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## Board selects top NCO, Soldier, family of the Year

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground senior leaders selected the installation's top NCO and Soldier during selection board proceedings April 29. In addition, the APG 2014 Family of the Year was selected the same week.

Winners will be honored during the Military Appreciation Luncheon hosted by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood, Thursday, May 14.

### Honorees

#### Sgt. Alan R. Tobin

Tobin is the APG NCO of the Year. A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Tobin is assigned to the 68th Chemical Company, 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) as a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosives (CBRNE) Response Team sub-team leader.

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## ★ Armed Forces Week ★

### Honoring Esprit de Corps

From left, APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, CECOM Operations NCO Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Scalies and APG Senior Command Sgt. Major William G. Bruns lead the Armed Forces Week Run, May 12. Soldiers from units and organizations across APG, ran the foggy, 3.1-mile route with unit colors flapping, singing cadences and raising Esprit de Corps during one of the installation's official AFW events.



Photo by Stacy Smith

## Retirees learn available resources

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

During Retiree Appreciation Day at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center May 9, area retirees were reassured that providing for them is a top priority and they can be proud of the installation's achievements on the world stage.

APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford made these and other remarks during the annual event which was moved from November to May to kick off installation Armed Forces Week activities.

The APG Retiree Council, led by co-chair Tom Shumate, Retirement Services Officer Betty Willard, and Director of Human Resources Janet Dettwiler, hosted the event. Maryland State Senator Robert "Bob" Cassilly was the guest speaker.

The annual show of support for area retirees included more than 35 vendor displays, from garrison support elements to local, state and national veteran service organizations, educational and health agencies, Veterans Administration offices and financial institutions.

"This is your installation," Crawford told the attendees.

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Cpl. Tracy Glover Jr., of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, left, explains a dental display depicting the damage acids found in soda and energy drinks can inflict on teeth, to a retiree during the APG Retiree Appreciation Day event at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center May 9.

## ACS hosts tea to honor military spouses

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

To honor APG military spouses for Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Army Community Service hosted a tea at Top of the Bay May 8, which more than 30 spouses dined on soup, sandwiches, berries, scones and mini desserts.

ACS Officer Linda Edwards welcomed guests and thanked the spouses for the sacrifices they make every day for their country.

"We really look forward to doing more of these in the future with different guest speakers," Edwards said.

For entertainment, Angela Scarlato, chief of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Business Operations Division, wore an 18th century costume to demonstrate "Language of the Fan," a presentation about how women communicated using fans during that time.

Military spouse and government civilian, Shawn-til Eure, from the Army Contracting Command-APG, said she tries to support every post event with her

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(From left) Master Sgt. Johnny Eure, from the Army Contracting Command-APG, chooses a few treats while wife Shawntil Eure and Dee Ford, from Army Community Service, look on during a Military Spouse Appreciation Day Tea at the Top of the Bay May 8.

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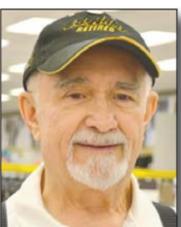
## May is National Pet Month. What's the biggest plus about pet ownership?

Pets keep you calm after a stressful day at work. I wouldn't trade my cat for the world.



**Ladonna Sparks**  
Military retiree

My wife and I have had a Siamese cat, named Savannah, for about 10 years and we love her like a child. I think pets relieve a lot of stress. We end every day with a smile.



**Jay Tinker**  
Military retiree

Owning a pet helps teach children responsibility and provides companionship. Our family just adopted a cat, Peanut.



**Chanel Sedeno**  
Military spouse

Our family has cats. They are fun to play games with, and my grandkids like playing with them when they come over.



**Sgt. 1st Class Bob Ober**  
Company C, Med 1-169

Taking care of a pet is very relaxing and entertaining. Last year, I adopted my cat, Tabitha. She is so sweet and lovable. Her favorite game is knocking bottle caps off the kitchen table.



**Sandy Calloway**  
CHRA

# Commander's Corner

## Military Appreciation Month

“The U.S. Armed Forces: Honor, Recognize & Remember”

The U.S. Senate first passed a resolution in 1999 designating May as National Military Appreciation Month to honor the current and former members of the armed forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace.

The vigilance of the members of the armed forces has been instrumental to the preservation of such freedoms, which are enjoyed by the people of the United States. The continuing success of the armed forces depends on the dedicated service of its members, their families and the civilian employees of the Department of Defense.

During the month of May we celebrate the many sacrifices and successes made by current and former service members. As the strength of our nation, our Army has always answered the call, and our Soldiers, civilians and family members have never wavered in their support and patriotism, despite the many challenges they have faced.

This is a time of honor and respect for the most trusted profession on earth, the U.S. military. Whether you are on the frontlines of battle or in a board room providing support, the combined contributions of our many trusted professionals deserves our highest praise for their commitment to something bigger than themselves.

We also have a responsibility to support our Soldiers for life, whether active duty, veterans or retirees. This is an opportunity to highlight their professionalism and skills so they can contribute to their communities beyond their Army career.

Let us never forget those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and



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I want to personally thank everyone on our phenomenal team for all you do. No task is insignificant and no job is without value. All of you are making a difference and this month we salute what you do on behalf of every U.S. citizen.

Trusted Professionals Always,

**MAJ. GEN. BRUCET. CRAWFORD**

APG Senior Commander

**TEAM APG PRESENTS**

# WHY WE SERVE

*“Restoring our Commitment to the Profession”*

## Why We Serve: Honor

It usually happens around mile five of a good run; it's the moment I discover I'm older than my body remembers. No longer a young private who could run for hours, but rather a sergeant major who can't shake the nagging pain from my knee. But then I think of him, immortalized at 31, forever a corporal, and my legs regain a confident stride as my heart swells in his honor.

**Honor.** It's such a versatile word. Defined by some as showing respect or esteem, demonstrated by others through vigilance and fortitude. Our Army recognizes honor as one of the seven core values, but for me it's the bonding agent for the other six. For without honor, our loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, integrity and personal courage may falter.

As a Soldier, husband and father, part of my moral compass revolves around “doing the right thing” whether at work, at home or as a member of our great community. In an era in which a small percentage of the American population is serving in our armed forces, it's imperative that we take the time to engage our communities and support them as much as they support us. Just like our internal Army family, our towns and our neighborhoods, the homes of our fallen, are grieving too. By taking care of each other in our darkest hours, we honor those deserving of our reverence and respect.

As May breaks and our spirits are lifted by warmer weather, I encourage you to support the many observances designed for such reflection. Here at Aberdeen, this month brings Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Armed Forces Week, Memorial Day and our National Moment of Remembrance.

Outside our installation, there are a plethora of community organizations designed to support and honor our active duty service members, veterans and their families. Whether



it's welcoming our forces home from overseas or placing a wreath on a grave, empower yourself to be part of the bigger picture; Honor them through action.

For the Bruns household, our small contribution has become a family affair. Since 2010, my wife Robin, an Army retiree, Halie, Clayton and I have been involved in a nation-wide running club started in 2007 by Gold Star Mothers to help our communities better understand and honor the fighting, the fallen, and the families of our military men and women.

We initially became involved when we were both stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, but continued supporting during our tour to Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington. When we arrived here at Aberdeen, it seemed natural for Robin to assist community members in building a support club in Fallston, Maryland. Through our monthly runs, our community empowers one another to connect, to move forward, to remember and to grieve. We take each step in honor of their selfless patriotism and uncompromising heroism.

This month, just like last, I will run for Cpl. Antonio Burnside, a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division, 1st Brigade Combat Team, Special Troops Battalion who was killed by small-arms fire during a dismounted patrol in search of roadside bombs April 6, 2012, in Mushaki, Afghanistan.

The miles may seem longer as each month passes but the terrain, smells and radio traffic remain crystal clear. Burnside was dedicated to our unit's mission, loyal to his platoon, and steadfast in the protection of his team. I honor his commitment and the thousands of other dedicated professionals volunteering to serve and protect our way of life.

I run because he afforded me the freedom and privilege to be able to do so. I run because he cannot.

**COMMAND SGT. MAJ. WILLIAM G. BRUNS**

APG Senior Command Sergeant Major

## APG SEVEN DAY FORECAST

Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
80°   57°	83°   59°	84°   62°	86°   64°	86°   65°	87°   59°	72°   51°

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# Environmental policy approved

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The Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division announced that APG Senior Leader Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford approved the installation Environmental Policy April 15.

According to Carroll Sparwasser, APG Environmental Management System (EMS) coordinator, the signing indicates that the command is supportive of installation environmental programs and policies.

“Primary areas are unchanged,” Sparwasser said, adding that those wishing to review the policy can access it on the APG website at [www.teamapg.com](http://www.teamapg.com). Click on Installation Policies on the left menu and then on Environmental Policy.

The policy acknowledges that APG is a major research, development, testing and evaluation installation located in the environmentally sensitive Chesapeake Bay watershed. It further states that the fulfillment of APG missions depends on individual and organizational commitments to conserving resources and protecting the environment.

“APG has instituted an Environmental Management System that supports the mission by integrating sound environmental practices into all of our operations and business decisions,” the policy states.

Specifically, the policy addresses the APG Significant Aspects and EMS Action plans. These include:

▪ **Energy & Water Consumption (Net Zero):** the compressed work schedule is a result of this plan to reduce the consumption of water, electricity, natural gasses and oils.

▪ **Air Emissions (Transportation Demand Management):** included in this is the goal to reduce single occupancy vehicle use through car and van pooling.

▪ **Natural Resources (Chesapeake Bay Focus):** coordinates with the state of Maryland and

the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphates entering the Bay. Includes upgrade of waste water treatment plant on APG South (Edgewood).

▪ **Hazardous Materials (Reduce Inventory):** goal is to reduce inventory which means fewer chances of accidents

▪ **Petroleum Oils & Lubricant (USTs):** tank replacement program.

Sparwasser said the EMS is managed

under the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) which establishes the EMS standards.

“It’s our bible,” he said.

A retired Navy commander with 28 years of service, and a degree in Biology, Sparwasser came to government service five years ago after managing his own environmental assessment company.

He noted that DPW environmental managers run award-winning programs all focused on maintaining the balance between accomplishing APG missions while sustaining the sensitive Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Training is the key to understanding the unique characteristics facing energy and environmental managers in this region Sparwasser said, noting that EMS awareness training on APG’s significant environmental aspects is a one-time-only requirement for all military, civilians and contractors and is available on the eLearning page of the APG website.

“While the bald eagle is no longer endangered, it’s still symbol of the Army strategy,” he said.

For more information about APG environmental policies or programs, contact Sparwasser at 410-278-8669 or [carroll.g.sparwasser.civ@mail.mil](mailto:carroll.g.sparwasser.civ@mail.mil) or visit [www.TeamAPG.com](http://www.TeamAPG.com).



**At your service**

## Devon Rust, Installation Energy Manager

By **STACY SMITH**  
APG News

As the installation energy manager, Devon Rust is responsible for tracking and reporting on APG’s energy costs and consumption.

“My job is primarily to track what the Army is using and spending on its utilities,” Rust said. “I help with big bulk

contracts for commodities like electricity and natural gas so that we get a really good rate.”

Rust also develops projects that support energy conservation and spending reduction. She helped plan and implement the new combined heat and power plant that will begin construction later this month at APG South (Edgewood).

She said that implementing projects requires, “a lot of coordination with the tenant organizations because there’s an energy awareness component and a behavioral component. The hardest thing to do is to get people to buy in and have energy conservation-conscious behavior.”

Rust also trains building energy monitors and reaches out to tenants to explain how energy conservation and reducing consumption is fiscally responsible and beneficial for the environment.

“We need to experiment with new technologies like renewables. We want to be good stewards of the environment and we want to be good stewards of resources, our tax-payer dollar.”

Rust’s academic background is in geography and environmental planning. She said she is especially interested in energy from an international rela-

tions perspective, and she enjoys her job because it integrates various subjects.

“Energy touches everything, so I’m never doing the same thing every day. [It] gets me involved with environmental things, contracting, construction... You never know what energy-related issue or question will crop up,” Rust said.

She also keeps an ear tuned to world events and international relations as they relate to the energy and fuel markets.

“I want to know what the natural gas market is going to be projected to do. I want to know what the fuel oil costs may be next year, so I can plan ahead or, warn of budgetary impacts,” she said.

Rust has been in her current position since March 2012. She has been working for the garrison since January 2009.

For more information about energy management, contact Rust at 410-306-1125, or [devon.a.rust.civ@mail.mil](mailto:devon.a.rust.civ@mail.mil).

# Pest controllers are ‘busy as the beavers’

By **STACY SMITH**  
APG News

To the untrained eye, a couple of downed trees might seem unremarkable, but for APG Garrison entomologist Stanley Futch and his pest control crew, it can mean evidence of onerous activity by beavers.

“They’re little engineers,” Futch said. “They know how to cut it [a tree] so it falls directly where they want it.”

According to Futch, who has surveyed the animals for years, beavers chew through tree trunks, and then use the downed logs and sticks to make their lodge homes in streams and waterways around the installation.

These homes and the dammed, still, waters surrounding them afford beavers protection from natural, land-dwelling predators, such as coyotes and dogs.

“They’ll put them [sticks] in the ground, then they’ll lay sticks across the top, then they’ll pack some mud on top of it and put more sticks until it’s solid as a rock. Then it hardens up in the winter, and predators can’t get through the mud because it’s frozen,” Futch said.

The elevated water levels produced by these dams provide a convenient watering hole for other local animals, like deer and birds, to congregate.

Futch said that in moderation, beaver-engineered living space is a good thing because “it makes an environment for all the animals.”

However, not everyone is pleased with their ingenuity. The dams have caused several areas around the installation to flood, including the APG North (Aberdeen) small-arms gun range.

“They can’t fire on the range because it’s flooding, and the water has nowhere to go,” he said.

Additionally, construction on the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) campus was halted a few years ago due to flooding caused by beaver dams, according to Futch.

To prevent and combat this type of damage, Futch and his small crew of pest control specialists, including Richard Burch and Rayner Little Sr., work with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Branch to trap the beavers and relocate them to other parts of



Courtesy Photo

**(Above)** Beavers eat through trees like this and use downed logs and branches to dam waterways and build shelters for protection against predators. The resourceful animals work together to rebuild habitats knocked down by pest control.

Photo by Stacy Smith

**(Inset)** A tree is downed after beavers chewed through its trunk. Downed trees are frequently spotted by APG pest control personnel, who trap and relocate beavers when their habitats cause flooding or conflict with the installation’s missions.

the installation when their environments begin to encroach on human activity. The hope is that the beavers will find a place to make their homes that doesn’t interfere with installation missions.

“Same with the groundhogs, we catch them and relocate them,” Futch said.

The crew also undams clogged waterways by breaking up the beaver lodges, often by hand when the dams are too deep in the woods for tools to reach.

According to Futch, tracking the beavers’ movements can sometimes pose a challenge because they are nocturnal. Futch said his crew uses night cameras to monitor the beavers; but because they move around a lot, it’s difficult to know when and where they will show up.

“They [beavers] don’t hibernate during the winter. Year round they’re doing

something,” he said.

Further compounding the problem, when one lodge has been destroyed, another will often pop up within a day.

“It takes them [beavers] about two hours to knock a six-inch tree out of the way,” Futch said. “You can tear it [a dam] down today, and tomorrow it will be back up.”

He noted that beaver activity on APG is not a new occurrence; it’s been documented and monitored for at least the last 25 years. He recalled a former environmental protection specialist Steve Wampler who was “doing this 20 years ago.”

“But it just recently started coming back more now because the beavers are tearing up a lot of trees,” he said.

Futch said he believes the beaver pop-

ulation is growing because no one is hunting them anymore and female beavers can have from one to 10 offspring, known as kits, at a time.

The pest control team will continue to monitor and control beaver activity so Team APG can carry out its missions, Futch said. The challenge is keeping pace with an animal that never seems to take a break from carrying out its own mission.

“Sometimes when we’re working overtime at night, we hear a tree fall in the woods, and we know it’s a beaver,” Futch said. “When they say ‘busy as a beaver’, I see what they mean.”

For more information, contact Stanley Futch, APG entomologist, at 410-278-3303, or stanley.r.futch.civ@mail.mil.

# ATEC parents bring children to work

Story and photos by **COURTNEY WHITE**  
ATEC

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command launched its third annual "Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day" April 23 at the ATEC Headquarters on APG North (Aberdeen).

ATEC personnel were invited to bring their daughters, sons, relatives and friends from ages 4 to 17 to spend the day shadowing their parents on the job.

During the first half of the day, children participated in a variety of interactive activities including trying on Soldier field equipment, viewing APG Directorate of Emergency Services police and fire department emergency vehicles, and building simulated rockets. A favorite among the activities was meeting an APG police dog.

Children spent the second half of the day at their parent's workstations learning more about their specific job.

"I think this year's event was very successful," said Theresa Seegel, ATEC administrative officer and lead coordinator for the event. Seegel said participants enjoyed the emergency vehicles. Children turned on lights, blew the fire engine's horn, were outfitted in police gear and learned the fundamentals of firearms safety.

"I saw lots of smiles as I asked the kids if they were having a good time," she said.

Seegel explained that parental feedback from last year was essential to planning and enhancing this year's event. One of the improvements, as a result of that feedback, was providing children with more hands-on activities during the day, rather than more time in the cubicle office setting.

"This year we engaged the police and fire department so children could understand their role on a military installation," Seegel said.

This year, children were split up into three groups; ages 4-6, 7-10, and 11-17, to allow each station to be more manageable. Groups rotated from one activity to the next allowing all children ample time and attention from the coordinators at each station.

ATEC employee Sean Harrison expressed his content with the day's events.



"Each year it gets better and better," Harrison said. "Splitting up the kids by age groups makes the event more organized, and the older kids get to enjoy the experience because they can participate in more hands-on activities."

Throughout the day, children were able to express their points of view on how well they thought the event was going.

"I really appreciate all the thought and creativity put into today's events, and I like how everybody went out of their way to put this together for youth our age," said Ariana Tharrington, 13.

"I now have a better idea of what my dad does on his job because I never really thought about it before. I just knew that he would leave for work and come back home, and I told him that he should let me come with him to his job one day."

The day concluded with Jody Jackson, ATEC equal employment opportunity manager, presenting each child with a certificate of participation per-



(Above) Parents and children get hands-on interaction with items at the outdoor police display during ATEC's third annual "Take Your Daughter and Son To Work Day" event at ATEC Headquarters April 23.

(Left) Sparky, the fire prevention mascot from the APG Fire Department, mingles with children during ATEC's third annual "Take Your Daughter and Son To Work Day" event at ATEC Headquarters at APG April 23.

sonally signed by ATEC Commanding General Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley.

The "Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day" is an annual event held

the fourth Thursday each April. For more information on the foundation and program, please visit: <http://www.daughtersandsonstowork.org/>.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

## events&town halls

### THURSDAY MAY 14

#### JOB FAIR

The Susquehanna Workforce Network will host the Cecil County Job Fair 1 to 5 p.m. at the Slingerly Fire Hall, 300 Newark Avenue, Elkton MD 21921. Register online at [www.swnetwork.org](http://www.swnetwork.org).

### TUESDAY MAY 19

#### SENIOR SERVICE COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP GRADUATION

The Defense Acquisition University - Senior Service College Fellowship Program announces the graduation ceremony for the class of 2014-2015.

The ceremony will take place 11 a.m. in the Mallette Hall Auditorium, Bldg. 6008. The graduation ceremony marks the culmination of ten months of full-time, rigorous study focused on developing acquisition and leadership attributes. A short reception will follow.

RSVP by Thursday, May 14 to Ben Metcalfe at [Benjamin.Metcalfe@dau.mil](mailto:Benjamin.Metcalfe@dau.mil) or 410-272-9471.

### WEDNESDAY MAY 22

#### BIKE TO WORK DAY – APG SOUTH

The APG community is invited to take part in the annual Bike to Work Day ride on APG South (Edgewood). The Bike to Work Day Rally will be held 7 to 9 a.m. at the FFCU parking lot, 5502 Hoadley Road, and will be followed by a cyclist parade, giveaways, on-the-go refreshments, bike tune ups, vendors and chances to win prizes.

Take the bike ride to the next level by signing up for the Team Cycle Challenge. Commands on APG South are challenged to see who can get the most employees to commit to Bike to Work May 22. Teams must be registered prior to the event.

Everyone who registers will be eligible to win a Trek Lync 3 bike. Visit [www.harfordcountymd.gov/commuter](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/commuter) for the registration forms and for more information, or contact Alan Doran at [rideshare@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:rideshare@harfordcountymd.gov) or 1-800-924-8646. Visit [www.harfordcountymd.gov/commuter](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/commuter) for the registration forms and for more information, or contact Alan Doran at [rideshare@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:rideshare@harfordcountymd.gov) or 1-800-924-8646.

### TUESDAY JUNE 16

#### 2015 SOLDIER SHOW

Save the date – the 2015 U.S. Army Soldier Show Tour will stop at APG June 16 at 7 p.m.

The Soldier Show is a live Broadway-style variety performance featuring the Army's best talent. It's singing, it's dancing and it's amazing! Each year, Army Entertainment brings together a talented troupe of performers who are selected through a rigorous audition process.

This year's production, "We Serve" explores the foundational elements of what it means to serve, in and out of uniform, as well as how our country in return serves them.

## meetings&conferences

### THURSDAY MAY 21

#### SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS MAY MEETING

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Chesapeake Post will host its May meeting 11:30 a.m. at the Wetlands Golf Course in Aberdeen.

The featured speaker will be John O'Brien, associate director, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Office of Small Business. O'Brien's presentation is titled, "Maximizing Small Business Awards and Subcontracts - The Role of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Office of Small Business located on APG."

Register online at: <https://same-may.eventbrite.com> or call 410-688-0318.

### SATURDAY JUNE 13

#### FEW SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW) will host its Annual Scholarship Breakfast 8 a.m. to noon at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1050 Beards Hill Road, in Aberdeen. Cost is \$30.

The guest speaker is Nicole S. Mason, FEW vice president for Compliance, an author, attorney and leadership coach.

For more information, contact Valery Calm-Coleman at 410-920-7849; Tracy Marshall at 813-504-7778; Karen Jobses at 410-322-1469; or Bridgette Graham at 202-285-4946.

## health&resiliency

### TUESDAY MAY 19

#### MENTAL HEALTH INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a Mental Health Awareness informational session 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 6001,

room 224. The session will identify risk factors, symptoms, and warning signs of mental illness and its stages, address confronting early symptoms and removing negative stigmas.

The session is open to DA civilians, contractors, and military. For sign language interpreters or other disability-related accommodations, contact the CECOM EEO Office at 443-861-4355 by May 5.

For more information, or to request VTC access dial-in number and code, contact Tiffany Grimes, CECOM G-1, at 443-861-7901, [tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil)

### SUNDAY MAY 24

#### MD CENTER FOR VETERANS EDUCATION AND TRAINING 20TH ANNUAL 5K/10K RACE

The Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, Inc., (MCVET) will host the 20th Annual 5K/10K Races starting 7:30 a.m. (5K) and 8:30 a.m. (10K) at the Baltimore War Memorial Plaza, 500 E Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

For the 5K, pre-registration is \$25; race day registration is \$30. For the 10 K, pre-registration is \$30; race day registration is \$35.

All proceeds benefits the MCVET mission to provide homeless veterans with comprehensive services to enable them to rejoin their communities as productive citizens.

To register, go to [www.mcvet.org](http://www.mcvet.org) or [www.charmcityrun.com](http://www.charmcityrun.com).

For more information, contact MCVET race director Roseline Taylor at 410-576-9626, Ext. 253 or [info@mcvet.org](mailto:info@mcvet.org) or [www.facebook.com/MCVET.Baltimore](http://www.facebook.com/MCVET.Baltimore)

### WEDNESDAY MAY 27

#### STRONG BONDS MARRIAGE RETREAT

A one-day Strong Bonds Marriage Retreat will take place at the Vandiver Inn, 301 South Union Avenue in Havre de Grace from 8:35 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Meals and child care will be provided. For more information, contact the APG main post chapel at 410-278-4333.

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 3

#### DIABETES HEALTH FAIR

A Diabetes Health Fair, "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes," will be held 8 a.m. to noon in the Ortiz Training Center on the first floor of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. This event include educational displays and screenings and lectures from healthcare and spiritual leaders. Healthy refreshments will be provided. Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information or to pre-register, call 410-278-1902.

### THURSDAY JUNE 4

#### FAMILY MATTERS: MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HEALTH INFO SESSION

Team APG will host a Family Matters: Men's and Women's Health Info Session 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 6001, second floor, room 224 (ACC training room).

This event is open to APG military, civilians, and contractors.

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

### 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:

- May 15, 20, and 28
- June 11, 16, 26, and 30

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

### 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.

May 20 – APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

June 17 – APG South (Edgewood) Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ONGOING

#### WEAR BLUE: RUN TO REMEMBER HARFORD COUNTY/APG

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

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

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

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

#### Upcoming dates include:

- June 13
- July 11
- August 8

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

## family&children

### JULY 13-17

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

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

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

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

## miscellaneous

### MAY 11 – JUNE 11

#### POST THEATER CLOSED

The APG North (Aberdeen) post theater closed Monday, May 11 for emergency repair work and will remain closed for approximately 30 days.

### ONGOING

#### HCC FALL SCHEDULE

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

#### Classes:

- Math 216: Introduction to Statistics, Tuesday/Thursday, Aug. 31 to Dec. 15, 5:30 to 7:25 p.m.
- English 216: Business Communications, Tuesday, Aug. 31 to Dec. 15, 5:30 to 6:50 p.m.
- PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology, Monday/Wednesday, 6 to 8:50 p.m., Oct. 19 to Dec. 15.

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

### ONGOING

#### CMU FALL SCHEDULE

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

#### Classes:

- MSA 601 Organizational Dynamics and Human Behavior, Aug. 21-22; Sept. 18-19; Oct. 18 (End date)
- CED 555 Human Relations Skills, Oct. 23-24; Nov 20-21; Dec. 6 (End date)

These are hybrid courses requiring additional online interaction.

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

### ONGOING

#### HOT WORK PERMIT

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

A Hot Work Permit is required before performing electric and gas welding, cutting or soldering operations requiring an open flame device, and for outdoor cooking with a grill, or similar device.

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

### THROUGH 2015

### MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES

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

#### Local Hazards Course:

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

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

**Course dates:** May 21; June 18; 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:** May 21; June 18; July 9; Aug. 13; Sept. 17; Oct. 8; Nov. 12 and Dec. 10

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

### THROUGH 2015

#### RETIRING SOON? UNCLE SAM WANTS TO THANK YOU!

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

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

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

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

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

### ONGOING

#### SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS BONUS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ONGOING

#### ARMY DISASTER PERSONNEL ACCOUNTABILITY & ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

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

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

1. Select "Soldiers, DA civilians, NAF employees, OCONUS contractors and their family button."
2. Choose one of the three login methods
3. Click the "My Info" tab.
4. Select "Contact Information" to review, add or edit emergency contact information.
5. Select "Family Member Info" to review, add or edit your family member information.

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



Photo by Molly Blossse

Marine Corps trainees, known as poolees, sound off while running to the next training station during the annual statewide field meet at APG's Shore Park May 9. Organized by Marine Corps Recruiting Station Baltimore, the event featured exercises emphasizing team-building and Esprit de Corps.

# APG hosts Marine Corps recruits

By **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

More than 250 future U.S. Marine Corps recruits, called "poolees," were tested to their physical and mental limits during the annual statewide field meet at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Shore Park May 9.

The event, organized by the Marine Corps Recruiting Station (RS) Baltimore, featured exercises emphasizing team-building and Esprit de Corps and pitted 10 sub-stations against each other for the top awards at the end of the day.

The poolees – most of whom are high school students or recent graduates – have already taken their oaths of enlistment and are enrolled in the Delayed Entry Program (DEP). Many will attend recruit training at Parris Island, North Carolina this summer.

Gunnery Sgt. Robert Kelm, an assistant recruiter instructor from RS Baltimore, said the task for the day was to prepare poolees, mentally and physically, for the rigors of recruit training.

"This event exposes poolees to the different people they will be meeting when they go to recruit training," Kelm said. "And it encourages them to work

together as a team."

During the morning session, Sgt. Maj. Yomen English, from RS Baltimore, led question-and-answer sessions about recruit training. English, who has been in the Marine Corps for almost 24 years, has previously served as a regular and senior drill instructor.

For the afternoon competition, English told poolees to "leave it all on the field." He instructed them to run to each activity with their heads held high, push through challenges and motivate each other, even when fatigue takes over.

"You are not a Marine yet, but you are taking that first step," English said. "I want you to set a good example of what a future leader should be, and I want you to take that back to your communities. You are representing the Marine Corps."

After lunching on Meals, Ready to Eat (MREs), the poolees competed in a series of exercises that pushed them to their physical limits. Challenges included push-ups, pull-ups, a tug-of-war, a buddy drag, a fireman's carry race and an ammo can competition.

Poolee London White, 17, a high school senior from Parkville High School, said joining the Marines is a lifelong dream. White is enrolled in the

PHS Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program.

"Ever since I was little I always wanted to serve my country and be in the military," White said. "I like a challenge. I am excited about attending recruit training. I have wanted to be a Marine since the first grade."

Poolee Tayler St. Clair, a high school senior from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, said she wants to join the Marine Corps for the challenge and the educational benefits. St. Clair wants to be a veterinarian.

"I figured the challenge [of joining the Marine Corps] will be good for me," she said. The discipline I learn in the Marine Corps will prepare me for veterinary medicine school."

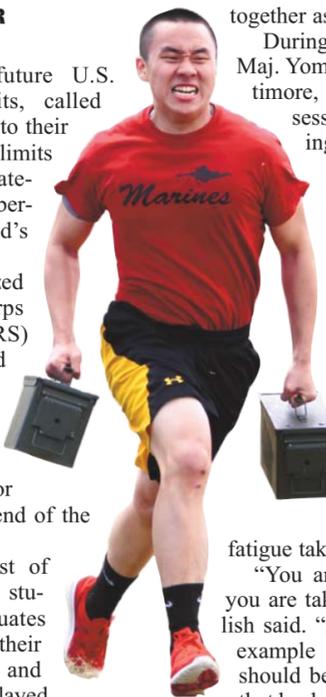
Poolee Marcus Mack, 20, from Landover, said he wants to join the Marine Corps for career stability. He will attend recruit training in September.

"I am looking forward to that brotherhood that you gain when you join the Marines," he said.

Pfcs. Nicholas Rhodes and Adam Thornton, who recently graduated from recruit training with honors, served as mentors during the event.

"It's all about having a positive mindset," Rhodes said. "Recruit training is 80 percent mental and 20 percent physical. I tell everybody, it is like a job interview. You are learning everything about the Marine Corps in those three months."

"You only do recruit training once. If you put out 100 percent and leave everything out on the table, then good rewards will come."



Sheila Melos, an RSS Middletown poolee holds on a few seconds longer to help her team score more points in the pull-up competition during the Marine Corps recruit field meet at APG May 9.

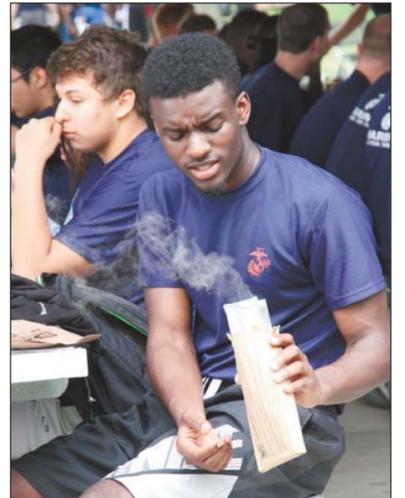
(Inset)

- Marine Corps trainee Wooseng Jeong with recruiting sub-station (RSS) Bel Air carries 30-pound ammo cans while running a relay.

(Clockwise from top right)

- Marcus Mack, a Poolee with RSS Landover, figures out how to handle a hot Meal, Ready to Eat (MRE) during the lunch break
- Ernest Giles of Bel Air drags teammate James Budzinski during the buddy drag race.
- Using the "fireman's carry" RSS Bel Air's Ken Nguyen lifts teammate Michael Ryan Jr. during the "House of Pain" memory game
- Paige Fisher is out in front on the 10-member team from RSS Waldorf during the tug-of-war competition.

Photos by Molly Blossse



# 20th CBRNE salutes elementary school students

Story and photo by **WALTER T. HAM IV**  
20th CBRNE Command

The commanding general of the U.S. military's only formation that combats global chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive hazards spoke to students at Churchville Elementary School in Churchville, Maryland May 7.

Brig. Gen. JB Burton, the commanding general of 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives), was the guest speaker at the school's fifth grade Patriot Assembly.

Burton and 20th CBRNE Command Sgt. Maj. Harold E. Dunn IV attended the assembly with numerous school, county and state officials.

The APG-based 20th CBRNE Command has supported the Patriot Assembly at the nearby elementary school for the last 10 years.

In addition to Burton's presentation, the 20th CBRNE Headquarters and Headquarters Company Color Guard participated in the event.

The annual assembly recognized students who took part in the school's Patriot Program. During the program, the students participated in a series of



Brig. Gen. JB Burton, the commanding general of 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives), speaks during the Patriot Assembly at Churchville Elementary School.

historical and civic assignments from memorizing the Gettysburg Address to identifying all 50 states.

Burton praised the students for their commitment to learning about

their country.

"You worked hard to be here today and you learned a lot about what makes America the greatest country in the world," said Burton, who has

led the 20th CBRNE Command since May 2013.

"What you learned here will help you to go farther in life. Education not only opens doors but it also gives you the knowledge, tools and confidence to succeed when you walk through them," Burton said.

Burton encouraged the students to continue to learn about the U.S. and the men and women who defend it.

The 20th CBRNE commander also talked about the Soldiers and civilians who serve in his one-of-a-kind command.

"They are Soldiers, scientists, pilots, chemists, doctors, lawyers, public affairs specialists, computer experts and bomb squad technicians," Burton said. "They are all very good at what they do and they are able to accomplish their important mission because they studied hard in school and they committed themselves to being a part of something that ensured the protection of our great nation."

"Whatever you decide to do in the future, whatever you want to be or become, I ask you to use your time and talent to make your community, your country and your world a better place," Burton said.



## ATEC HHC changes responsibility

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's Capt. Robert McCormick, right, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, passes the HHC ATEC guidon to Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Conway during the change of responsibility ceremony April 20. Outgoing ATEC 1st Sgt. Paul Cottrell relinquished responsibility during the ceremony, signifying the formal transfer of responsibilities to Conway.

The military unit is signified in the colors under which it fights. They record the glories of the past, stand guardian over its present destiny, and ensure inspiration for its future. The colors serve as a binding symbol of continuity and point of inspiration for the future.

Photo by Lindsey Monger

## BY THE NUMB#RS

### Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day is recognized May 16 this year, as a day to honor those who answered the call to serve the nation, past and present.

**\$9,000,000+**

Total worth of illegal drugs the U.S. Coast Guard seizes every day. The USCG enforces maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship.

**10,000**

Number of troops and veterans who marched in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the first Armed Forces Day May 20, 1950. B-36 bombers flew over the capitals of every state, and Americans celebrated with parades, air shows, and ceremonies.

**100+**

Countries in which U.S. Armed Forces operate, including the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, Bahrain, Brazil, South Korea, Australia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Japan.

**65**

Years that have passed since the first Armed Forces Day was celebrated. Three years prior, in 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act - unifying the four military under the Secretary of Defense - into law.

**30**

Number of U.S. presidents who served in the Army. George Washington and Dwight Eisenhower earned the rank of 5-star general.

**5**

Number of branches that make up the U.S. Armed Forces: the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy.

By **STACY SMITH** APG News  
Source(s): [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com), [www.military.com](http://www.military.com)

## Police & Fire BLOTTER

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

### Calls for Service

#### FIRE: 90

- Fire Alarms - 14
- Mutual Aid\* - 10
- Fire Drills - 26

#### MEDIC: 36

- Mutual Aid\* - 1
- Breathing Problems - 0
- Unconscious - 1

#### POLICE: 290

- Alarm Activation - 177
- 911 Hang-ups - 22
- Traffic Accidents - 13

- Active Warrants - 2

### Citations

#### TOTAL: 370

- Warning Citations - 232
- Non-Warning Citations - 138

### Arrests

#### TOTAL: 17

- Traffic Related - 15
- Warrant Arrests - 1
- Domestic Related - 0
- DUI/Alcohol Related - 1
- Drug Related - 0

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

## 5 ways to reuse your copy of the APG News

1. Protect fragile items before storing them or sending them in the mail.
2. Line pet cages or litter boxes to keep them tidy.
3. Save the counter from a gluey, glittery mess during your next craft project.
4. Clean glass or windows for a streak-free shine.
5. Make a weed barrier in a flower bed or garden before laying new topsoil.



# ALL THINGS MARYLAND

## DeWitt Military Museum

*Elkton museum features sheriff's personal collection*

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

The Sheriff John F. DeWitt Military Museum in Cecil County contains military memorabilia from all branches of the military service dating from the Civil War to Desert Storm. The collection includes military uniforms, rifles, pistols, swords and other memorabilia collected from county residents.

A Cecil County Historical Society museum located in downtown Elkton, the DeWitt Military Museum is the personal collection of John F. "Jack" DeWitt, who served as county sheriff for 16 years, from 1974 – 1990. A Marine Corps veteran who served during the Korean War, DeWitt started collecting military memorabilia as a young boy.

Carol Donache, a volunteer librarian, said most of the collection was donated by Cecil County residents, and that while he lived, DeWitt had a mini museum in his home.

"He hoped to one day open a museum to the public," she said.

After his death in 1991, DeWitt's children kept his dream alive by donating his collection to the Historical Society of Cecil County. The museum is a closed collection, meaning no items can be added or taken away. It features nearly 600 artifacts including a collection of swords dating from 1795 to 1975. The book "Swords, Daggers and Cutlasses," containing pictures and commentary about the collection, is available for research.

Another highlight is a section devoted to World War I, containing original uniforms and equipment used by Cecil County residents who served in Company E, 115th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division. Original World War I posters are displayed along with rosters, pictures, commissions and official papers.

Donache said children especially like looking at the 1917 McClellan Cavalry saddle, complete with rifle, scabbard, picket, pin, picketing rope and saddle bags.

The museum also features a display of Marine Corps helmets and headgear, dating from the 1870s to present day.

"A lot of people are surprised that this museum is here," Donache said. "But they're pretty impressed with it when they leave." The Historical Society of Cecil County is located at 135 E. Main St. in Elkton. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday. The museum is closed for all federal holidays. For more information, visit the Cecil County Historical Society website <http://www.cecilhistory.org/> or email [research03@cecilhistory.org](mailto:research03@cecilhistory.org).



The Sheriff John F. DeWitt Military Museum in Cecil County contains military memorabilia from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces dating from the Civil War to Desert Storm. The collection chronicles the roles local residents played in major battles.

Some of the items on display at the DeWitt Military Museum include: (Clockwise from below) an original World War I Navy nurse uniform and medicine bag; a Marine Corps Vietnam field uniform and rifle; and a display of Marine Corps headgear including, from left, a campaign hat, a pith helmet and a World War I leather aviator helmet.



# Endangered Species Day is May 15

By **JESS BAYLOR**  
DPW Environmental Division

It's spring once again. The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming, the birds are chirping, and the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division invites Team APG to celebrate Endangered Species Day May 15.

This year at APG we are focusing on the red knot, a shorebird that travels great distances throughout its life. Although, it doesn't reside at APG, it may pass through here on its travels.

Red knots are masters of long-distance flight. With bodies measuring only 9 to 11 inches and wingspans of 20 inches, red knots can fly more than 9,300 miles from south to north every spring and repeat the trip back north to south every autumn, making this bird one of the longest-distance migrants in the animal kingdom.

Surveys conducted in the 2000s of wintering knots along the coasts of southern Chile and Argentina and during spring migration in the Delaware Bay



Red Knots, Mispillion Harbor, Delaware. Credit: Gregory Breese/USFWS

indicated major population declines.

The red knot is known to arrive at the Delaware Bay in the spring to feed and refuel on essential nutrients found in horseshoe crab eggs, which are critical to complete their 10,000-mile migration from South America to the Arctic Circle. If the knots are delayed or interrupted in their feeding cycle, they could miss their window

for breeding in the Arctic.

The knot's population decline was caused by reduced food availability from increased harvests of horseshoe crabs, and small changes in the timing that knots arrived at the Delaware Bay.

Horseshoe crab harvests are now being managed with goals and targets to stabilize and recover knot populations.

Other factors to population decline of the red knot include climate change, specifically, sea level rise on the coasts and an increase in storm and weather changes as well as changes to the overall tundra ecosystem, where the knots are known to breed. In January 2015, the red knot was listed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as a threatened species due to these notable population declines.

Informational posters will be displayed during May in the APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) recreation centers. Be sure to stop in to see them.

DPW Environmental Division is also planning a special story time for APG youth centered around endangered species and the red knot at a date yet to be determined. Check back with the APG News for a date and time.

For more information about the red knot, visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/redknot/>

## Leave Donations Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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

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# MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## Upcoming Activities

### SAVE THE DATE FAREWELL TO VINNIE DINNER THEATER THURSDAY MAY 21

The APG Drama Group presents "Farewell to Vinnie" a murder mystery and dinner theater performance. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., buffet begins at 6 and the show starts promptly at 7. The performance contains adult language and is not for children under 12.

Admission is \$10 for active-duty Soldiers, \$15 for civilians and \$5 for teens. To purchase tickets, contact the Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/3907 or email [usarmy.apg.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.apg.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil). Visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) for more information.

### 2015 U.S. ARMY SOLDIER SHOW TUESDAY JUNE 16

The 2015 U.S. Army Soldier Show Tour will stop at APG June 16 at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater. Free and open to the public, doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7.

The Soldier Show is a live Broadway-style variety performance featuring the Army's best talent. It's singing, it's dancing and it's amazing! Each year, Army Entertainment brings together a talented troupe of performers who are selected through a rigorous audition process.

This year's production, "We Serve" explores the foundational elements of what it means to serve, in and out of uniform, as well as how our country in return serves them.

For more information about the Soldier Show performance at APG, call 410-278-4011.

### LEISURE & TRAVEL 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.

### CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES CYSS PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 27

The next CYSS Parent Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) youth center, Bldg. E1902.

CYSS has established a Parent Advisory Committee Board (PAC) that represents all of our programs.

Parents are encouraged to attend if they have a child that is currently enrolled in any program offered by CYSS. Any CYSS patron who has a child enrolled in a full time CYSS program will receive 2 Parent Participation Points for their attendance. Patrons are free to bring their own lunch if desired.

For additional information please, contact [myria.i.figueroa.naf@mail.mil](mailto:myria.i.figueroa.naf@mail.mil) or call 410-278-2572.

### LET'S COOK! INTERNATIONAL COOKING CLASS JULY 6-10 & AUGUST 3-7

CYSS will host an international cooking class that will teach children different 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 will be taught 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](mailto:shirelle.j.womack.naf@mail.mil) or call 410-278-4589.

### 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.

### SPORTS & RECREATION LUNCH & BOWL MAY 11 – JUNE 30

The APG Bowling Center will offer "Lunch & Bowl" Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays May 11 to June 30.

For \$10, bowlers can receive one game of bowling, shoe rental and a box lunch between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The box lunch includes a choice of sandwich

(ham, turkey, club, tuna or chicken Caesar), a bottle of water, chips or pasta salad and two freshly baked cookies.

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

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

### MILES FOR MAY FITNESS MONTH THROUGH END OF MAY

Open to all eligible MWR patrons, staff and participants will track the miles they walk during May. At the end of the competition certificates and medals will be awarded to the top three men and top three women. Call the Athletic Center at 410-278-7933/7934, Hoyle Gym at 410-436-3375, or the Fitness Center at 410-278-9725 for more information.

### KAYAK CLASSES MAY-JUNE

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

- May 14 & 15
- May 28 & 29
- June 4 & 5
- June 11 & 12
- 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 May 23 to Sept. 7, 2015.

Active duty service members and their families swim free.

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

### EQUIPMENT RENTALS ONGOING

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

### ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE SUCCESSFUL MONEY MANAGEMENT TUESDAY MAY 26

ACS will host a one-hour seminar covering the importance of effective financial management, from setting short and long-term financial goals to learning how to stick to a budget. The class will be held at Bldg. 2503 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Participants will gain a better understanding of their personal spending habits and how to design their own plan for success.

Registration is required. For more information, or to register, call 410-278-7572.

### HOME SELLING SEMINAR WEDNESDAY MAY 27

ACS will host a one-hour seminar covering the home selling process, from staging to settlement, at Bldg. 2503 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Learn to prepare and stage your home, get the necessary documents in order, what happens when your house goes on the market, how to keep yourself and your valuables safe, and what happens on settlement day.

Registration is required. For more information, or to register, contact Marilyn Howard at [Marilyn.e.howard.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Marilyn.e.howard.civ@mail.mil) or call 410-278-9669/7572.

### 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, June 17
- Wednesday, Sept. 9
- Wednesday, Nov. 18

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

**STRONG B.A.N.D.S.**  
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- 2 Wear your Strong B.A.N.D.S. wristband to show your commitment to a healthy lifestyle
- 3 Visit [armymwr.com/strongbands](http://armymwr.com/strongbands) for fitness tips and exercises

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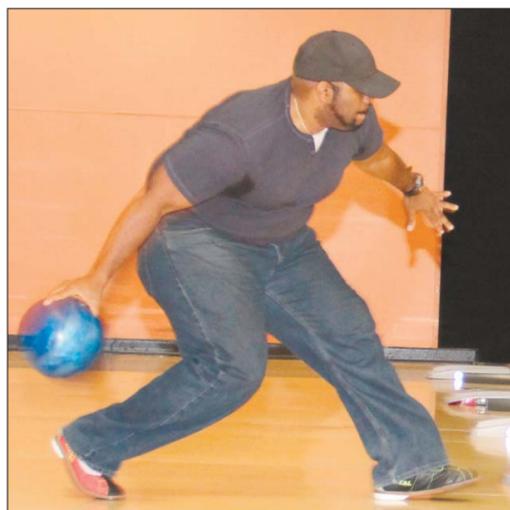
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[apgmwr.com](http://apgmwr.com)

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## LUNCHTIME BOWLING FOR HEALTH, FUN

The APG Bowling Center is offering a Lunch & Bowl \$10 deal through June 30. Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Friday, bowlers can receive one game, shoe rental and a box lunch including a sandwich, bottle of water, side dish and cookies for just \$10. Read more about Lunch & Bowl on page 10. (Clockwise from left)

- Army Audit Agency coworkers Mike Naughton, left, and Kim Craig, high-five a nice roll during lunchtime bowling May 7.
- Tim Jones, an Army Audit Agency employee, works on his approach during lunchtime bowling at the APG Bowling Center May 7.
- The APG Bowling Center, open Monday through Saturday, offers bowling balls in different weights and other amenities for the whole family.

**1** Take a walk during lunch or other break or have a walking meeting instead of sitting in a conference room or colleague's office.

**2** Take a walk with the family after dinner instead of turning on the TV.

**3** Walk the dog instead of just letting the dog out in the yard.

**4** Walk up and down the soccer or football field while your child is playing instead of just sitting on the sidelines.

# Make small changes to fit in exercise for overall health

By **JUSTINE SPRINGER**  
Public Health Command

We all know that physical activity and exercise are important for overall health. However, many people find themselves struggling to get the recommended amount of physical activity in a day.

Research has shown a minimum of 10,000 steps per day is necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Despite these recommendations, however, many Americans are only reaching approximately 6,000 steps.

Not having enough time to exercise due to busy schedules and long workdays are common excuses for not exercising.

For most, it is often hard to find an extended period of time to get physically active. The good news is that small changes can make a big difference over time.

It's not necessary to get all your physical activity in one burst. Finding time in your busy day to fit in an hour or two of physical activity at one time is often unrealistic. Incorporating physical activity into your routine in shorter intervals,

even a few 15-20 minutes walks, is more manageable and sustainable in the long term.

Over time, these small changes will add up toward an ultimate physical activity goal.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association have suggestions about how to incorporate physical activity into daily life.

Here are some quick suggestions of things to try:

- Take a walk during lunch or other break or have a walking meeting instead of sitting in a conference room or colleague's office.
- Take a walk with the family after dinner instead of turning on the TV.
- Walk the dog instead of just letting the dog out in the yard.
- Walk up and down the soccer or football field while your child is playing instead of just sitting on the sidelines.
- Go outside with your children and play tag or throw a ball around for 10

minutes.

- Park your car in a space or location that is farther away from the office door.

Some people have had their desks converted into a standing workstation and alternate between sitting and standing throughout the day.

To keep things interesting, try different activities. Try hiking or biking on a local trail. Join an exercise or yoga class. Try working out to a video. Go on a skiing or snowboarding trip. In the winter, go sledding or snow tubing when it snows. In the summer, take advantage of the local pool and go swimming with the family or a friend. Play a sport like tennis, basketball, volleyball or racquetball. The key is to pick activities that are interesting to you.

Remember, small changes add up. Any exercise is better than no exercise. Aim for at least 10-minute bouts of exercise spread out throughout the day. Smaller bouts of exercise may be more manageable and allow you to take advantage of the small breaks of time in your busy schedule.

**5** Go outside with your children and play tag or throw a ball around for 10 minutes.

**6** Park your car in a space or location that is farther away from the office door.

Graphics by Molly Blossie



## 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

# CAREER EXCELLENCE

## MRICD employees recognized by FEB

By **CINDY KRONMAN**  
MRICD

Several employees of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense were winners at the Baltimore Federal Executive Board's annual luncheon on May 1, taking home two gold, three silver, and five bronze awards.

"This year's award winners represent the excellence in scientific research and support demonstrated daily by MRICD employees," said Col. Roman Bilynsky, the institute's commander.

The institute's Inhalation Toxicology Team, consisting of Dr. Alfred Sciuto, Dr. Michael Perkins, Dr. Benjamin Wong, Jennifer Devorak, Robin Deckert, Jannitt Simons, and Spec. Antonio Gutierrez, as well as contractors Ashley Rodriguez, Jaclynn Andres, and Justin Tressler, received gold in Category 3b, Outstanding Para-Professional (Non-Supervisory) Technical, Scientific and Program Support – Team.

The win recognized the team's outstanding scientific accomplishments, extensive development of cutting edge approaches for inhalation studies, and continued dedication to government service, all of which have led to significant advancements in the field of chemical and biological defense.

MRICD's second gold, awarded to Spec. Peter D'Antuono, was in Category 7a, Heroism – Individual Heroic Act. D'Antuono used his combat medic skills to take lifesaving steps to revive an injured driver after he witnessed a vehicle crash on a major interstate.

In another act of bravery, D'Antuono noticed a house fire on his way home from work one day, stopped and ensured the residence was free of occupants, and then entered the house and attempted to put out the attic fire with his personal fire extinguisher prior to the fire department arriving on the scene.

### **Other MRICD employees who received FEB recognition include:**

#### **Outstanding Supervisor – GS-12 and below**

- Silver: Capt. Jeffrey Havens, chief, Pharmacology Branch and chief, Collaborative Research Facility



Photo by Stephanie Froberg

Members of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense Inhalation Toxicology Team won gold for the Technical, Scientific and Program Support – Team category at the annual Baltimore Federal Executive Board luncheon May 1. Team members include, from left to right: Michael Perkins, Ashley Rodriguez, Benjamin Wong, Alfred Sciuto, Robin Deckert, Jennifer Devorak (front), Jaclynn Andres (back), Jannitt Simons, Reese Baker (a recent addition to the team), and Spec. Antonio Gutierrez. Not pictured is Justin Tressler.

#### **Outstanding Professional (Non-Supervisory) Technical, Scientific and Program Support**

- Silver: Dr. Albert Ruff, a principal investigator whose significant scientific contributions have resulted in two patent applications (one awarded in 2014) and twelve peer-reviewed journal publications.

#### **Outstanding Administrative Assistant/Management Assistant – Individual**

- Silver: Diana Phillips, the principal

administrative support services assistant in the Chemical Casualty Care Division.

#### **Outstanding Supervisor – GS-13 and above**

- Bronze: Gregory Smith, the institute's safety manager.

#### **Outstanding Para-Professional (Non-Supervisory) Technical, Scientific and Program Support**

- Bronze: Larry Presley, safety and occupational health specialist.

#### **Administrative Assistant/Management Assistant – Work Group or Team**

- Bronze: S4 Transition Team (Thomas Hott, Carter Bender, Martin Simon and Jeff Hinte).

#### **Distinguished Public Service Career**

- Bronze: Kenneth Snyder, retired chief of the MRICD's Logistics Office (S4).

#### **Rookie Employee of the Year - Technical, Scientific and Program Support**

- Bronze: Dr. Michael Hepperle, principal investigator.

## ATEC personnel recognized for excellence in public service

Story and photo by  
**ANDRICKA THOMAS**  
ATEC

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command enjoyed several mentions at this year's Federal Career Awards Ceremony May 1 at Martin's West in Baltimore.

Each year, the Federal Executive Board honors public servants to highlight and recognize the contributions made by men and women who serve the American public.

"In spite of challenges such as increasing workloads, pay and hiring freezes, and budget cuts, dedicated hard-working employees continue to give their discretionary effort each and every day," said U.S. Coast Guard Commander and Baltimore FEB Chair, Commander Patrick R. Dozier.

This year, 255 public servants were recognized, the most ever according to Dr. Chis Heidelberg, emcee at the event. Among those recognized were several ATEC team members working at the headquarters, Aberdeen Test Center and Army Evaluation Center.

"People are our greatest asset at ATEC," said Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley, ATEC commanding general. "We are proud of all of our Army professionals and appreciate the hard work they put in each day in support of the warfighter."

### **ATEC congratulates the following Army professionals:**

#### **Outstanding Supervisor, GS 13 and above**

- Silver: Robert N. Tamburello, AEC
- Bronze: David W. Glenn, ATEC;



Herbert Jay Dunmore, FEB Blue Ribbon Panel board member, congratulates Sgt. 1st Class Milvia Kendrick, Army Evaluation Center, on her receipt of the Silver award for Workforce Diversity/Equal Opportunity Service at the 2015 Federal Executive Board Excellence in Federal Career Awards Program May 1.

#### **Heather Hilton ATC**

#### **Outstanding Supervisor, GS 12 and above**

- Bronze: Lavonya Harmon, ATEC

#### **Outstanding Supervisor, Trades and Crafts**

- Silver: Paul Hutchins, ATC

#### **Outstanding Professional (non-supervisory) Technical, Scientific and Program Support**

- Silver: Anneliese Carbone, ATEC
- Bronze: Bonnie Kolaya, ATC; Michael Modica, AEC

#### **Outstanding Professional (Adminis-**

#### **trative Management and Specialist)**

- Silver: Ann Cambre, ATEC; Melissa Steffen, ATC

- Bronze: Thomas Cao, AEC

#### **Outstanding Para-Professional (non-supervisory) Technical, Scientific and Program Support**

- Silver: Jennifer Bennett, ATEC; James Johnson, ATC

- Bronze: Joseph W. Lewis, AEC

#### **Outstanding Para-Professional (non-supervisory) Technical Scientific and Program Support TEAM**

- Silver: Underwater Explosion

(UNDEX) Test Facility (UTF) Test Team, ATC

- Bronze: Battle Staff Team, ATEC; Omnibus Contract Team, AEC

#### **Outstanding Para-Professional (non-supervisory) Administrative Management Analyst, GS8 & above**

- Bronze: Kristi J. Lopez, ATEC; Katherine Rodgers, ATC

#### **Outstanding Administrative Assistance/Management Assistant**

- Silver: Katherine Fye, ATC; Cassandra Glos, AEC; Trina Gregg, ATEC

#### **Outstanding Administrative Work Group or Team**

- Gold: Administrative Services Team, ATC

- Silver: G-1 Administrative Team, ATEC

#### **Outstanding Trades & Crafts (non-supervisory)**

- Bronze: Jerry W. Brown, ATC

#### **Workforce Diversity/Equal Employment Opportunity Service**

- Silver: Kelly Fling, ATC; Sgt. 1st Class Milvia M. Kendrick, AEC

#### **Volunteer Service-Individual Award**

- Silver: Kristine Augustyniak, ATC

- Bronze: Suman Saijan, AEC

#### **Distinguished Public Service Career**

- Silver: David Jennings, ATC

- Bronze: Colleen Whittaker, ATEC

#### **Rookie Employee of the Year Administrative/Management Analyst**

- Silver: Lindsey Monger, ATEC; Lyndsie K. Ludwig, ATC

#### **Rookie Employee of the Year Technical Scientific and Program Support**

- Silver: Sean Coyne, ATC; Suman Saijan, AEC

# ICE

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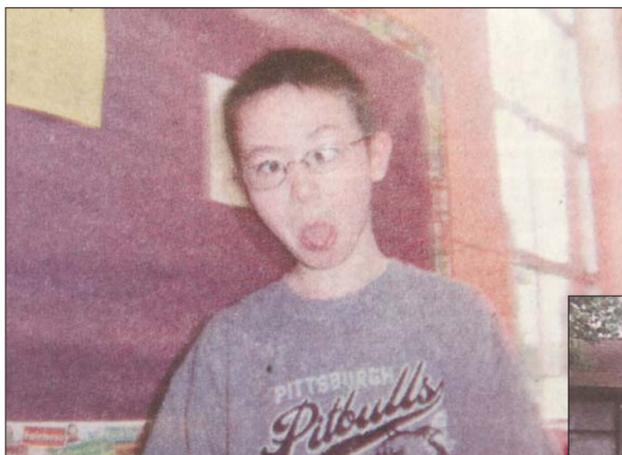
# THIS WEEK IN APG HISTORY



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 1981.

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News

## 10 Years Ago: May 12, 2005

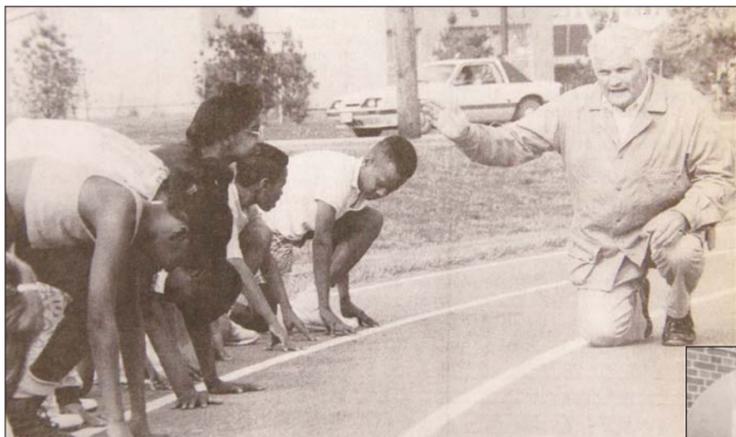


(Left) Jake Kluchinsky wins first place in the 10-12 age group for this self-portrait in the annual ImageMakers Photography Contest sponsored by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.



(Right) Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, right, hammers a Yard of the Month sign into a Bayside Village home; kicking off the rebirth of the post-wide program.

## 25 Years Ago: May 9, 1990



(Left) Jim Wagner gives pointers on correct starting positions to members of the first APG Youth Services track team.



(Right) The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile visited APG to sell hot dogs and sodas to benefit Army Community Service.

## 50 Years Ago: May 13, 1965



(Left) Local Cub Scouts pose on an APG tank display during the installation Armed Forces Day observance.



(Right) From left, Col. Lowell R. Steele, commander of Kirk Army Hospital talks anatomy with Pfc. Susan Jacovelli during an observance of the 23rd anniversary of the Women's Army Corps.

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# 20th CBRNE's CMU changes command

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

The U.S. Army Reserve Consequence Management Unit (CMU) conducted a change of command ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground May 8.

During the ceremony, Col. Stephen "Scott" Morris assumed command of the unit from Col. Barrett K. Parker. Morris assumes command of the CMU after a tour as the operations officer for the 85th Support Command.

The ceremony was hosted by Brig. Gen. James A. Blankenhorn, the deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Reserve 335th Signal Command.

The Consequence Management Unit is part of the 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives), the U.S. military's only multifunctional formation that combats CBRNE threats around the globe.

Brig. Gen. JB Burton, the commanding general of 20th CBRNE Command, and 20th CBRNE Command Sgt. Maj. Harold E. Dunn IV attended the ceremony.

Established in 2001, the CMU provides multi-disciplined consequence management expertise to Army, joint and interagency operations. Stationed in Abingdon, Maryland near the 20th CBRNE Command's APG headquarters, the CMU has detachments in Georgia and Missouri.

The CMU includes a mix of Chemical Corps, Military Intelligence, Medical Corps and related areas officers



Soldiers from the U.S. Army Reserve's Consequence Management Unit stand in formation during a change of command ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground May 8.

Photo by 1st Lt. Lisa Lyon

and noncommissioned officers with advanced degrees, specialized training and licensing in their civilian

professions.

"The CMU brings a wealth of knowledge to this command and the

entire CBRNE enterprise," said Burton. "I salute the men and women who serve in this important unit."

# Historic aircraft flyover marks 70th anniversary of VE Day

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

"I think this was a wonderful event," Floyd Brantley said. "During the war there were 16 million men. Since then we are dying out fast. We got one million now, and losing about 1,500 a day. All these men here - we're all getting older and soon there will be none left. So this event was outstanding and fascinating and I was glad to attend it."

Brantley is a World War II veteran, who served in the Navy in the Pacific Theater. But that did not stop him and his son, Charles, from coming all the way from Arkansas to attend the Victory in Europe 70th Anniversary at the National World War II Memorial event in Washington, D.C., May 8.

In addition to speeches by both National Security Advisor Susan E. Rice and Katherine Korbil, who stood in for her sister, former Secretary of State Madeline Albright, there was a massive laying of wreaths at the memorial's "Freedom Wall," by representatives of the Allied nations, who participated in the war. The biggest draw was when a series of military flyovers, featuring dozens of World War II military aircraft, flew overhead.

At the start of the event, when the first speaker took to the lectern, only the area around the memorial was filled with visitors, with WWII veterans up front. By the time the "Arsenal of Democracy Flyover" began, just a bit after noon, the National Mall was packed with spectators from the Washington Monument to the Lincoln Memorial.

Brantley entered the Navy in 1944, and served as a medic during the war on an island near Australia. "I was in a fleet hospital on an island in the south Pacific ... after the initial push, we'd take them in the field hospital in New Caledonia."

He said that he had a brother, who had also served in the war, but was killed.

"He was killed in Guadalcanal, a few years before I went in," he said. "I was in high school when I got the notice I was being drafted. They typed at the bottom that they will defer me until the end of school if I want. But I didn't want that. I cut that message off and showed them that. I had to go in. So I went on in and I kept that little piece in my billfold that said I could still be in school."

When news of the victory in Europe came, he said he knew it did not affect him just exactly, but he and his fellow Sailors were excited just the same at the



Ray Weaver, an Air Force veteran, salutes as historic aircraft sweep over the National Mall in Washington, D.C., May 8, 2015, during the Arsenal of Democracy Flyover to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the European theater victory in World War II.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Bernardo Fuller

turn of events.

"We were thrilled to death because we knew it might soon be over for us too," he said. "We celebrated when we got the news that it was over in Europe."

When his time came, and the war with Japan ended in the Pacific, he said it took a while for him to get home, off the island, because at the time there was a shortage of transportation, but no shortage of men that wanted to get back to the United States.

After the war, Brantley decided to finish his education. "I was a 20-year-old kid, who went back to high school and then went to Baylor University," he said.

But then war broke out again - this time in Korea. At Baylor, he had been in ROTC. And this time, he went into service as an Air Force officer.

At the end of World War II, Brantley had earned the rank of pharmacist mate, third class, in the Navy. At the end of the Korean War, where he served as a transportation officer, he was an Air Force captain.

And later, at 49-years-old, he wanted to go back into uniform again. The military was unwilling to let him go into the Arkansas Air National Guard as a captain, but he said he was able to resign his commission and enter as an enlisted Airman, with an assignment as a cook. He finished serving in the Air National Guard as a senior master sergeant,

but was allowed, after earning enough points, to retire as an Air Force captain.

Brantley's son, Charles, said his dad is still active. He said he goes to the gym and has competed in bicycling racing. He is now training for another race.

H. Kurt Weiser, who lives in Rockville, Maryland, attended the V-E Day event with his son, Greg, and granddaughter, Susie.

Weiser said at the start of World War II, he was living in Altoona, Pennsylvania, and was "working on steam engines." He entered the service in 1942.

As an Army Air Corps officer, and "ferry pilot," Weiser flew military aircraft - a lot of them. From his pocket he pulled a list of the 24 different military aircraft he has flown. Among those where the AT-6 "Texan," the P-39 Aero-Cobra, the P-40 Warhawk, the P-63 King Cobra, the P-51 Mustang, the B-17 Flying Fortress and the C-47 Skytrain. All of those flew overhead as part of the Arsenal of Democracy Flyover.

He said that at one time, he had been responsible for flying 30 P-39 aircraft from Niagara Falls, New York, to Great Falls, Montana. "They all had red stars painted on the side of them," he said.

From Great Falls, the aircraft were flown by other pilots to Alaska - where the Russians came to pick them up, he said.

Weiser also served outside the United

States during the war - in the China, Burma and India theater.

"I was only scared once. The Air Corps training always gave you instructions on how to correct a situation. This one night I was going home - I was [in] India - and I felt something hot on my left hand and I thought what the heck is that down there? And I looked down and it was the biggest damn tiger you ever saw -- his mouth was that close to my hand," he said, gesturing with his hands. "That's the only time I was scared."

When Weiser learned of the victory in Europe, he said it was "just another day," for him and his men. But his time would soon come to go home, and it would not be just another day.

"I got on a boat with 5,000 other guys in India, and it took us 19 days to get from India to New York City ... and when we ...," he paused, tearing up. "When we came into New York Harbor and saw the Statue of Liberty ... " and then he was overcome with emotion, unable to finish his thought.

After World War II ended, Weiser applied for a regular commission and eventually left the Army in 1948, as an Army major.

"It's great. It's the best thing that ever happened," he said of the V-E Day event in the nation's capital, adding, "There's a lot of old men around here."

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# Passport Office Updates

Effective May 18, the APG Official Passport Office will operate on an appointment only basis.

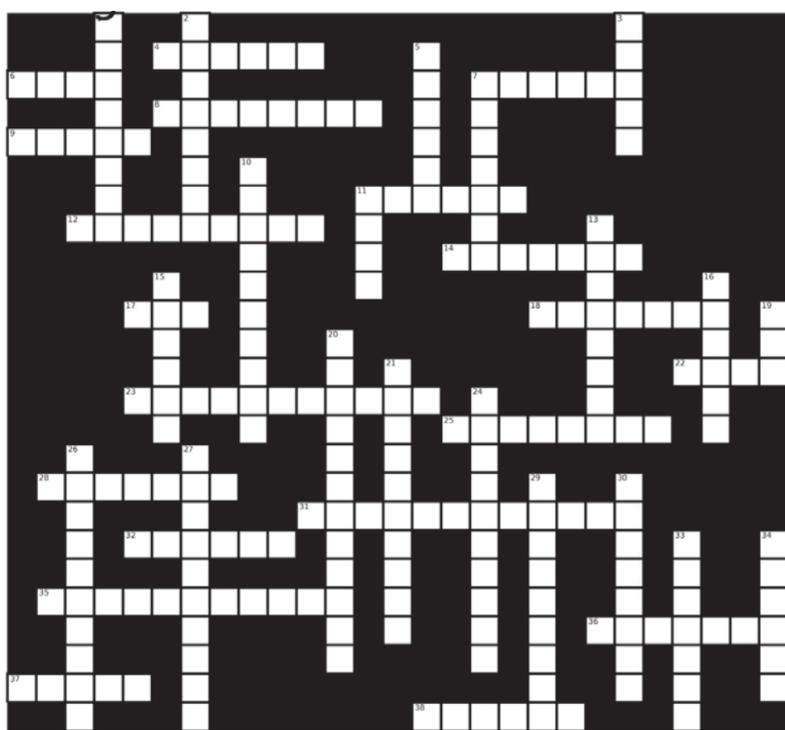
The APG Official Passport Office will have limited service May 18-21 and will be closed May 22. The office will resume normal operations Tuesday, May 26.

The Official Passport Office, operated by the APG Directorate of Human Resources, is located in Bldg. 4305 room 134. Dorris Tisdale is the Passport Agent, and Celestine Beckett serves as the alternate.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, email [dorris.a.tisdale.civ@mail.mil](mailto:dorris.a.tisdale.civ@mail.mil) or [celestine.beckett.civ@mail.mil](mailto:celestine.beckett.civ@mail.mil) or call 410-306-2347/2333.



# The APG Crossword



By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

## “This We’ll Defend!”

Here’s an Armed Forces Week puzzle with common and not-so-common trivia about the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy for your enjoyment.

### Across

- 4. This southern Nevada AFB has more military schools and more squadrons than any other USAF base.
- 6. Designated a national shrine and classified as a National Memorial Cemetery, a memorial to the fallen, many of whom are still entombed, was erected and dedicated over the USS Arizona \_\_\_\_\_ May 30, 1962.
- 7. This Arizona city is the home of Davis-Monthan AFB.
- 8. Adopted in 1883, the USMC motto, Semper Fidelis means Always \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. A Signalman First Class during World War II, he is the only Coast Guardsman to receive the Medal of Honor.
- 11. Wright-Patterson AFB, one

- of the largest in the nation, lies in this Ohio city.
- 12. Of the 30 presidents to serve in the Army during war, this 26th president was the only one awarded the Medal of Honor.
- 14. This AFB is next to Pearl Harbor on the Hawaiian island of Oahu.
- 17. A part of the Army until 1946, the USAF was originally called the Army \_\_\_\_\_ Corps.
- 18. Where is the 3D MAW [USMC Station]?
- 22. The 29th Infantry “Blue & \_\_\_\_\_” Division was heavily involved at Omaha Beach during World War II.
- 23. The Coast Guard Academy is located in New London in this state.
- 25. He was the only president

to serve enlisted and not go on to become an officer.

- 28. She was the first female to enlist in the USMC.
- 31. Of these four classes – Arizona, Pennsylvania, Texas and Oklahoma - the USS Arizona was in this class of the powerful Dreadnought battleships.
- 32. Before he became Commander in Chief of Pacific Naval forces after the attack on Pearl Harbor, this rear admiral hoisted his flag over his first command fleet in the USS Arizona.
- 35. The 35th Infantry Division or “Santa Fe” division featured in the movie “Kelly’s Heroes” is a National Guard Division headquartered at this Kansas installation.
- 36. Every Marine should know the 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Orders.
- 37. It is for the Battle of Chapultepec, during the Mexican-American War that Marines wear the \_\_\_\_\_ stripe on their dress blue trousers.
- 38. The USS Arizona replaced this class of battleships.

### Down

- 1. The 10th Mountain Division trained in this wintery state before being committed in World War II.
- 2. Dover AFB, in this state, typically flies C-5s across the Atlantic Ocean to American bases in Europe.
- 3. This small AFB in Enid, Oklahoma is home to the 71st Flying Training Wing.
- 5. This member of the 3rd Infantry Division starred in the movie, “To Hell and Back.”
- 7. Lt. Presley O’Bannon was presented the famous Mameluke Marine Corps officer’s sword for leading the assault and capture of a fortress in this Libyan city.
- 10. These type of Coast Guard ships support research in the Arctic and Antarctic oceans as well as the Great Lakes.
- 11. As the saying goes, the USS Arizona will continue to leak oil until every survivor of the attack has \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13. This former Secretary of the Treasury recommended creating the Coast Guard in 1790 to stamp out piracy and smuggling.

- 15. The USS Arizona’s Foreign Service duties during World War I included escorting the USS George Washington, carrying this U.S. president, to Europe.
- 16. This Cheyenne, Wyoming AFB is home to the 90th Strategic Missile Wing
- 19. Coast Guard recruits are trained at this New Jersey Cape.
- 20. The first Marines were recruited at Tun Tavern in this city, considered the birthplace of the Marine Corps.
- 21. He is considered the Father of Marine Corps Aviation.
- 24. The Air Force F-117 fighter uses aerodynamics discovered during research into how these insects fly.
- 26. Every person in the military intelligence field in the Air Force is trained at this San Angelo, Texas AFB.
- 27. Capt. Samuel Nichols was the first \_\_\_\_\_ of the new Marine Corps authorized by the Continental Congress.
- 29. Travis AFB is located midway between Sacramento and San Francisco in this town.
- 30. The 101st Airborne Division “Screaming Eagles” are based at this Army post.
- 33. The original name for the Coast Guard was the \_\_\_\_\_ Cutter Service.
- 34. The most highly decorated Marine in USMC history, he served 37 years and achieved the rank of lieutenant general.

Source(s): [www.military.com](http://www.military.com) [www.funtrivia.com](http://www.funtrivia.com) [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

### Solution to the May 7 puzzle



## WORD OF THE WEEK

# Preponderance

Pronounced: pri-PON-der-uh ns

**Part of Speech: Noun**

### Definition

- 1. Superiority in importance, power, influence, strength or weight;
- 2. Majority

### Use:

- Not since Rome in its glory days has a nation enjoyed such overwhelming military preponderance.
- The preponderance of the dollar in global capital markets remains overwhelming.
- A preponderance of the evidence points to the guilt of the defendant.
- The vast preponderance of smartphone adoption has occurred just in the past couple years.
- The preponderance of votes is against the proposal.

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Source(s): <http://websters.yourdictionary.com>; <http://dictionary.reference.com>

## ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

# JMTC

**The Joint Maritime Training Center**

Previously known as the Special Missions Training Center, the JMTC is a joint United States Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine Corps training facility located at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

The JMTC mission is to provide relevant and credible Maritime Security Training and Operational Testing and Evaluation in support of Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security missions. JMTC comprises four main divisions: Weapons, Port Security, Engineering/Logistics, and Fast Boat.

The Weapons Division is responsible for providing less-lethal weapons testing for the U.S. Coast Guard. The Port Security Division provides Port Security Unit (PSU) and Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) training in counter-terrorism and force protection tactics, techniques, and procedures.

The Logistics Department, part of the Engineering and Logistics Division, provides the support, supplies and maintenance for all activities at JMTC. Procurement and contracting

The Fast Boat Division provides the most up-to-date fast boat tactics, techniques and procedures for all Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine Corps small boats.

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Source(s): [www.marinecorpstrainingcenter.com](http://www.marinecorpstrainingcenter.com); [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)



# Soldiers, family of the year to be honored May 14

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Tobin holds a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from the University of Louisville. Prior to joining the military he was a personal trainer for nearly 10 years.

Tobin enlisted in the Army in 2010. His previous assignments include the 51st Chemical Company, 83rd Chemical Battalion at Fort Polk, Louisiana and the 530th Engineer Company (Route Clearance), 92nd Engineer Battalion at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

His awards and service ribbons include the Army Commendation and Achievement medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, and the Army Service Ribbon.

He was the Distinguished Honor Graduate in Advanced Individual Training, the 2012 Soldier of the Year for the 48th Chemical Brigade and the 83rd Chemical Battalion, and 2015 NCO of the 2nd Quarter for the 22nd Chemical Battalion (TE). He has also completed nine marathons, multiple other races and a bodybuilding competition.

**Spc. Jeffrey A. Miller**

Miller is the APG Soldier of the Year. Trained as a Satellite Communications Systems operator/maintainer, Miller is assigned as a satellite communications (SATCOM) operator with the 20th CBRNE Command. A native of Somerset, Pennsylvania, he graduated from Meyersdale Area High School in 2007, and attended Howard University in Washington D.C.

Miller's previous assignments include the 56th Signal Company, 54th Signal Battalion, 160th Signal Brigade, at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. His awards and decorations include the Army Achievement Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Ribbon.

Miller's goals include developing his military proficiency. He plans to become a non-commissioned officer and compete for selection into the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. His long-

term personal goals include completing his degree in Criminal Justice.

**Family of the Year**

Family of the year honors went to the family of Sgt. 1st Class Joseph S. Conway of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command. Conway will be honored along with his wife, Melinda, and son, Jordan, both of whom were winners in the Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony in April. Melinda Conway was selected the Volunteer Family Member and Overall Volunteer of the Year and Jordan was named Youth Volunteer of the Year.

The Conway family has donated more than 2,000 hours to support APG and the surrounding community.

They have volunteered for numerous projects supporting Army Community Service (ACS), their local church, the Aberdeen Post Chapel, the Army Test and Evaluation Command, and the APG community at large. They managed the APG 2014 Angel Tree Project, ensuring fulfilled wishes for more than 200 families, they sold wreaths to support youth ministries and they helped the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program set up and distribute food for the Maryland Food Banks.

Sgt. 1st Class Conway serves as the Audie Murphy Club (SAMC) treasurer and he was selected to stand a guardian over the memorial during the remembrance ceremony for Maj. Gen. Harold Green a former APG leader, who was killed in Afghanistan last year. Melinda Conway organized and established the ATEC Family Readiness Group and volunteers on Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC).

Jordan is a junior mentor to underprivileged and troubled peers, and serves as a technical assistant for his church youth program. He assists ACS program managers throughout the year and he also volunteers during events at his high school.

Editor's Note: This is the first in a two-part feature profiling APG's NCO, Soldier and Family of the Year. Check back with the APG News next week for the follow-up feature.



**Family of the Year**

From left, Sgt. 1st Class Joseph S. Conway of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, his wife Melinda, and Son, Jordan.



## ★ Armed Forces Week ★

Armed Forces Week activities went into full swing this week starting with a Retiree Appreciation Day May 9, followed by the official Opening Ceremony and Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course May 11 and an All Soldiers AFW Run May 12.



- (Clockwise from top, left)
- Tim Henke of the Directorate of Emergency Services placed his cigar on the ground before lining up his putt during the AFW golf tournament.
  - 1st Area Medical Laboratory Soldiers head out on the All Soldiers AFW Run early Tuesday morning.
  - Golfers get in practice swings on the driving range at Ruggles Golf Course before the start of the AFW golf tournament May 11.

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# Retiree services highlighted at appreciation day

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He commented on how readily the nation calls on APG, noting the demilitarization of Syrian chemical weapons of mass destruction by APG scientists in the spring of 2014 and of the arrival to APG of air defense artillery Soldiers to support the JLENS - short for Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System - mission of protecting the Eastern Seaboard from ballistic missile attacks. Also started in 2014, JLENS, with its highly visible aerostats or tethered airships, is an ongoing mission.

"This unit of young Soldiers puts APG squarely in the mission of securing the nation," Crawford said. "Whether we're talking about defending against missiles or regular APG missions, the work we do here is very important to the world."

He added that he APG remains committed to the retiree community and encouraged listeners to click the "Ask the Senior Commander" button on the APG website at [www.TeamAPG.com](http://www.TeamAPG.com).

"This is another way for you to voice your interests," he said, adding that "this kickoff to a weeklong celebration is our chance to talk about things we're doing on behalf of our Soldiers, civilians, retirees and their families."

In an aside, Crawford praised Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton, who was overseeing his final Retiree Appreciation Day before his retirement in July, for his leadership and devotion to the APG community.

"He is a great leader with a great command team," Crawford said.

McClinton added his thanks to the retirees for "everything you do every day."

He cautioned that upcoming facility consolidations are in keeping with the ongoing Facility Reduction Program and should not be confused with the envi-



(From left) Maryland State Senator Robert "Bob" Cassilly chats with APG Garrison Director of Human Resources Janet Dettwiler during the Retiree Appreciation Day event kicking off Armed Forces Week activities at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center May 9.

ronmental assessment which is as yet unresolved.

"At the Army level we're being asked to plan to better utilize facilities through consolidation and best use of space," he said. "You may see organizations consolidated but it has nothing to do with personnel reductions."

Shumate introduced Cassilly who thanked the retirees for "the honor to come before you and speak."

An Iraq War veteran, Cassilly said he daily works with office holders, lobbyists and volunteers who are veterans, and that, "working among those who commonly display uncommon acts of valor and dedication," has been his privilege.

"I expect your enthusiasm is not about to end, and I thank you for your continued service as everything from community volunteers to elected officials," he told

the assembly.

He reviewed recent House and Senate bills that benefit active-duty military and retirees and said each bill represents "one more thread in the national fabric of enthusiasm and faith."

"Thank each and every one for what you have done and what you will do," he said. "God bless you and your families."

A panel review and question and answer session followed the speech.

Panel members represented Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (Legal Office); the Exchange; the Dental Clinic; Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic; the Veterans Administration - Baltimore; and Corvias Military Housing.

The program included the singing of the national anthem by Rick Witherspoon. Dettwiler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Goods and services

Vendors to the assembly said they appreciate the value of the once-a-year, one-on-one with the military retiree community.

"We welcome input from the community and I tell retirees to make suggestions and keep checking back for the credit and non-credit classes they're looking for," said Janice Cassidy of Harford Community College.

"We are here to serve you and get you to the right door at the VA," added Amy Hill of the Baltimore VA regional office, who noted that personnel were on hand to look up and provide statuses on pending claims on the spot.

Connie Murphy, treasurer of the Aberdeen Freestate Chapter 70 Women's Army Corp Veterans Association, said several retirees stopped by the display where she greeted guests along with Secretary Charlotte Irby, VA representative Tamara Peterson and Maria Ewald.

"Many were surprised to learn that we accept members from all branches and that our focus is on supporting hospitalized veterans at Perry Point [VA Medical Center in Perryville]," Murphy said.

Sgt. Craig Prewitt from the post Veterinary Treatment Facility, said guests were interested in the organization display.

"A lot of them were pet owners and they were most interested in prices and services," he said.

## Retirees

John Stonska, a retired sergeant major and new civilian retiree from Nottingham, Pennsylvania, drove down for the event with his wife, Janet. He said he thought the overall presentation was "informative."

"I worked MWR and DPTMS at Fort Monmouth [New Jersey] so I know how these events should go. It was really good to hear them follow up on previous issues. It showed command interest and leadership."

Retired Staff Sgt. Ronald Schultz and his wife Shirley of Baltimore City said they returned to the APG event after staying away a few years. They said they particularly enjoyed the meal in the First Sgt.'s Grill after the program.

"We missed coming here," Shirley Schultz said. "This is actually better than Fort Meade's [retiree event]."

"It's worth the drive," Ronald Schultz added.

"I really enjoyed it [the program]" added Retiree Brad Irby, a former Army Research Laboratory contractor. "I come every year for new information. It's a comfortable, low-stress environment where you can ask basic questions and get immediate feedback."

He added that he liked that the event was moved to May.

"We have a mature population and it's easier for them to get around in the spring as opposed to winter," he said. "I'm glad to see the level of participation from attendance to displays and we owe that to the APG leadership."

For more information about the APG Retiree Appreciation Day or to stay informed about retiree issues in the local community, visit the APG Retiree Council page at <http://www.apgretiree.com/>.

(From left) Janet and retired Sgt. Maj. John Stonska of Nottingham, Pennsylvania gather information from The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) representative Arthur Cooper during Retiree Appreciation Day at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center May 9.



## Did You Know?

**The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was created May 15, 1942 and the first WAC director was an autodidact - or self-educated.**



Oveta Culp Hobby, the first WAC director, was also the first secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and served as parliamentarian of the Texas House of Representatives. This year marks her 110th birthday.

Oveta Culp Hobby was born Jan. 19, 1905 in Killeen, Texas. She attended Mary Hardin Baylor College for Women and the South Texas College of Law and Commerce but did not graduate from either school.

Starting at age 21, she served as parliamentarian of the Texas House of Representatives and in 1931 she married William P. Hobby, the former Governor of Texas and the publisher of the Houston Post. She took a position as research editor at the Post and became the newspaper's executive vice president, then president, and ultimately its publisher.

During World War II Hobby headed the War Department's Women's Interest Section before she became the Director of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Hobby achieved the rank of colonel and she was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for efforts during the war. She was the first woman in the Army to receive this award.

Hobby's son, William P. Hobby Jr., rose to become Lieutenant Governor of Texas and her daughter, Jessica Hobby, married Henry Catto Jr., a government diplomat who served as Ambassador to the United Kingdom, 1989-1991.

Oveta Culp Hobby died Aug. 16, 1995.

### Hobby's accolades include:

- The library at Central Texas College is named after her.
- A residence dormitory at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas is named after her.
- The Oveta Culp Hobby Soldier & Family Readiness Center at Fort Hood, Texas is named for her.
- An elementary school in Killeen, Texas (Killeen ISD) is named after her.
- The U.S. Post Office issued an 84-cent stamp in her honor in 2011.

Yvonne Johnson, APG News

Source(s): [www.awm.lee.army.mil/](http://www.awm.lee.army.mil/); [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

## Tea offers support to military spouses

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husband, Master Sgt. Johnny Eure, also from ACC-APG. The couple relocated to APG from Hawaii in December 2014.

"There are many challenges that come along with being a military spouse," she said. "Events like these are great because you have the opportunity to network and meet other military spouses who are going through the same challenges."

Another military spouse, Tina Benjamin, said she enjoyed the event because it gave her a chance to relax with other spouses.

"It's awesome; I am very thankful for the opportunity to attend," she said. "I go to these events to meet other military spouses and make new friends."

Attendees Carol Bruce and Amy Shipley said they met nearly 50 years ago while their husbands were serving together in the military. They said they are active members of the APG Prot-

estant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) group and they mentor military spouses..

"We try to attend anything on post in support and recognition of our military," Bruce said.

Prior to the tea, ACS hosted an open house in Bldg. 2503. After the tea, a free golf lesson was provided by PGA Golf Professional Dave Correll at Ruggles Golf Course

"Our thought was to provide a variety of activities that would appeal to a cross-section of the community and accommodate conflicting schedules," Edwards said. "Guest feedback was positive and we plan to offer similar events in the future."

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is a day set aside each year to recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices of military spouses. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the Friday before Mother's Day to be designated as Military Spouse Appreciation Day.



Dressed in 18th century attire, Angela Scarlato, chief of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Business Operations Division, demonstrates the "Language of the Fan," a presentation about the art of communicating with fans.



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## CHAPEL PRAYS FOR APG COMMUNITY, FRIENDS

The APG North (Aberdeen) main post chapel observed the National Day of Prayer May 7. Hosted by the Protestant Women of the Chapel, attendees offered prayers in seven areas: government, military, media, business, education, church and family.

(Above) Students from Helping Hands Christian Academy in Churchville join in a song during the National Day of Prayer observance May 7.

(Right) Chaplain Lt. Col. Jerry Owens greets a member of APG chapel community during the National Day of Prayer observance May 7. Owens led the prayer for the nation during the observance.

Photos by Molly Blossie



## YOUTH THANK MOMS AT MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Ciara Brown, an APG South (Edgewood) Child Development Center employee, listens as her daughter Skyla, 6, reads the card she created for her during the Mother's Day Tea at the APG South youth center April 8. During the event, children read original poems and moms snacked on cupcakes decorated by the children.

Photo by Rachel Ponder



## APG Military Appreciation Month

# PHOTO CONTEST

In honor of Military Appreciation Month the APG News will host a month-long photo contest, asking readers to submit photos they feel celebrate their as a member of Team APG – from deployments and TDY to family time and off-duty ventures in the local area.

Whether you have years of experience in photography or snap pictures of your family and pets with a smartphone, the contest is open to all Team APG personnel, including service members, civilians, contractors, retirees and their family members.

The winning photo will be chosen by garrison leadership and will be published, along with two runners-up, in the June 11 issue of the APG News and on the APG Facebook page— just in time to celebrate the Army's 240th Birthday!

### To enter:

- Submissions are due no later than Saturday, May 30.
- All photos must be emailed to the APG News editor at [amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil](mailto:amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil).
- All photo submissions must be accompanied by the full name of the photographer, the photographer's affiliation to or place of work at APG, and a brief description of the photo.
- Please keep in mind that any photos taken on the installation must be in common housing or recreation areas. Any photos that violate security rules and regulations will automatically be disqualified.

The winner will receive bragging rights and a prize yet to be announced.

