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APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford responds to a question during a Directorate of Emergency Services town hall June 22. During the meeting, Crawford praised DES personnel for their hard work and dedication to keeping APG safe.

Crawford praises DES mission

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**
APG News

For many people, seeing an APG firefighter, paramedic or police officer often means their day has taken a turn for the worse. They might have been in a traffic accident. Maybe they burnt a bag of popcorn, setting the office microwave on fire. Perhaps they are short of breath, suffering from a heart attack. Or possibly, they got caught going a little too fast on their way out the gate for the weekend. Regardless of the situation, it's often not one they want to be in.

However, what most people don't see during an encounter with a member of the APG Directorate of Emergency Services is the dedication, attention to detail, hard work and camaraderie behind the scenes that is critical to the safety, security and wellbeing of everyone who comes through the gate.

During a recent DES town hall hosted by Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford June 22, APG's senior commander praised the more than 250 individuals who comprise the police force, gate guards, fire department and administrative roles within the directorate.

"I'm here to say thank you for what you do. [You have] a hard job," he said. "Whether you're out in a patrol car, you're on one of the special teams, you're out at the gate, you're here taking dispatches – everybody plays a vital role."

Crawford told attendees that his number one job as the senior commander at APG is to take care of the 22,000 people who work or live at APG, and that DES is critical to helping him accomplish that mission.

"We can't take for granted the importance

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PEO C3T welcomes new leader

By **NANCY JONES-BONBREST**
PEO C3T

The Army organization charged with delivering the tactical communications network to current and future Soldiers ushered in a new era, June 19, during a change of charter ceremony.

The Program Executive Office Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T) officially changed hands when outgoing Program Executive Officer Maj. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes passed the organization's charter to the new PEO, Gary Martin.

Held at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Myer Auditorium and hosted by Heidi Shyu, Army Acquisition Executive and Assis-

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Maj. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes, left, Program Executive Officer Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T), passed the organization's charter to the new PEO, Gary Martin, right, June 19. The ceremony, held at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Myer Auditorium, was hosted by Heidi Shyu, center, Army Acquisition Executive and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

Photo by Ryan Myers



Shyu, CERDEC talk hardware, software convergence



From left, Heidi Shyu, the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), toured a CERDEC lab along with CERDEC Director Henry Muller, CERDEC S&TCD Director John Willison, and former CECOM Deputy Director Gary Martin to learn more about the center's hardware/software convergence initiative at APG June 16.

Story and photos by **KRISTEN KUSHIYAMA**
CERDEC

The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) received an update on the Army's latest work in creating modular, customizable systems for various Army platforms during a visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground June 16.

Heidi Shyu toured the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center to gain a deeper understanding of CERDEC's hardware/software convergence initiative.

CERDEC is working to modernize and modularize Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, or C4ISR, and Electronic Warfare components so that there is a standard interface to better and more quickly facilitate the integration, compatibility and interoperability of new capabilities.

Shyu said she would like to see the Army get to the point where it is not completely "lighting up the battlefield" in terms of digital signatures and systems; however, she also stressed program affordability and making sure hardware/software convergence does

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What are you planning to do during your summer vacation?

I am so excited – I am having a The Incredibles [themed] birthday party in a couple of weeks. I am also going away to summer camp for the first time.



Noah Carr
Age 6

I am going to summer camp for a week, and then I am going to stay at my grandparent's house in Salisbury [Maryland]. We are going to the beach and I am going to baby sit my cousins.



Lauryn Carr
Age 11

My mommy is driving us to my grandma and grandpa's house. I am also going to the beach.



May Ambrose
Age 6

I am going on vacation to Myrtle Beach [South Carolina]. While we are at the beach we will probably go to a big event, like a magic show.



Juliana Sill
Age 12

I am going to Michigan to visit my family. I am also going to hang out with my mom at home.



Aleks Katoski
Age 5

Armed Forces Voters Week

Service members urged to register

By **LARRY TYSON**
Installation Voting Assistance Officer

The Department of Defense recognizes Armed Forces Voters Week this year June 27 through July 5.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) along with the Installation Voting Officer (IVAO) encourage all service members and their voting-age dependents who want to vote in the 2016 elections to complete the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). Completion of the FPCA will update the mailing address in order to assist state local board of elections in forwarding Absentee Ballots to the Soldier's new mailing address. Each unit has a Unit Voting Assistant Officer to assist with the completing the FPCA.

The IVAO will be at the APG North (Aberdeen) Post Exchange during the Armed Forces Voting Week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily to assist with completion of the FPCA and to answer in questions about the voting process.

During this week, Commanders and Unit Voting Assistance Officers in the Uniformed Services and the Department of State are encouraging all eligible and interested citizens to update their FPCA.

Units should conduct activities during this week include voting programs explaining the process required to register and how to obtain an absentee ballot from their local election official.

The Installation Voting Assistance Officers aim for 100 percent contact and availability of Federal Post Card Applications to all personnel and dependents. Emphasis is made on the importance of early action on the part of the voter in order to obtain a ballot for the general election well in advance of state deadlines for registration and ballot request.

How does Absentee Voting work?

Voting is one of our most fundamental rights as U.S. citizens. Elections are managed individually by the 50 states,



four territories (American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and the District of Columbia. This equates to 55 sets of rules for absentee voting, but the basic steps are simple:

1. Citizens register to vote and request an absentee ballot by filling out the Federal Post Card Application and mailing it to their local election official in their State of legal residence.
2. The election official approves the FPCA, disapproves the FPCA or requests additional clarifying information.
3. Once the FPCA is approved, the election official sends an absentee ballot to the citizen.
4. The citizen completes and returns their voted ballot to their local election official by their State's deadline.

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>APG North (Aberdeen) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Newark, Delaware ◇ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ◇ White Marsh, Maryland ◇ Columbia, Maryland ◇ Aberdeen train station shuttle 	<p>APG South (Edgewood) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Baltimore, Maryland ◇ Columbia, Maryland ◇ Newark, Delaware ◇ Washington, D.C.
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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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Soldier Show honors service of military, civilians, families

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

An elaborate setting worthy of a Broadway production set the scene for the U.S. Army Soldier Show as the annual tour of entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier played to a packed house at the Aberdeen Proving Ground post theater June 16.

With the theme, “We Serve,” the cast paid tribute to those who serve the nation, in and out of uniform, and to the nation, which in return, serves them.

The show opened with a video-taped welcome, singling out Vietnam veterans in particular, from Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno. Then, APG Senior Leader Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford thanked the cast and crew prior to the performance.

“Be ready to be inspired,” Crawford told the audience. “But more important, be ready for the message that will be put out tonight.”

He added that, “more than any other time in history, our Army needs its families and survivors.”

“Thank you all for your selfless service to our Army on its 240th birthday,” he said.

Several segments of the show remembered the 50th anniversary of the 1965 Battle of Ia Drang Valley, which was dramatized in the film, “Band of Brothers.” Video-taped narratives from a survivor of the battle, Patrick Stephenson, ran throughout the program.

The show highlighted supporting services such as ACS and Soldier For Life initiatives, as well as resiliency-based programs such as I Am Strong, based on sexual harassment prevention, and physical and spiritual fitness. Also remembered were Gold Star family members, survivors of the fallen and the Survivor Outreach Services mission to maintain them within the Army family. One segment also hailed Rosie the Riveter-era women who supported the military taking up jobs normally filled by men, during World War II.

Director Victor Hurtado used pop music in the genres of hip hop, rock, country and gospel, fused with spirited choreography to highlight each segment.

The audience enjoyed current pop songs like “Bang Bang,” by Jessie J, Ariana



Courtesy photo
From left, Louisiana Army Reserve Sgt. Neasha Powell; Spc. Tierra Kirts of Fort Hood, Texas; and Spcs. Princess Threatt and Brianna Walker from Fort Campbell, Kentucky sing “Rosie the Riveter” in a tribute to the military working women of World War II.

Grande and Nicki Minaj, “Turn Down for What” by DJ Snake and Lil Jon, and “Uptown Funk” by Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars; as well as Army classics like, “Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning.”

The cast closed the show with a tribute to the flag with the song, “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.” The conclusion included a thank you from APG Senior Command Sgt. Maj. William G. Bruns to Soldier Show first sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Frederick McDuffy.

Audience members said they enjoyed the Soldier Show experience.

“It was a super show and inspirational the way it supports Soldiers,” said Army retiree and former DES police officer George Martin and his wife Connie.

“We’ve attended several Soldier Shows,” Connie Martin said. “It’s always a good way to spend an evening.”

Zachariah Holt, 11, and his brother Corbin, 14, said they attended their third

Soldier Show. The sons of Sgt. 1st Class Frank and Rebecca Holt said they wouldn’t miss it.

“I liked everything about it,” Zachariah Holt said. “They’re exciting and awesome.”

“It was wonderful,” his brother added. “This show never disappoints.”

Retired Army Sgt. Rodney Jones and his wife Evelyn traveled from Baltimore to see the show. Rodney Jones recalled how while stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, “we used to come in from the field just to see the Soldier Show.”

“It was a great show, but then it always is,” he said.

Cast member Spc. Philip Morris, from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, said he and fellow cast members were honored to bring the show to Army audiences nationwide.

“Achieving this goal feels outstanding. The entire audition process, the waiting and hoping, makes it all worthwhile because of the joy this show brings to people. You get

to see that up close. I didn’t get it until I was tasked to perform in the Gold Star segment. It was overwhelming and it touched my heart. I’m loving every minute of this because I’m living one of my dreams.”

U.S. Army Soldier Show

U.S. Army Entertainment has been producing shows for Soldiers by Soldiers for more than a hundred years. Every year, USAE finds the best of the best among the Army ranks to help produce the largest live entertainment production in the world. The tour makes dozens of stops and entertains thousands along the way.

Soldiers who would like to share their talents on stage or backstage skills such as staging, construction, sound and lighting, should apply to see if there’s a place for them on tour.

Download application documents at http://www.armymwr.com/recreation/entertainment/experience_army_entertainment.aspx.

DES acquires new fire, rescue vessel

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

In a fire or rescue emergency, the time it takes to reach someone in danger can mean the difference between life and death. The Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Fire and Emergency Services Division recently acquired a new fire and rescue boat that Battalion Chief Jimmy Ray said he hopes will “turn the tide” toward saving more lives.

According to Ray, the new, upgraded vessel has cut water emergency response time between APG South (Edgewood) and APG North (Aberdeen) by approximately one third.

The vessel has been operational for about two months and has already been used during six water rescue calls, including the rescue of four stranded boaters on Memorial Day. The new vessel served as a command post and all four victims survived.

“As of right now, we have the only marine response vessel located in Harford County,” Ray said, adding that it’s the only one that actually meets standards for a type five marine response vessel. Ray said the former emergency vessel was not considered a marine response vessel because it only met standards for those of a typical fishing boat.

“Basically, what we did, is turn a fishing boat into an emergency response vessel. It was not conducive to the customers’ needs here on post,” Ray said.

He said the upgraded boat was a necessity, because people tend to underestimate how much area the APG emergency vehicle covers.

“We have one of the largest response areas when it comes to shoreline. I know we have the largest in Harford County,” Ray said. “More or less everything from Carroll Island [in Baltimore County] to Havre de Grace is essentially our water.”

He said his team of boat operators, paramedics and firefighters are confident the upgraded response vessel will meet the needs of a vast and varied population that includes Team APG as well as local Harford County residents and tourists.

The new vessel, much like the old one, is equipped with emergency medical service equipment, but also includes a casualty bench that enables a paramedic to complete advanced life support skills on a victim inside the boat’s cabin and away from the elements. Ray said a paramedic accompanies every response call, to render aid to injured patients as well as to injured DES fire and rescue personnel.

“We always have a boat operator and paramedic on duty. It’s always going to be staffed, 24/7, 365 days a year,” Ray said.



The vessel runs on twin motor engines for improved handling and performance, Ray said.

Each of the motors acts as a backup in case one breaks down during a rescue. This makes for a big change; the former rescue boat’s single motor often gave the team trouble.

“It’s much easier now with twin motors; you can make that thing [boat] turn on a dime,” Ray said.

“You can almost pivot right on the width of this boat if you wanted to,” said firefighter Todd Nicodemus, vessel operator.

Ray said that while APG’s emergency water vessel is mostly used for rescue missions, it is also equipped to respond to boat fires. Less common than other water emergencies, boat fires are often due to gas fumes building up in the bilge, the lowest compartment of a boat or ship. If a boat’s exhaust fan is defective, then Ray said practically anything can turn the fumes into a fire.

The new vessel has enhanced firefighting capabilities, with an integrated pump and thru-hull system.

“There’s a hole in the bottom of the boat that will actually be the water intake for the pump. We can get 500 gallons a minute out of it,” he said.

Ray said the former emergency vessel had a floating pump that was burdensome and only provided approximately 100 gallons of water per minute with which to fight a fire.

Nicodemus, who recently attended a two-week boat operation refresher course, said he appreciates the vessel’s modern technological upgrades, such



Photos by Molly Blosser

(Top) APG’s new fire and rescue boat cruises the waters of Gunpowder Neck Marina at APG South (Edgewood) June 10. According to Battalion Chief Jimmy Ray, the boat is the only marine response vessel in Harford County.

(Bottom) Battalion Chief Jimmy Ray explains the fire and rescue vessel’s technical features as firefighter Todd Nicodemus man’s the helm. The new vessel features several upgrades, including advanced life support equipment, twin motor engines, an integrated pump with thru hull system, radar and GPS, and thermal night vision.

as GPS and radar. He said the vessel’s radar screen indicates a mass in the water at precise coordinates, improving the boat operator’s navigational speed and accuracy.

“I already know where to look. It’s much easier with good electronics,” Nicodemus said.

Additionally, the vessel features a thermal night vision camera.

“If you come out here [on the water] at night, it’s pitch black. You can’t see anything. But with the FLIR [Forward Looking Infrared] system, you can see everything in the dark, almost as if it was

daylight,” Ray said.

He said APG’s water emergency rescue and fire team responds to an average of 20 to 30 calls a year, with the majority during the summer months. Most of these calls involve civilians who are simply out on a weekend enjoying their boat.

Although boating comes with inherent risks, Ray said boaters in the area should feel confident that their lives are in capable hands during an emergency.

“Boaters around here should feel very safe. We’ve got our stuff together,” Ray said. “It’s an awesome boat.”

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ATEC promotes Army Voting Assistance

By **LINDSEY MONGER**
ATEC

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command takes the lead on executing its version of the Army's Voting Assistance Program to educate its workforce about voting and the absentee voting process in preparation for the 2015 mid-term elections.

Army Regulation 608-20, which outlines the voting program, ensures members of the U.S. Army, including Soldiers, civilians, contractors, and family members, are educated about the importance of voting and are provided with voting information such as voting age requirements, general and primary election dates, officers to be elected, absentee registration and voting procedures.

"The primary goal of the AVAP is to actively assist Soldiers and other eligible individuals to register and vote without violating statute or regulation," said Rufus Flemons, ATEC's senior voting assistance officer (SVAO.)

The primary responsibility of the SVAO and VAO's are to ensure that every Soldier has been contacted with information regarding voting and the absentee voting process.

"Your vote is your voice as an American citizen. It's your opportunity to be heard, to hold elected officials accountable for their decisions and to have a say in important issues that affect your community. On Election Day, every vote matters," Flemons said.

Each subordinate command under ATEC including: Army Evaluation

Center, Aberdeen Test Center, Dugway Proving Ground, Electronic Proving Ground, Operational Test Command, Redstone Test Center, White Sands Missile Range, and Yuma Proving Ground, has been designated a Voting Assistance Officer.

VAOs serve as a resource to the workforce to obtain

voting registration materials and information, including hard copies of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (SF 186). The FPCA allows eligible U.S. citizens to apply to register to vote, request an absentee ballot and update their mailing addresses after permanent change of station moves and deployments. Personnel may also access and fill out these forms online at www.fvap.gov.

During Aberdeen Proving Ground's Armed

Forces Voters Week observance, June 27 through July 5, personnel will have an opportunity to learn more at a voter information table on display at the Exchange on APG North (Aberdeen) Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ATEC personnel should call 410-278-1339 to contact their local voting assistance officer. Garrison personnel should call 410-306-2302 to contact their voting assistance officer.

For more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or how to register or request a FPCA, visit www.fvap.gov. For any questions or concerns, call FVAP Call Center, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 1-800-438-8683 (VOTE).

“Your vote is your voice as an American citizen. It’s your opportunity to be heard, to hold elected officials accountable for their decisions and to have a say in important issues that affect your community. On Election Day, every vote matters.”

Rufus Flemons

ATEC Senior Voting Assistance Officer



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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 JULY 16

WOA "SILVER" CHAPTER QUARTERLY MEETING

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

For additional information please contact CW4(R) Jesse Fields at: 410-278-9673/908-956-3368 or jesse.p.fields.ctr@mail.mil

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

FRIDAY JULY 24

CBRNE GREEN DRAGON BALL

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

health&resiliency

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@mail.mil.

JULY 3 – JULY 6

KIRK CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed Friday, July 3 and Monday, July 6 in observance of Independence Day.

The clinic will resume normal operations Tuesday, July 7.

For more information, call 410.278.1724.

ONGOING

ARMY WELLNESS CENTER AT APG SOUTH CLINIC

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

South AWC dates are:

- 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.

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 brunsr@yahoo.com.

THROUGH 2015

2015 CPR, AED CLASS SCHEDULE

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

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.

WEDNESDAY JULY 22

PERRY POINT VETERANS OPEN HOUSE

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY JULY 31

DENTAL CLINIC CLOSURE

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

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.groupvbsspro.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

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 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 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 web site at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/airs/>.

Local Hazards Course:

This is a 30-minute course is for personnel who are new to APG. It is a mandatory course for all APG service members, family members, DOD civilians, and contractors

who are licensed motorcycle drivers. Those on temporary duty (TDY) at APG for more than 30 day also are required to take the course. Additional classes will be added as needed.

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

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

Intermediate Driver's Course:

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

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

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

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

THROUGH 2015

RETIRING SOON? UNCLE SAM WANTS TO THANK YOU!

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

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

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

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

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

ONGOING

SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS BONUS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CDCs prepare children for school success

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

The Bayside and APG North (Aberdeen) Child Development Centers recently held graduation ceremonies for children enrolled in the Strong Beginnings Pre-K program who will be heading to kindergarten in the fall.

Designed to enhance school readiness and prepare children for success, the Army's Strong Beginnings program equips students with basic academic and classroom etiquette skills. The preparatory curriculum includes math, reading, writing, social studies, science, music, Spanish and physical education.

Bayside CDC

Fifteen children graduated from the Bayside CDC Strong Beginnings program Friday, June 12 in the gymnasium of the APG North Youth Center.

This is the Bayside CDC's third graduating class since its opening in March 2012.

Child and Youth Program Assistant Birgit Mason presented diplomas with assistance from Child and Youth Program Associate Rose De La Paz and Pre-K Program Associate Michelle Wood. The children also received special awards for Spanish, physical education and music.

De La Paz's thanked the parents and the community for their support. Throughout the school year the children developed several skills including:

- Basic sign language
- Counting to 100
- Telling time
- Letter recognition and letter sounds
- Learning to hold a pencil correctly
- Basic math

"The most important skill they developed is self-confidence," De La Paz said.

At the end of the ceremony, CDC Director Annie Hite announced that the graduates will move on to kindergarten and will be part of the graduating high school "Class of 2028." At the end of the ceremony, the graduates danced in celebration to the song "Happy" by Pharrell Williams.

Staff Sgt. Aaron Stracke, with the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Joint Test Element, said he enjoyed watching his daughter Angeliki Stracke graduate.

"I think this ceremony brings closure [to the Strong Beginnings program] and helps them prepare and get mentally ready for kindergarten," he said. "Bayside has been a great program."

Yvonne Perkins, who works for the APG South (Edgewood) CDC, said she was happy to see her granddaughter, Natalie Persuhn, reach this milestone.

"I think it is absolutely awesome, this is a special moment," she said.

APG North CDC

Twenty-eight children graduated from the APG North Strong Beginnings program held June 17, at the Main Post Chapel.

The ceremony included several patriotic songs sung by the children. Lisanne Blake, training and curriculum specialist, delivered the remarks.

"Through the power of play, these students have grown socially, emotionally



(Clockwise from top) APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey O. Adams presents Hayden Hurst, 5, with a diploma during the APG North (Aberdeen) Child Development Center Strong Beginnings graduation ceremony at the main post chapel June 17; Roniya Minion, 5, and classmates proudly sing "America the Beautiful" during the APG North Strong Beginnings graduation ceremony June 17; Strong Beginnings graduate Nathan Pelino, 4, receives a congratulatory hug from his cousin Oliver Marks, 9, after the Bayside CDC graduation ceremony at the APG North youth center June 12.

and academically," she said. "These students are now prepared for kindergarten. Graduating class of 2015, never forget what is possible when you love learning and let your curiosity lead your way."

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey O. Adams presented diplomas, with assistance from Strong Beginnings teacher Florence Vaughan. The children also received special awards for Spanish, physical education and music.

CYSS Program Operation Specialist Pat Palazzi said that she gets a little emotional seeing the children graduate.

"We would like to thank you for shar-

ing your children with us this year," she said.

Grandparents Joy and Gary Shoemaker, said they have seen a difference in their granddaughter Rhya Shoemaker. "She has really come out of her shell, she is more confident," Joy Shoemaker said.

Angie Boynton with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, said that she feels like her son, Paul Boynton, 5, is ready for kindergarten.

"He has really grown up a lot," she said. "It is exciting to see how much he learned this past year."

The Army's Strong Beginnings program is available at every Army garrison and has standard guidance and procedures, making the program consistent.

Parents receive updates on their children's progress through parent-teacher conferences. Parents also support the program through volunteering in the classroom.

The Strong Beginnings Program will resume at each of APG's child development centers in September for ages 4 and 5. For more information about Child, Youth and School Services programs visit http://www.apgmwr.com/family/youth_services.html.

PEO IEW&S unveils display in honor of Maj. Gen. Greene

By **BRANDON POLLACHEK**
PEO IEW&S

"Larger than life" was the term that echoed throughout the audience when remembering Maj. Gen. Harold Greene during a small ceremony held at the Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors command suite June 4.

Stephen Kreider, Program Executive Officer, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, and Greene's wife Dr. Susan Myers – along with family, friends and colleagues from throughout the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) community, as well as those who were deployed with Greene – jointly unveiled a new display honoring Greene who was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan in August 2014.

At the center of the new display is a bronze plaque of Greene with the following inscription:

"MG Harold Greene, the highest ranking officer killed in action since Vietnam, died doing what he had done for Soldiers for more than 34 years, and that was ensuring they had what they needed to complete their mission. Since his earliest days as a member of the Corps of Engineers, he consistently operated with the welfare of his fellow Soldier in mind.

"After transitioning to the Acquisition Corps he combined an extremely high technological expertise with a passion for delivering crucial C4ISR systems. Amongst his numerous achievements

were managing the Army's Guardrail program, leading efforts on the Battle Command program and overseeing critical new start programs such as the EMARSS and CIRCM programs.

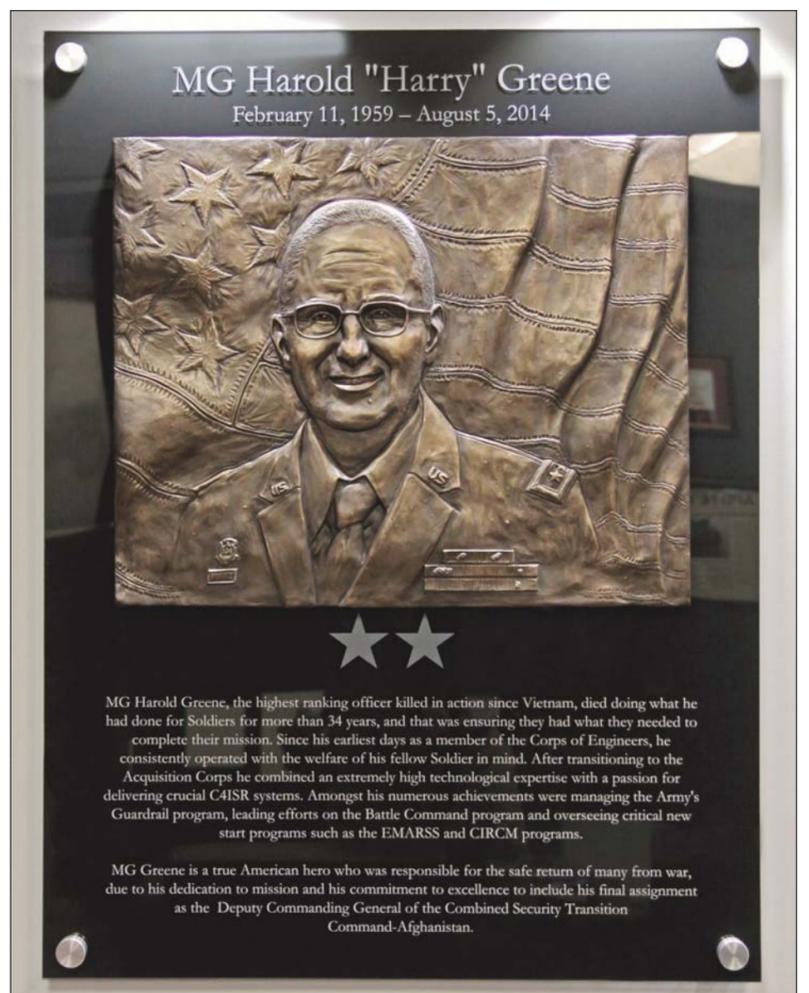
MG Greene is a true American hero who was responsible for the safe return of many from war, due to his dedication to mission and his commitment to excellence to include his final assignment as the Deputy Commanding General of the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan."

The event was capped off with a tradition that Greene utilized throughout his time as a leader: an ice cream social, which served as a time for those in attendance to share many of the fond memories of Greene.

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

The Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors unveiled a new display June 4 honoring the late Maj. Gen. Harold Greene who was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan Aug. 5, 2014. Greene is the highest ranking officer killed in action since the Vietnam War.

Courtesy photo





240th ARMY BIRTHDAY

240 Years of Selfless Service to the Nation



Casualty Assistance provides stability

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

A delicate yet vital service within the APG Garrison's Directorate of Human Resources is the Casualty Assistance section. A division of the Fort George G. Meade, Maryland Casualty Assistance Center, the APG office assists families of fallen Soldiers within the Aberdeen Proving Ground community or where directed by its higher command.

Casualty Assistance Officers are responsible for notifying family members when a service member has died. A CAO will provide as much information as available regarding the circumstances of the member's death, ensure that the survivor's immediate needs are being met, and immediately begin the process of providing assistance for funeral or memorial arrangements.

Army contractor and retired Sgt. 1st Class Ivan Willie heads the APG casualty assistance operation. As the APG Military Personnel Office program manager, Willie also oversees the ID Card and Retirement Services sections.

Willie said every unit on the installation has a trained CAO whose duties include assisting beneficiaries in the preparation and submission of claims for benefits to various government agencies along with providing a Casualty Assistance Call Package containing various benefit forms. In addition the CAO assists with the filing of claims and remains available until they are settled or until any issues regarding those benefits are resolved. The next of kin can release the CAO when they feel their assistance is no longer needed or desired.

As the installation CAO, Willie must be available at any time. He said the process starts with a call from the Fort Meade office.

"The call can come at any time and once we receive notification, by regulation, we have a four-hour window to complete a series of requirements," he said.

Those requirements include notifying the installation chaplain, identifying the unit and establishing a unit point of contact, rallying concerned parties at the CAO for situational briefings and notifying the next of kin.

He said regardless of the time, the installation post motor pool is notified for access to a vehicle for the trip to the address of the next of kin.

"Once on the road, the clock is still ticking," he said. "We notify and brief commanders while on the road and once we are at the location, we have to verify that the person to be notified is actually there. If all this doesn't happen, for whatever reason, within four hours, we have to submit a report explaining why to the office of the Army Chief of Staff."

"This is why it's critically important for Soldiers keep their records updated," he said, adding that standards and requirements are laid out in Army Regulation 600-81.

Willie said the office, which is led by MILPO chief Tom Shumate, works diligently to meet mission requirements.

A bittersweet outcome

One beneficiary of APG CAO services is Carmelita Johnson, a former spouse and survivor who lost her husband, 1st Lt. Daniel Johnson, in 2013. A member of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) and executive officer of the 46th Chemical Company, 1st Lt. Johnson died in January 2013, at Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace, Maryland while convalescing from a surgery.

The mother of two young sons, ages 10 and 7, Carmelita Johnson said that at the time she was at a loss of what to do. She called the CAO services she receive, "priceless."

"I can't even imagine how things would have gone without their assistance," she said, adding that from obtaining and filing beneficiary claim forms through requests for a color guard and flag for her husband's funeral, CAO handled it all.

"Everything went smoothly," she said, "and the best part is knowing that they don't close the book on you when it's all over. I can come back and receive assistance whenever I need it. On a scale of one to 10, I give them a 10."

The CAO assigned to Johnson was Maj. Estan Davis of the 22nd Chemical Battalion. Davis said designated unit CAOs attend a two-day training course as well as periodic recertification at Fort Meade.

Survivor Family Resources

Survivor Outreach Services

As an integral part of the Army's casualty continuum of care, Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) is responsible for providing long-term care for survivors when they are ready to transition from their CAO. The SOS Program demonstrates the Army's commitment to families of the fallen by providing access to comprehensive support, information and standardized services to active and reserve component families. Survivor case management, non-clinical support, community outreach and education, financial counseling, event attendance, recognition and referral services are provided to all family members. Additional services based on DEERS eligibility and federally based entitlements are provided based on each survivor's particular status.

The APG SOS office is located in the Army Community Service Bldg. 2503. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday -Thursday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday.

For more information, or to request services, contact SOS Coordinator Mike Farlow at 410-278-2861; email michael.b.farlow.civ@mail.mil or visit <https://www.http://www.sos.army.mil/>.

U.S. Army Casualty & Mortuary Affairs

Active Duty

When reporting the death of an active duty service member to the Department of the Army, which includes full-time Active Guard Reserve personnel; U.S. Army Reserve personnel traveling directly en route to or from or participating in Annual Training; Active Duty Training; Initial Active Duty Training; Active Duty for Special Work; Special Active Duty Training or Inactive Duty Training; and Army National Guard personnel traveling directly en route to or from or participating in AT, ADT, Full Time National Guard Duty, Temporary Tour of Active Duty, IADT or IDT.

Have the following information concerning the member available: full name, social security number, rank unit, circumstances surrounding the death and next of kin information.

Contact the Department of the Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center anytime by calling 1-800-626-3317. Caller will be immediately referred to a local Casualty Assistance Center. The local Casualty Assistance Center will contact the person who reported the death without delay to provide immediate assistance to the family.

Retiree

When reporting the death of a retiree to the Department of the Army, which includes retired Reserve and National Guard personnel in receipt of retired pay, please have the following information regarding the retiree available: full name, social security number and/or service number, date and place of birth, retired rank, retirement date, disability rating, unit, circumstances surrounding the death, next of kin information, copy of the Statement of Service (DD Form 214), and a copy of the death certificate.

Contact the Department of the Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center anytime by calling 1-800-626-3317. Caller will be immediately referred to a local Casualty Assistance Center.

The local Casualty Assistance Center will report the death to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service for stoppage of retirement pay and the initiation of the survivor benefits process. Family members may receive assistance on related issues as well.

Veteran

The death of a veteran should be reported to the Department of the Army if the veteran died within 120 days of separation from active duty or the NOK would like to request a military honors burial or flag.

To do so, please have the following information regarding the veteran available: full name, social security number and/or service number, date and place of birth, separation rank, separation date, disability rating, circumstances surrounding the death, next of kin information, copy of the Statement of Service (DD Form 214), and a copy of the death certificate.

Contact the Department of the Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center anytime by calling 1-800-626-3317 or visit <https://www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/cmaoc>.

Department of Veterans Affairs Burial Flags

Why does VA provide a burial flag?

A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased Veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a veteran's military service to his or her country. VA will furnish a burial flag for memorialization for an other than dishonorably discharged:

- Veteran who served during wartime
- Veteran who died on active duty after May 27, 1941
- Veteran who served after January 31, 1955
- Peacetime veteran who was discharged or released before June 27, 1950
- Certain persons who served in the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines while in service of the U.S. Armed Forces and who died on or after April 25, 1951
- Certain former members of the Selected Reserves

Who is eligible to receive the burial flag?

Generally, the flag is given to the next of kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. When there is no next of kin, VA will furnish the flag to a friend making request for it. For those VA national cemeteries with an Avenue of Flags, families of veterans buried in these national cemeteries may donate the burial flags of their loved ones to be flown on patriotic holidays.

How to apply

You may apply for the flag by completing VA Form 27-2008, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes. U.S. Post Offices are the primary issuing point for burial flags. Generally, the funeral director can help you obtain a flag. Call and confirm with the post office in advance. Not all local post offices have burial flags on hand but they should be able to direct you to the closest issuing post office. Regional VA Offices can also help identify local issuing points.

For more information call toll-free at 1-800-827-1000 or visit http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial_benefits/burial_flags.asp.

"Basically, we streamline the process for family members," he said. "It's an outreach during a transitional period. The needs of the family never stops and we make it clear to them that even though we eventually leave, the support remains."

He said assisting families can mean linking them to services through Army Community Service, the installation Legal Office, Survivor Outreach Services, post chaplains and other activities, as well as coordinating funeral or memorial support logistics with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security and the Directorate of Emergency Services.

"It was a good feeling to be able to help," Davis said, adding that during his service as her CAO, he and his wife began a friendship with Johnson's family that continues to this day. He said the compassionate care and attention to detail CAOs provide from notification until their assistance is no longer needed allows survivors more time to grieve and seek closure while easing their concerns over regulations and paperwork.

"It's something you take pride in and it definitely feels good," he said.

One who's been there

Willie said that while requirements have changed with the times, the overall commitment to care for Army survivors dates back to Gen. George Washington's Continental Army.

The Army has always been serious about taking care of Soldiers," he said, noting that when it comes to assisting families, no two situations are alike.

"Different families have different needs which means you have to approach each one differently," he said. "Needs vary and individuals vary."

Interestingly, Willie's knowledge is bolstered by his own personal experience – he is a survivor.

While still on active duty, Willie was assigned to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. when his wife, also a sergeant first class at the time of her death, was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The couple had recently divorced when she was killed in a murder-suicide by her boyfriend. Willie, who had two sons to assume care for, along with making funeral, relocation and other arrangements, said that for some reason he received little assistance.

Because he had served as a CAO during a previous assignment, however, he was able to handle everything himself.

"The process wasn't new, I just never figured I'd have to do it for myself," he said.

Though he's experienced the receiving end of his profession, he said he doesn't attribute his dedication to mission to past experience.

"I try to separate the two as far as empathizing with clients today," he said. "I simply take the knowledge I have and

apply it to each situation. Yes, I know how it is and at this point the process is almost natural. But what keeps me going is the theme, 'One team, one mission.'

"You do what needs to be done, you meet the standards and follow the regulations and move forward. If you are doing that, then you are supporting families and accomplishing the overall mission. It's as simple as that."

Willie retired 13 years ago and has been working at APG since March 2005. He said the office handles active-duty and family member deaths as well as retirees, though not the family members of retirees.

When all is said and done, Willie said, he takes great pride in the solemn service the office provides.

"I'm in a position to help Soldiers and family members at a critical and sensitive time," he said. "To accomplish this job efficiently, you have to respect what you do and keep the mission first and your emotions in check."

"It's an awesome responsibility as well as a privilege that I take very seriously."

The APG CAO is located in the Directorate of Human Resources, Bldg. 4305 Susquehanna Avenue on the first floor. For more information, to report the death of a Soldier, family member or retiree, or to request a service flag for a veteran's funeral or memorial service, contact Willie at 410-306-2348 or ivan.l.willie.ctr@mail.mil.



All Things Maryland

Steppingstone Farm Museum

A 'step' back to a time of forgotten trades

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

What began as a private collection of restored hand tools shared from the home of late Harford County resident J. Edmund Bull blossomed into a full-fledged museum with collections that include domestic arts and crafts, skilled trade tools, and farming implements. Steppingstone Farm Museum preserves and interprets these elements that comprise the rural heritage of Harford County, Maryland.

Bull, the museum's founder, gave it the name "Steppingstone" because he said visiting was like taking a "step into the past." His focus was on the "last rural generation," from 1880-1920.

"He felt that was the last rural generation that was making everything with their hands...the last people living off the land and creating everything for themselves. And he felt strongly about preserving those trades," said Angela Yau, Executive Director of the museum.

"Forgotten" skills and trades highlighted by the museum include blacksmithing, wood-working, weaving, textile and fiber arts, pottery, and glasswork. The museum is also adding plants and animals with live demonstrations.

"By next year, families should be able to come and visit the animals," Yau said.

The property where Steppingstone Farm Museum sits was actively farmed from the 1700s until the 1950s. The museum opened in the 1970s when America was experiencing an arts and crafts revival. Yau said she sees another revival period happening; visitors now come to the museum curious about how to make things from scratch or learn a trade.

"I think now we're getting to where



(Left) A replica Civil War-era dress sits in Steppingstone Farm Museum's "War From These Windows" exhibit. The dress was sewn by museum curator Abigail Harting and has all the typical features of the period, including dropped shoulder seams. "During the American Civil War, they thought if you broadened your shoulders it would give the illusion of a smaller waste," Harting said.

(Below) A Phaeton horse-drawn carriage is one of several antique carriages collected and maintained by Steppingstone Farm Museum. The collection is located in the museum's newly renovated barn and includes an adult and children's carriages and sleds from the 1860s to 1930s.

our technology separates us so much that people really have that craving for the authentic, and the craving for things being hand-crafted and taking time," Yau said.

The museum offers trade classes and workshops so that people can learn these skills and put them into practice. Museum staff discovered that visitors have a marked interest in brewing, which has historical roots to the farm.

"We have monthly brewing demonstrations," Yau said. "When we were looking at the bicentennial and researching that time period we were seeing that a lot of grains were being grown here, and a lot of that was going into brewing."

Additionally, the museum features a canning exhibit that explains how railroads in the early 1900s revolutionized Maryland industry.

"The canning industry here in Harford County in the 30s and 40s was



bigger than it was anywhere in the country, and that was primarily tomatoes and corn because it could be packed and go directly on the rail lines and into the cities," Yau said.

The museum grounds include a historic barn house that stores the museum's carriage collection, a blacksmith shop, and a new exhibit called "War From These Windows."

"[With] our house being built in 1771, its seen actual activity from the American Revolution, The War of 1812 and the American Civil War,"

said Abigail Harting, museum curator.

The museum plans many activities and events outside normal business hours, including historical sewing nights, for people interested in learning how to sew vintage costumes, as well as basket weaving, farming and historic herbal cooking classes.

Steppingstone Farm Museum is located in Susquehanna State Park in Havre de Grace and is open daily from 9 a.m. to sunset. For more information, call 410-939-2299, or visit www.stepingstonemuseum.org.

Raytheon wins intramural volleyball championship

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

Team Raytheon rebounded from the loser's bracket to score consecutive victories over Team Public Health Command to win the intramural volleyball post championship at the APG athletic center June 15.

Team PHC gave it all they had despite fielding only five players. The team still liked its chances, according to PHC coach Josh Hays.

"We've got a lot of ground to cover but we've been playing together all season so we'll do the best we can," he said. "We know we'll have to play our best to beat them."

Team PHC won the first set 25-23 but it was all Team Raytheon after that.

Raytheon upped its defense, stretching out to an early 8-4 lead on crucial PHC miscues. Going up 22-16, Raytheon seemed to gain confidence with each PHC error and went on to win the second set 25-19.

Coach Chris Via said Team Raytheon was "just trying to hang in there" after playing four days in a row during the playoffs the previous week.

"I told our guys to stay focused and just play their positions," he said. "It'll be close; at least I hope so."

One volleyball match typically consists of three sets. A set is won by the team which first scores 25 points with a minimum lead of two points. The match is won by the team that wins three sets.

In the tightest set of the first match, Team Raytheon gained the momentum, clamping down to pull out a 15-11 win, ending the first match with a 2-1 lead.

Refusing to relinquish the advantage, Raytheon soared to an 11-3 lead in the first set of the next match. Down 17-8, PHC called a timeout to regroup, but to little avail. Raytheon stretched its lead to 22-9 by simply taking advantage of open spaces due to PHC's lack of players and won 25-10.

The eventual champions followed that performance up overcoming a furious PHC rally that saw the teams tied 23-23 and 25-25 before PHC lost possession and Via, in the server position, served up the 27-25 win, ending the two-set match.

"We had a great time," an exhausted Via said after championship trophy presentation.

"We're already looking forward to next year."

Hays was gracious yet optimistic in defeat.

"They played great, you couldn't ask for more," he said. "We'll see about next year."

Intramural softball season is underway with games being played Monday through Thursday in APG North (Aberdeen) and South (Edgewood). Schedules are posted at the APG athletic center and at Hoyle Gym. For more information, visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) website at www.apgmwr.com or call Melvin Allen, MWR intramural sports coordinator, at 410-278-7933.



Team Raytheon intramural volleyball team members pose with their first-place trophy and medallions after winning the post championship at the APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center June 15. From left, front, Cody Feltsch, Walter Sampson and Mike Shaffer. From left, back, Annie Moy, Chad Davis, player-coach Chris Via and Doug To.



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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 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 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.

EQUIPMENT RENTALS ONGOING

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

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE 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.

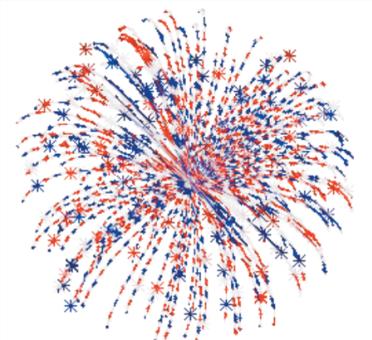
CREATING A SOLID SPENDING PLAN

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.



JULY 4 HOLIDAY HOURS

The following MWR facilities will be closed Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5

- Recreation Center
 - Library
 - Leisure Travel Office
 - Equipment Rental Center
- The Auto Crafts Centers will be closed Saturday, July 4

For more information, call 410-278-3929.

Learn more about APG MWR activities and services by going online at 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 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

EEO program takes proactive approach

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Taking a proactive approach to workplace issues, the garrison's Equal Employment Opportunity program offers a variety of dynamic, interactive trainings for the APG workforce and useful tools for managers through its Diversity and Leadership Program.

According to Diversity and Leadership program specialist Charles Gilmore, the trainings help management develop and foster an environment that is cohesive and free from toxic workplace behaviors.

"We are on the proactive side of the house," said Gilmore, who joined the EEO program in April. Also on the Diversity & Leadership team is program manager Tiphany Pharris. "We educate, teach and train people. These trainings are necessary, because the workforce is becoming more diverse," he said.

Traditionally, the word diversity has referred to categories like race and gender, said Hamilton McWhorter, the garrison EEO officer. Today, diversity has a broad definition to include the ways one group of people can differ significantly from another group of people, whether it be appearance, tenure within an organization, sexual orientation, veteran status, or socioeconomic status, he said.

"Managing the rapid growth of diversity is an essential part of productivity in the workforce. Diversity management provides an equitable and inclusive environment that enhances the contribution of all members to fulfill the organization's mission, where differences are recognized, understood and valued," McWhorter said. The hope is that diversity management will be accomplished through the garrison's EEO / D&L Team.

The APG EEO program provides services for approximately 12,000 APG-connected military and civilian employees nationwide.



Gilmore



McWhorter



Pharris

Training topics include:

- Team building
- Diversity management
- Self-awareness
- Communication skills
- Effective listening
- Conflict management
- Sexual harassment prevention and awareness
- intervention
- Socialization
- Perception
- and privilege
- Group Development

Gilmore said leaders can pinpoint issues or potential conflicts in the workplace by using several assessment tools provided by the D&L Program Team. These tools include climate surveys, sensing sessions, focus groups and interviews. Employee feedback collected through these tools is confidential. Based on the results from the assessments, the D&L Program Team will create a tailored action plan.

Gilmore added that preventing employee discrimination in the workplace is preferable to dealing with the

consequences of discrimination. A formal EEO complaint can take up to a year to resolve, and can result in low morale, absenteeism and employee turnover.

Conflict Management Manager Ashley Reid and Disability Program Manager/Conflict Management Specialist William Paolicelli process EEO complaints, but most workplace issues can be handled within the chain of command, Gilmore said.

McWhorter said one of the goals of the D&L Program is to increase workplace productivity.

"Education about diversity is crucial when discussing productivity," McWhorter said. "The mixture of skills, life experiences and opinions allow for creativity, faster and even better solutions to problems, and the ability for garrison employees to serve a broader range of customers."

"Learning about our cultural dif-

ferences, generational distance, gender roles, emotional intelligence (to name a few) will establish a unique and varied skillset. The training that the D&L Team brings to the table will show each and every employee that they make a distinctive contribution to the team."

Gilmore said in the future the D&L Program Team plans to offer more communication training on topics like interviewing techniques and public speaking skills. The team is aligning their efforts with those of the private sector and hopes to lead the way towards the future for IMCOM and Department of the Army as it pertains to diversity and

leadership, he said.

For more information about the services provided by the D&L Program Team call 410-278-0130. The EEO Office is located in Bldg. 4305, room 111.



Jovan Koger, VTF Receptionist

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

As the APG Veterinary Treatment Facility receptionist, Jovan Koger's duties include answering the phone,

scheduling appointments, answering general questions, distributing flea and tick prevention medicines, and entering data into the computer.

The APG VTF provides routine care

for dogs and cats of active-duty military and retirees. Due to limited manpower and resources, the VTF does not perform surgeries, dental work or emergency care and will refer customers to local resources.

A military spouse, Koger describes herself as a "people person." With more than 10 years of customer service experience, she also is a receptionist at IHG Army Hotels Swan Creek Inn.

"I've gotten to know so many people from around the world," she said. "It makes me more open to meet people from different cultures."

Koger said her goal is to maintain a positive attitude every day.

"Even if the customer is having a bad day, if you keep a positive attitude, they might forget they are having a bad day," she said.

She added that she would eventually like to go back to school to become a veterinary technician, adding, "Working here has opened my eyes to that possibility."

For more information about VTF services or to make an appointment, call 410-278-4604. The VTF is located on APG North at Bldg. 2479 on Oakington Street across from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Wednesday. Patrons should call ahead for an appointment



ATEC hosts weekend spiritual resilience retreat

By **ANDRICKA THOMAS**
ATEC

The Chaplain Office of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command hosted its Spiritual Resiliency Retreat for the workforce, June 5-7, at Sandy Cove Ministries in North East, Maryland.

Spiritual resilience is one of the focus areas in the Army's Ready and Resilience program aimed to improve the readiness and resilience of the Total Force, comprised of Soldiers, their families, and Army civilians.

The Army defines "spiritual" resilience as one's purpose, core values, beliefs, identity, and life vision. According to the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program, it's these elements that define the essence of a person, enable one to build inner strength, make meaning of experiences, behave ethically, preserve through challenges and be resilient when faced with adversity.

The Army is focused on taking care of its workforce and this is evident by the establishment of the Ready and Resilient program in 2013 as a strategic effort to integrate resilience into the daily lives of members of the Army family.

Traditionally, the Army's Chaplain Corps conducts the Strong Bonds program which is focused on strengthening the Soldier and Army Family and building resiliency to increase readiness of the force.

However, since the majority of the ATEC workforce is comprised of civilian personnel, Chaplain Col. Mark A. Penfold, then the ATEC command chaplain, thought a similar retreat opportunity was warranted. (Chaplain Penfold turned over the position to the new command chaplain, Chaplain Lt. Col. Rajmund Kopec, June 18.)

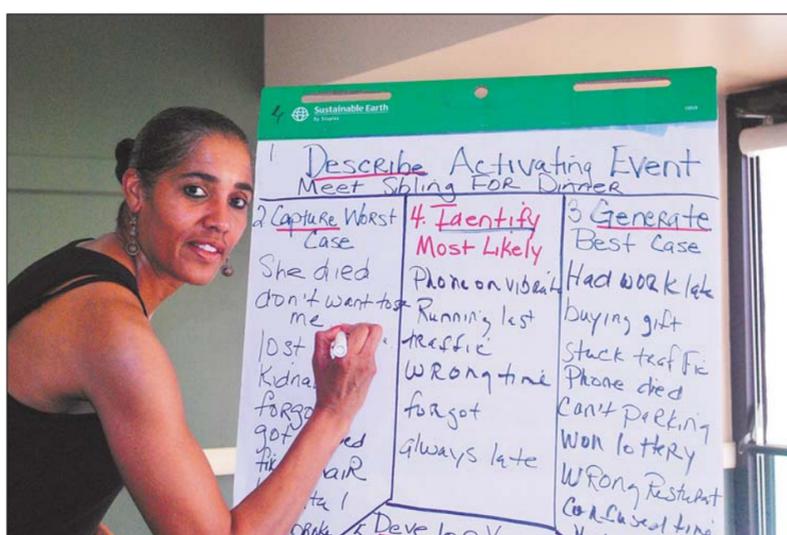


Photo by Beverly Brown
Diana Reeves, Ready and Resilient civilian program lead for the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, leads a resiliency class at ATEC's Spiritual Resiliency Retreat, June 5-7 at Sandy Cove Ministries in North East, Maryland.

"One of the goals was to provide a more relaxed atmosphere and introduce the Army's Master Resilience Training to the DA [Department of Army] civilian side of our team since military members are already required to attend the monthly trainings," Penfold said.

Since civilians are not required to attend the resiliency sessions, ATEC's leadership actively encourages ATEC civilians to participate in monthly sessions. In fact, just last month, the command appointed a civilian lead counterpart as an effort to encourage more civilians to participate in the sessions.

"These sessions teach and develop skills that a person can use in all areas of their lives," said Diana Reeves,

ATEC's Ready and Resilient civilian program lead. "With the daily challenges we all face at home and at work, the content presented in the sessions supplies the tools to help us change the way you respond to stressful situations, and arms you with the skills to be the master of your own thoughts to prevent negativity from taking over in our worst hour."

Similar to the Strong Bonds program for Soldiers, the Spiritual Resiliency Retreat was tailored to address the challenges civilians face in the workplace and at home, Penfold explained.

Married and single attendees arrived to Sandy Cove Ministries on Friday, June 5, and participated in a resiliency

class called "Hunt the Good Stuff" wherein participants learned how to be mentally tough and take control of their perspective on life. Throughout the weekend, the group also addressed resiliency topics "Put it in Perspective," "Active Constructive Responding," and "Spiritual Resiliency."

"Too often, people have a tendency to get stuck in the worst-case scenario of a particular situation," explained Sgt. 1st Class Edward Neroes, ATEC chaplain assistant. "We focused on how to take control over our thoughts so we learn to recognize the troubling situation, think our way through it and decide on purposeful action, rather than allowing that situation to overcome us with non-productive catastrophic thoughts."

In the midst of learning these new skills, the group also played games, sat around a campfire, and took time to relax with their loved ones.

"The laughter in our room was sometimes deafening," Penfold said when reflecting on the weekend.

Dr. Thomas Cao, ATEC Army Evaluation Center, and his wife, Jennie, attended the event with their son, Jordan. One activity called for the Cao family to act out a skit demonstrating lessons from the Active Constructive Responding session.

"We had a lot of fun watching others perform and play our roles," Cao said. "I honestly think the resiliency retreat is such an important program given the daily stresses of our work and personal lives. We are very fortunate to work in an organization that promotes wellness programs."

The ATEC Chaplain Office hopes to conduct more retreats like this one next year, according to Neroes.

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APG SUMMER SAFETY

Fireworks fun can spark danger

By **ART POWELL**
U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

Fireworks and the Fourth of July are as much a part of the mid-summer holiday as baseball and the beach, but for some people they represent an accident with injury or worse.

In the United States, the number of deaths and injuries from fireworks is increasing. Four deaths were reported in 2011, six in 2012 and eight in 2013. Fireworks were involved in an estimated 11,400 injuries treated in hospital emergency departments during calendar year 2013.

“These deaths in 2011-13 are very unfortunate and could have been avoided,” said Ralph Apel, National Council on Fireworks Safety. “Our advice for consumers is to know your fireworks before you light them by reading the cautionary statements on each device, follow all safety tips and do not consume alcohol if you are going to use consumer fireworks. Do not attempt to alter or manufacture fireworks or illegal explosives, and do not use professional 1.3G fireworks.”

Consuming alcohol while shooting fireworks is a dangerous combination that Army safety officials recognize.

“The safest way to enjoy fireworks is as a spectator watching a show run by professionals,” said Lt. Col. Phillip Jenison, director, Ground Directorate, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center. “If you want to shoot your own fireworks, never consume alcohol before or while you are handling fireworks.”

“It’s a dangerous and potentially deadly combination. Just like drinking and driving, alcohol and fireworks don’t mix.”

A review of fireworks fatalities during 2013 paints a picture of how indiscipline plays a role in these accidents. Four people died in structure fires ignited by fireworks powder; an



Courtesy photo

adult died of massive head trauma after a professional device exploded in his face; a man was killed after an altered mortar shell exploded out of the launching tube he was holding at chest level; another man was fatally injured when an explosion occurred while he was making illegal fireworks; and a final victim died of an explosive injury to his head when he leaned over to light a firework with a cigarette in his mouth.

Safety tips

To reduce the chances of being one of the estimated 240 people on average who visit emergency rooms daily during the weeks around July 4th, follow these

safety tips from the CPSC:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks. Avoid buying fireworks packaged in brown paper, which generally means they were produced for professional displays and pose a danger to consumers.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Even sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit – hot enough to melt some metals – and injure numerous children every year.
- Do not place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse, and back up a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks. Ignite only one device at a time.

- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
 - Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
 - Keep a bucket of water or garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap. Douse spent devices with water before discarding.
 - Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them from metal or glass containers.
 - Ensure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- Fireworks should be fun, handle with care and don’t get hurt!
For more information on off-duty safety, visit <https://safety.army.mil>.



APG CATCH-A-POACHER PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

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

BY THE NUMB#RS

Maryland’s hottest season

Summer officially arrived June 21. Here’s some interesting facts about Maryland’s hottest season.

400+ million

Total number of blue crabs estimated to be in the Chesapeake Bay, an increase of approximately one million compared to last year’s winter dredge survey. The blue crab is the state’s official crustacean.

8 million

Approximate number of people who visit Ocean City every year, with the majority visiting during summer months.

97

Years that have passed since *Rudbeckia hirta*, or the Black-eyed Susan, was named the official state flower. The flower, with its golden petals and fuzzy brown center, is often found throughout the state’s parks and gardens.

72+

Average Maryland summer temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Summers vary from mild to hot, with greater levels of humidity in eastern and southern areas.

53

Height in feet of the state’s tallest waterfall, Muddy Creek Falls, located in Swallow Falls State Park in Garrett County. Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy camping, hiking and white-water rafting in the park during summer months.

24

Dollars the average ticket costs at a Baltimore Orioles baseball game this summer. Go O’s!

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 2000.

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News

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10 Years Ago: June 22, 2005



(Left) Police officers from the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security and the APG Police Academy run with the Flame of Hope torch along Route 40 in Aberdeen during the Maryland Special Olympics Torch Run.



(Right) A young eaglet looks out from its nest atop a tower in a secure area of APG after being returned to its nest by APG environmentalists. The eaglet had fallen from its nest.

25 Years Ago: June 20, 1990



(Left) Track vehicle mechanic and AIT student Herbert King dons his protective mask during a mock chemical attack field training exercise.

(Below) Maj. Gen. James W. Ball, chief of ordnance, left, remembers the Fall of Saigon that happened 15 years prior while showing the Vietnamese flag he retrieved from the Defense Attaché Office conference room the day the city fell.



50 Years Ago: June 24, 1965



(Left) Spc. Robert Kennedy of Kirk Army Hospital takes a reading from one of three special thermometers to establish the wet bulb globe temperature.

(Right) Scientific personnel and course instructors pose in front of an electronic mobile training unit. It is the first time transistor courses are offered in such a unit on APG.



CERDEC recognized for STEM support

By **JULIE GOLDBERG**
CERDEC NVESD

Army eCYBERMISSION recognized the Army's Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center for excellence in recruiting and reviewing student projects at the eCYBERMISSION National Judging and Educational Event in Hunt Valley, Maryland June 19.

CERDEC had the most virtual judges with 57 CERDEC employees – military personnel, civilians and contractors – volunteering their time to review and judge 660 mission folders for eCYBERMISSION this past year.

"eCYBERMISSION is about placing students at the intersection of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education and a passion to solve real-world problems. It's about developing citizens and STEM professionals who contribute to our national future. CERDEC's personnel have this kind of exceptional commitment and recognize it in others, which is why they give back via STEM activities such as being virtual judges," said Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton, commanding general, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

"In RDECOM, science and technology that gives our Soldiers decisive overmatch capabilities are a life-or-death reality. We see the importance of STEM firsthand, which is what drives our investment in STEM outreach. eCYBERMISSION is a very important part of it."

eCYBERMISSION is a free, web-based science competition for sixth through ninth graders and is one of several STEM initiatives offered by the Army Education Outreach Program, or AEOP. RDECOM was tasked by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) to lead AEOP, which is one of the various programs that represents the Army's nationwide commitment to increasing STEM literacy and expanding STEM education opportunities.

"Really, our overall goal with AEOP is to broaden the pool of STEM-literate students so that when they get up to college, they are competitively eligible or academically prepared to take on the rigor of a STEM degree or to com-



Photo by Kasha Simmons
C4ISR Campus employees signed-up to support the eCYBERMISSION program at a road show at Aberdeen Proving Ground in November. CERDEC was recognized for recruiting the most virtual judges with 57 employees volunteering to review and judge 660 mission folders this past year.

pete for competitive programs within the DOD or just in general," said Louie Lopez, the program manager of AEOP at RDECOM.

In the eCYBERMISSION challenge, students compete in teams of three or four with an adult team advisor and can choose a pre-determined Mission Challenge or real problem in their community that they must solve using STEM concepts.

Mission Challenges can span an array of areas such as alternative sources of energy; environment; food, health, and fitness; forces and motion; national security and safety; robotics; and technology. After choosing the problem, students use the scientific method to develop hypotheses and conduct research and experiments to devise potential solutions.

The current judging cycle included projects that explored exposure to drugs in middle schools, teen violence and ecology on playgrounds.

"eCYBERMISSION is really a special program, unlike your standard old school science fair or science competition, eCYBERMISSION really challenges kids to look around their schools, their communities, the world and find

a real-life problem and solve it," said Erica Bertoli, CERDEC Outreach team lead.

"So these aren't kids who are building a volcano or building a diorama of the solar system, they're really challenged to take either the scientific method or the engineering design principles and put them into effect to solve a problem that they see in their everyday world; and the creativity of these kids is just mind-blowing."

Giving back as judges

At the conclusion of the eCYBERMISSION challenge, teams electronically submit mission folders for virtual judging.

A single folder typically takes 20 minutes to one hour to judge, which puts into perspective just how dedicated CERDEC scientists and engineers are to this mission, Bertoli said.

"CERDEC, as a whole, has always had a culture of outreach and support that goes beyond having an outreach program and really is within the intent of the engineers and the scientists," Bertoli said.

"If you talk to our engineers, they talk about wanting to give back, wanting

to reach into the next generation, wanting to pay forward the mentoring and the support that they received as students," Bertoli said. "So, really, the success that CERDEC finds in things like having the highest Army participation in virtual judging is really a reflection of the engineers within the organization who find it a personal mission to want to support programs like this."

CERDEC volunteers see their efforts as a way encourage young people to take an interest in STEM.

"When I was a student, I participated in similar events or science projects in general and wanted to see how that works on the other side," said Erick Ortiz, CERDEC S&TCD electronics engineer and subject matter expert for electromagnetic compatibility, who participated as a virtual judge this year.

Ortiz notes that he tried to provide as much feedback as possible, including positive comments and constructive remarks to help students learn from their mistakes and to help them identify new perspectives on their technical approaches.

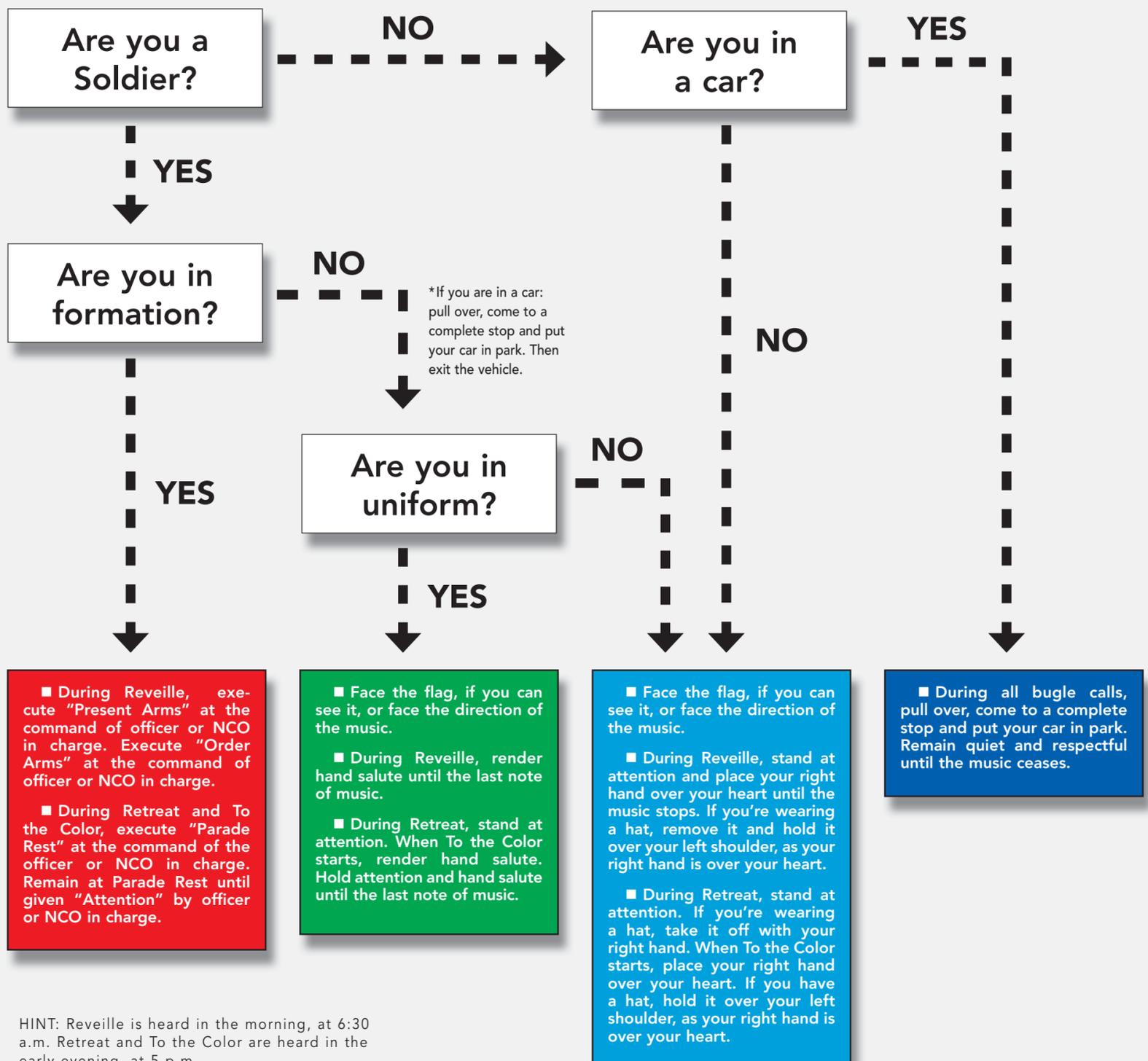
The Army outreach mission creates a symbiotic relationship between young students and future employers by cultivating interest in STEM early on, which can ultimately feed the DOD enterprise through direct employment, advanced industrial base, and more, according to Lopez.

"It is still one of those best kept secrets that you can work for the Army as a civilian and programs like this, which allow us to talk to students, as young as sixth grade, about the experience and opportunities of working for the DOD as an engineer or scientist," Bertoli said.

"You are letting them know that they can choose to serve their country in a lab, and the people that are in the uniform need the people in the lab. There's a world of opportunities and eCYBERMISSION is really great at being the first engagement for a lot of these kids—that just leads them further into a future with STEM."

In the Army's effort to increase the number of STEM interested students, Bertoli said CERDEC hopes to double the number of workforce participants in the next eCYBERMISSION cycle and will begin outreach efforts in the fall.

You hear the bugle call, now what?



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

AAFES

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/BecauseOfYou and click on the Dickies American Hero of the Year logo to access an application.



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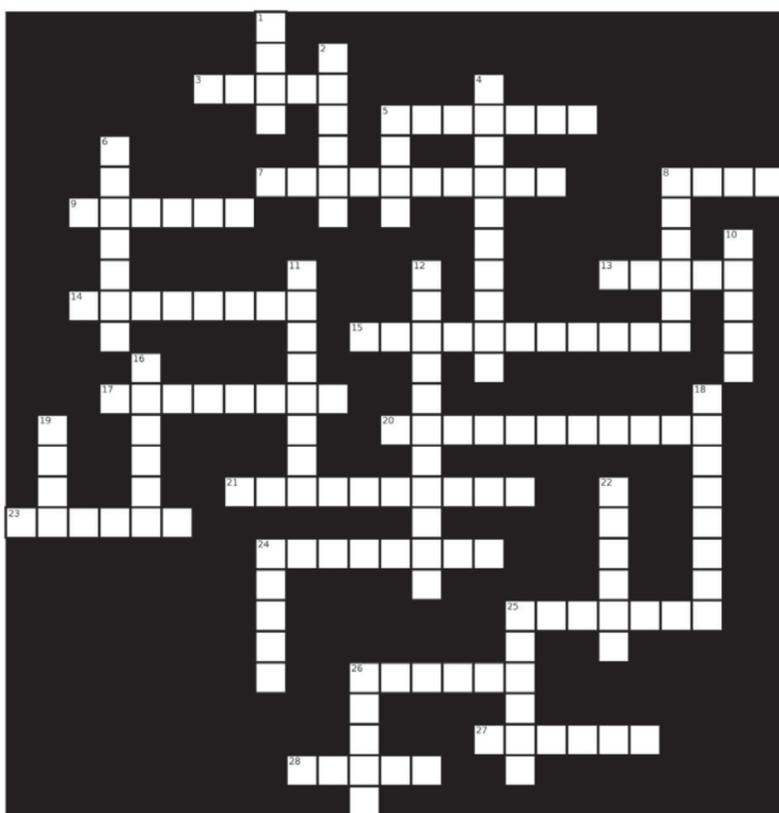
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The APG Crossword



Great Outdoors Month

By **STACY SMITH**, APG News

June is recognized nationally as Great Outdoors Month. Solve this puzzle to learn some interesting facts about America's natural world.

Across

- 3. APG led conservation efforts in recent years that have increased this bird's local population size.
- 5. A favored outdoor activity of approximately three million Americans every year
- 7. Bay that is the largest water estuary in North America, stretching 180 miles and offering more than 12,000 miles of shoreline.
- 8. Forest animal that can jump as high as 10 feet in the air

from a full sprint.

- 9. Maine's rugged coastline; first national park east of the Mississippi.
- 13. President who launched the American's Great Outdoors Initiative to develop a 21st century conservation and recreation agenda.
- 14. Traditionally refers to non-domesticated animal species, but has expanded to include plants, fungi and other organisms.
- 15. Fourth longest river in the world.

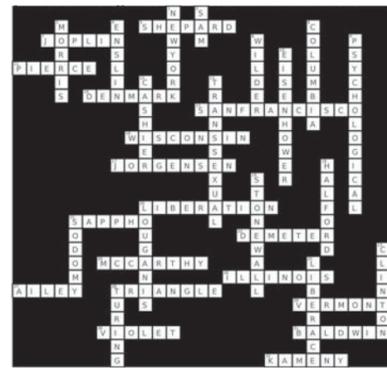
- 17. Glaciers from 30 million years ago carved this Valley located in Northern California.
- 20. Established in 1872 as America's first national park.
- 21. 60 mile-wide, slow-moving subtropical river covering the tip of Florida.
- 23. _____ the Bear is the well known mascot who educates the U.S. public about the dangers of forest fires.
- 24. Type of dry terrain where softer sedimentary rocks and clay-rich soils have been extensively eroded by wind and water; also the title of a 1978 film directed by Terrence Malick.
- 25. Underground destination known for preserved fossils, stalactites and stalagmites, and bats.
- 26. Female U.S. marine biologist and conservationist whose book 'Silent Spring' is credited with advancing the global environmental movement.
- 27. Ancient animals related to jellyfish and anemones; found in the Florida Keys.
- 28. Invasive plant that earned the nickname, 'the vine that ate the south' due to its rapid growth.

- 10. These national protected areas, over 400 of them throughout the U.S., generate \$31 billion dollars from tourism and recreation.
- 11. City in South Dakota where Mount Rushmore National Memorial attracts two million annual visitors.
- 12. Local body of water whose name derives from native Len'api term meaning 'Oyster River.'
- 16. Hottest desert in North America; located primarily in California.
- 18. Tallest trees on Earth.
- 19. Patriotic song "God Bless America" emphasizes the U.S.' geographical variety: "from the mountains, to the prairies to the oceans white with _____."
- 22. Name of the deep blue lake in southern Oregon that is a collapsed volcano.
- 24. Symbolic animal of the Great Plains and indigenous to the U.S.
- 25. The Grand _____ is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.
- 26. 'The Great Outdoors' is a 1988 American comedy film starring Dan Aykroyd and the late John _____.

Down

- 1. "Rocky Mountain _____" is a folk song by John Denver inspired by his love of Colorado's landscape.
- 2. Naturally-occurring hot spring in Yellowstone National Park; nicknamed "Old Faithful."
- 4. U.S. mountain range that is also a cultural region stretching from Mississippi to southern New York.
- 5. Natural energy resource found underground; now being replaced in parts of the U.S. with cleaner, renewable energy sources like wind and solar.
- 6. Ocean that borders U.S. and covers approximately 1/3 of the Earth's surface.
- 8. Alaskan national park that features Mt. McKinley, America's

Solution to the June 18 puzzle



WORD OF THE WEEK

Unilateral

Pronounced: yoo-nuh-lat-er-uh l

Part of Speech: Adjective

Definition:

- 1. Relating to, occurring on, or involving one side only: unilateral development; a unilateral approach.
- 2. Undertaken or done by or on behalf of one side, party, or faction only; not mutual: a unilateral decision; unilateral disarmament.
- 3. Having only one side or surface; without a reverse side or inside.
- 4. Law definition
 - a. Pertaining to a contract that can be formed only when the party to whom an offer is made renders the performance for which the offeror bargains.
 - b. Pertaining to a contract in which obligation rests on only one party, as a binding promise to make a gift.

Use:

- Overall, science hasn't supported any claims of unilateral nutritional benefits.
- The real challenge here is to have unilateral action.
- While true, the original business agreement often allows them to change unilaterally.
- In a complicated, inter-connected global economy, the president has almost no unilateral authority to fix things.

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

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

CGI

Coast Guard Intelligence



CGI is the military intelligence branch of the United States Coast Guard, and a component of the Central Security Service of the United States Department of Defense.

CGI was established in 1972 to integrate the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Service Cryptologic Elements (SCE) of the United States Armed Forces in the field of signals intelligence, cryptology and information assurance at the tactical level.

The modern Coast Guard Intelligence program has cultivated extensive relationships and partnerships with other elements of the intelligence community to provide timely, tailored support in a wide range of Coast Guard and national missions. These missions include port security, search and rescue, maritime safety, counter-narcotics, alien migration interdiction and living marine resources protection. The Coast Guard Counterintelligence Service (CGCIS) falls under Coast Guard Intelligence and protects the Coast Guard from foreign agents who might attempt to penetrate their ranks or compromise their operations. This involves intelligence collection and analysis.

CGI is designated as part of the CG-2 directorate of Coast Guard headquarters. The Assistant Commandant for Intelligence and Criminal Investigations (CG-2) is Rear Adm. Christopher J. Tomne.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News
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DES trains to respond to high-risk situations

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of your job. Everyone on the installation must understand the importance of what you do.”

While visiting the DES facility, Crawford learned about the various capabilities APG police and fire fighters are equipped with to keep the installation safe in any scenario.

“I have a special place in my heart for the job that you do,” Crawford said, mentioning the heroic acts he saw firsthand when he happened to be visiting the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. “The heroes of that day were folks just like you who came into work that day not knowing they’d be saving lives.”

Police & gate guards

Nearly 6.5 million vehicles pass through the APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) gates each year. Unlike a municipality, these vehicles aren’t just passing through; they have a specific reason for visiting APG, often related to one of the countless research and development, or test and evaluation missions on this installation.

With defined borders that must be secured and an average of 30 people denied entry to APG each day due to an unsavory criminal history or outstanding warrant, the police force is busy. Police officers respond to countless calls – from medical emergencies and vehicle accidents to alarm activations and security checks.

In addition to these calls, they also monitor traffic, check for speed violations or aggressive drivers, and arrest wanted persons at the visitor’s center trying to gain access to the installation.

“Our police force is likely larger than one of a city of similar size, but it needs to be,” said DES Director Chris Ferris. “We have more of a responsibility to safeguard information due to the classified missions and intellectual property that reside on APG. We have a very real responsibility to protect national security.”

According to DES management assistant Amanda Henke, who has also worked as a police officer and 911-dispatcher, often the police force unfortunately bears the brunt of any discontent from Team APG.

“They are the ones who issue citations for speeding or parking violations,” she said, which is never a pleasant situation for the one on the receiving end of the citation.

According to Chief of Police Joel Holdford, law enforcement is the primary means through which the police department upholds the basic DES mission of force protection.

“It is important to remember that the police officer writing the traffic citation on the side of the road is the same officer that will be at a full sprint to respond to a hazardous situation to save the lives of those he or she has sworn to protect,” Holdford said.

“This is a tremendous and important part of the DES mission. That’s why the APGPD is always striving to be better tomorrow than we are today.”

Fire & EMS

Serving 24-hour shifts totaling 72 hours a week, fire and emergency services personnel rely on a family atmosphere to maintain high morale.

When not responding to traffic accidents, emergency medical calls or rooftop rescues alongside the police, the fire department routinely conducts CPR, AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and fire extinguisher trainings. With more than 90 tenants on APG and 22,000 personnel, the demand to provide those trainings is constant, said Assistant Fire Chief of Special Operations Bill Streaker.

That training has also paid off. “Our CPR trainings have saved countless lives,” said Deputy Fire Chief Adam Ballard, citing the importance of early care during a cardiac arrest.

According to firefighter Henry Hom, fire personnel also conduct infant and child car seat checks, visit the child development centers to teach fire safety to young children, and conduct monthly CPR and AED trainings open to all Team APG personnel.

Carol Miller, the fire chief’s secretary and a mainstay in the fire department, cites the family atmosphere that binds the department together.

“They are a brotherhood; they’ll have problems just like any family would, but they are so professional and well-trained. Most stay here for their entire career,” she said.

“They spend holidays here, together. Their families will come in and they’ll all celebrate together. It really is a fami-

ly atmosphere”

Included with the fire department are emergency medical personnel and paramedics. Fire and emergency services personnel have an outstanding “mutual aid” agreement with nearby counties in Maryland to provide assistance to emergencies beyond the borders of APG when needed.

Last month, they responded to 26 calls to assist the local community.

“When people are hurt and our paramedics go out, they provide excellent care and are incredibly compassionate. They become invested in that individual’s wellbeing and follow up with them to see how they’re doing,” Miller said.

“If I ever need medical help, I hope I’m here [at APG]. That’s how much confidence I have in this department.”

Unique challenges

While DES personnel experience many of the same challenges faced by first responders outside the gate, they also must deal with situations unique to an Army installation and the diverse missions at APG.

These challenges include protecting APG’s access control points and the entire installation.

“I admire the people here and what they do,” Miller said. “They come into work every day, not knowing what they’re going to face.”

In the event of a dangerous, high-risk situation occurring on post, the police department has a team of highly trained, skilled officers comprising the Special Reaction Team.

With special armored vehicles that can detect dangerous chemicals, explosives or radiation, the SRT can safely respond to nearly any situation that may occur.

The ability to respond to these situations requires hours of training and practice for the SRT.

“What we prepare for are those situations that are really too highly dangerous for that patrolman to go in and handle on their own,” said Police Sgt. Jim Toscano.

“For us, everything is about timing, precision, officer safety, caution and protection for the public. It’s almost like planning a stage show or a ballet. It’s intricate.”

While not requiring an armored vehicle, the same attention to detail must be paid to responding to any alarm activations. According to Henke, police have to respond to every alarm that goes off – even if it’s on an active test range.

Test events on active ranges frequently require support from DES, as well as some research and development projects.

“We often have to be on standby with both fire and medics for different tests,” Ballard said. This requires both a cursory knowledge of the tests and a detailed understanding of the potential dangers and how to respond if needed.

Unexploded ordnance poses yet another challenge. For an installation with a nearly 100-year history of Army munition testing, unexploded ordnance calls are an expected – but dangerous – occurrence.

According to Henke, any reports of unexploded ordnance get a full response from both the fire and police departments, as well as an explosive ordnance disposal team.

Finally, APG’s chemical and biological missions demand that DES personnel are trained in the appropriate, detailed response to a potential incident.

“CAIRA [Chemical Accident/Incident Response and Assistance] is a unique challenge for us,” said Deputy Fire Chief Adam Ballard. CAIRA involves a multi-level response from several organizations.

According to Assistant Chief James Budnick, the response to a chemical incident is similar to a hazardous materials response. Both require a heightened level of awareness of potential dangers and the need to be prepared.

“We continually train to stay proficient in our response to events like that, and prepare for it,” Budnick said. “It’s no different than how we train for any other potential situation we might have to respond to.”

Together, police and fire personnel respond to every emergency call received. They also must carry out their standard mission as various emergency calls arise. As a result, the two separate forces must know how to work as a team.

According to Henke, there has been a greater push to train police officers and firefighters alongside each other, rather than independently.

“The police and fire departments work very well together,” she said. “They know who to call and who to go to when needed. The exercises they participate in reinforce that.



Photo by Molly Blossie

APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, right, pins the Commander’s Award for Civilian Service medal on Firefighter Henry Hom during a Directorate of Emergency Services town hall June 22 as Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey O. Adams assists in the awards presentation.

A Day in the Life at DES

Check out a recent 24-hour period at DES through the eyes of what a dispatcher tracks.

- Midnight – 1 AM:** Security Checks
- 1:45 AM:** Response to alarm
- 2-3 AM:** Security checks
- 3:58 AM:** Response to alarm
- 4-6 AM:** Security checks
- 6:30 AM:** Reported odor in building; ventilated by fire department
- 7:28 AM:** Fire Permit
- 7:35 AM: Barrier Activation at APG South (Edgewood) Hoadley Gate (Rt. 24)**
 - **7:39 AM:** Subjects in custody
 - **7:50 AM:** Request for traffic assistance sent to Harford County
 - **7:52 AM:** 2nd vehicle impacted barrier
 - **7:57 AM:** Police desk asked for subject information
 - **8:03 AM:** Traffic unit responding from APG North
 - **8:12 AM:** Forklift at location to move barrier
 - **8:16 AM:** DPW arrives to move barrier
 - **8:33 AM:** Subject’s vehicle determined to be stolen
 - **8:33 AM:** Pennsylvania police called to confirm stolen vehicle
 - **8:49 AM:** Hoadley Gate reopened
 - **9:36 AM:** DPW shut down in-bound lanes to clean up debris
 - **9:36 AM:** Subjects transported to APG North
 - **9:39 AM:** Inbound lanes reopened.
- 8:08 AM:** Fire Training
- 8:24 AM:** Traffic Stop
- 8:39 AM:** Fire Alarm Test
- 8:50 AM: 911 call, reported odor of gas**
 - **8:55 AM:** Fire on location, DPW notified
 - **9:00 AM:** Building interior checked, negative for gas
 - **9:00 AM:** Building exterior checked, negative for gas
 - **9:02 AM:** Floor drains, traps checked
 - **9:06 AM:** All clear, nothing found
 - **9:36 AM:** Confer with DPW
- 9-10 AM:** Security checks, vehicle checks
- 10:16 AM:** Response to alarm
- 10:18 AM:** Fire alarm test
- 11:00 AM – Noon:** Security checks, vehicle checks
- 11: 22 AM:** Flame permit
- 11:50 AM:** HAZMAT response, nitrogen leak
- 12:11 PM:** Traffic Stop
- 12:30 PM:** Fire Meeting
- 12:36 PM:** Marine Detail
- 1:17 PM:** Traffic Stop
- 1:20 PM:** Fire PT
- 1:27 PM:** Traffic Stop
- 1:38 PM:** Elevator rescue
- 1:48 PM:** Traffic Stop
- 2-4 PM:** Vehicle checks, security checks
- 4:37 PM:** Response to alarm
- 5:19 PM:** Response to alarm
- 5:21 PM:** Traffic Stop
- 5:24 PM: Call of suspicious vehicle @ Hoadley gate**
 - **5:25 PM:** Information sent to dispatch
 - **5:32 PM:** Request for paramedic
 - **5:33 PM:** Medics dispatched
 - **5:37 PM:** Medics arrive at scene
 - **6:01 PM:** En route to Upper Chesapeake
 - **10:56 PM:** Medics back at station
- 5:29 PM:** Response to alarm
- 5:32 PM:** Unknown medical transported to Upper Chesapeake
- 5:48 PM:** Chemical Accident/Incident Response and Assistance
- 6-10 PM:** Security checks
- 8:51 PM:** Response to alarm
- 10:39 PM:** Response to alarm
- 11 PM – Midnight:** Security checks
- 12:46 AM:** CAIRA – all officers cleared

On any given day, DES personnel can face a variety of different situations, from emergency medical responses and traffic accidents, to suspicious vehicles at the gate and barrier activations.

“During a barrier activation, dispatchers are writing down everything the guards and police are saying on the radio,” said DES management assistant Amanda Henke.

“Once the police arrive and gain control of the situation, they obtain information about the subjects and the vehicle,” she said. That information is then ran through a security check.

Behind the scenes during an event like this, Henke said police officers and dispatchers are gathering information and compiling reports to inform the DES director and the garrison commander of the situation.

Meanwhile, DES must still perform its regular mission of securing access control points, performing security checks and responding to emergency calls, Henke said.

“While exercises are good, more importantly, we excel at the real-world situations.”

For most members of DES, the sentiment is the same: it is an honor to serve APG.

Having served as a firefighter for 37 years, Budnick says he still gets “the same level of satisfaction from helping

the community, serving the public, and making a difference in someone’s life” that he did when he first started his career.

“To be able to help someone in their time of need, during a disaster – or more often during their own personal disaster, if we’re providing emergency medical care – it is really satisfying to me. It means a lot.”

Martin ready to 'field the Army's tactical network'

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tant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, or ASA(ALT), the change of charter ceremony marked the official transition of leadership.

During the ceremony, Shyu thanked the PEO C3T workforce and its outgoing leader.

"Together, you have done an absolutely incredible job strengthening the link and solidifying the trust between our Soldiers and the information dominance they need for mission success," Shyu said.

PEO C3T guides a workforce of more than 1,600 personnel who develop, deliver and support 22 major Army programs that provide Soldiers with the communications networks, radios, satellite systems and other hardware and software they require to communicate on the battlefield.

Hughes, who assumed leadership of PEO C3T in September 2013, will transition to the Deputy Commanding General for Support, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

Prior to taking the reins at PEO C3T, Hughes completed a dual assignment as Commanding General of Natick Soldier Systems Center and Deputy Commanding General of the Army's Research, Development and Engineering Command. He was a key contributor to the Army's network

The Army has entrusted some of its most critical modernization programs to this organization. I am excited to return to the PEO C3T community and to work with you in continuing the very critical mission of fielding the Army's tactical network.

Gary Martin

Program Executive Officer, Command, Control, Communications-Tactical

modernization progress during his previous assignment as Director of System of Systems Integration for ASA(ALT).

"I'm very proud of the work we accomplished together at PEO C3T," Hughes said. "A robust tactical communications network is essential in supporting the Army's transformation to a globally responsive and expeditionary force. But it must be intuitive. Together, we worked to advance critical capabilities while at the same time making simplification of the network a key priority."

PEO C3T is fielding the Army's and Army National Guard's network communications backbone for expeditionary and regionally aligned operations. The newest communications equipment, fielded as capability sets, provides mobile satellite and robust radio capability so commanders and Soldiers can

take the network with them in vehicles or when dismounted.

Martin assumes his new assignment at an important time as the PEO continues to field advanced network capability to more than 75 units per year, including capability sets to the 10th Mountain Division, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 82nd Airborne Division, 2nd Infantry Division, and 1st Armored Division. These units and others have employed their tactical network equipment in overseas operations, including Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation Inherent Resolve, Operation United Assistance, Operation Atlantic Resolve and Pacific Operations.

"It's an honor to be a part of this great team," Martin said. "The Army has entrusted some of its most critical modernization programs to this organization.

I am excited to return to the PEO C3T community and to work with you in continuing the very critical mission of fielding the Army's tactical network."

Martin takes lead of PEO C3T following his assignment as the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command deputy to the commanding general where he focused on the day-to-day missions of the command, which is responsible for the life-cycle management of Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems.

A former Signal Corps Officer, Martin comes to PEO C3T with broad experience, having served as the U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command executive director to the commanding general; the technical director for the Communications-Electronics, Research Development and Engineering Center; and as deputy project manager and acting project manager for the Army's tactical radio systems.

"I look forward to carrying on the important mission that Maj. Gen. Hughes put in place of extending a Soldier's 'digital reach' while also working to simplify these systems," Martin said. "As we continue to transition to a more expeditionary force, these communications capabilities will provide our Soldiers with the right information at the point of need."

Shyu highlights need for affordable, integrated systems

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not become just a redesign of pre-existing systems.

During more than a decade of war, the Army built technologies to fill a specific need or to stop a threat. Interoperability between systems lead to duplicative equipment such as multiple antennas or GPS units on the same platform.

"In the past we weren't telling industry enough specifics; we weren't specifying enough with regards to the architecture, the standards and how you play in our Army network," said Henry Muller, CERDEC director. "With this Hardware/Software Convergence approach we are going to be specifying the actual environment in which your capability is going to exist."

Historically, the process of developing new systems became a series of addressing specific threats with specific systems.

"Adversaries constantly evolve, and new ones appear; we may not face the same threats in five years," said Seth Spoenlein, CERDEC Space and Terrestrial Communications Directorate associate for Technology, Planning and Outreach. "The Army must provide the latest capabilities to our Soldiers in the presence of the fast pace of technology, the environments our Soldiers are operating in, and the capabilities of our adversaries that our Soldiers face."

"Our job at CERDEC is to ensure that we're providing those cutting-edge technologies to Soldiers that best support their mission, regardless of platform," Spoenlein said.

Decreasing the time it takes to get the proper technology to the Soldier will take a change in the way the Army seeks solutions.

CERDEC will look at the tools and the integrated development environment in which it can create that capability to achieve interoperability in systems and increase the speed and agility necessary to shorten the upgrade process to respond to threats, Muller said.

"This particular Assistant Secretary of the Army is interested in the technical details, and these visits offer an opportunity to really explain to her, technically, what it is that we are doing," Muller said. "It gives the CERDEC the visibility at that level in terms of the capabilities and what we are here to provide the Army, and what we are capable of providing the Army—the value that we bring to the entire acquisition process."

CERDEC leadership and engineers demonstrated concepts and proposed solutions for decreasing the size, weight and power consumption of systems while still allowing for system-upgrade flexibility.

"Today the waveform is specific to that system, but we want to take and move code from one hardware platform to another," said Dr. Paul Zablocky, director, CERDEC Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate.

"We're building on prior Navy and DARPA science and technology investments to develop leap-ahead technologies that provide seamless and cooperative



The Army has many systems that have similar components but different applications. Overlap in components can lead to too much size, weight and power consumption on Army platforms. CERDEC has proposed the Army move forward on the center's Hardware/Software Convergence initiative, which would decrease the size, weight and power consumption of systems on a platform.

operation of RF systems. The time is right to change the way C4ISR/EW systems are engineered and integrated onto platforms," Zablocky said.

Systems such as the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System, or SINCGARS, and Counter Remote Controlled Improvised Explosive Device (RCIED) Electronic Warfare, or CREW, Duke V3 could leverage similar components reducing the systems to a common chassis with cards that address specific needs.

"This concept is designed to be rugged and very modular. It can go on all types of platforms, and we can break the chassis up into smaller pieces based on the platform," Zablocky said. "The systems will be capable of automatically switching from application to application to make its use seamless for the Soldier."

Hardware/Software Convergence would eventually allow for efficient sys-

tem and component upgrades as new and better technologies emerge.

"We won't be forced to change everything at one time. We can replace parts instead of having to change out the whole system. For example, as technology progresses, we can take out a less capable card and replace it with a better, upgraded card," Zablocky said.

CERDEC leadership acknowledged the shift in business process might take time.

"I think we pushed our goals, and as usually the case our goal line was moved a little bit by the ASA(ALT). In other words, we were challenged to achieve more, which is always a good thing. We accept that and will move forward collectively with the PEO (Program Executive Office) to address what Ms. Shyu asked us to look at in addition to what we are already doing," Muller said

Did You Know?

The Korean War began 65 years ago when North Korea invaded South Korea June 25, 1950.

Korea was ruled by Japan from 1910 until the closing days of World War II. In August 1945, the Soviet Union declared war on Japan and—by agreement with the United States—occupied Korea north of the 38th parallel. U.S. forces subsequently occupied the south and Japan surrendered. By 1948, two separate governments had been set up. Both governments claimed to be the legitimate government of Korea, and neither side accepted the border as permanent. Between June 15-24, 1950, the North Korean High Command assembled some 90,000 men near the 38th Parallel.

At 4 a.m. on June 25, the North Koreans launched a coordinated attack on South Korea that ran from coast to coast. The conflict escalated into open warfare as North Korean forces—supported by the Soviet Union and China—invaded South Korea. That same day, the United Nations Security Council recognized the action as an invasion and called for an immediate ceasefire.

President Truman authorized ships and airplanes to protect the evacuation of American dependents in Korea and also use of American air and naval forces to support the Republic of Korea below the 38th Parallel. On June 27, the UN Security Council passed another resolution that recommended UN members assist South Korea in repelling the invasion and the Joint Chiefs of Staff issued a directive that authorized Gen. Douglas MacArthur to assume operational control of all American military activities in Korea. On June 29, MacArthur personally inspected the situation at the Han River and urged the immediate commitment of American ground forces.

According to the data from the U.S. Department of Defense, during the Korean War, which officially ended July 27, 1953, the U.S. suffered 33,686 battle deaths, along with 2,830 non-battle deaths. U.S. battle deaths were 8,516 up to their first engagement with the Chinese on Nov. 1, 1950. South Korea reported some 373,599 civilian and 137,899 military deaths. Western sources estimate the PVA suffered about 400,000 killed and 486,000 wounded, while the KPA suffered 215,000 killed and 303,000 wounded.

Data from official Chinese sources, on the other hand, reported that the PVA had suffered 114,000 battle deaths, 34,000 non-battle deaths, 340,000 wounded, 7,600 missing and 21,400 captured during the war. Among those captured, about 14,000 defected to Taiwan, while the other 7,110 were repatriated to China. Chinese sources also reported that North Korea had suffered 290,000 casualties, 90,000 captured and a "large" number of civilian deaths.

In return, the Chinese and North Koreans estimated that about 390,000



Signal Corps Photo

A gun crew checks their equipment near the Kum River July 15, 1950.

Soldiers from the United States, 660,000 soldiers from South Korea and 29,000 other UN soldiers were "eliminated" from the battlefield.

Recent scholars have put the full battle death toll on all sides at just over 1.2 million.

Racial integration efforts in the U.S. military began during the Korean War, where African Americans fought in integrated units for the first time. Among the 1.8 million American Soldiers who fought in the Korean War there were more than 100,000 African Americans.

Yvonne Johnson, APG News

Source(s) www.history.army.mil

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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TEAMS VIE FOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

From left, Referee John King oversees the action as Raytheon player-coach Chris Via, #23, goes for a block against Public Health Command's coach-player Joshua Hayes, #11, as Raytheon teammates Chad Davis, #25, and Cody Fletch, #4, back up the play during the intramural softball championship at the APG athletic center June 15. Raytheon won its first championship after finishing as the 2014 runner-up last year.

TEAM APG REVS UP MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

The Installation Safety Office routinely conducts motorcycle safety courses and refresher trainings during the summer months at Bldg. 4305 and at the motorcycle training course near Bldg. 4510.

(Right) Three students maneuver around orange cones on the motorcycle training course June 22.

(Below) Training instructor Bob Hansen, a contractor working for the Installation Safety Office, moves a motorcycle near the motorcycle training course June 22.

For more information about motorcycle safety courses and refresher trainings, contact Mike Allen with the Installation Safety Office at 410-306-1081.

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'LITTLE BEE' WELCOMES IN SUMMER

APG's most mysterious resident, "Little Man," welcomes in summer June 22, not minding the 90-degree temperatures as he sits atop a drain pipe on Maryland Avenue.

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