illnesses: heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke, with heat stroke being a life threatening condition.

## Heat stroke

Heat stroke is a life threatening illness with a high death rate. It occurs when the body has depleted its supply of water and salt, and the victim's body temperature rises to deadly levels.

### Symptoms of heat stroke include:

- Hot, dry skin or profuse sweating
- Hallucinations
- Chills
- Throbbing headache
- High body temperature
- Confusion/dizziness
- Slurred speech

### Take the following steps to treat a person with heat stroke:

- Call 911 and notify their supervisor.
- Move the sick worker to a cool

# Healthy Living

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

## Summertime Recommendations for Outdoor Workers

Workers should avoid exposure to extreme heat, sun exposure and high humidity when possible. When these exposures cannot be avoided, workers should take the following steps to prevent heat stress:

- ⊗ **Wear light-colored, loose-fitting, breathable clothing such as cotton.**
- ⊗ **Avoid non-breathing synthetic clothing.**
- ⊗ **Gradually build up to heavy work.**
- ⊗ **Schedule heavy work during the coolest parts of day.**
- ⊗ **Take more breaks in extreme heat and humidity.**
- ⊗ **Take breaks in the shade or a cool area when possible.**
- ⊗ **Drink water frequently. Drink enough water that you never become thirsty.**
- ⊗ **Avoid drinks with caffeine, alcohol and large amounts of sugar.**
- ⊗ **Be aware that protective clothing or personal protective equipment may increase the risk of heat stress.**
- ⊗ **Monitor your physical condition and that of your coworkers.**
- ⊗ **Protect your skin and lips by using sun-screen and lip balm with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30, and protecting your eyes by using sunglasses with UV protection.**
- ⊗ **Signs of adequate acclimation to the heat and hydration are voiding pale, clear urinating least every 2 hours, and perspiring appropriately.**

shaded area.

- Cool the person using methods such as: soaking their clothes with water; spraying, sponging, or showering them with water; or fanning their body.

## Heat exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is more serious than heat cramps. It occurs when the body's internal air-conditioning system is overworked, but hasn't completely shut down.

### Symptoms of heat exhaustion include:

- Heavy sweating
- Extreme weakness or fatigue
- Dizziness, confusion

- Nausea
- Clammy, moist skin
- Pale or flushed complexion
- Muscle cramps
- Slightly elevated body temperature
- Fast and shallow breathing

### Take the following steps to treat a person with heat stroke:

- Call 911 and notify their supervisor.
- Move the sick worker to a cool shaded area.
- Cool the person using methods such as: soaking their clothes with water; spraying, sponging, or showering them with water; or fanning their body.

## Heat Syncope

Heat syncope is a fainting (syncope) episode or dizziness that usually occurs with prolonged standing or sudden rising from a sitting or lying position. Factors that may contribute to heat syncope include dehydration and lack of acclimatization.

### Symptoms of heat syncope include:

- Light-headedness
- Dizziness
- Fainting

### People with heat syncope should

- Sit or lie down in a cool place when they begin to feel symptoms.
- Slowly drink water, clear juice, or a sports beverage.

## Heat Cramps

Heat cramps usually affect workers who sweat a lot during strenuous activity. This sweating depletes the body's salt and moisture levels. Low salt levels in muscles causes painful cramps. Heat cramps may also be a symptom of heat exhaustion. Frequently they don't occur until sometime later after work, at night, or when relaxing.

Symptoms: Muscle pain or spasms usually in the abdomen, arms, or legs.

### People with heat cramps should:

- Stop all activity, and sit in a cool place.
- Drink clear juice or a sports beverage.
- Do not return to strenuous work for a few hours after the cramps subside because further exertion may lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke.
- Seek medical attention if the worker has heart problems, is on a low-sodium diet, or the cramps do not subside within one hour.

## Heat Rash

Heat rash is a skin irritation caused by excessive sweating during hot, humid weather.

### Symptoms of heat rash include:

- Heat rash looks like a red cluster of pimples or small blisters.
- It is more likely to occur on the neck and upper chest, in the groin, under the breasts, and in elbow creases.

### People experiencing heat rash should:

- Try to work in a cooler, less humid environment when possible.
- Keep the affected area dry.
- Dusting powder may be used to increase comfort.



## 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

## BY THE NUMBERS

# FIFA Women's World Cup

*The final match of the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015 takes place Saturday, July 5 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Here's some interesting numbers regarding WWC play.*

**90,185**

**Number of people who attended the 1999 WWC final between the U.S. and China; it was the most attended women's sports event in history.**

**50**

**Number of female referees overseeing the 52 games of the 2015 WWC.**

**24**

**Teams competing in the 2015 WWC. The tournament has expanded by 8 teams since the 2011 WWC in Germany.**

**7**

**Teams that have participated in all six previous WWC competitions: Brazil, Germany, Japan, Nigeria, Norway, Sweden and the U.S. All seven teams are competing again this year.**

**6**

**Canadian cities hosting tournaments during the 2015 WWC: Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Montreal and Moncton.**

**2**

**Number of times the U.S. has won the WWC championship: in 1991 and 1999.**

By **RACHEL PONDER** APG News  
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Take a look back in time as the APG News explores what made the headlines around APG during this week 10, 25 and 50 years ago. This week's APG News masthead is from 1999.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

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## 10 Years Ago: June 16, 2005



(Above) Capt. Doug Schmidt of the APG fire department checks the condition of a "casualty" during an emergency responder exercise.



(Right) Containment apparatus and warning signs surround the post water tower near Aberdeen Boulevard during the sandblasting phase of its restoration.

2010

2000

## 25 Years Ago: June 13, 1990



(Left) Members of the 523rd Military Police Company fold the 20-by-38-foot garrison flag in front of the Test and Evaluation Command headquarters.



(Right) A new Fox armored vehicle, the Army's new Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Reconnaissance System, is displayed in front of the Berger Lab.

1990

1980

## 50 Years Ago: June 17, 1965



(Left) Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell Jr., left, examines a line descent device developed for paramilitary operations in Vietnam with members of the U.S. Army Limited War Laboratory staff.



(Right) Little Cherri Green executes a perfect curtsy for assembled parents and guests during the post-kindergarten graduation in the service club auditorium.

1970

1960

1950

# DOD employee admits to contract fraud

Employee pleads guilty to fraudulently obtaining more than \$750,000 from contracts at APG

U.S. Attorney's Office – District of Maryland

Mark Nixon, age 54, of Silver Spring, Maryland, pleaded guilty June 15 to conspiring to defraud the United States and to acts affecting a personal financial interest.

The guilty plea was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein; Frank Robey, Director of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's Major Procurement Fraud Unit; Special Agent in Charge Robert Craig of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service - Mid-Atlantic Field Office; and Special Agent in Charge Stephen E. Vogt of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"Today's guilty plea demonstrates our special agents' expertise and dedication to investigate and expose companies and government employees who engage in fraud," said Frank Robey, the director of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's Major Procurement Fraud Unit. "While the defendant may have thought he would get away with the criminal scheme, he was no match for the dogged determination and professionalism of our agents and their commitment to enforcing the law and rooting out those who attempt to steal from the U.S. Government."

"The guilty plea by Mr. Nixon illustrates the lengths that some will go through to circumvent the government contracting process for personal gain," said Robert E. Craig, Jr., Special Agent in Charge for the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Mid-Atlantic Field Office. "DCIS and its law enforcement partners, along with the

U.S. Attorney's Office, are committed to rooting out this behavior in order to ensure acquisition integrity and safeguard Department of Defense funds."

Mark Nixon was a civilian employee of the Department of Defense, and worked at the U.S. Army Research Laboratories (ARL) in Hampton, Virginia, and Aberdeen, Maryland. From 2008 to December 2010, Nixon was the Director of Vehicle Technology Directorate with ARL at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Nixon also had a financial interest and management role in the operation of the following companies: Motile Robotics, Inc. (MRI), located in Joppa, Maryland; Atlantic Capital Enterprises (ACE); and Arrow Technical Incorporated (ATI).

According to his plea agreement, in 2008, Nixon determined that microsystem controls research was needed, including the fabrication of a small open-jet wind tunnel. Nixon created and approved government documents that caused ARL to fund this research, and became the designated team leader for ARL on the research project.

In January 2009, the United States awarded a large defense contractor a task order to construct the open flow wind tunnel

from February 2008 to 2011, worth approximately \$3.6 million. Nixon persuaded the defense contractor to use MRI

as a subcontractor. Nixon also played an important role in the government awarding the defense contractor another task order to construct a closed circuit wind tunnel from January 2009 to 2011, for approximately \$3.5 million, under which MRI was a subcontractor. Nixon provided the contracting officer with a technical evaluation of the contract and its cost, and acted as the government official overseeing and managing this work on a routine basis.

Nixon and a coconspirator had caused MRI to be created and provided significant input regarding the operation of MRI. Nixon was in effect a silent and undisclosed partner, owner and co-president. Nixon also actively assisted with the operation of MRI using the alias "Paul Martin" on order to conceal their financial interest. Although Nixon knew that he had a prohibited financial interest in MRI, he conducted a technical evaluation of MRI's capabilities as a subcontractor, and approved invoices listing false labor and materials charges.

MRI received more than \$5 million in

federal funds under these task orders. Nixon caused MRI to pay money to Arrow Technical, and Arrow Technical to pay Atlantic Capital. Nixon also had a financial interest in Arrow Technical and Atlantic Capital. Nixon and two co-conspirators personally benefited from over \$750,000 sent to these companies.

Nixon and the government have agreed that if the Court accepts the plea agreement, Nixon will be sentenced to 42 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release. Nixon also agrees to forfeit and pay restitution of at least \$750,000. U.S. District Judge Marvin J. Garbis has scheduled sentencing for September 18, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

An information filed on May 8, 2015 also charges Mark Nixon's wife Sandra Nixon, a/k/a "Lisa Hart," age 52, of Silver Spring, and Kenneth Dawson, age 52, of Niceville, Florida, with the same offenses arising from the conspiracy. Both Sandra Nixon and Kenneth Dawson are scheduled to have their initial appearance and arraignment on June 30, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m., respectively.

The National Procurement Fraud Task Force was formed in October 2006 to promote the early detection, identification, prevention and prosecution of procurement fraud associated with the increase in government contracting activity for national security and other government programs. The Procurement Fraud Task Force includes the United States Attorneys' Offices, the FBI, the U.S. Inspectors General community and a number of other federal law enforcement agencies. This case, as well as other cases brought by members of the Task Force, demonstrate the Department of Justice's commitment to helping ensure the integrity of the government procurement process.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein commended the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's Major Procurement Fraud Unit, DCIS and FBI for their work in the investigation. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Harry M. Gruber and P. Michael Cunningham, who are prosecuting the case.

For more information, go to [www.justice.gov/usao/md](http://www.justice.gov/usao/md).

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# Army establishes path to cyber ops specialist

By **DAVID RUDERMAN**

U.S. Army Human Resources Command

U.S. Army Human Resources Command, or HRC, has announced the personnel transition strategy and procedures for reclassification to Military Occupational Specialty 17C, or MOS 17C, cyber operations specialist, for active-duty Army enlisted personnel.

The transition strategies only apply to Soldiers presently serving with the 780th Military Intelligence Brigade, 7th Cyber Brigade and Joint Force Headquarters-Cyber in the ranks of private through master sergeant; however, the reclassification process is open to all enlisted Soldiers, who meet the eligibility criteria.

"The Army continues to gain tremendous momentum recruiting an innovative and agile cyber work force," said Brig. Gen. Karen Gibson, deputy commanding general, Joint Force Headquarters-Cyber, U.S. Army Cyber Command. "The reclassification decision to Military Occupational Specialty 17C, and the newly announced military personnel, or MILPER, message, demonstrate the Army's investment in training Soldiers to combat the growing cyber threat.

"This move demonstrates the Army's commitment to operating in cyberspace by investing in the most critical component necessary to work within the operational domain - a talented, trained and highly-focused corps of world-class operators dedicated to the mission," said Col. Douglas Stitt, director of HRC's Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate.

Specific requirements and detailed guidance for the transition process are spelled out in MILPER 15-165.

Transitioning into a cyber specialist

"By the end of September, HRC will transition all-approved Soldiers, presently in those units, in the rank of private through sergeant first class, who possess additional skill identifier E6 [interactive on-net operator E6 ASI] to MOS 17C. These Soldiers will retain their E6 ASI," said Jim Bragg, Retention and Reclassification Branch chief in HRC's Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate.

At the same time, HRC will transition, like ranked Soldiers, to MOS 17C, who are presently assigned to work roles as interactive operators and access network operators; exploitation analysts, digital network exploitation analysts, cyber defense analysts and cyber security analysts; and cyber planners, he said.

"Transitioning Soldiers, in these categories, will incur no additional service remaining requirement [SRR] and will not be required to recoup any enlistment or re-

enlistment bonus applicable to their present term of service," said Brandon Race, SRB and Critical Skills Retention Bonus program manager with HRC's Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate Retention and Reclassification Branch.

Unit commanders will be responsible for verifying certifications, training and job qualifications of transitioning Soldiers, he said.

"In addition, promotable sergeants first class and master sergeants, in those units, may request a voluntary reclassification to MOS 17C. They will have to submit a DA Form 4187, personnel action, through the Army Cyber Command to the Office of the Chief of Cyber, U.S. Army Cyber School. These senior NCOs [noncommissioned officers] will incur an additional three-year service obligation upon reclassification; however, they will not have to recoup any type of bonus received for their current term of service," Bragg said.

"The Army establishment of cyber as a new career field enables the assignment management and professional development of these uniquely-qualified Soldiers within a singular career branch," said Lt. Col. Tim Groves, Cyber Branch chief of HRC's Officer Personnel Management Directorate.

Each unit will be required to submit a consolidated roster of MOS 17C-eligible Soldiers to the Office of the Chief of Cyber, OCC, before the window closing, Aug. 15, he said. Any qualified enlisted Soldiers, not transitioned to MOS 17C by that date, will have to follow the reclassification procedures outlined in MILPER 15-164.

Reclassification into mos 17c

"Our first steps, on the enlisted side, include transitioning Soldiers already trained and invested in our Cyber Mission Force, as well as opportunities to reclassify for those wanting to join this new branch," said Sgt. Maj. Brett McIntire, sergeant major of the Cyber School in the Army Cyber Center of Excellence on Fort Gordon, Georgia. "Both transition and reclassification paths continue our commitment to high-end technical training and talent development."

"The Army is simultaneously encouraging enlisted Soldiers, with the requisite skills, to reclassify as cyber operations specialists and come under the MOS 17C umbrella to execute both offensive and defensive cyber operations that support the full spectrum of military operations across all domains," said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Fischer, professional development NCO for HRC's Cyber Branch.

Enlisted Soldiers, in the rank of staff



Photo by Tina Miles

**Soldiers, with U.S. Army Cyber Command's 780th Military Intelligence Brigade, take part in network defense training. U.S. Army Human Resources Command announced the personnel transition strategy and procedures for reclassification to Military Occupational Specialty 17C, cyber operations specialist, for active-duty Army enlisted personnel, June 3, 2015.**

sergeant and below, must meet noncommissioned officer education system qualifications for promotion, including structured self-development courses. Soldiers must also ensure they do not exceed the following time in service limits: less than four years for privates and specialists; less than 10 years for sergeants; and less than 15 years for staff sergeants, Bragg said.

Sergeants first class must be graduates of the Advanced Leader Course with at least nine, but no more than 20 years of time in service, and must have a minimum of 36 months of time in service remaining upon completion of the MOS 17 producing course. Soldiers, who have not previously attended a senior leadership course will attend the MOS 17C senior leadership course sometime after completing the MOS-producing course, he said.

Master sergeants interested in reclassifying must have at least 11, but no more than 24 years of time in service to be eligible. Successful candidates will attend specific cyber-mission force functional training before reporting to their initial MOS 17C assignment, he said.

Soldiers, who meet the prerequisites, may request reclassification through servicing career counselors. Once packets are approved by the OCC, career counselors will forward them to HRC, Bragg said.

All qualifying Soldiers will accrue a three-year SRR upon completion of training and must attain an interim top secret clearance before attending MOS 17C training. HRC will schedule MOS 17C Phase 1 training at the Cory Station Naval Techni-

cal Training Center in Pensacola, Florida, and Phase 2 training on Fort Gordon based on course dates and the availability of the Soldier. Upon completion, Soldiers will be assigned based on the needs of the Army, Fischer said.

Soldiers should direct questions, regarding re-enlistment and reclassification, to their servicing or installation career counselor. Effective with the publication of the MILPER, HRC is accepting voluntary reclassification requests from Soldiers across the force, Race said. The rigorous aptitude rating requirements are spelled out in the MOS Smart Book (DA Pam. 611-21).

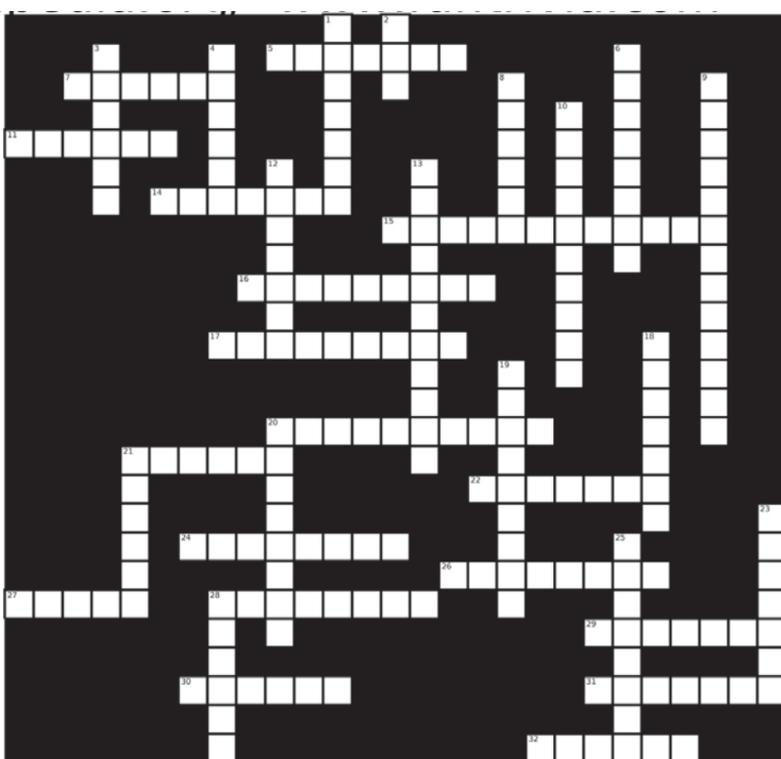
"Career counselors should seek clarification and guidance on eligibility criteria from the enlisted division, OCC, in the Cyber Center at Fort Gordon," said OCC proponent sergeant major, Master Sgt. Jesse Potter.

"Cyberspace operations are a reality of 21st-century warfare, and the Army is committed to integrating cyber within its operational process," Groves said.

"These expanded recruiting efforts allow the Army to manage the talent pool required for daily operations in the cyber domain," said Gibson.

"This stood up in an amazingly fast time by Army standards," Fischer said. "Usually the establishment of a career management field takes years, and they've done this in one year. So obviously, a lot of change has happened and a lot of change is expected to happen very quickly with the CMF as it continues to establish."

# The APG Crossword



## LGBT Pride Month

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

June is National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month. Along with famous people, this puzzle tests your knowledge of Gay and Lesbian trivia and the struggle for equal rights.

### Across

- 5. In 1998, this 21-year-old University of Wyoming student was murdered in what would become one of the most high-profiled cases highlighting hate-crimes against LGBT people.
- 7. Known as "Pearl" to her friends, this 1960s "Queen of Psychedelic Soul" was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1995.
- 11. This comedian and actor won four Emmy awards while playing Dr. Niles Crane on the NBC sitcom "Frasier."
- 14. In 1989 this country became the first European nation to allow full rights to same-sex couples.
- 15. The city college in this California city became the first to have a

department of gay and lesbian studies.

- 16. In 1982, this state became the first to outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- 17. This ex-GI became one of the most celebrated transsexuals of all times after her three operations in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1952-53.
- 20. Though short-lived, the Society for Human Rights in Chicago initiated the gay \_\_\_\_\_ movement.
- 21. The word lesbian, which was first used in 17th century France, is derived from the home of this Greek poet.
- 22. The labrys, a double-edged hatchet or axe, and the symbol of strength and unity for the lesbian community, is said to have been

used as a scepter for this Goddess of Earth.

- 24. In the 1950s, this Wisconsin senator asserted that not only Communists but also gays were betraying American secrets to the Russians.
- 26. In 1962, this state became the first U.S. state to decriminalize homosexual acts.
- 27. This African-American choreographer founded a famous American Dance Theater in New York City and received the Kennedy Center Honors in 1988; one year before his death.
- 28. During the Holocaust, thousands of gay men who were imprisoned under the German law known as Paragraph 175, which criminalized homosexual relations, were forced to wear the pink \_\_\_\_\_ so they could be easily identified.
- 29. This state was the first to legalize civil unions in 2000.
- 30. The original Rainbow Flag had eight stripes that included the colors pink, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 31. This gay African-American author's works include "The Fire Next Time" and "Sonny's Blues."
- 32. Co-founder of the Mattachine Society, he launched some of the earliest public protests by gays and lesbians with a picket line at the White House in 1965.

### Down

- 1. This city hosted the first Gay Pride Parade June 28, 1970.
- 2. This defensive end for the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League, came out as gay after graduating from the University of Missouri.
- 3. This writer and journalist who reported on Edmund Hillary's ascent of Mount Everest documented her personal transition from male to female in a publication called "Conundrum."
- 4. This Valley Forge lieutenant was the first Soldier dismissed from the armed forces for being gay in 1778.
- 6. This university was the first to have an on-campus gay rights group – the "Student Homophile League."
- 8. This American playwright and novelist won three Pulitzer Prizes for the novel "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" and for the two plays "Our Town" and "The Skin of Our Teeth."
- 9. In 1973, the American \_\_\_\_\_ Association removed homosexuality from its list of mental disorders.

- 10. This president's Executive Order 10450 in 1953, made it illegal for the U.S. Government to employ homosexuals.
- 12. This biological woman lived and served as a man during the Civil War with his biological sex remaining a secret even during his time as a Prisoner of War. His secret was only discovered when he was hit by a car in 1910.
- 13. The National \_\_\_\_\_ Counseling Unit, the world's first transgender organization, was created in San Francisco, California.
- 18. This rock singer for the band Judas Priest came out as gay on MTV in 1998.
- 19. A series of 1969 riots centered on this Greenwich Village bar triggered the start of the LGBT rights movement in America.
- 20. American Olympic diver and author who won gold medals at the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games on both the springboard and platform.
- 21. In 'Lawrence v. Texas,' the 2003 Supreme Court decision ruled that \_\_\_\_\_ laws in the U.S. were unconstitutional.
- 23. In 1998, this president's Executive Order 13087, banned the government from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation.
- 25. During a career that spanned four decades, this American pianist and entertainer earned two Emmy Awards, six gold albums and two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
- 28. Regarded by many as the father of computer science, this British cryptanalyst took his life after being subjected to chemical castration in 1954.

Solution to the June 11 puzzle



## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Pestilence

Pronounced: PES-tl-uh ns

**Part of Speech: Noun**

#### Definition:

- 1. Any virulent or fatal contagious or infectious disease, esp. one of epidemic proportions, such as bubonic plague
- 2. , as a doctrine, regarded as harmful or dangerous; something that is considered destructive, or evil.

#### Use:

- After years of war and pestilence, few people remained in the city.
- The common fear was that terrorists would unleash a pestilence that would wreak unspeakable havoc.
- In recent months the city has revived its efforts to curb honking, smoking and the pestilence of plastic bags.
- There was no security for land, property or life; fever and pestilence raged.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

Source(s): <http://websters.yourdictionary.com/> (Webster's New World College Dictionary)

## ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

### NPS

**National Park Service**



The National Park Service (NPS) is an agency of the United States federal government that manages all U.S. national parks, many American national monuments, and other conservation and historical properties. NPS is a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Interior and is led by a director nominated by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

The service was created Aug. 25, 1916, by Congress through the National Park Service Organic Act signed by President Woodrow Wilson.

NPS areas of responsibility include 16 national parks, 72 national historic landmarks, six natural landmarks and two national heritage areas. More than 6.8 million people visit the national parks annually. Fourteen threatened and endangered species reside in the nation's national parks.

The National Park Service will celebrate its centennial in 2016. On Jan. 1, 2016, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses will kick off the celebration during the 127th Rose Parade.

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Source(s): <http://www.nps.gov/>; <http://www.wikipedia.org>

# Bike Bash links novice and experienced riders

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Lt. Col. Jerry Owen offered the bike blessing.

Motorcycle riding events are meant to reinforce motorcycle safety regulations, foster good driving habits and link novice with experienced riders in accordance with the Army Motorcycle Mentorship Program, Nelson said. He said the event was an overall success.

"There were no accidents, we started and finished on time, we remained safety focused and our riders got to network with each other and share information."

"We had a lot of fun and most said they enjoyed the ride," Adams added. Most important, he said, participants offered their suggestions for future rides.

"We want to make this an enjoyable refresher course and learning experience for all concerned, he said.

Participants expressed their satisfaction with the Bike Bash.

Col. Nat Farmer, military deputy, Chemical Materials Activity, was participating in his second APG ride. A rider since 2002, Farmer said he enjoys getting out into surrounding areas.

"I've done this at other installations," he said. "It's important to get out and around as a group and for Soldiers to participate in command sponsored safety events. The advantage is keeping up with the rules and providing on the spot training."

Capt. Jennifer Jones, a Public Health Command entomologist agreed.

"The weather was great and it was a great route," she said. "I really enjoyed the whole day."



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

APG motorcycle riders maneuver around an Amish horse and buggy, giving it plenty of space, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Dutch Country during the June 11 Motorcycle Check Ride of novice-to-experienced riders and mentors.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tonya Martin of the Army Test and Evaluation Command is a motorcycle mentor. Along with fellow mentor Sgt. 1st Class Jason Barrett and other organizers, Martin helped recon the route the day before.

"We're pretty happy with the way it turned out," she said. "The route was something different, everyone stayed together and we had no accidents or incidents. Communication was great all around and the weather was perfect. We couldn't have asked for a better day."

An end of season ride will be held sometime in August. Check the APG News and APG social media sites for more information.

For more information about motorcycle safety, check out the APG News Summer Safety Series on page 11.

# Freestate cadets look to future after graduation

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and she urged them to continue on the path of excellence.

"This program has given you an opportunity to say 'I am going to be somebody,'" Singh said. "It has given you the opportunity to take your life in any direction you want it to go. Don't waste it. Don't go back to your old ways. Let that be in the past."

The keynote speaker was former professional basketball player Ernie Graham. A Baltimore native, Graham set the single game scoring record at the University of Maryland in 1978 with 44 points in 25 minutes of play. Graham was drafted by the Philadelphia 76ers, but instead opted to play 13 years of international basketball.

Unfortunately drugs hampered Graham's basketball career.

"I let a lot of people down, most of all myself," he said.

Graham said he had a difficult time quitting drugs even though they were ruining his life.

"I believed the people who told me I could stop drugs whenever I wanted to," he said, adding that eventually, he sought treatment for his addiction. Graham encouraged cadets to surround themselves with like-minded, positive people.

"After I sought treatment I couldn't go to the same places and I couldn't hang out with the same people," he said.

He advised the cadets to make careful decisions when they return home, and to be consistent.

"All this hard work could go down the tube with just one bad decision," he said.

Graham shared that his son Ernie Graham Jr., is a graduate FCA and enlisted in the Maryland National Guard.

"He is doing terrific right now," he said. "It wasn't easy for him, but he was able to turn his life around [after] coming here."

The program included personal accounts of achievement from Class #44 speakers, Cadets Adiegh Bynum and Enifae Adebisi. FCA Director Charles Rose, Singh, Graham and FCA 1st Sgt. Job Stringfellow presented certificate and awards.

After the ceremony, Cadet Ruben Solorzano said his future plans include joining the U.S. Air Force.

"I feel like I am really accomplished, like I can set forward and do great things," he said. "There were times when I wanted to give up, but I couldn't because my family was really depending on me to finish the program."

His sister Samantha Solorzano said she will continue to support him and provide guidance.

"We are all so proud of him," she said.

Bynum said she also hopes to join the Air Force.

"There were times when I wanted to give up, when I didn't have confidence in myself," Bynum said. "Now I have much more confidence."

Her mother Kim Rice, from Mont-



(Above) The cadets of Class #44 cheer triumphantly after receiving their completion certificates June 13.

(Right) Cadet Benjamin Illioff and fellow classmates applaud their parents, mentors and community members for their support during the Freestate Challenge Academy Completion Ceremony June 13.

Photos by Rachel Ponder

gomery County, called the FCA program an "amazing journey."

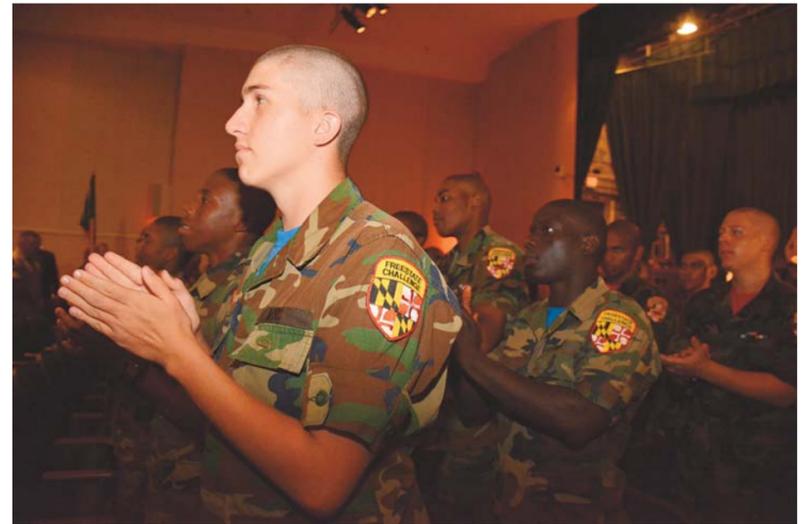
"It feels great to see her graduate, I am so proud of her," she said. "I am thankful; the program made a tremendous impact, and I have seen a total turnaround in 22 weeks. I highly recommend this program."

During the ceremony, several cadets received monetary awards and scholarships from supporting organizations and educational institutions.

Maryland teens enrolled in FCA are considered "at risk youth" who have dropped out of high school and are looking for a fresh start. The 22-week, residential program features a structured, disciplined military-style environment. After graduation, cadets work closely with mentors during the year-long post residential phase.

In addition to preparing cadets for the General Education Development (GED) test, FCA instruction focuses on raising their Tests of Adult Basic Education, or TABE, scores. Cadets are tested at the beginning of the cycle and at the end and must increase their TABE scores to graduate.

Rose said that he was happy to report that the Class #44, on average,



increased over four grade levels. "Bottom line is, this has been a successful class," Rose said. "They persevered and succeeded."

Rose added that FCA has graduated more than 4,000 cadets since the program first started in 1993.

He thanked APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford and APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory R. McClinton for their continued support of FCA.

## Special awards and scholarships:

- Cadet of the Cycle, Jennifer Benitez
- Most Improved Cadet, Maurice Allen Jr.
- Commandant Award for Leadership, Lawrence Reeves
- FCA Academic Excellence Award, Javier Duran

▪ FCA Physical Fitness Award, Xavier Thompson and Dylan Hayes

- Scholarships
- Rotary Club of Towson, Daryl Hubbard
- Nancy H. Sevier Scholarship, Hannah Pagano
- Maryland National Guard Foundation, Tyler Welcher
- PEDRO 66 Award, Philbert Fisher Jr.
- Edward St. John Foundation, Avante Douglas
- Raytheon Corporation, DeMarcus Covington
- Maj. Gen. Harry Greene Aberdeen Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, Jennifer Benitez
- Maryland National Guard Youth Challenge Foundation, Edward Diaz, DeAndre' Jacob, Aurea Showell and Lawrence Reeves
- Harford Community College, Benjamin Illioff

# ATEC bids farewell to Maj. Gen. Utley

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tion Director in the Army G-8, where he was no stranger to navigating through the fiscal challenges ATEC, and the Army, currently face. He understands the importance of keeping an Army ready, equipped and postured to meet the current and future needs of the Force.

The 35th Vice Chief of Staff of the Army referenced Gen. George Washington's inaugural address to the nation stating, "being prepared for war was one of the most effective means to preserving peace."

"The Army Test and Evaluation Command is a fundamental contributor to our preparation for war," Allyn said. "Confidence in our tools of war, helps solidify the essential trust that empowers our warriors to fight with courage and tenacity, the trademark of the American Soldier."

ATEC's mission directly impacts procurement and acquisition decisions as the command ensures Soldiers have effective, suitable and survivable equipment. With this in mind, as he starts his new assignment, Karbler described three mission areas on which he plans to focus.

"My message is simple; we will continue to rigorously and thoroughly test and evaluate new capabilities, whether they are emerging technologies or upgrades, that will allow us to extend the life of current systems," said Karbler. "We'll do so in operationally robust test environments while staying cognizant of the fiscal reality constraining all of us. And, we will ensure that all of ATEC's military and civilian professionals remain on the cutting-edge of professional development and education."

During his remarks, Karbler thanked the ATEC team for their supreme professionalism as they welcomed him and his family to the command and said he looks forward to working together.

Allyn thanked Utley for his contributions over the last two years and made mention of the plethora of success stories had by the command while under Utley's leadership. Among these achievements is the execution of four Network Integration Evaluation events



Maj. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler speaks to attendees after taking command of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command during a change of command ceremony June 15 at APG.

on 10 major programs in the last two years. He's impressed upon Army and DoD senior leaders and stakeholders the importance of testing early and continuously throughout a system's life cycle. Utley is also credited for paving the way for leading the establishment of cyber test and evaluation processes as the Army conducts cyber defense operations.

"He led the effort to keep the Army at the cutting-edge of cyber warfare by establishing a rigorous cyber testing and evaluation regimen in coordination with the Army Research Laboratory and the Threat Systems Management office," said Allyn. "Something you may notice about each of Pete's accomplishments is they span across multiple and diverse organizations. Pete's ability to work with stakeholders across the Army, from the ASA/ALT, [Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition,

**We will continue to rigorously and thoroughly test and evaluate new capabilities, whether they are emerging technologies or upgrades that will allow us to extend the life of current systems.**

Photo by Sean Kief

Logistics and Technology)) to TRADOC, to U.S. Forces Command, and to integrate the joint interagency team has been fundamental to achieving the efficiency and maximum capability for our national defense."

Allyn commended Utley for his commitment to being a straight forward leader of character, something he says is an essential attribute in the test and evaluation business.

"In the Army we pride ourselves on building leaders of character, and ATEC exemplifies this commitment," Allyn said. "Testing in an international setting, leading to critical billion-dollar decisions, our independent testers have the team's trust because of their proven integrity while delivering honest assessments in an extremely high-pressure environments, while supporting an Army at war."

Allyn wished Utley and his wife, Lt.

Col. Catherine Rusnak, who will soon retire after 26 years of Army service, well in their next assignment in Saudi Arabia.

Looking forward, Allyn introduced the new ATEC commander and his family, Karbler, his wife Leah and two children, at the ceremony, characterizing them as a true Army Family.

"One of the many strengths of our Army is our deep bench of experienced leaders who are ready to take and sustain the command's momentum. We're blessed today to welcome [Major] General Dan and Leah Karbler to lead ATEC into the future," Allyn said.

A United States Military Academy graduate, Karbler was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery Branch. He's served in Operation Desert Storm in Iraq; Operations Desert Vigilance and Desert Fox in Saudi Arabia; and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Karbler has experience at all echelons of leadership, to include being aide-de-camp to the commanding general of the U.S. Army Air Defense Center where he later served as a cruise missile defense development officer. He would later return to the Center as the Chief of the Joint Requirements Division for the Combat Developments Directorate.

With significant experience working in the Joint military community, Karbler served at the Pentagon at multiple points over the course of his career. He served as the Architecture and Concepts Branch officer as part of the Joint Staff's J8. He was also the Chief of the Army G-8 Air Defense Division in the Force Development Directorate. He later returned to serve in his most recent assignment as the G-8 Director of Joint and Integration, before taking command of ATEC.

"I'm confident he will effectively synchronize this great ATEC team with all of our partners," Allyn said. "I have full confidence that the Karbler family is ready to take this championship ATEC team forward to an exciting and challenging future."

## Did You Know?

### June is Caribbean-American Heritage Month

Caribbean American Heritage Month was unanimously adopted by Congress in June 2005. Caribbean Americans are Americans who can trace their ancestry to the Caribbean. About 2,532,380 Americans—0.83 percent of the total population—reported Caribbean ancestry in 2008.

The region has exported more of its people than any other region of the world since the abolition of slavery in 1834. While the largest Caribbean immigrant sources to the U.S. are Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Haiti, U.S. citizen migrants also come from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The history of African-Caribbean immigration in the United States can be traced back to slavery when the British colonies in the Americas shifted enslaved Africans to different territories, as the demands of capital and plantation economy dictated.

The first Africans from the West Indies to arrive in the U.S. were slaves brought to South Carolina in the 17th century. The numbers increased in the 18th century as U.S. trade relations with other Caribbean islands broadened. Caribbean numbers decreased after the New York City Slave revolt of 1712 and lessened even more in the early 19th century.

After the abolition of slavery and the end of the Civil War in 1865, the late 19th century brought a new wave of Caribbeans who excelled in various professions to America's shores. Professional craftsmen, scholars, teachers, clergy, doctors, inventors, writers, and politicians of Caribbean descent soon made their mark on the new world.

Immigration gained momentum during World War II when 50,000 Caribbeans - black and white - arrived in the 1940s, and surged again post-1965 with an influx of rural working-class migrants. The collapse of agriculture in favor of the tourist industry in the Eastern Caribbean greatly increased island urban populations and led to neglect of rural communities and greater migration to the U.S. from the Caribbean countryside.

More than 70 percent of Non-Hispanic Caribbean immigrants were from Jamaica and Haiti, as of 2010. Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Belize, the Bahamas, Barbados, and Grenada, among others, also have significant immigrant populations within the United States. Though, sometimes divided by language West Indian Americans share a common Caribbean culture.

#### Famous Americans with Caribbean roots

- Retired Gen. Colin L. Powell, Jamaican; Former NSA Advisor; Chairman JCS; Secretary of State
- Eric H. Holder Jr., Barbadian; First African American U.S. Attorney General (2009-2015)
- Sir Sidney Poitier, Bahamian-American; Academy Award-winning actor, film director, author diplomat
- Harry Belafonte, Jamaican/Martiniquan; Grammy, Emmy, Tony Award-winning singer, songwriter, actor and social activist
- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Trinidadian; Retired professional NBA player
- Jennifer Carroll, Trinidadian; 18th Florida lieutenant governor (2011-2013)
- Lenny Kravitz, Bahamian; Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, musician, producer, actor
- Tatyana Ali, Afro-Panamanian/Indo-Trinidadian; Actress, model, singer, best known for role of "Ashley Banks" on the NBC sitcom "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air"
- Nicki Minaj, Trinidadian; Award-winning rapper, singer, songwriter, actress
- Maxwell, Haitian; Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, producer
- Elizabeth Nunez, Trinidadian-American; Novelist/Author of "Propero's Daughter"

Yvonne Johnson, APG News

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## Exchange, to award \$25,000 to American Hero of the Year

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America's heroes come in all forms, from the deployed active-duty service member to the retired veteran making a difference on the home front. To honor those who serve, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service will award an American Hero of the Year with \$25,000.

All active-duty and retired U.S. military personnel and their family members are eligible to win a grand prize of \$25,000 or one of four runner-up prizes of \$1,000. Nominations can consist of a video less than five minutes, a photo and essay of up to 500 words or a standalone essay. The entries should detail how the nominee exemplifies hard work and determination, how they have shown courage in the face of adversity and what the nominee means to their family.

**Entries will be accepted through July 18.**

To enter, visit [www.shopmyexchange.com/customer-service/](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/customer-service/) BecauseOfYou and click on the Dickies American Hero of the Year logo to access an application.



## Leave Donations

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

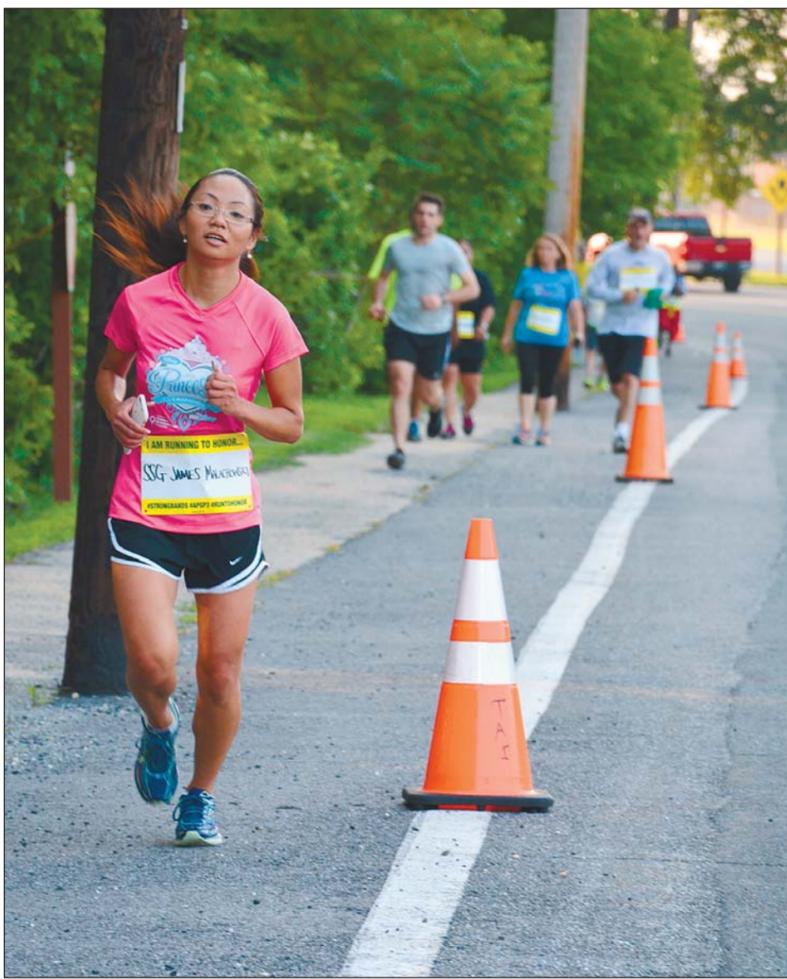
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# APG SNAPSHOT

Take a peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>.



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## RUNNING TO HONOR THE FALLEN

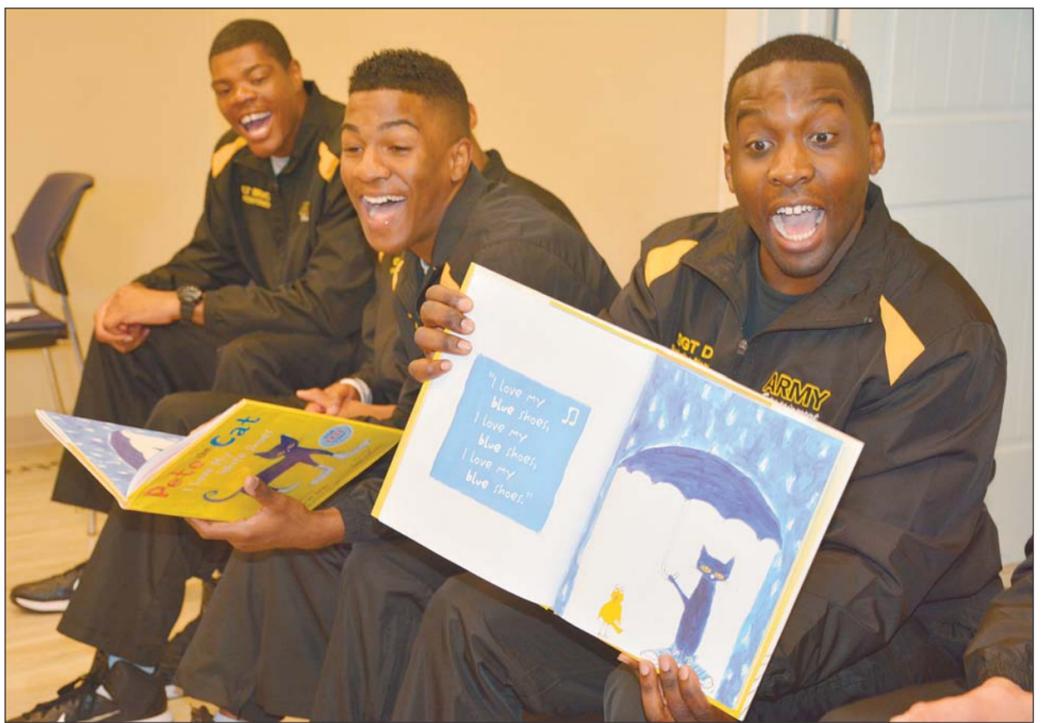
Team APG hosted a Strong B.A.N.D.S. "Run to Honor" 5-mile run/3.1-mile walk at APG North (Aberdeen) June 10. Participants walked or ran to honor local or fallen service members and friends.

(Clockwise, from left)

Christina Ju, with the Communications-Electronics Command Software Engineering Center, said she ran in honor of fallen Marine Staff Sgt. James M. Malachowski from Westminster, Maryland. Malachowski died in 2011 while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. "I feel honored to run for him," Ju said

From left, Brandy Williams and her friend, military spouse Christine Robledo, walk in remembrance of William's husband, Sgt. Eugene Williams who died in 2003 during Operation Iraqi Freedom; Christopher, Carmelita and Phillip Johnson walk in honor of their family member 1st Lt. Daniel Johnson who passed away from an illness in 2013

Philip Johnson writes his father's name on a poster honoring fallen Soldiers and surviving family members.



## READING TO THE RHYTHM

Seven Soldiers with the 2015 U.S. Army Soldier Show read to APG children during the Read to the Rhythm Story Time hour presented by the APG Library at the Bayside Community Center June 16.

(Clockwise from left)

After hearing the dancing story "Firebird," Ethan Hensley, 2, strikes a ballet pose.

From right, Sgt. Quentin Dorn, Spc. Jovan Maires and 1st Lt. Derrick Bishop perform a lively reading of "Peter the Cat."

Noah Phrommany, 3, high-fives Spc. Jovan Maires at the end of the Read to the Rhythm story time hour.

Story Time is held weekly at the Bayside Community Center. For more information call 410-278-3417.

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## LITTLE MAN GETS IN THE ARMY BIRTHDAY SPIRIT

Mysterious APG resident Little Man festively wishes the Army a happy 240th birthday, June 14, from his drain pipe along Maryland Boulevard.

Photo by Molly Blossie

