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Town Hall draws large numbers

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More than 400 Soldiers, civilians, contractors and family members received updates from APG senior leaders and garrison directors during the quarterly installation town hall meeting at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, Nov. 9.

The first town hall of the new fiscal year was hosted by APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, APG Senior Command Sgt. Maj. William Bruns and APG Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis.

Crawford said the purpose of the town hall was to discuss issues raised during a recent APG senior leadership luncheon. He said town halls are a forum for open dialogue between APG senior leaders and the community.

Crawford added that the Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley's number one priority is readiness, which includes addressing the needs of Soldiers, civilians, contractors and family members.

"There is no bigger task in the area of readiness than taking care of the folks who either wear the cloth of the nation as Soldiers or their

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Maj. Gen. Linda Singh, adjutant general of the Maryland National Guard, administers the oath of service to Soldiers during the "Why We Serve" program at the Myer Auditorium, Nov. 10.

Photo by Sean Kief

Remembering 'Why We Serve'

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Nearly 700 Soldiers and civilians reaffirmed their service to the nation during the second "Why We Serve" program at the Myer Auditorium Nov. 10.

The theme of the event, hosted by APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce Crawford, was "Ready to Win, Accountable to the Nation."

Crawford asked attendees to think about

their contributions to the nation.

"The thing we are doing today, pausing and reflecting who we stand for, I truly believe that this is what really makes us different," he said.

He recognized special guests including Gold Star family members and World War II Veterans Milton Leigh and Francis Sparr.

"I thank you very much for your years of service to this great nation and for the example that you set," he said.

He recognized the service of all Veterans in the audience, asking them to stand for a round of applause in honor of Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

The event included remarks from guest speaker Maryland National Guard Maj. Gen. Linda Singh, the first female and African American to serve as adjutant general of Maryland.

Singh said she tackled many obstacles

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ARL hosts open campus at APG

Open house connects Army researchers, industry and academia

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**
RDECOM

The Army research community joined its counterparts in academia and industry to discuss better collaboration techniques during a conference Nov. 3-4.

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory, or ARL, held its second open campus open house at the APG North (Aberdeen) Mallette Auditorium with about 680 fellow researchers from throughout the nation.

ARL Director Dr. Thomas Russell led an hour-long question-and-answer panel discussion with the audience. Eight ARL researchers, who manage the lab's science and technology campaigns, joined Russell.

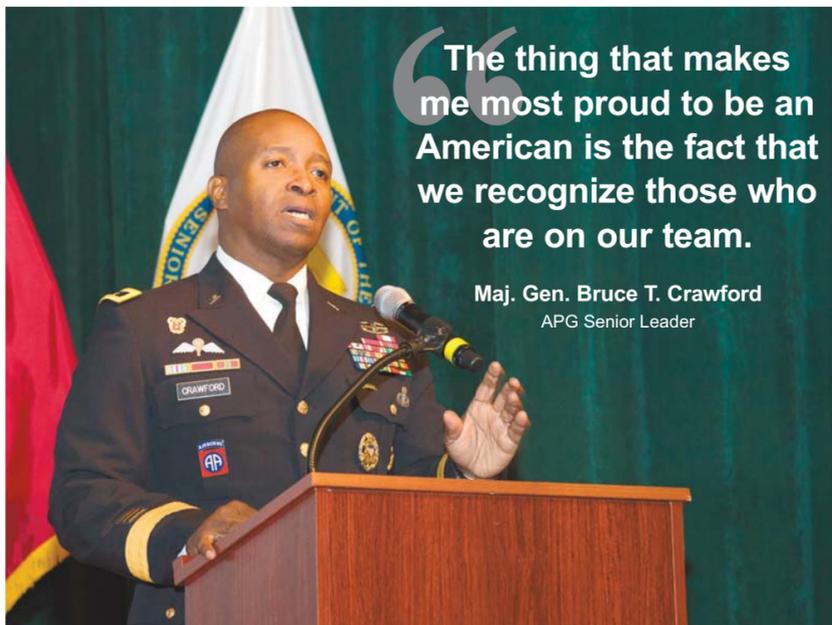
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Photo by Conrad Johnson

Army, academic and industry researchers discuss projects during an open campus open house at the APG North (Aberdeen) Mallette Auditorium, Nov. 4.

Observance honors America's veterans



"The thing that makes me most proud to be an American is the fact that we recognize those who are on our team."

Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford
APG Senior Leader

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

Team APG service members, civilians, Veterans, and families gathered to honor those who have served in the U.S. armed forces during a Veterans Day observance at the post theater on APG North (Aberdeen) Nov. 9.

"The thing that makes me most proud to be an American is the fact that we recognize those who are on our team," said APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford. "We recognize our Veterans and we appreciate our Veterans," he said.

All Veterans in attendance stood and were honored with a round of applause. As the 50th anniversary of the commencement of the Vietnam War, special homage was paid to Vietnam

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APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford speaks during the installation Veterans Day Observance at the post theater, Nov. 9.

Photo by Sean Kief

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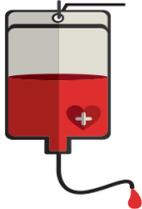
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STREET TALK

If you had an airplane that could take you anywhere in the world for an impromptu vacation, where would you go?

"I would like to go to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. - The people were that friendly, the sky was that blue, the sand was that white. It was just an unbelievable place."



Nancy Sheetz
Family member

"Probably Australia. When I was in Vietnam that was one of our choices we could take for our R & R [but] instead of going there I chose to bring my wife and daughter to Hawaii."



Bill Townsend
Retired military

"The Italian Riviera. I've always heard a lot about it, how nice it is, and it always seems to be overshadowed by the French Riviera. So it's been one of the places I'd like to go to."



Leslie McMahon
ECBC

"Guam. I have a brother and a sister and a bunch of cousins there. I grew up there and was drafted when I was 18 and have been in the states ever since."



Jerry Sanagustin
Retired military

"Hawaii. We spent a week there after my husband got back from Afghanistan before we had babies. It was our last hurrah before we had kids and it was a good time."



Tara Lane
Family member

2015 Army-Navy Blood Donor Challenge underway

APG drives set for November, December

Armed Services Blood Program

The 2015 Armed Services Blood Program Army-Navy Blood Donor Challenge is officially underway in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

This year, the ASBP will conduct 11 blood drives all across the Washington metro area Nov. 10 to Dec. 8. All blood collected will directly support ill or injured service members, Veterans and their families worldwide, and determine which service will win bragging rights and a trophy for the most units of blood donated to the ASBP.

The challenge will be capped off with an on-field award presentation during the third quarter of the Army vs. Navy football game at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Dec. 12.

"The famous Army-Navy rivalry is a great way to encourage donors to roll up their sleeves and donate blood," said Navy Capt. Roland Fahie, ASBP director. "I'm sure that Soldiers and Sailors alike are looking forward to the football game in December; but the exciting part for us is the amount of blood collected for the Armed Services Blood Program and how many lives can be saved because of the donations."

This is the fifth year the ABSP has conducted the challenge. Last year, more than 1,000 units of blood were collected over the course of 13 blood drives. The Navy has a slight edge when it comes to previous challenge wins — they took home the trophy in 2011, 2012 and 2014. The Army won in 2013, but only time will tell who will win this year.

"The Army is ready to take home the win!" said Army Lt. Col. Audra Taylor, director of the Army Blood Program. "The timing of this blood collection challenge is key because the entire Armed Services Blood Program — Army, Navy and Air Force alike — is working hard to make sure we have a continuous supply of safe, potent blood this holiday season. Blood is a valuable resource for our service members at home and abroad and this challenge is a great way to encourage lifesaving donations."



Tuesday, Nov. 17. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
APG South (Edgewood) Recreation Center

Tuesday, Dec. 1. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
APG North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center

"The rivalry and the football game are great motivators. We all know how important blood donations are for saving lives, especially this time of year," said Navy Cmdr. Leslie Riggs, director of the Navy Blood Program. "By donating at one of the Army-Navy Blood Donor Challenge blood drives, you are helping us save lives and showing pride in your service at the same. It's a win-win situation."

The 2015 Blood Donor Challenge kicks off Nov. 10, with the last blood drive Dec. 8. There will be two blood drives at Aberdeen Proving Ground:

- Tuesday, Nov. 17: APG South (Edgewood) — Recreation Center — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 1: APG North (Aberdeen) — Recreation Center — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To help ensure blood is not over-collected, ASBP leadership is requesting the recruitment of donors be limited to 100 presenting donors at each challenge drive this year. Therefore, donors are urged to make appointments early using the ASBP's online scheduling system, www.militarydonor.com.

"To ensure that military blood needs are met donors must support the Armed Services Blood Program throughout the year," said Army Col. Michelle D. Mitchell, garrison commander at Fort Belvoir, Va. "The 2015 Army-Navy Blood Donor Challenge is a fun way for us to celebrate our rivalry, while supporting this important cause. This year, I am sure that the Army will prevail. GO ARMY, BEAT NAVY!"

"Good luck to everyone," Fahie added. "No matter which service takes home the Blood Donor Challenge trophy or the win off the football field, the real winners are the recipients of the blood donated during this event. Remember, your donation is truly lifesaving."

For more information about any of the challenge blood drives contact Donna Onwona, ASBP blood donor recruiter, at 202-294-6674 or donna-lee.onwona.civ@mail.mil.

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 October.

<p>FIRE: 78</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fire Alarms – 39 ▪ Mutual Aid* – 16 ▪ Watercraft Emergencies – 0 ▪ Fire Drills – 22 <p>MEDIC: 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mutual Aid* – 1 ▪ Chest Pains – 3 ▪ Breathing Problems – 4 <p>POLICE: 410</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alarm Activation – 188 ▪ 911 Hang-ups – 16 ▪ Traffic Accidents – 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active Warrants – 3 <p>Citations</p> <p>TOTAL: 261</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Warning Citations – 90 ▪ Non-Warning Citations – 171 <p>Arrests</p> <p>TOTAL: 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Traffic Related – 11 ▪ Warrant Arrests – 2 ▪ Domestic Related – 1 ▪ DUI/Alcohol Related – 1 ▪ Drug Related – 1
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*Mutual Aid often involves incidents off post in the local community.

APG SEVEN DAY FORECAST

Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
61° 44°	56° 37°	50° 34°	58° 37°	59° 39°	64° 48°	67° 51°

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APG hosts annual industry planning brief

C4ISR and ChemBio Centers of Excellence Discuss Future Contracts

By **GREG MAHALL**
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The U.S. Army Communications-Electronic Command (CECOM) played host to APG's annual, three-day Advanced Planning Brief for Industry (APBI), Nov. 3-5.

The event is designed to inform small business and large industry partners of the impending contract opportunities expected at APG in the next fiscal year.

Hosted by CECOM Commanding General and APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, the event welcomed Lisha Adams, the new Executive Deputy to the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC). CECOM is a major subordinate command to AMC.

"It is certainly a pleasure to be here and engage, on a first-hand basis, our stakeholders from around AMC, CECOM and APG," Adams said during the opening day session devoted to small business opportunities. "My intent is to introduce myself to you, giving you a name and a face, and attempt to answer your questions in this forum."

Adams' opening session included a spirited question-and-answer exchange, where she answered questions assisted as needed by Bryon Young, executive director, U.S. Army Contracting Command (ACC); Tommy Marks, director of the Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP), Department of the Army; and Jesse Barber, AMC Ombudsman, among others.

A large audience filled the 750-seat Myer Auditorium and heard presentations from Adams, Crawford and Marks, as well as from Jackie Robinson-Burnette, associate administrator of 8(a) Business Development, Headquarters, Small Business Administration; Nancy Small, director of AMC's OSBP, who moderated panel discussions on overcoming challenges in doing business with the government as well as contract protests and debriefings.

Crawford delivered the opening welcome and address at the beginning of



U.S. Army photo
Bryon Young, director, U.S. Army Contracting Command, left, moderates the "Future of C4ISR" panel discussion held Nov. 4 during the Annual Planning Brief for Industry. Panel members include, from left, Larry Muzzelo, Communications-Electronics Command Software Engineering Center (CECOM SEC); Gary Martin, Program Executive Officer – Command, Control and Communications – Tactical (PEO C3T); Col. Edward Swanson, Program Executive Office Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S); and Robert Zanzalari, associate director, Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC).

Day Two, in a session held at CECOM's Myer Auditorium and focused clearly on the Command, Control, Communications, Computer and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) Center of Excellence on APG.

"These three days should not be about us briefing you," Crawford said, "rather it should be changed from a briefing to a dialogue – because you are certainly our valued partners and we count on you to collaborate with us, share your expertise, apply that expertise and then eventually we solve any problems our soldiers in the field face as we keep them the best equip force in the world."

After opening the second, day-long session, Crawford was followed by Young, who was followed by Jyuji Hewitt, executive deputy to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM); David Christ, Army Research Laboratory (ARL); and Robert Zanzalari, associate director, Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC).

Afternoon sessions included a panel discussion on the Future of C4ISR, and closing briefs from the Program Execu-

tive Office for Command, Control and Communications – Tactical (PEO C3T); the PEO for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S); and then CECOM.

"These things are always good because they put you in a place to hear where the PEOs are going," said Brett Kitchens, a representative from Motorola Solutions. "I think these are really good for the non-traditional companies – those other than the big Raytheons and Northrop Grumman already deep in the defense process – to allow us to get into the defense business flow. These events tend to be at the 100,000-foot level but to start the discussion here is good and it allows for a connection to be built so that we can all focus and work on the anticipated needs."

"I'd call it very informative," said Lindsey Mangino, representing Rivera Consulting Group, Inc., near Louisville, Kentucky. "We (Rivera) like to hear our customers speak. Any type of information we hear about our customers, from our customers and especially from the Army, helps us to be better informed for FY16 and beyond. Better information on issues facing CECOM and others here

helps us to be in a better position to assist in finding the ultimate answer."

The third and final day started with a venue change, moving the event from the Myer Auditorium at the APG North area, to the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity's Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility located at the APG South (Edgewood) area. Here, the information shifted focus, from the C4ISR community to Edgewood's Chem/Bio Center of Excellence community and the expected opportunities there.

Briefers at this portion of the event included the Joint Project Manager (JPM) NBC Contamination Avoidance; the Defense Threat Reduction Agency; the Joint Science and Technology Office Science and Technology Managers; JPM – Information Systems; JPM-Guardian; JPM – Protection; JPM – Medical Countermeasure Systems; JPM – Radiological and Nuclear Defense; JPM – Elimination; The Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center; and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense.

The APBI is an annual event and another example of government transparency and partnering opportunities at APG.

Seasonal survey protects local waterways

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

In a continuing effort to be a leader in environmental stewardship and conservation, the APG Garrison Directorate of Public Works (DPW) environmental division recently concluded a statistical sampling of spring, summer and fall fish populations in APG waters.

“Basically, it’s a fish population survey to see what types of commercial and recreational fisheries are present on APG,” said DPW’s Todd Beser, an environmental protection specialist and the survey’s contracting officer representative.

Beser said the contracted survey began in spring 2015 at Spesutie Island and extended to Carroll Island in Baltimore County, with survey locations along the Bush and Gunpowder rivers and parts of the main stem Chesapeake Bay.

“Because we [APG] have a pretty decent-sized commercial fishery and recreational fishery, and we have exclusive jurisdiction over the waters; DNR [the Department of Natural Resources] doesn’t sample here,” Beser said.

Each season’s sampling was completed both offshore and near land over the course of three to four days. Surveyors used a boat and trawl to sample deep-water fish, and a seine net was used to collect near-shore fish. Additionally, an unexploded ordnance (UXO) technician used a magnetometer to detect if UXOs, leftover from the installation’s nearly 100 years of Army materiel testing, were caught in the nets.

The surveyed fish were counted, sorted by species, and measured. Beser said the survey data has yet to be analyzed, but he reported that the anticipated numbers and species of recreational and commercial fish were collected. Common fish found in APG waterways and in the sampling included white and yellow perch, striped bass and catfish, along with bait fish such as anchovies, Atlantic silversides, and mummichogs.



The waterways surrounding APG are teeming with wildlife. A recent survey by the Directorate of Public Works looked to evaluate fish populations.

Photo by Joe Ondek



Striped Bass

Despite the findings’ predictability, Beser said that two elusive, endangered fish species, the shortnose and Atlantic sturgeons, may live in APG waterways. Sturgeons are one of the oldest fish species in the world with origins dating back to prehistoric times.

According to Beser, DPW will share its statistical analysis and survey report with DNR, who will incorporate the findings into its annual report card on the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

“DOD (Department of Defense) is part of the Chesapeake Bay Program, so being a good steward of the environment—it’s a project that we need to work on,” Beser said, adding that sampling “helps fill in that data gap on existing populations and feeds into larger management strategies of fish up and down the bay.”

Although Beser said he doesn’t foresee any signif-

icant changes to APG commercial and recreational fisheries based upon the population survey, he conceded that “whatever decisions DNR makes is going to affect [APG].”

Population changes

Beser noted that changes to fish populations are driven by annual migration patterns and water quality, which can fluctuate with natural causes such as hurricanes and large snow melts.

“But then there’s also the human input mostly through storm-water management or lack thereof,” Beser said. “When it rains, if all the water hits a parking lot and just flows right into the [water], then you’re going to have poor water quality and its either going to kill the fish or its going to drive them away.”

Although some elements of water quality vary, DPW works to mitigate the human effect on water quality by following storm water management best practices.

“We have regular inspections from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) compliance inspector,” he said,

adding that new construction and redevelopment has to comply with state storm water management regulations.



Anchovies

Beser explained that fish thrive in a balanced ecosystem that includes dissolved oxygen and food, and that “young fish need places to hide, and they usually do that in bay grass beds, which in turn need light. They need low sediment levels in the waters, so the water has got to be clear and there can’t be too many nutrients.”

Other surveys

In addition to fish populations, surveys that analyze other aspects of the water’s ecosystem are conducted annually and provide a better overall picture of the health of the bay.

APG conducts a contracted benthic survey in which workers collect samples of the water’s mud and sediment, which “can tell a lot about water quality by [the] types of organisms living in there,” Beser said.

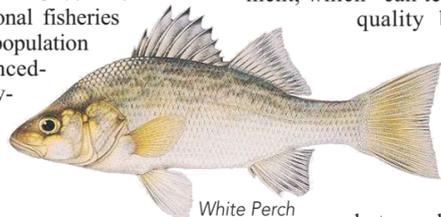
Additionally, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science conducts a photographic overflight of the entire bay during which they photograph bay grass and calculate its acreage, and DNR completes an annual survey of the bay’s striped bass population.

“They [DNR] have population data that goes back years and years, so they can see spikes and dips in that population, and they base a lot of the state management decisions off of that.”

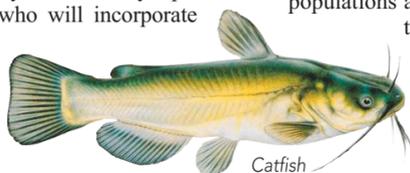
Beser noted the importance of conducting multiple, annual surveys of the waterways, and sharing data reports with other local and state organizations that seek to protect the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

“Out here [on the bay], everything’s all related. The benthic and the bay grass, and the fish, they all need each other for a healthy ecosystem,” he said.

For more information about fishing on APG, or for a copy of the latest Maryland fishing guide, visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation-and-sports/fishing>.



White Perch



Catfish



Yellow Perch



Mummichog



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Thank-filled Veterans

Donald L. Cobler, center, presents a plaque he created for fellow Korean War Veterans at the Aberdeen Veterans Center Outstation. Also a Veteran of the Vietnam War, Cobler said the plaque, which is crafted of stained glass and copper was a therapeutic labor of love.

Vet Center Counselor Tracey Waite said that when Cobler first started coming to the center she encouraged him to stay active and suggested he revisit former interests or hobbies. “This is what motivated him to do something for everyone,” she said.

Cobler said he’s grateful to the Vet Center. “Until I came here, I couldn’t talk about Korea. She enables me to have that conversation. They’ve helped me out for certain,” he said.

Pictured with Cobler, from left, are Vietnam Veteran Vernon Lacher of Nottingham, Maryland; William Jones of Forest Hill, a Veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan; William Wright, a Vietnam Veteran from Edgewood; and Havre de Grace Veteran George Blake who served in Vietnam.

The Aberdeen Outstation Center offers an array of counseling services including combat, marital and sexual trauma for veterans and family members and includes referrals for veterans seeking benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The center is located at 223 W. Bel Air Avenue in Aberdeen. Its hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. For more information, call 410-272-6771. For more information about the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs medical, claims, extended care, women’s health, military burials and other services, visit <http://veterans.maryland.gov>.

Senior Service College fellow talks opportunities

Defense Acquisition University

As the seminar chair for the Senior Service College Fellowship Program at APG, Willie Jackson serves as the leader for the fellows and works as a liaison between the fellows and the Defense Acquisition University. He also serves as the central point of contact for the fellows, receiving information from DAU faculty and staff, and communicating with external partners on a variety of fellowship matters.



Jackson

Prior to his selection for the program, Jackson was the Deputy Product Director at Counter Radio-Controlled Improvised Explosive Devices Electronic Warfare (CREW) where he was responsible for research, development, fielding and fleet modernization of the CREW-2 Duke counter RCIED jammers.

In this Q&A, Jackson talks about what motivated him to attend the Senior Service College Fellowship Program and how the program is helping to sup-

port his long-term career goals.

What were your motivations for entering the program?

Prior to attending the DAU-SSCF I was extremely busy running the day-to-day activities within my program management office. There was very little time to reflect on the larger or strategic issues affecting my profession. DAU-SSCF has afforded me the time to reflect and delve deeper into strategic leadership issues as well as consider tactical cases which have strategic implications. Finally, DAU-SSCF has provided an opportunity to associate with and learn as much as I can from those with unique skills, backgrounds, and experiences.

What SSCF activity do you most look forward to?

The activities that I look most forward to is meeting with our customers (CENTCOM, SOCOM, AFRICOM, etc.) and industry partners to see things from their perspective. Additionally, my class and I are looking forward to learning more about our international partners and participating in the Gettysburg, World War I, and World War II staff rides to broaden my awareness on strategic operations. I see this as an once-in-a-

lifetime opportunity.

How is SSCF preparing you to achieve your long-term goals?

The SSCF is providing me with the opportunity to meet numerous senior leaders as well as equipping me with the tools that will enable me to comprehend the unique aspects of acquisition leadership required at the strategic level. Additionally, the SSCF is preparing me to be a well-rounded acquisition leader who can draw from my knowledge to assist my organization to effectively solve problems.

What do you expect to be your biggest challenge during the SSCF program?

That would be time management, balancing of academic workload and family life. I know time management is one of those skills we all believe we have under control, mainly because we really don’t and are not disciplined enough to take a closer look at the things we spend our time on.

Describe one takeaway from the past two months?

The opportunity to work with other acquisition professionals to study, analyze case studies, and compare ideas with other professionals of such a high caliber. Most importantly, the relation-

ships established with other acquisition professionals across the Army.

Any additional thoughts?

First, I would like to thank the senior leaders within my organization for making this opportunity a reality. I am gaining a clearer understanding of the decision-making process and how national security decision making actually occurs.

Senior Service College Fellowship Program

The SSCFP is a nationally-recognized, Army-sponsored program designed to develop strong, effective senior leaders for the Department of Defense Acquisition community. SSCFP announcement, call for applications for selection/attendance to attend the class of 2016-17, which starts on July 25, 2016, is expected to run from Dec. 2, 2015 through March 9, 2016.

Program announcement information will be posted on US Army Acquisition Support Center website at <http://asc.army.mil/web/>. For more information, visit the DAU website at www.dau.mil/sscf/Pages/apg.aspx or contact James Oman at james.oman@dau.mil or 410-272-9470.

IMCOM welcomes new commander

By **STAFF SGT. JOSHUA FORD**
IMCOM

Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl took command of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, or IMCOM, from Lt. Gen. David D. Halverson during a change-of-command ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston Theater, Nov. 3.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley presided over the change-of-command ceremony and Dahl's promotion which took place prior to the ceremony.

"K.D. [Dahl] is immensely qualified to be the commanding general," Milley said. "He's a proven combat leader, he's a man of great character, and I have no doubt in my mind that he's going to take IMCOM to the next level of excellence."

Until today, IMCOM and the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, or ASCIM, were commanded by one three-star general, in a "dual-hatted" status. The creation of a new three-star position and the decision to make IMCOM a direct-report to the Army chief of

staff indicates how important the mission is to senior Army leadership, officials said.

IMCOM manages all the day-to-day infrastructure and support programs on Army installations, allowing the mission commanders to focus on their mission: to fight and win the nation's wars. It also allows for cost avoidance and cost savings by centralizing management and purchasing power, and enables Soldiers to focus on preparing for the current and future fight because they know their families at home are being cared for.

Dahl pledged that IMCOM would continue to provide the best support for

command teams at Army installations around the world under his command.

"Having never served at the same place twice, I can be justly accused of being an expert at nothing, but I will give myself credit for knowing a lot about the Army, knowing where it lives and knowing what it does," Dahl said. "And I'm excited to be at this command for I have an opportunity to support all our senior commanders and enabling their critical missions that they execute in their own commands every single day."

Milley said that the split will allow IMCOM to be more efficient by placing a proven leader with the command on Fort Sam Houston, rather than have the ASCIM lead from the Pentagon remotely.

"The span of control was not as effective as if we could split it apart and pick a single [lieutenant general] to lead IMCOM and then have a staff officer as the ACSIM," Milley said. "Because putting both of them together is difficult and doesn't lead to the most efficient methods of using our leadership."

In Army tradition, Halverson relinquished command by passing the unit's colors, which symbolizes command, to Milley, who then passed the colors to Dahl, giving him the authority of command and formally recognizing Dahl as IMCOM's commanding general.

Halverson expressed his sentiments of leaving command and taking the responsibility of the ACSIM.

"This is a bittersweet day as you all know, but it is a great day for the Army," Halverson said. "It's been an honor. Thank you for bringing the Army's home everywhere and we'll continue to do that."

Dahl assured Halverson and those

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Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl

Commander
U.S. Army Installation Management Command



Photo by Tim Hipps

Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl receives the unit flag from Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, and becomes the new commanding general for U.S. Army Installation Management Command during a change of command ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston Theater, Nov. 3, in San Antonio, Texas.

present that he would ensure IMCOM would continue to be the foundation for Army readiness.

"We will touch the entire Army every single day and everything that it does,"

Dahl said. "I am thrilled to be the commanding general of the Installation Management Command. I totally appreciate how lucky I am and I will not squander a single moment."

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events&town halls

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Interested in pursuing or completing your degree? The APG Army Education Center will host an open house in observance of American Education Week, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the first floor lobby of Bldg. 4305.

Representatives and information will be available from: University of Maryland University College; Harford County Community College, Central Michigan University, and Florida Institute of Technology.

For more information, contact Tressie Stout at 410-306-2042 or tressie.d.stout.civ@mail.mil.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8

APG SHARP POETRY SLAM

Team APG will host its first Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Poetry Slam at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The SHARP Poetry Slam is a competition at which poets read or recite original work. These performances are then judged on a numeric scale by previously selected members of the audience. Participants will present SHARP-themed poems focusing on such topics as prevention, culture change, intervention, awareness, and more.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch and enjoy the performances. All attendees will receive credit for the 2016 SHARP – PART TWO TRAINING and will not need to take the online training. Certificates will be issued at the end of the Poetry Slam.

For more information, contact Jody Jackson at 443-861-9258 or Michcell Shultz at 410-278-0137.

THURSDAY JANUARY 28

TEAM APG 2016 WINTER BALL

The pleasure of your company is requested at the Team APG 2016 Winter Ball, to be held at Top of the Bay. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing.

Tickets cost \$55 for all civilians; \$55 for sergeant, E5 and above; and \$50 specialist and below. Service member dress code is the Army Service Uniform or equivalent military uniform; suit or formal dress for civilians.

For more information, contact Garrison HHC Commander Capt. Robert "Danny" Allen at 410-278-3000.

Tickets can be purchased at the following link: <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/apgrectract.html>.

meetings&conferences

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

HOT TOPIC TRAINING FORUM

DAU will host the Hot Topic Training Forum, "Additive Manufacturing: What it is and how it impacts aerospace, medical and defense industries," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the APG DAU facility, 6175 Guardian Gateway on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The forum will seek to define additive manufacturing and types of additive manufacturing processes. It will explore the state of additive manufacturing technology and discuss what it has to offer us in the future. Attendees can expect to discover the strengths and limitations of additive manufacturing and current happenings in the field today.

The presenter will be Mark Vitale, specialist leader, Deloitte Consulting LLP. Vitale has over 25 years of consulting and industry experience assisting commercial sector and federal government clients across a wide range of initiatives including: operations strategy, additive manufacturing, maintenance operations, demand/supply planning, inventory management, distribution/logistics, sourcing/procurement, and performance based logistics.

Attendees can bring lunch to consume during the presentation.

This training forum provides 1.5 Continuous Learning Points. To register, contact Ben Metcalfe at benjamin.metcalfe@dau.mil or 410-272-9471 before Tuesday, Nov. 17.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18

SMOKE OUT CYCLE EVENT

The APG Army Performance Triad initiative will host a Great American Smoke-out cycling event starting at noon at the APG North (Aberdeen) Exchange parking lot. Cyclists are asked to bring a small backpack and arrive 15 minutes early. Tobacco cessation information will be provided to riders, to distribute to designated smoke areas throughout the installation as part of the route.

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

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

HOLIDAY SPENDING INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a Holiday Spending Info Session 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 6001, second floor, room 224. Celebrating the Holidays doesn't have to mean going into debt. Recent surveys show that 37 percent of Americans finance their hol-

iday giving with credit cards. This presentation provides more than 15 tips and ideas for avoiding debt and establishing a logical gift giving budget to avoid the regret of post-holiday debt.

The session is open to government civilians, contractors, and military. Non-C4ISR employees must register with a Visitor Request Form by Nov. 11. Please do not put your social security number on the form. Registered visitors should be in the lobby of Bldg. 6001 at 11:15am to be escorted to the training room. Contractors must not invoice government contracts for time spent at these activities.

For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes, CECOM G1, at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

MOAA SUSQUEHANNA CHAPTER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING

The Military Officers of America Association (MOAA) Susquehanna chapter will host a professional development meeting at 510 Johnny's restaurant at 510 Market Place Drive in Bel Air starting at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will include a buffet dinner, starting at 7 p.m. Capt. Kenneth Tarr, USMC, will serve as guest speaker. He will discuss leadership theory and the many applications, based on his experience as a USNA instructor, participant in humanitarian relief efforts in Japan, and service with the French Foreign Legion, among others.

Dinner is \$30 per person, for members and spouses; \$35 for all other guests. To register, contact TJ Staffieri by email at tjs3tjs3@gmail.com, or visit the MOAA Susquehanna Chapter webpage at www.susquehannamoaa.org. The MOAA is open to all commissioned officers of all the uniformed services. All are welcome to attend the Professional Development dinner and see what MOAA is all about.

ONGOING

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The Religious Services Office hosts a new Soldier and Family Christian Fellowship Bible Study Class 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., every Tuesday at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel. Free childcare is included. The class focuses on biblical fellowship and outreach and encouragement through prayer and is open to the entire APG community. For more information, call 410-278-4333.

health&resiliency

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

DIABETES & LUNG CANCER INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a Diabetes and Lung Cancer Info Session 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000. Representatives from the American Diabetes Association and Medstar Franklin Square Breast Center in Bel Air will give presentations on the signs, causes, treatments, and preventive measures, as well as healthy lifestyle, diet and exercise tips.

The session is open to government civilians, contractors, and military. Contractors must not invoice government contracts for time spent at these activities.

For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes, CECOM G1, at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

APG SOUTH (EDGEWOOD) DENTAL CLINIC CLOSED

The APG South (Edgewood) Dental Clinic will be closed Thursday, Nov. 12.

Questions should be directed to Spc. Tracy Glover at Tracy.S.Glover4.mil@mail.mil or 410-278-5843.

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:

- Nov. 14
- Dec. 12

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

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

C4ISR SLIM DOWN CHALLENGE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host the 2015-2016 APG C4ISR Slim Down Challenge beginning Dec. 1. Registration is open through Nov. 17.

This three-month Slim Down Challenge will be conducted in conjunction with the APG Installation Slim Down Challenge. During this challenge, participants will be taught healthy habits and receive nutritional tips, guides, moti-

vation, and encouragement from nutrition and fitness professionals. Participants will also be offered mid-month check-ins in the CECOM Wellness Room by the APG Wellness Center, as well as lunch and learn classes based on the Five Pillars of Health to assist them with their new healthy lifestyle journey.

One new addition to this year's challenge will be 10-15 minute power packed empowerment interviews of wellness celebrities at each mandatory monthly weigh-in.

The C4ISR Slim Down Challenge is open only to C4ISR civilians, contractors and military personnel. The initial weigh-in will take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1 in Bldg. 6001, second floor, room 224.

Contact Tiffany Grimes, CECOM G1, at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil for the registration and participation documents.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

TURKEY TROT RUN & 'HIGHWAY TO HEALTH' WELLNESS EXPO

AMSAA will host a Turkey Trot run around Plump Point Loop, starting at Bldg. 328. The run will begin promptly after the morning Reveille bugle call, at 6:31 a.m. Assemble time is 6:15 a.m. The run is open to all members of Team APG.

That same day, AMSAA will host a Highway to Health wellness expo at Bldg 330, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. On-post participants include: the APG Army Wellness Center; SHARP Resource Center; Chaplain Corps; GNC; and APG Federal Credit Union. Other vendors include: Blue Cross/Blue Shield; Natural Essential Oils; Health Department; Rideshare; Upper Chesapeake Health Van; and more.

For more information, contact Lori Wohr at lori.a.wohr.civ@mail.mil.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3

SOCIAL HEALTH & WELLNESS SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee invites Team APG to attend a Social Health and Wellness Informational Session at the Myer Auditorium, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

As the holidays approach, we need to realize there are many choices we can enjoy while staying the course with healthy eating plans. The session covers how to make healthy choices for popular holiday foods and drinks during the holiday season.

C4ISR Slim Down Participants must bring their Wellness Activity Rosters so attendance can be credited. Any contractors who participate in CECOM activities must not invoice any government contracts for time spent at these activities.

VTC will be available for groups of employees who are not stationed at APG. Contact the CECOM G-1 for a VTC dial in number and code. For sign language interpreters and other disability-related accommodations, contact the CECOM EEO Office at 443-861-4355 by Nov. 18.

The G1 POC is Tiffany Grimes, at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8

EDGEWOOD DENTAL CLINIC CLOSED

The APG South (Edgewood) Dental Clinic will be closed due to a senior leadership conference.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9

APG IRON EAGLE COMPETITION

The APG Army Performance Triad initiative will host the second APG Iron Eagle 6 a.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) Hoyle Gym. The event will consist of pushups, sit-ups, pull-ups, dips and a running event.

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10

C4ISR SLIM DOWN CHALLENGE: JUMP START SESSION

C4ISR Slim Down Challenge participants are invited to the jump start session "Weight Loss, Nutrition and Exercise Guidelines" at Bldg. 6001, fourth floor, room 120 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Learn how to eat well and move your body for optimal health presented by Tony De Cesare, certified personal trainer, owner of Metabolix Nutrition, and Towson University rugby coach.

To request sign language interpreters and other disability-related accommodations, contact the CECOM EEO Office at 443-861-4355 by Nov. 24.

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

EDGEWOOD DENTAL CLINIC CLOSED

The APG South (Edgewood) Dental Clinic will be closed due to a senior leadership conference.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15

FIVE PILLARS OF HEALTH INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee invites Team APG to the Five Pillars of Health Informational Session, held at Bldg. 6001, second floor,

room 224 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The session will discuss the five pillars of health and how they can provide immunity to stay healthy and happy.

All non-C4ISR employees must register by Dec. 9. C4ISR Slim Down Challenge participants, must bring their Wellness Activity Rosters for attendance to be credited.

VTC will be available for groups of employees who are not stationed at APG. For a VTC dial in number and code, contact the G1 POC. For sign language interpreters and other disability-related accommodations, contact the CECOM EEO Office at 443-861-4355 By Dec. 1.

For more information, or to request a registration packet, contact Tiffany Grimes, G1 POC, at 443-861-7901, tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

KUSAHC CLOSED FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic believes the key to being the premier health and readiness platform is a professionally-developed workforce, and reinvesting in employees is an investment to their service to APG.

As such, KUSAHC will close the first Wednesday of every month for training purposes until further notice, starting Wednesday, Oct. 7.

For more information, visit <http://kusahc.narmc.amedd.army.mil/SitePages/Home.aspx> or www.facebook.com/KUSAHC.

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.

Nov. 18 – APG North (Aberdeen) chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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

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

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21

FREE ADMISSION TO "ICE WORLD" SKATING RINK

The APG Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring free admission to Ice World skating rink in Abingdon from 7 to 9 p.m. Participants can bring their own skates, or rent skates for \$3.

Ice World is located at 1300 Governor Ct., Abingdon, MD 21009.

In order to receive free admission, participants must pre-register with the CWF Office by calling 410-436-4467.

For more information, contact Patti Harkins at patricia.e.harkins.naf@mail.mil or 410-436-4467.

miscellaneous

ONGOING

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE FOR SALE

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

ONGOING

RETIRING SOON? UNCLE SAM WANTS TO THANK YOU!

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

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

Much goes into the planning for these events. Event planners set up flag displays, write speeches, print programs, provide sound equipment and photography support and even create photo DVDs for each retiree.

Also, awards and decorations are presented to retirees and their spouses.

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

This is a program designed to thank retiring personnel for their loyalty and perseverance and for the sacrifices they endured while serving the nation.

Retirees are encouraged to participate and to share this day with family members and friends.

After all, Uncle Sam wants to thank you. Don't you think you've earned it?

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



MEMORIES OF 'NAM



Hometown Veteran lives to serve

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

When he was playing in the woods behind Cross Roads Elementary School as a young child, Michael Bennett never envisioned himself as a future veteran of an unpopular war or as a popular mayor of his home town.

Bennett, who soon ends his run as the mayor of Aberdeen, said his life will continue to be guided by public service.

Before he graduated from Aberdeen Senior High School, Bennett worked the midnight to 8 a.m. shift as a volunteer radio dispatcher at the former police station location on Parke Street.

A lifetime member of the city's fire department, he recalled how Aberdeen was "in those days."

"[APG] had a lot more trainees then and there was a lot more things here to attract young men. Weekends were sometimes like the wild west," he said.

"Because I worked the night shift I got to see a lot of young Soldiers and military police on weekends.

He had changed to a dispatching position with a local truck company when he was drafted in 1968. Bennett reported to Fort Holabird in Baltimore and soon after attended basic training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He attended Advanced Individual Training for fixed/rotary wing aircraft repair at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He said this was during "the height of 'Nam" and there was "an overabundance of people in flight school." Bennett was included in a group that was pulled out for Air Traffic Control training, at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi.

"It was a long, hot summer," he said. "We had to wear Class A uniforms to class. But we knew 85 percent of us were going to Vietnam so there wasn't a lot of complaining."

He returned home in November 1968 and after 30-days leave reported to Fort Dix, New Jersey for the first leg of his journey to 'Nam. He arrived in Bien Hoa Air Base, by way of Alaska and Japan.

"It was night time and we were all scared," he recalled.

Bennett was assigned to the 125th ATC Company in Cam Ranh Air Base.

"There was a lot of insurgency going on," Bennett said, due to the buildup of the area for key resupply and refueling activities. He added that refugee movement through the area and mortar attacks were common place.

His first night was memorable, he said. He spent the night on a cot in a bunker across from a refueling point for 1st Cavalry helicopters.

"I had a machine gun for a companion and I was feeling pretty secure," he said. "About 3 a.m. we started hearing flares and then two M108 howitzers opened fire. That really wakes you up in the middle of the night."

"We took a lot of rounds but we were very well armed and prepared to respond," he said, adding that "every morning we had to check the runway for booby traps."

He worked the airstrip about five months and then, being one of the few Soldiers in the area who was able to type, he took over for the company clerk who was leaving.

The assignment took him to Ban Me Thuot in the central highlands near the Cambodian border where they tracked Army assets from point to point.

"We stayed on an Army/Air Force compound then and from time to time I worked radar. I stayed there until I redeployed in November 1969."

With less than six months left to his enlistment, Bennett was able to take an early out and was on Individual Ready Reserve status for six years.



As he prepares to leave office after eight years of leadership, Aberdeen Mayor Michael Bennett remembers 'Nam as an important part of his lifetime of service.

He said home changed a bit during his absence.

"It was different. You really didn't talk about where you'd been. If I wanted to talk, I talked to my dad. He was a World War II veteran and we had a lot in common."

He later learned that after his departure from Cam Ranh, his unit was overrun and several friends were killed.

He recalled one friend in particular, a young infantryman.

"We were friends growing up," Bennett said. "We always brought snacks at the PX; it's what we existed on. One day I ran into him and invited him to my hooch; we had a fridge and cold beer. I found out he was KIA [killed in action] a week later."

He said that years later he visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and found his friend's name inscribed there.

"I wasn't sure I was ready to do that," he said, adding, "You really didn't talk about it with anybody. People really didn't care."

He said the experience prepared him for life.

"It taught you how to take care of yourself and others," he said.

"I'm proud to have served. Really, I wouldn't do it again but I'm glad for the experience."

He recalled flying back to the states on Flying Tiger Airlines. After landing in Oakland, he changed out of his Class A uniform and picked up his tickets for home.

"I was never harassed beyond a few comments at the airport but I just ignored them. My family was there to meet me and that was all that mattered," he said.

After 'Nam, Bennett returned to his old job for about a year, then, when he heard the Maryland State Police lowered their height requirement from 6 feet tall to 5 feet, 11 inches, he applied and was accepted.

"I slept on a wood floor two nights to stand taller," he chuckled. "I was the shortest one in the barracks; they called me 'mini trooper.'"

He spent 20 years as a Maryland State Trooper in Prince George's and Harford counties including six years in the Edgewood-Joppa area.

"It's funny," he recalled, "most of the recruits in my class were Vietnam veterans and we all had handled weapons."

Bennett married in 1972. He and his wife had one child and this year they celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, named Otis after Otis Redding.

"My son-in-law is a musician," he explained.

He retired as a lieutenant commander in the electronics systems division where he was responsible for commu-

nications systems for the state. When he retired after 31 years in 2001 he started his civilian career in the same position two days later.

He stayed there nine years. During the final two years, and after a lifetime of public service, he turned to politics.

"There was a lot of stuff going on and I was thinking about running for city council, but supporters asked me to go for mayor," he said. "I ran on a platform of integrity and that resonated with the people. I think I've done a good job. I took a city that was going under that's thriving now and well-respected in the state."

He said he retired after 40 years with the state to devote full attention to the office and spent the first six months reestablishing relationships that had been neglected; especially with the proving ground.

Bennett spent the past year as chair of the Military Council of the National

League of Cities. According to its website at www.nlc.org, the council addresses "transportation and infrastructure concerns that come with having a base in town or nearby; strategies for collaborating with the local military leadership; ways and means to assist in the process of retention of missions and attract additional mission sets to supported installations; and ideas and programs designed to successfully integrate veterans, participants in the Department of Defense Wounded Warrior Program, families of deployed service members of the Total Force, and troops into the fabric of the community."

He said he enjoyed the challenges of ensuring the military community has a voice in the league and working to change the structure to be more proactive, solve issue and advocating to a larger audience to present issues to Congress. The office took him to Capitol Hill to meet with Senator John McCain and mayors from around the country, and he recently returned from a conference with the Tennessee representative on the Armed Services Committee in Nashville.

"We advocate for the military to ensure they have the right voices talking for them," he said.

He added that the mayor's role includes maintaining an "open conversation" with APG leadership and he feels confident he accomplished that with APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford and his predecessor, then Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, who is now a lieutenant general and the Army Chief Information Officer/G-6.

In retrospect, Bennett said he hopes he made a positive impact for the city.

"I'd like to be remembered as someone fair who did what was good for the city and its citizens and was morally correct," he said. "Every day, I was honored to do this job. I'm proud of this town and this community and I would not live anywhere else. This is my home town. And I believe that most of the time we got things right."

BY THE NUMBERS

America Recycles Day

Nov. 15 is America Recycles Day, an educational campaign that promotes and celebrates recycling.

28 billion

Number of glass bottles and jars that end up in U.S. landfills every year.

100,000

Number of aluminum cans that are recycled each minute in the U.S. Used aluminum cans are recycled and back on the shelf as new cans in as few as 60 days.

87

Percentage of Americans who have access to curbside or drop-off paper recycling programs.

45

Percentage of Americans who do not consistently recycle their personal care products.

4.4

Pounds of trash that the average person generates each day.

1 ton

Amount of recycled cardboard that saves 46 gallons of oil.

By **RACHEL PONDER** APG News

Source(s): <http://www.kab.org>; <https://www.dosomething.org/>; <http://recycleacrossamerica.org/recycling-facts>

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Burials at APG cemeteries are rare

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The Oct. 23 burial at the APG cemetery on APG North may have raised eyebrows for those who never witnessed a burial on the proving ground, but according to the garrison's directorates of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, and Public Works, APG cemeteries are closed.

Henry C. "Clint" Zaengle, DPTMS Plans and Operations Division chief, said that officially, the cemeteries are considered "closed," which means no new burials.

"However we do have subsequent burials from family members who already have a family member in plot," he said.

The Oct. 23 burial was a case in point in which 93-year-old retired Col. Francis Meredith Jr. who was twice stationed at APG, was interred next to his infant daughter who was born and died at APG in 1953.

Zaengle said when a request for burial is received the first thing that has to occur is an investigation.

"Record keeping 40 and 50 years ago wasn't the best," he said, adding that corroborating claims with current files is a careful, meticulous process that could become more frequent, given the number of infants interred in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

"With family members outnumbering Soldiers in post cemeteries, we don't know how many more like Col. Meredith we may possibly have to accommo-



Photo by Molly Blossse
Retired APG civilian and Command Sgt. Maj. Fred Posadas places an American flag at the grave of a soldier in the APG Cemetery during the APG Veterans Day observance, Nov. 9. While the installation's cemeteries are considered closed, service members may be interred at APG if their family member was buried at the installation.

date," he said.

Zaengle is one of only two Cemetery Responsible Officers (CRO) on the installation. The other is John Fink, chief of the Directorate of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Division.

Both have been school trained at

Arlington National Cemetery and managed Phase I of the GPS documentation of gravesites that occurred in American military cemeteries worldwide after the 2010 National Cemetery mismanagement controversy.

Zaengle said beyond photograph-

ing every headstone and reconciling that information with written files, the process included transferring information from the paper file documents – on 5x8 index cards – and copying it into the system.

"The database is loaded now," he said, "and documented in the server at Arlington."

Phase II of the operation, Zaengle added, was establishing operation standards and training additional CROs.

He said the transformation has been amazing.

"Right now Arlington has a website where you can type in the name and get a photo and coordinates of the grave. It's all iPhone and app capable."

He noted that almost all Army installation have at least one cemetery and some are still operational.

Requests for burial at APG, however, are "few and far between."

"We had two this year but that was an anomaly. Prior to that the last one was in 2011," he said.

In August, Capt. William Slemmer, born Dec. 1944 and died June 2015, who served six years and nine months at APG was buried here next to a family member. Zaengle said Fort Meade casualty assistance coordinated the event for the family which came from Colorado.

"Each one is different," he said, adding that fulfilling CRO obligations is considered an additional duty.

"It is an additional duty for John [Fink] and I but it's our pleasure to be able to provide that service," he said, "especially for those who served our country."

APG coaches teach football, Army philosophy

Story and photos by
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APG News

A group of Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers and civilians serving as youth football coaches with the Havre de Grace Recreation Committee sports program taught football "Army style" during the 2015 season that ended Oct. 31.

Maj. Jay Coats, a test and evaluation officer, with the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation

Command, lead the Warriors team of 7-year-olds who played home games at Havre de Grace high school's James R. Harris Stadium. Coats has been involved with the team the past four years, two as assistant coach and two as head coach. He said he and assistant coaches agreed on a military-grounded method of inspiring performance at the start of the season, and players and parents responded.

The Army "Warrior Ethos" are the foundation to my coaching philosophy," Coats said, adding that the objective is to foster a safe and fun environment for kids to be physically active and challenged to learn and work as a team.

The team's final game held special meaning, Coats said. Players wore tape on their helmets displaying flags along with pink tape honoring breast cancer awareness month and at halftime, they made a special presentation to a local woman who is currently battling breast cancer.

Coats and Assistant Coach Maj. Jeremy Rogers, an assistant program manager with the Program Executive Office, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S), wore ACU trousers and hats to honor the upcoming Veterans Day holiday. Coats said the final game was actually a make-up for the homecoming game that was cancelled due to weather. He added that he and his coaches have "made it more than just football."

"From drills, to practice, to the game, everything we do has Army symbolism," he said. "And we have total parent involvement. We couldn't do it without that."

In his second year as assistant coach, Rogers, whose son Logan is on the team, has been involved with the team for three years.

"They understand we are military and that we bring a different perspective to the community," he said. "We basically just want them to love football and become athletic and physically fit while gaining a sense of teamwork.



Head Coach Maj. Jay Coats, with the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, second from right, congratulates players on the Havre de Grace Recreation Committee Warriors 7-year-old football team after their final game at James R. Harris Stadium Oct. 31. With Coats are assistant coaches, from left, Reval Pena, a contractor with the Program Executive Office, Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T); construction worker Flo Fernando; Maj. Jeremy Rogers, with the Program Executive Office, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S); and Jim Ringsaker, a former Army "brat" whose father was stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

I've watched them grow and it's been a lot of fun."

Along with Rogers, assistant coaches include Reval Pena, a help desk technician contractor with the Program Executive Office, Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T); Jim Ringsaker of Havre de Grace, a former Army "brat" whose father was stationed at APG. Also assisting are Robert Way, a lieutenant with the Baltimore City Fire Department and Flo Fernando.

"We're kind of doing things the military way," Pena said, noting that this was his first official year as an assistant coach. He said he enjoys "getting the kids ready and teaching them discipline."

"We want them to have team pride. Even my son Richard gets it," he said.

Pena's wife, Lakeah who volunteers on the team cheerleading squad, said the coaches "really know how to communicate with the kids."

"I believe they are really enjoying them," she said. They're teaching more than just football."

Team Mom Brenda Ringsaker added that all the coaches were "great coaches."

They know how to get them ready for the day," she said. "By the time the game starts they're psyched up and ready to play."

Way is a first-year assistant coach with one son, Carson, on the team.

"I loved it," he said when asked about the season.

"They really came together. I watched them fall down and pick each other up. They learned the true meaning of teamwork."

"And coach Coats is phenomenal," he added, "a wonderful motivator."

Throughout the game, the only voice louder than Coats' was assistant coach Jim Ringsaker. The Havre de Grace High School alumnus said because he grew

up in the Army he knows about the need to be flexible and make constant adjustments. Involved with the team for three years, he said he and Coats see eye-to-eye on leadership.

"We're raising the next generation of leaders right here on this field," he said. "From day one we taught them that we're here to win a championship; and every single day we build on that."

Ringsaker is a civilian with the Social Security Administration in Baltimore.

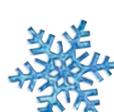
The team enjoyed a come-from-behind victory and received season-ending medallions during an impromptu ceremony on the sidelines after the game.

Coats said he inserts Army values into his pep talks in ways the 7-year-old can understand.

"We talk about leadership," he said, "And we emphasized going into the fourth quarter that they needed to dig deeper; to never accept defeat. And they rose to the occasion."



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ALL THINGS MARYLAND

Maryland Science Center

Education meets fun at Baltimore attraction

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

Take a virtual trip through a human cell, encounter a family of beavers as they journey across the rugged wilderness, or ponder the mystery of black holes. These are just a sampling of the educational activities offered at the family-friendly Maryland Science Center.

The idea of creating a science center took root within the Maryland Academy of Sciences, Maryland's oldest scientific institution and one of the oldest such institutions in the entire nation. The early years of the 20th century saw an unprecedented expansion in scientific and technical knowledge; the academy responded to this by adopting the role of interpreter of science and technology to the public.

Thus, the Maryland Science Center was born and has been a staple attraction in Baltimore's Inner Harbor since 1976. Combining education and fun, the center features three levels of interactive exhibits, an observatory, planetarium and IMAX theatre.

The "Your Body: The Inside Story," exhibit takes visitors on a journey through a day in the life of a human body - the sights, sounds, smells, and sensations the body experiences from head to toe. Visitors can stand inside the heart and lungs and feel the rhythmic beats and breaths, or touch the tops of different food containers to release sounds the body makes after digesting everything from beans to carbonated beverages.

The popular exhibit also features groundbreaking video technology that follows a cherry tomato as it travels from the mouth to the stomach, illustrating the remarkable transformation from food to fuel. The multi-sensory exhibit also shows how daily activities affect the body and its health.

The exhibit "Cells: The Universe Inside Us" zooms into the body to witness the different cells that make up human hearts, brains and bones. The exhibit explains cell composition, the changing nature of cells and the promise of cell-based medical treatments. Visitors can fly through a virtual cell and walk through a giant maze to see how



proteins are made.

Other noteworthy exhibits include "Newton's Alley," a highly interactive area where children can learn about matter, energy, force and motion; "Follow the Blue Crab," which features a large mechanical crab and spotlights the Chesapeake Bay and its health; and "Dinosaur Mysteries," where the visitor becomes the paleontologist, exploring dig pits, a field lab, excavation sites, and other areas of discovery.

The Maryland Science Center also boasts many features dedicated to space exploration and discovery. The center's rooftop urban observatory, with its computer-controlled telescope, gives the celestially-curious access to observable planets and stars, along with other astronomical events. The observatory is free to the public on Friday nights and to guests with paid admission on Saturday when, weather permitting, a look at the sun is the focus of the day.

Visitors to the center's planetarium can choose from eight different showings, then recline in their seats as thousands of stars and planets appear overhead. Star gazers can immerse themselves in a race to return to the moon 40 years after the historic Apollo landings, witness what would happen if they got too close to a black hole, or take a "spaceship" on a journey past the sky's nightly canopy of constellations.

The IMAX theatre features a five-story movie screen that shows nine movies,



Courtesy Photos

(Top) The Maryland Science Center, a popular Baltimore attraction since 1976, lights up the Inner Harbor at night. The family-friendly, educational center features three levels of interactive exhibits, an observatory, planetarium, and IMAX theater. (Above) One of a dozen full-size model dinosaur skeletons brings to life the Maryland Science Center exhibit, "Dinosaur Mysteries." Visitors to the exhibit can explore dig pits, a field lab and excavation sites like paleontologists.

three of which are three-dimensional. Beavers, humpback whales, Mount Everest, and natural disasters are just a few of the topics explored in movies that range from documentaries to Hollywood feature films.

The Maryland Science Center is located

at 601 Light Street in Baltimore's Inner Harbor and is open Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the 24-hour information line at 410-685-5225, or visit www.mdsci.org.

Take necessary steps to prevent lung cancer

By **COL. DARLENE HINOJOSA**
Army Public Health Center

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Lung cancer is the second most common cancer in both men and women and the leading cause of cancer death in the United States.

Each year, more people die from lung cancer than from colon, breast and prostate cancers combined. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 90 percent of lung cancer cases are attributed to cigarette smoking. Lung cancer can also be caused by breathing in dangerous, toxic substances (such as radon, asbestos, uranium, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, nickel and some petroleum products) or everyday air pollution.

There are steps you can take to prevent lung cancer. Limiting exposure to smoke, radon, hazardous chemicals and air pollution will help protect your lungs. If you smoke, the best thing you can do is to stop smoking.

Test your home for radon. If it is present, take steps to get rid of it. Wear personal protective equipment like respirators, if you are exposed to dust or fumes at work. Help fight air pollution in your community. Even if you were exposed to these substances many years ago, you are still at risk for developing lung cancer.



Courtesy photo

Talk to your doctor if you have ever been exposed to any of these substances.

Often people with lung cancer do not display symptoms until the disease is in its later stages. A tumor could be in the lungs without causing pain or discomfort. When symptoms are present, they are different in each person but may include:

- A cough that doesn't go away and gets worse over time
- A chronic cough or "smoker's cough"

- Hoarseness
- Constant chest pain
- Shortness of breath, or wheezing
- Frequent lung infections, such as bronchitis or pneumonia
- Coughing up blood

See your doctor right away, if you notice any of these symptoms. If you think you are at risk for lung cancer, talk to your doctor about being screened. Screening looks for cancer before a person has any symptoms.

If a friend or loved one receives a cancer diagnosis, it is important to be supportive. Choose positive and hopeful words, listen and offer hugs. Don't give people false hope or talk about other people's cancer outcomes. Do whatever you can to make things easier for them, such as delivering meals, driving them to appointments or assisting them with daily chores.

Support a friend or family member touched by lung cancer by wearing a white ribbon or tying a white ribbon around an old oak tree or your mailbox during the month of November. The white ribbon is a symbol of hope--hope for better treatment options and outcomes for those living with lung cancer.

For more information on lung cancer awareness, visit:

- Lung Cancer Alliance, <http://www.lungcanceralliance.org/get-involved/help-raise-awareness/lung-cancer-awareness-month.html>

- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dpcp/resources/features/Lung-Cancer/index.htm>

- American Lung Association, <http://www.lung.org/lung-health-and-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/lung-cancer/>

- National Cancer Institute, <http://www.cancer.gov/types/lung>

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Upcoming Activities

SAVE THE DATE MOVIE NIGHT FEATURING 'INSIDE OUT' NOV. 20

In celebration of Military Family Appreciation Month, MWR will host a family movie night showing the animated feature "Inside Out" at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center starting at 6:30 p.m.

The movie night will feature free admission and giveaways. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907.

LEISURE & TRAVEL 2015 HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOV. 18

APG MWR Leisure Travel will host a Holiday Bazaar at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring a variety of vendors selling everything from home décor and jewelry to baked goods and much more. The event will also feature music and door prizes.

For more information, contact MWR Leisure Travel at 410-278-4011/4907 or usarmy.apg.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel

NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP DEC. 5

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a holiday bus trip to New York City Saturday, Dec. 5. The cost of \$48 per person includes roundtrip coach bus service to and from the Big Apple. Explore New York on your own or see a show. The bus will leave the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater at 6 a.m. and the Beards Hill Plaza at 6:10 a.m. Return trip leaves New York at 5:45 p.m. with a scheduled arrival back at APG around 9:30 p.m.

For reservations, call Patti Harkins at 410-436-4467.

MARVELS UNIVERSE LIVE DEC. 11-13

Marvel fans, assemble! Watch your favorite Marvel Super Heroes including Spider-Man, Iron Man and Hulk and threatening villains come to life in an action-packed Royal Farms Arena extravaganza. You'll definitely feel the energy with cutting-edge special effects, pyrotechnics, aerial stunts, martial arts, motorcycles and more. It's being hailed as the most technically advanced live show ever. Join Marvel fans of all ages for this once-in-a-lifetime, monumental performance. The fate of the universe depends on it!

All tickets, while supplies last, are \$25 and available for the following dates and times:

- Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 12 at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

To purchase tickets, visit MWR Leisure Travel Services at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326. For more information, contact the Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-

4011/4907 or email usarmy.apg.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel.

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

CYSS QUARTERLY PARENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NOV. 18

CYSS has established a Parent Advisory Board (PAB) that represents all CYSS programs. Parents or guardians are encouraged to attend the next quarterly meeting, scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) youth center, Bldg. E1902, if they have a child currently enrolled in any program offered by CYSS.

Any CYSS family who has a child enrolled in a full-time CYSS program will receive two parent participation points for their attendance. Patrons are free to bring their own lunch, if desired.

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

LET'S COOK NOV. 14 DEC. 12

International cooking class will teach children different skills to prepare foods from different places around the world. The children will learn about sanitation and kitchen safety. They will also be taught different recipes that require little help from their parents. Children will learn to cook up to 3 dishes including a main dish and a dessert.

Each class, open to children ages 7 and up, will be held at the Corvias Bayside Community Center, 2658 Chesapeake Ave., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is a \$17 supply fee, per class.

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

CYBER SAFETY NOV. 23

The Internet has drastically changed the way that children interact with the world. They have access to in-depth knowledge, tools to express their creativity, and people from all over the world. Yet along with offering fascinating, new ways to connect with the world, the Internet also offers new risks.

APG CYSS will open a discussion to help begin a dialogue about internet safety with your child(ren) at the CYSS Admin Bldg. 2503. The first session, open to first- and second-graders, will be held 10 to 11 a.m. Parents are encouraged to stay for the presentation. The second session, open to third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders will be held 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The third session, open to sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders will be held 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The class is free, but does require prior registration. For more information, or to register, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-2857 or stacie.e.umbarger.naf@mail.mil

PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN CHILD

CARE OPENINGS

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

The Aberdeen CDC has immediate full-time child care openings at their facility for children ages 3 and 4 years old in need of full-time care and children attending Kindergarten that need Before & After School Care.

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

Participants must be registered with Parent Central Office. Fees are based on total family income.

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

YOUTH SPONSORSHIP

All youth between the ages 8-18 can request a Youth Sponsor before, during or after their move to the Aberdeen Proving Ground community. A Youth Sponsor can provide you with information about schools, shopping and culture or maybe become your new friend! Youth Sponsorship is coordinated by the Youth Services and will match sponsors to new youths according to gender, age/grade, interests/hobbies, and school attending.

Why request a Youth Sponsor? Moving to a completely new location is sometimes scary, exciting, but always new and different. It always helps when you have someone that can show you around and tell you about your school or program, the community, places to see and shop, and introduce you to new friends. The Youth Sponsorship Program can help your transition to a new place easier.

Why become a Youth Sponsor? Everyone is encouraged to become a Youth Sponsor. If you like to help and meet new friends, then being a sponsor is the right thing to do. As a Youth Sponsor, you get to identify, meet and help incoming teens and youth. You provide them with friendship, a warm welcome, information, and possibly a tour of the community/program. Youth Centers are always looking for new teen sponsors.

To participate, contact the School Liaison Office (SLO) at 410-278-2857 or email stacie.e.umbarger.naf@mail.mil.

SPORTS & RECREATION 2015 DEMO CLUB SALE NOV. 13 - DEC. 23

Ruggles golf shop is now selling 2015 Demo Clubs. Stop by to see the inventory and great savings on Callaway, Taylor Made, Titleist and Mizuno clubs. Sale continues while supplies last. The Pro Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information and the special holiday menu, call 410-278-4794.

SUTHERLAND GRILLE TO CLOSE FOR SEASON NOV. 23 - APRIL 4

The Sutherland Grille at Ruggles Golf Course will close for lunch service for the winter season Nov. 23 and reopen April 4. During this time, the grille will open for meetings and special events.

For more information and the special holiday menu, call 410-278-4794.

HOLIDAY SEASON AT RUGGLES DEC. 1 - 18

Celebrate the holiday season at Ruggles with festive holiday music, seasonal decorations and a fire in one of our two fireplaces. The Sutherland Grille is booking special events for the December holiday season. Dates are available for weekday luncheons, after work functions, or weekend parties, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

For more information and the special holiday menu, call 410-278-4794.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

SPECIAL NEEDS FOCUS GROUP, SUPPORT GROUP MEETING NOV. 19

The Exceptional Family Member Program will host a Special Needs Focus Group and Support Group Meeting at the APG North (Aberdeen) post chapel. The special needs focus group will meet 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the special needs support group will meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Both meetings are open to all members of Team APG.

For more information, contact Nancy Goucher at nancy.e.goucher.naf@mail.mil or 410-278-2420.

IDENTITY THEFT DEC. 3

ACS will host a course discussing what ID theft is, how thieves steal your ID, and what you can do to deter, detect and defend against identity theft, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Bldg. 2503. The class will also explain the different classifications of ID theft and how you can safeguard your information.

To reserve a seat call ACS at 410-278-9669/7572.

CREDIT FINESSE DEC. 10

ACS will host a course identifying ways to properly use and build credit, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bldg. 2503. The course will also explain good credit practices; identify measures to protect your credit; explain what is in a credit report; pinpoint credit report information used in forming your credit score; identify security measures to protect from identity theft; and identify ways to maintain a good credit report. The course is held in partnership with ACS Financial Readiness Program and Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union

To reserve a seat call ACS at 410-278-7572/9669.

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MD local to receive Medal of Honor

By **J.D. LEIPOLD**
Army News Service

An American Soldier who was born in France, lived in Spain, and later moved to the United States with his family where he became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2001, will receive the nation's highest military award for his actions in Afghanistan, Aug. 8, 2012.

Capt. Florent A. Groberg, now medically retired, will receive the Medal of Honor, or MOH, from President Barack Obama, during a White House ceremony, Nov. 12.

Born in Poissy, France, in 1983, Groberg's family would eventually move to Spain, back to France, and then finally to the nation's capital. He became a U.S. citizen by his 18th birthday and graduated from Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, Maryland, in June 2001.

Known as "Flo" to his friends, Groberg next attended the University of Maryland, where he competed in varsity track and cross country. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in criminology and criminal justice in May 2006.

By then, Groberg said, he felt he owed something to the country he'd sworn allegiance to. So in July 2008, he signed up for the Army, and was off to Officer Candidate School on Fort Benning, Georgia.

By December 2008, he was commissioned as an 11A infantry officer. Being one to challenge himself, he also completed the Infantry Officer Basic and Mechanized Leaders Courses, and then followed on with Army Airborne and Ranger Schools.

Groberg said he felt compelled to join the Army and wear the uniform.

"The proudest thing I've ever done in my life is to be able to wear this uniform and serve this country with some of the greatest people I've ever met and will always know," he said.

With schools behind him, he next took on his first role as a platoon leader with the 4th Infantry Division on Fort Carson, Colorado. By December 2009, he was leading his unit with Task Force Lethal through the Pech River Valley in Afghanistan's Kunar province.

Having been trained at several of the Army's elite leadership schools doesn't by default make a second lieutenant a respected leader in a kinetic area like Kunar province, Groberg remembered.

"I didn't know anything about being a platoon leader or being a leader of men who had already been in combat for months," Groberg said. "So when I was tasked with being a platoon leader, I found out it was going to be a different transition for me to earn respect from men who were already battle-hardened Soldiers."

Groberg said he had a meeting with his platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Corey Staley, to discuss the situation.

"I told him I'm as green as it gets and I'm not over here trying to make mistakes - you have to be my mentor and teach and work with me. He was happy that I had come into the unit with that type of mindset, so for the first week I just over-watched everything the unit did - how we reacted in combat situations," Groberg recalled.

After a week or so that included being hit by the enemy a few times, he and Staley sat down to talk about the company commander's vision, the battalion commander's vision, and how the squad leaders could help put together an overall plan.

"We were in many, many firefights together. Because of the leadership and trust we developed, I understood that no officer will ever be successful without the direct support and mentorship of a noncommissioned officer [NCO]," Groberg said. "Because of that, we were able to bring everyone home from the deployment."

Upon returning home in June 2010, Groberg continued serving as a platoon leader until he was promoted to first lieutenant and reassigned as an infantry company executive officer. He held that position from October 2010 until November 2011.

He next became the personal security detachment commander for the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

"I hand-picked him based on personal observations and recommendations from



(Left) Then-1st Lt. Florent A. Groberg, officer in charge for personal security detail, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, enjoys the view from a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter traveling over Kunar province, July 16, 2012.

(Below) Then-1st Lt. Florent Groberg, platoon leader of 4th Platoon, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, Task Force Lethal, patrols the city streets of Asad Abad, Afghanistan, Feb. 9, 2010. The unit was there to perform a pre-meeting security check of the area.

Courtesy photos

his chain of command," said Brig Gen. James J. Mingus, deputy commanding general of the 4th Infantry Division and of Fort Carson, Colorado. "Flo was and is a dynamic and powerful leader. He is all about building teams and ensuring that his/our team was ready for anything."

In February 2012, Groberg returned to Kunar province with Task Force Mountain Warrior. While there, in July 2012, he was promoted to captain.

Anything but routine

On the morning of Aug. 8, 2012, Groberg and five other Soldiers were providing a personal security detail for seven senior leaders, and were leading a dismounted movement of 28 coalition and Afghan National Army, or ANA, troops to the provincial governor's compound in the city of Asadabad.

"The mission that day was one that we had done on a week-to-week basis for five or six months. Maybe 20 times we've done that same exact mission, so we knew what to expect of the area," recalled Groberg's radio telephone operator, Sgt. Andrew J. Mahoney. "Basically, the governor of the province brings all the village elders from around the area and coalition military leaders together to discuss on-going projects."

As Mahoney had pointed out, the team had done perhaps 20 of these types of missions. Mingus agreed that the nature of the job became somewhat routine. But

by then, he said, the team had plenty of time to get to know and understand how to operate together.

"You do begin to develop a keen sense of how your team thinks and acts. On the day of Aug. 8, it was no different," he said. "We knew of intel that indicated a heightened awareness, but there were intel threats of this nature that we dealt with almost every day."

Mahoney said on routine visits to the provincial governor's compound, Groberg would go inside, sit as security, and act as scribe so then-colonel Mingus wouldn't have to take notes. The rest of the detail

would pull security around the building's perimeter with ANA support.

But Aug. 8 wouldn't be a routine day in the least.

Groberg served as lead at the top of the security diamond, escorting three brigade commanders, three battalion commanders, and an Afghan general. As the detail moved cautiously down the street toward the governor's compound, an ambush started to unfold - first with two motorcycles as a diversion, which the ANA soldiers managed to flag down.

"A man came out of a building to our left walking backwards," Groberg said. "It was eerie and looked suspicious. I yelled at him and he turned around immediately and then started walking towards us. He looked like a young man with a beard, wearing man-jams and dark clothing. He didn't appear to be himself that day ... most likely drugged."

"Sgt. Mahoney to my left moved in with me and struck him, then Mahoney and I threw him. I pushed him as hard as I could away from our patrol, because I felt he was a threat. I just wanted to make sure he wouldn't hurt anyone," said Groberg, adding that he had noticed an abnormal bulge under the man's clothing.

As Groberg grabbed the intruder by the



vest and Mahoney piled on to drive the man into the road, Groberg knew what was about to happen. From the point of identifying the security breach to reacting took about 10 seconds.

The man landed chest-first on the ground. As he slammed onto the road, he released a dead-man's trigger, which he had squeezed and held before walking towards the Soldiers. The vest flashed, sending thousands of lethal ball-bearings flying.

Mingus had watched the scene unfold. He said that Groberg and Mahoney didn't hesitate, and that Groberg had gone "all the way to subdue the attacker ... clearly and absolutely, with no regard for himself."

"I have read many MOH citations, many are for multiple acts of bravery and some for singular acts such as this," he continued. "I believe Flo is absolutely deserving and rates right up there with the many incidents where Soldiers in a split second make a life decision to jump on a grenade or similar acts. This was no different; he knew the mission, saw the threat, and with complete disregard for himself, did everything to neutralize the threat."

Nearly at the same moment, a second suicide bomber set off his vest.

When the dust settled, five of those who were on the mission that day had been killed. Among them were Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Griffin, the brigade's senior enlisted advisor; Maj. Thomas Kennedy; Maj. Walter Gray, an Air Force officer who helped coordinate air strikes; and Ragaei Abdel Fattah, a volunteer worker with the U.S. Agency for International Development, Groberg said.

The first explosion threw Groberg and Mahoney some 15 feet from the blast. While they had serious injuries, they were both alive - something Mahoney said he has been hard-pressed to explain.

"If I were a religious man, I'd say by the grace of God," Mahoney said. "But since I'm not, I say by the grace of body armor. I really don't know. I tell Soldiers to believe in your body armor."

After the detonation of the explosive, Groberg struggled to regain control of the situation.

"I remember waking up in shock. My helmet was loose so I threw it away. I couldn't find my rifle, but picked up my pistol and made sure I had a round in the chamber," Groberg said. "I couldn't remember what happened. I thought I had stepped on an IED [improvised explosive device]. My fibia was sticking out of my left leg, my skin was melting, and there was blood everywhere. I checked myself for internal injuries and started to drag myself out of what was probably a kill zone for small-arms fire."

Help came from his platoon sergeant, who grabbed the captain by the handle of his plate carrier and dragged him into a ditch. There, the group's medic, Spc. Daniel Balderrama, applied a tourniquet to stop the bleeding. Balderrama was himself injured, suffering from torn knee ligaments.

"We're going to save that leg ... you'll be fine," said Groberg, recalling what the medic had told him, before he hobbled off to help the next wounded Soldier.

Groberg said he remembers being carried to an armored truck, and that he wasn't going willingly. He said he remembers that he had a lot of unanswered questions then. How's his charge, brigade commander Col. Charles Mingus, for instance? He learned the commander had a slight concussion, but otherwise, "the boss" was fine. Still, he wanted a status report and wanted to be the leader his NCOs had made him.

Finally, his Soldiers moved Groberg to the truck and loaded him in. He said he was still trying to direct operations and control all that he could; he felt it his responsibility.

Then, a senior NCO stared him in the eyes and said, "Sir, I've got this - you're done - now it's time for you to recover," said Groberg, recounting the words of the NCO. "Then he stepped back and closed the door."

"That's when all the pain came in. It felt like a blow torch was burning through my leg," Groberg said. "Aug. 8, 2012, was not a bad day; it was the worst day of my life."

Since that day a little more than three years ago, Groberg has been through 33 surgeries to keep his leg. He wants to run again, just as he did in college, though he knows he won't ever run with the same quickness. He still has two legs and continues to push himself through the pain that exists both physically and from the loss of comrades.

"Receiving the Medal of Honor is not about me," he said of the honor. "It's about a terrible day that translated into the loss of four brothers."

Today, Groberg and Mahoney still keep in touch and remain friends.

Mahoney's actions on that day in August 2012, earned him the Silver Star. The sergeant was also recognized as the USO Soldier of the Year during an October 2014 ceremony in Washington, D.C. Groberg made it a point to attend that ceremony once Mahoney told him about it.

"I sent a short text to him and he replied simply that he'd be there for the ceremony and the next thing I knew he showed up," Mahoney said. "He came out of the woodwork and there he was standing tall and proud to be there for me and my family ... I hope I can do that for him."

Mingus said he considers Groberg and Mahoney to be part of his personal family. He said the retired captain has visited with his family several times and they've linked up during his travels to Washington.

"I consider both he and Sgt. Mahoney as permanent members of our family," Mingus said. "In spite of our losses that day, our team will forever be in debt to their sacrifices that saved many lives that day. Our hearts ache for our losses that day and the others during this deployment, but if not for the heroic actions of Flo and Sgt. Mahoney on Aug. 8, 2012, there is no doubt that there would have been many more losses that day."

Retirement Services celebrates 60 years

By **MARK E. OVERBERG**

Army Retirement Services

In 1920, the U. S. Army's population of Retired Soldiers was only about 6,000. That number had grown to more than 100,000 by 1955. Recognizing the strategic importance of this growing population, then Army Chief of Staff Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor created the Army Retirement Services Office on Nov. 14, 1955. He charged the office with overseeing the new retirement services program and writing Army policy for preparing Soldiers to retire and for their care after retirement.

In November, the Army Retirement Services Office will host a ceremony at the Pentagon commemorating Gen. Taylor's creation of the retirement services program. Similar ceremonies may be planned at Army installations. These ceremonies will celebrate Retired Soldiers as true Soldiers for Life, and invite them to continue serving the nation and the Army.

Retired community continues to grow

Several factors have contributed to the exponential growth of the Army's retired community. With the creation of the Warsaw Pact and the beginning of the Cold War after World War II, the U.S. Army remained large instead of being reduced to its historical low staff-

Retirees Corner

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ing level between wars. And as Americans' health improved and their longevity increased, the size of the Army's retired community continued to grow, surpassing 500,000 in the mid-1990s.

Today, the Army has more than 944,000 Retired Soldiers, including Gray Area Soldiers. These are Reserve Component Soldiers who have earned retirement benefits, but won't receive them until age 60, or less if they earned a reduced age retirement by serving in operational deployments starting in 2008. The Army's retired community also includes



over 249,000 surviving spouses.

Program management

Retirement services policy and program oversight is managed by the Army Retirement Services Office's staff of seven Department of the Army civilian employees plus one field grade liaison officer each from the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard.

The program is implemented by a worldwide network of retirement services officers (RSOs) and Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) counselors under the leadership of the Army Reserve, the Army National Guard and the Installation

Management Command. Unlike other military services, Army RSOs are almost exclusively government civilian employees, contractors or Soldiers. There is an RSO on almost every Army installation, at every state National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters and at the four Army

Reserve Regional Support Commands. These employees are trained in their duties by three distance learning courses developed by the Army Retirement Services Office and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Program areas of responsibility

As the population of Retired Soldiers has grown, so too has the retirement services program. The Army Retirement Services Office is the Army's policy proponent for the three military retired pay plans, the career status bonus program, the Survivor Benefit Plan, the Annuity for Certain Military Surviving Spouses, the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance, the MyArmyBenefits website, the Army Chief of Staff's Retired Soldier Council, portions of the Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act, the RSO training and certification program, Army Regulation 600-8-7 (Retirement Services Program) and strategic communications about the program. The Army Retirement Services Office website is <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>.

CID warns of online extortion, blackmail scams

U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command

For many, the words extortion and blackmail bring forth images of Hollywood movies, celebrities having illicit affairs and corporations trying to hide a wrongdoing.

In today's world of Internet communications, Internet dating and social networking, extortion and blackmail can happen to anyone who discusses, admits, or posts a lapse in judgment or their personal or financial issues over the Internet. More alarming, extortion and blackmail can happen to innocent individuals whose personal information has been stolen as part of a data breach.

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, warns the Army community to be aware of Internet extortion and blackmail scams and to report any instance where a Soldier, Army dependent, or Army civilian is or has been faced with threats involving the payment of money or other valuables.

Extortion and blackmail are crimes that have grave consequences for its victims, to include financial loss. The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center 2014 Internet Crime Report stated that more than \$16 million dollars was extorted from victims that year.

"In many instances, the situation begins when an unknowing victim is befriended by someone on the Internet, often as part of an online dating or social media site," said Daniel Andrews, director of CID's Computer Crime Investigative Unit. "The scammer quickly builds a friendship and trust with the victim, and will begin to ask for or discuss information or photos that

could be hurtful to one's personal or professional life if revealed. Because the victim does not realize they are being scammed, they see the requests or discussion as a normal part of the developing friendship and are willing to share the information."

To the victim's surprise, Andrews said, the scammers then threaten to release that information if money is not paid.

Another instance of extortion can occur when scammers obtain an individual's personal information as part of a data breach. Such breaches, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center, occurred 591 times in the first nine months of this year alone, compromising more than 175 million records.

"Following a data breach, these scammers, these criminals, may try to extort money from individuals who have a personal, financial, or medical condition they would not want exposed," Andrews said.

The FBI report gave one example, called payday loans, deferred-deposit check loans or cash advance loans, as the most abundant type of extortion scam reported. The scam takes place when an individual's personal information has been revealed to what may appear to be a legitimate business. The scammer calls the individual notifying them that a loan in his or her name is delinquent and must be paid in full to avoid legal consequences. The scammer has accurate information, such as social security numbers, birth dates, bank account numbers, etc., and poses as a representative of a legitimate agency collecting debt. The scammer often



Courtesy photo

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refuses to provide details of the alleged loan and may become abusive when questioned. The FBI report further states that victims are often threatened with legal action, arrests, and in some cases physical violence if they refuse to pay.

"Extortion is a touchy subject," Andrews said, "because it often deals with intimate or very personal information. Army personnel, however, need to be upfront and report it, and they should not pay any money if they are being extorted."

CID officials said the best thing Soldiers, civilians, and their family members can do is to try to prevent it from ever taking place. All are encouraged to be cautious with their online presence and what information they give to people they have met online or via email, and be vigilant when receiving calls from individuals posing as legitimate businesses.

Whether or not your data has been stolen, officials said, you need to be informed and wary of spam, phishing emails and promises of protection by identity theft and credit repair services from future exposure. Officials further warn individuals to be suspicious of communications regarding data breaches that do not come from credible sources.

If you receive a phone call or email

you believe to be an extortion attempt, take the following measures:

- If the safety or wellbeing of someone is in imminent danger, contact local law enforcement immediately.
- Do not reply to the email, click on any links, or open any attachments.
- Report the email to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.

Report the email to your email and Internet service provider.

- Move the email to your spam folder.
- If contacted through social media, report the contact to the social media provider.

"The CID will continue to aggressively investigate and work with our global partners to prosecute those who threaten our military forces and attempt to defraud them of their hard-earned money," Andrews said.

Soldiers, Army civilians, and their family members, who have been threatened with extortion, should contact their installation military police or CID office. Individuals can also email CID at Army.CID.Crime.Tips@mail.mil, or call 1-844-ARMY-CID (844-276-9243).



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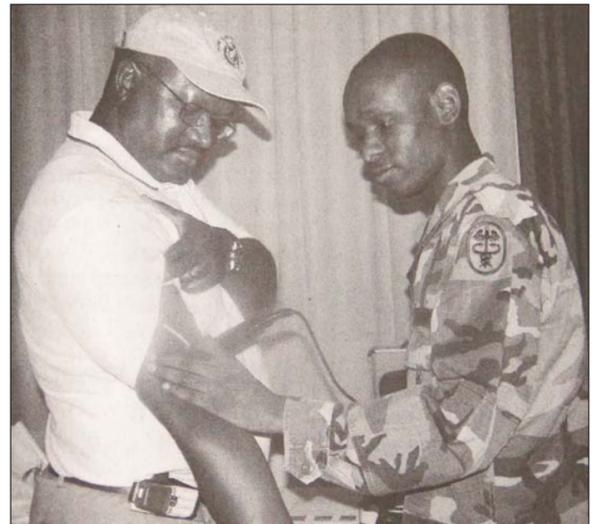
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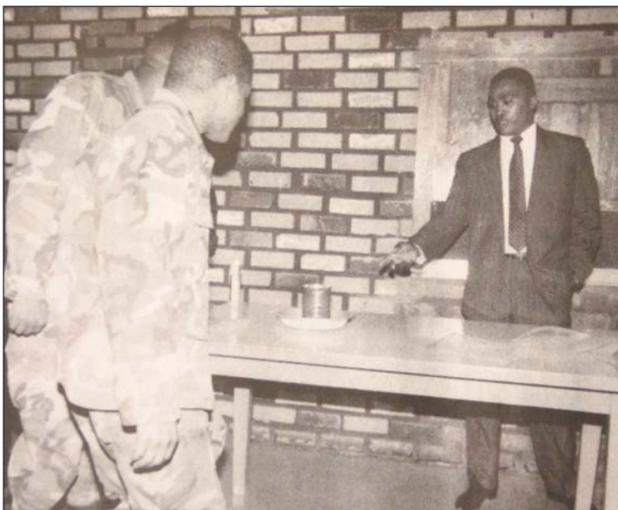


(Left) Spc. Rondi Edward leads a dance number during a performance of the U.S. Army Soldier Show at the post theater.



(Right) Spc. Conrad Wwanyiky, a medical technician with Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, conducts a body mass index screening on retiree Ricky Godbolt during Retiree Appreciation Day at the post recreation center.

25 Years Ago: Nov. 7, 1990



(Left) Investigator Steven Jones of the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security invites Soldiers to step closer to smell burning marijuana and hashish during a controlled burn demonstration and instruction of identifying the illegal substances at the 523rd Military Police Company.

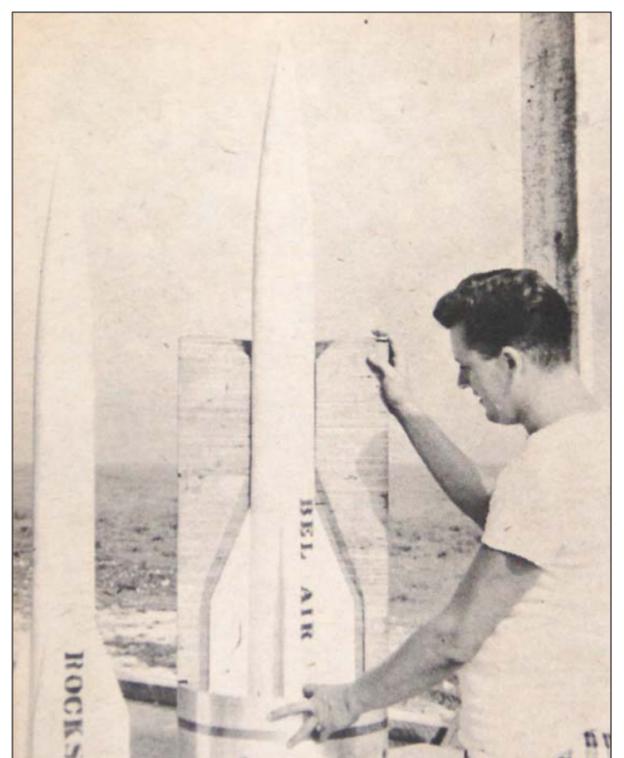


(Right) Instructor Staff Sgt. Natalie Benson, left, looks on as civilian Mark Hoffman of the Human Engineering Laboratory drinks water from a canteen while wearing a protective mask at the APG processing center for Soldiers, civilians and contractors deploying to Operation Desert Shield.

50 Years Ago: Nov. 11, 1965



(Left) Draftee Pvt. William N. Duncan, a former defensive lineman for the Los Angeles Rams, and a student with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, poses with books and a football representing his past and current occupations.



(Right) Engineer David Weiss from McGill University assembles wind study projectiles named after Bel Air and other Maryland cities during a joint U.S./Canadian research exercise hosted by the U.S. Army Ballistic Research Laboratory.

Army rucksacks of the future

One day, rucksacks may power Soldier's electronic devices

By **DAVID VERGUN**
Army News Service

A novel attachment to the Soldier's assault pack might someday reduce the number of batteries carried to power night-vision devices, radios and other equipment, as well as help make dismounted patrols less fatiguing.

Courtney Webster, a biomedical engineer with the Army Research Laboratory, or ARL, is in the middle of testing with her team the prototype "Energy Harvesting Backpack" at the Soldier Performance and Equipment Advanced Research, or SPEAR, facility here.

How it works

A frame mounted to the standard-issue assault pack contains a two-spring, rack-and-pinion suspension system that allows it to gently glide up and down as the Soldier is walking or running, Webster said.

As the assault pack moves, the mechanical energy produced by the motion recharges the Soldier's battery, she said.

The other thing that happens is that the up-and-down motion is gradual and controlled. Without the attachment, this is not the case, she said, providing a comparison to a backpack full of school books that "bounces and slams your shoulders when running."

Measuring its effectiveness

The SPEAR facility, which resembles a warehouse about the size of a basketball court, has the requisite capabilities to measure fatigue as well as energy produced by the device.

In the middle of the facility's concrete floor is a pit, similar to the ones in auto mechanic shops, but smaller. Inside the pit is an industrial treadmill that's mounted atop force plates. The top of the treadmill is parallel to the floor.

This setup "allows us to capture ground-reaction forces" with sensors when a test subject is walking on the treadmill or running with the rucksack, Webster said, explaining that ground-reaction forces are impact forces on the body resulting from when the feet strike the ground while walking or running.

The force plates can also be lowered, such that one end of the treadmill simulates downhill walking or running. For uphill running, the motion of the treadmill can be reversed, she said.

About 12 feet above the floor are a dozen cameras surrounding and pointed at the treadmill. Attached to each camera is a near-infrared light and sensor. The infrared shines harmless waves of light onto the test subject who's fitted with an array of reflectors, she said. The sensors then communicate in 3-D the exact location of the test subject's position, velocity and acceleration to computer software. The purpose is to decipher the test subject's "joint kinematics," or movement, to determine how the load is affecting the Soldier's gait.

The 3-D images and data are invaluable biomechanical indicators of poor or good posture, she said. This will determine if an individual's gait is making the subject more or less susceptible to injury.

For a control test, the assault pack minus the Energy Harvesting Backpack attachment is used, with the same amount of weight, she said. Test subjects spend a total of 10 minutes on the treadmill, walking or running at different speeds, different loads, different inclines, and, with the assault pack and with the assault pack plus the attachment.

Another device measures VO2, or maximal oxygen uptake. It's used to calculate fatigue, she said. Put simply, the more oxygen subjects take in, the more fatigued they'll become over time.

Finally, the charge of the battery is measured to determine how effective the attachment is in generating power, she said.

Thus far, 12 Army civilians and contractors have been tested, Webster said, noting that there are not that many Soldiers on Aberdeen to test, and that Soldier testing will definitely take place, but only once the system matures past the preliminary research phase.

Among the test subjects, there were both males and females of varying heights and weights.

Preliminary results

Webster declined to give findings and conclusions, since testing is still underway. She did, however, provide some observations.

Reception to the comfort of using the Energy Harvesting Backpack varied, with some saying they felt the motion of the pack threw them off balance. "No one expressed discomfort as much as feeling unstable." She added that it's possible that given time using the device, the test subjects might become accustomed to using it and might change their opinions. However, lengthy trials were not run, as each test was limited to 10 minutes per person.

Others thought the Energy Harvesting Backpack was a lot more comfortable than an assault pack without the device, she said. This information was gleaned from questionnaires administered follow-



Pfc. Austin Penwell takes a spin on the treadmill, wearing the Energy Harvesting Backpack.

Photo by Todd Lopez

ing the testing.

On Nov. 3, ARL held an open house. On that day, two mechanics from the motor pool of 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives Command here tried the Energy Harvesting Backpack for the first time. Both were accustomed to using the assault pack.

Pfc. Austin Penwell said "it felt weird at first," but it soon became "more comfortable than my normal rucksack. The weight distribution is perfect. I could wear this all day, running or walking. It doesn't move around as much as a regular rucksack would. It's pretty stable. It's very smooth."

Pfc. Kenneth Blandon declared it "very comfortable. It feels good." And, he added that his assault pack, minus the device, "goes all over the place and jumps around" when he's wearing it.

Tradeoffs

Perhaps the biggest limitation of the device, Webster said, is that it weighs 15 pounds. That's not insignificant because Soldiers are already heavily loaded down.

The weight offset would be fewer batteries to carry, and each battery is about the size of a paperback novel - not the tiny batteries found in stores. The other offset would be creating a lighter device. But that would be in the future, she said. For now, testing for weight wasn't a goal,

"we're just trying to determine the energy output we get. We need that knowledge first before proceeding."

Looking ahead

The immediate goal is to get a total of 20 people tested, Webster said. At that point, all of the data will be aggregated and results will be published. That should happen by this coming spring.

All of that data will also be fed to the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, or CERDEC, the organization that requested ARL do the testing, she said.

Incidentally, CERDEC has been in partnership with Lightning Packs, LLC on the design of the Energy Harvesting Backpack, she said.

Webster also said that ARL has, in the past, worked with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA's Warrior Web Program. The Warrior Web program seeks to develop the technologies required to prevent and reduce musculoskeletal injuries caused by dynamic events typically found in the warfighter's environment.

She said DARPA might find the testing results quite informative as well.

"Everything we see is fairly early on in the prototype phase; hopefully it will be fielded to Soldiers someday," Webster said.

All employees must schedule "use or lose" leave by Nov. 28, 2015.

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

The deadline for scheduling excess, or "use or lose" leave is fast approaching. The current leave year ends for most APG employees on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016. All excess leave must be scheduled and approved prior to the beginning of the third pay period, prior to the end of the leave year. Employees subject to excess leave carryover should be aware that the deadline for scheduling excess leave is Saturday, Nov. 28.

Excess leave restoration

There is a two-step process for having excess leave restored which cannot be used due to a work exigency. Commanders/directors are responsible for approving exigencies within their organizations. In this capacity, commanders/directors should only approve exigencies for rare circumstances. This expectation applies to all employees regardless of grade. Diligence must be used to ensure that all supervisors are working with their employees to properly schedule and use their excess leave.

However, if a supervisor confirms an exigency which prevents an employee from using his/her excess leave before the end of the leave year (Jan. 9, 2016), the supervisor will need to document the exigency by Nov. 28 for each employee affected. Then, after the leave year has concluded (after Jan. 11, 2016), the employee should coordinate the supervisor's exigency confirmation documentation with the servicing Customer Service Representative (CSR) to get his/her excess leave restored.

If management becomes aware of an exigency after the Nov. 28 deadline for scheduling excess leave, which prevents an employee from using scheduled and approved excess leave for which the supervisor and employee arranged prior to the deadline, the supervisor must document the exigency which prevented the employee from taking his/her scheduled excess leave. Then, after the leave year has concluded (Jan. 9, 2016), the employee should coordinate the supervisor's exigency confirmation documentation and the documentation showing that the employee and supervisor had scheduled excess leave to be taken prior to the Nov. 28 deadline with their servicing CSR to get his/her excess leave restored.

If sickness prevents an employee from taking his/her scheduled excess leave (leave that was arranged between the employee and supervisor before Nov. 28), the time is eligible to be restored. In this situation, the supervisor should document that it was planned for the employee to use his/her excess leave before the end of the leave year, but the employee could not use the excess leave as a result of sickness. Then, after the leave year has concluded (after Jan. 9, 2016), the employee should coordinate the supervisor's documentation with their servicing CSR to get his/her excess leave restored.

If employees have excess leave and do not follow the procedures mentioned in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this notice, they risk losing their excess leave without an option to restore it.

Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

The Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (VLTP) offers a viable alternative for those individuals who wish to donate their excess annual leave to eligible federal employees. Federal employees who receive VLTP donations are able to remain in a pay status after they have depleted their annual leave and sick leave, while recovering from a health ailment or in working to try and get an eligible family member well.

To make a donation, individuals must complete either an OPM 630-A (inside the agency) or an OPM 630-B (outside the agency). Donations for the end of the year must be submitted to Sue Campbell, VLTP Coordinator no later than Jan. 6, 2016.

For more information about the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, contact Sue Campbell at 410-306-0266.

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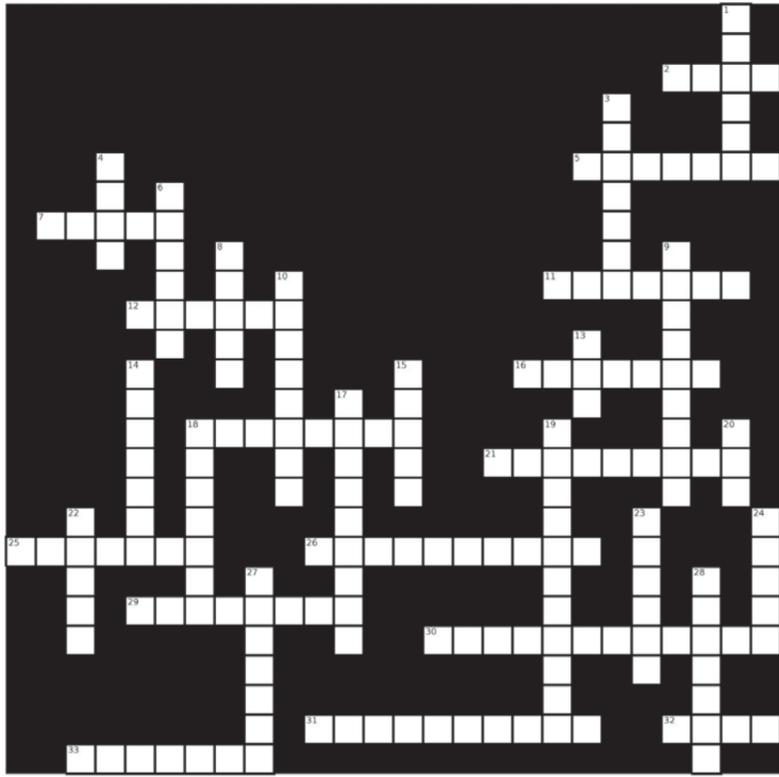
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NASCAR: Tune into racing

By **RACHEL PONDER**, APG News

The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) serves as the sanctioning body for stock car racing, one of the most popular spectator sports in the US. On Nov. 22, millions will tune in to watch the 2015 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series' championship finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Complete this trivia puzzle to learn more about NASCAR.

Across

- 2. The area where pit crews service the cars is called pit _____.
- 5. Tom Cruise starred as NASCAR driver Cole Trickle in the 1990 movie "Days of _____."
- 7. Mainly used in automobile racing, a restrictor _____ is a device installed at the intake of an engine to limit its power.
- 11. The sloping of a racetrack.
- 12. In 2009, at age 19 years

- and 35 days, he became the youngest winner in Sprint Cup Series history when he won the Lenox Industrial Tools 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.
- 16. Slang term for race car brakes.
- 18. The Daytona 500, the first race of the NASCAR season, is held during this month.
- 21. This South Carolina city is home to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

- 25. She was the first woman to qualify and compete in both the Indianapolis 500 and the Daytona 500.
- 26. A person who specializes in creating the sheet metal body of a stock car.
- 29. In 2007, NASCAR adopted the use of _____ fuel in all three of its top series.
- 30. The _____ Speedway is the shortest track in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series.
- 31. A measurement of mechanical or engine power.
- 32. Former NASCAR driver Richard Lee Petty, who won 200 races during his career, is nicknamed "The _____."
- 33. In 2013, she became the first female NASCAR driver to win a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series pole, qualifying for the Daytona 500.

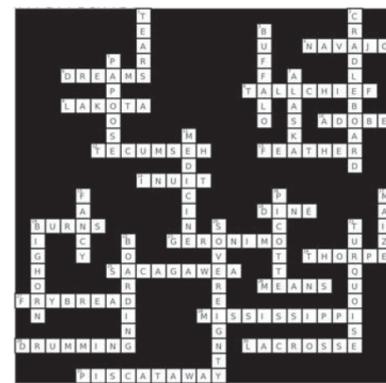
Down

- 1. NASCAR was founded in 1947 and incorporated it in 1948 by this amateur stock car driver and gas station owner.
- 3. The only driver to win five consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championships (2006-2010).
- 4. The resistance a car experiences when passing through air at high speeds.
- 6. This color universally requires drivers to slow down due to a hazard on the track, typically an accident, a stopped car, debris or light rain.
- 8. Darlington Raceway is nicknamed "The Lady in _____."
- 9. The Drive for _____ program is a developmental system implemented by NASCAR to attract more minority and female individuals to the sport.
- 10. In the mid-2000s, NASCAR redesigned the racing car with safety improvements, calling it the "Car of _____."
- 13. The Big _____" is a phrase describing any crash usu-

- ally involving five or more cars in NASCAR and Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA) stock car racing.
- 14. Dover International Speedway is nicknamed "The _____ Mile."
- 15. In 2011, he became the youngest driver to win the Daytona 500.
- 17. His aggressive driving style earned him the nickname "The Intimidator."
- 18. Star of the 2006 NASCAR-themed comedy, "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby."
- 19. Retired NASCAR driver Bill Elliott, from Georgia, is also known as "Awesome Bill from _____."
- 20. Number of months in a NASCAR season.
- 22. Slang term for tire traction.
- 23. Slang term for the best route around the racetrack.
- 24. A racetrack straightaway.
- 27. The 2014 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion.
- 28. This three-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion (1981, 1982 and 1985) is a NASCAR analyst for Fox Sports.

Think you solved last week's puzzle? Check out the solution below

Solution to the November 5 puzzle



WORD OF THE WEEK

Desultory

Pronounced: des-UH L-tawr-ee

Part of speech: Adjective

Definition:

- 1. Lacking a plan, purpose, enthusiasm, consistency, constancy, or visible order; disconnected; fitful
- 2. (Conversation or speech) Digressing from or unconnected with the main subject; random; unfocused; half-hearted
- 3. Occurring randomly or occasionally

Other forms:

- Desultorily - Adverb
- Desultoriness - Noun

Use:

- His desultory attendance to required sessions revealed him as dismissive and totally lacking in enthusiasm for the project.
- Her curious and desultory responses during cross examination exasperated the attorneys who had prepared her for this moment.
- Critics said the play struggled through an intermittent and desultory plot to a dreadfully cliché ending.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

Source(s): www.dictionary.reference.com www.oxforddictionaries.com

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

ACC

Army Corrections Command

The United States Army Corrections Command (ACC) exercises command and control and operational oversight for Army Corrections System (ACS) facilities worldwide. On order, ACC coordinates the execution of condemned military prisoners.

Prior to its establishment in 2007, prisons operated under the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, U.S. Army Forces Command, U.S. Army Europe, and U.S. Forces Korea.

The ACC was established as a Field Operating Agency (FOA) under the Operational Control of the U.S. Army Provost Marshal General Oct. 2, 2007. It is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia.

As of 2007, it managed 1,700 civilian and military personnel, 2,300 military prisoners in military and Federal Bureau of Prisons facilities or on mandatory supervised release or parole. Correctional facilities are located at: United States Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Northwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility at Fort Lewis, Washington; Midwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; United States Army Corrections Facility-Europe at Sembach Kaserne, Kaiserslautern, Germany; and United States Army Corrections Facility-Korea at Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (ASA) (M&RA) exercises Army Secretary oversight for Army Corrections, parole and clemency functions.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News
Source(s): xyxyxy



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

Event reaffirms service, duty to nation

as a teenager and a young adult, including homelessness. Joining the military, she said, gave her a sense of belonging.

"This uniform gave me something to hold onto when I had nothing else," she said.

Singh said military leadership believed in her and encouraged her to become an officer.

"I am standing here today because someone in uniform, time and time again, gave me the opportunity to be more than I [thought] I could be at that given moment," she said, adding that she continues to share her experience with others.

"I get to make a difference every single day," she said.

After Singh's remarks, Soldiers reaffirmed their oaths of enlistment and officer and civilians reaffirmed their oaths of office.

Crawford also administered the oath of enlistment to eight Army and Marine Corps recruits from the Bel Air Recruiting Station.

Program highlights included the presentation of colors by Sergeant Audie Murphy Club members and patriotic music by the Rhema Praise Band, a group of Team APG civilians and volunteers.

Renesha Robinson of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command sang the National Anthem and U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command civilian Courtney Gilbert sang "God Bless America."

During the program, Maria Esparaguera, a member of the Senior Executive Service and acting deputy to the CECOM commander, administered the oath of office to civilian employees. She called the event "inspirational."



Photo by Sean Kief
Sam Washington Jr., commander of the District 5 Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other Veterans, stand to be recognized for their service during the "Why We Serve" program at the Myer Auditorium Nov. 10.

"I think it is important for civilians to recognize and reflect on why we serve," she said. "I consider it such an honor."

After the ceremony, Marine Corps Recruit Michael Ryan Jr., said the military is "his calling." He leaves for boot

camp in a week.

"I love it; I grew up wanting to join the military," he said. "I am ready."

Military retiree Tee Shumpert, said the program was powerful.

"It renews a feeling of unity," she

said. "We really do need one another and no one role is bigger than the next. We actually need each other."

View more photos from the Why We Serve program on the APG Flickr site at www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg.

Open campus puts focus on collaboration

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The dialogue focused on improving shared research interests to support U.S. national security priorities.

"Any partnership that is successful is going to be based on mutual trust. Engage as early as possible to develop a true relationship," Russell said.

ARL launched its open campus model during the summer of 2014 and held the first open house in December 2014 at its headquarters in Adelphi, Maryland. ARL is one of seven centers that make up the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

Fifty percent of the conference attendees came from academia, and much of the discussion centered on increasing opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to work with government scientists and engineers. The panel fielded questions about increasing engagement for international and minority students.

Russell acknowledged that minorities, especially Hispanics, are underrepresented in ARL's workforce, and efforts are continuing to improve diversity. ARL had about 50 international college students as 2015 summer interns from countries including Iran, Pakistan, China, Israel and Australia, he said.

With respect to educational outreach efforts, Russell said the goal is to support the nation, not simply ARL.

"We don't care if they come to work for ARL. We care if they come into the ecosystem somewhere [in national security]. Even if we support someone in graduate school and they choose not to come to ARL, that's OK," he said. "If they go to work for the Air Force or a company, that's great."

"We're trying to populate the ecosystem, not just ARL. We all need to think that way."

In addition to academia, 40 percent of the registrants came from industry/small business and 10 percent from other government agencies. Participants represented 40 states, and about 110 international researchers attended from 19 countries.

ARL's Open Campus website received



Photo by Conrad Johnson
Dr. Thomas Russell, right, director of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, speaks during an open campus open house at the APG North (Aberdeen) Mallette Auditorium, Nov. 4.

about 20,000 hits, and about 300 people streamed the conference live Nov. 3.

Collaborative opportunities with ARL exist in the areas of computational sciences, materials research, sciences for maneuver, information sciences, human sciences, sciences for lethality and protection, and assessment and analysis.

ARL is building the open campus model at Aberdeen Proving Ground, where it houses significant research in areas such as weapons and materials, advanced computing and Soldier performance. The lab is also investing in the open campus concept at White Sands

Missile Range, New Mexico; the Simulation and Training Technology Center in Orlando, Florida; and the University of Southern California's Institute of Creative Technologies in Los Angeles.

Audience members expressed interest in virtual collaboration between college students and ARL employees to bridge obstacles presented by geographical distances.

Dr. Pat Baker, who leads ARL's Assessment and Analysis S&T Campaign, said new collaboration ideas are needed because scientific expertise is widespread in today's world.

"We're huge supporters of virtu-

al collaboration. Where we're headed, you're going to see even more. We're taking big leaps in recognizing that we have to be able to work across the country and world," Baker said.

Cindy Bedell, leader of the Information Sciences S&T Campaign, emphasized the importance of long-term investment for government, academic and industry researchers.

"For some of the research we're starting today, we don't expect to harvest until 2050. For the students who really want the challenging problems, we're looking at those. We'd love to talk with you."

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Observance hails Vet service, sacrifices

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Veterans in attendance.

"Service before self: three words that define every person here today who has worn the uniform of our great nation," said U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Maj. Gen. Daniel Karbler.

Karbler introduced Vietnam Veteran and guest speaker, Charlie McCoy who also spoke of the need to honor Veterans for the sacrifices they made for the nation.

"As warriors, they deserve our admiration," McCoy said. "Some were brave, some were volunteers; for some it was yesterday, for some it has been years. In the jungles or the desert, in the air, land or the sea, they did whatever was assigned to produce a victory."

McCoy served in the Army in Vietnam from December 1967 to December 1968 with the 271st Aviation Battalion as a crew chief. He has been the CEO of McCoy Builders since 1972. Having served his community for years, he was honored as Cecil County, Maryland's Citizen of the Year in 2011.

McCoy read a brief history about Veterans Day and 20th century U.S.-involved military conflicts and wars.

"In 1954 Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day," McCoy said, adding that President Dwight D. Eisenhower's first Veterans Day proclamation stated, "Veterans Day honors the brave men and women who have served in the United States armed forces - the Army, the Navy, the Marines, the Air Force, and the Coast Guard."

In appreciation, Karbler presented McCoy with a hand-carved duck decoy, a nod to the history of waterfowl hunting



Photo by Molly Blossie

Onlookers salute or cover their hearts as ATEC Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Casquete plays Taps during an informal ceremony at the Shore Park Cemetery, Nov. 9. A part of the Veterans Day Thunder Ride, Veteran and Soldier motorcycle riders rode across the installation and then placed American flags at the graves of the service members interred at APG. The Veterans Day Observance at the post theater followed.

in the area surrounding APG After the ceremony some Veterans and their families gathered to reminisce and share stories.

Stanley Bensley, a post commander of a Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Cecil County, Maryland, said that he served 28 years in the armed forces, that as a Veteran, he was moved by the observance. Vet-

eran Day conjures up "the memories, the camaraderie, [and] the freedoms we have," he said.

"I'm just elated; I wouldn't miss it for the world," said Vietnam Veteran Jesse Shanks. "I'm proud to be an American and I'm glad I was able to serve."

Cadets from the Freestate Challenge

Academy and students from the St. Joan of Arc School in Aberdeen were also in attendance.

"I want to thank our Veterans for their service" said cadet Tavaris Williams. "It [the speech] was very informative. I didn't know how many people have died and were injured serving the nation."

Town hall addresses recent events, concerns

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government employees or the members of our team supporting those who wear the uniform," he said.

Crawford also asked Veterans in the audience to stand for a round of a round of applause in honor of Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

"Thank you for your service," he said.

Davis briefed attendees on upcoming events, and directed listeners to the Team APG website, www.teamapg.com, and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/APGMd/, for more information

He also provided an overview about the issues raised during the senior luncheon. Regarding work orders, he said the APG Garrison Directorate of Public Works is "taking a hard look" at improving response times, and explained that work orders are prioritized. Emergency work orders are completed first.

"We are using measures of assessment [and] measures of analysis to make sure we improve," he said. "We want to be effective and efficient and respond to our customers."

Davis said another concern is the selection at the APG South Express, also known as the Shoppette. He said certain items sold at the APG North Express and Exchange can be ordered and picked up at the APG South Express, at no extra cost to



Military spouse Melissa Harlan, with her daughter, Rachel Harlan, 8 months, voices a concern during the quarterly installation town hall meeting at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, Nov. 9.

the customer.

Davis said improving communication was another hot topic and that he welcomes feedback from the APG community through forums like the town hall and through the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) comment system.

"I ask for your support and your help to continue to make [APG] a great place to

live," he said.

Another issue was revitalizing the Gunpowder Club on APG South. Davis said an economic study has been conducted, which determined that the customer base will not support the club.

He also discussed the possibility of new construction on APG South. Over the next several years priorities include renovating

homes and ensuring that work orders are completed effectively and efficiently.

"Currently, there is no plan for new construction on APG South," he said. "However, we are committed to a safe, beautiful, well-maintained place for you to work and live."

The end of the meeting was reserved for questions from the audience. Installation subject matter experts were on hand to answer questions related to their areas of expertise. Panel members included Corvias community manager Allison Fenwick; Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Commander Lt. Col. Wesley J. Anderson; Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director Michael Lupacchino; and DPW Director Thomas P. Kuchar.

Topics included on-post housing, transportation issues, heating and cooling concerns, KUSAHC hours of operation and questions about APG policies and procedures.

Immediately after the town hall, a social was held in the recreation center dining area where panel members addressed follow-up questions and concerns.

The next installation town hall is scheduled for Feb. 17, 2016. For more information about the next Installation Town Hall, email the APG Garrison Public Affairs Office at usarmy.apg.incom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil

Did You Know?

The U.S. Disciplinary Barracks is the military's only maximum-security facility for male service members convicted at court-martial for violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The United States Disciplinary Barracks (or USDB, popularly known as Leavenworth, or the DB) is a military correctional facility located at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The USDB reports to the United States Army Corrections Command and its commandant holds the rank of colonel.

The USDB was established by an Act of Congress in 1874. It is one of three major prisons built on Fort Leavenworth property, the others being the federal United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, four miles to the south, and the military Midwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility, which opened on Oct. 5, 2010.

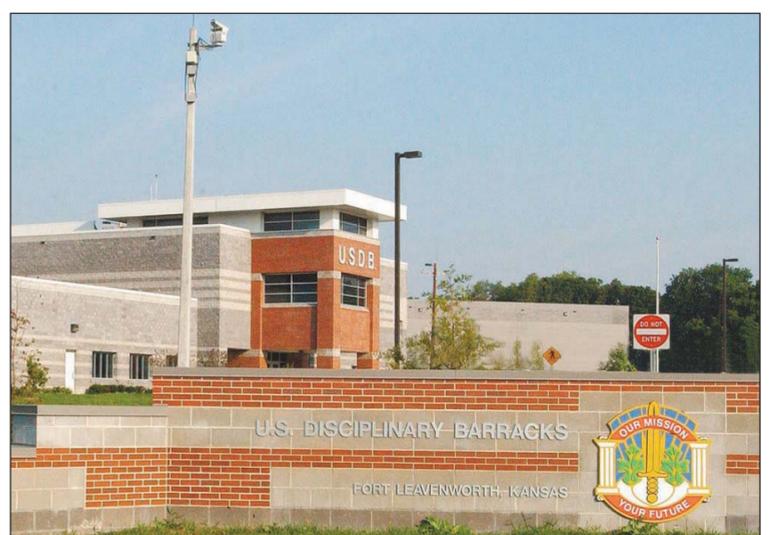
The USDB is the U.S. military's only maximum-security facility for males and houses male service members convicted at court-martial for violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Only enlisted prisoners with sentences over ten years, commissioned officers, and prisoners convicted of offenses related to national security are confined to the USDB. Enlisted prisoners with sentences under ten years are confined in smaller facilities. Female prisoners are incarcerated in the Naval Consolidated Brig, Miramar.

A new state-of-the-art, 515-bed, USDB became operational in September 2002, replacing the old stone wall and brick castle. The new barracks sits on a 51-acre site and is enclosed by two separate 14-foot high fences. There are three housing units each of which can accommodate up to 142 prisoners. The cells have solid doors and a window. There are no bars.

The USDB is staffed by members of the 15th Military Police Brigade. Many Soldiers have a designated military occupational specialty 31E, corrections specialists.

Infamous USDB inmates

- Hasan Akbar – Killed two officers and wounded 14 others while deployed to Camp Pennsylvania, Kuwait on the eve of the 2003 invasion of Iraq.
- Nidal Hasan – Killed 12 soldiers (including one who was pregnant) and one civilian, and wounded more than 30 others during the 2009 Fort Hood shooting.
- James Barker, Paul Cortez, and Jesse Spielman – Gang-raped and killed a 14-year-old Iraqi girl. Three of her family members were killed by Steven Green (served life in United States Penitentiary, Tucson until he hanged himself) during the attack. The three men were given sentences of 90, 100, and 110 years respectively in plea deals that spared them the death penalty.
- Robert Bales – Killed 16 Afghan civilians (including nine children) and wounded six others in Afghanistan during the Kandahar massacre. Bales agreed to a plea deal and is serving a life sentence.



- Chelsea Manning – Turned over hundreds of thousands of classified documents and several classified videos without authorization to the website WikiLeaks while known as Bradley Manning. Manning was sentenced to 35 years of confinement.
- Jonathan Wells – Author of "Icons of Evolution." Previously drafted into the Army for two years during the Vietnam War, he publicly refused to report for Reserve duty while attending college at the University of California, Berkeley. Wells was sentenced to 18 months of confinement.
- William Calley – Convicted in his part in the My Lai Massacre. Originally given a life sentence, President Richard Nixon ordered the Army to transfer him from Fort Leavenworth to house arrest at Fort Benning, Georgia the day after he was sentenced.
- Charles Graner – Convicted of prisoner abuse in connection with the 2003–2004 Abu Ghraib torture and prisoner abuse scandal. Graner was sentenced to ten years of confinement and was released on parole after serving six and a half years of his sentence.

Yvonne Johnson, APG News
Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org>

APG SNAPSHOT

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



THUNDER RIDE HONORS VETERANS PAST AND PRESENT

Team APG marked Veterans Days with a Thunder Ride across the installation Oct. 9. Approximately 20 motorcyclists including APG service members, civilians, families and Veterans, were escorted from the Route 715 gate to the APG North (Aberdeen) Shore Park Cemetery where they placed American flags at the graves of service members. A short prayer and the playin of "Taps" followed.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Fred Posadas, who participated in the ride, said he was proud to have helped take care of the Shore Park Cemetery from 1996 to around 2012. Most of the riders moved on to the post theater for the Veterans Day Observance program hosted by the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command.

Photos by Molly Blossie



Courtesy photos

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS TO ASSIST APG SOLDIERS

During the APG Community Spouses Club luncheon Nov. 5, the group presented \$300 in commissary gift cards and cash donations, and 11 bags and one large box of non-perishable food items to APG Chaplain Lt. Col. Jerry Owens to benefit APG Soldiers this Thanksgiving. The Spouses Club food drive runs through Nov. 20.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

Lisa McLaughlin introduces a documentary about her family during the Red Ribbon event at the Ball Conference Center Oct. 29. McLaughlin and her husband Craig, pastor of the Mount Zion Church in Bel Air, lost their 19-year-old daughter, Hannah, to a heroin overdose in 2014. At the invitation of the Army Substance Abuse Program, the couple shared their story about the effects of substance abuse on families and recommended ways to prevent and counter drug addiction.

Robin Stokes, ASAP Employee Assistance Program manager, said heroin use has reached record numbers in Maryland and has spread into Harford County middle schools.

"Hopefully, you all are encouraged to have that conversation with your family members," Stokes told listeners at the event's conclusion. "If this knowledge can save one life that makes it all worthwhile."

Photo by Yvonne Johnson



ATEC HALLOWEEN 5K

Army Test and Evaluation Command personnel pose in Halloween costumes and running gear during the ATEC Halloween 5K near the ATEC Headquarters on APG North (Aberdeen), Oct. 29. The first three runners and the runner with the best costume received awards.

Courtesy photo