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'IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT, DON'T WASTE IT'

Every time a patient misses a scheduled appointment at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, another patient loses the opportunity to see a health care provider.

In Fiscal Year 2015, missed appointments at APG cost taxpayers \$682,000.

KUSAHC asks its patients that "If you can't make it, don't waste it." Call 410-278-KIRK (5475) to cancel or reschedule an appointment one can no longer attend.

No-shows extend the appointment waiting period for all patients because the no-show patient and the other patient who could have been scheduled during the no-show's appointment still both need to see a health care provider.

Patients can also visit www.tricare-online.com to cancel appointments at KUSAHC.

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Seeking a fresh start

Freestate Challenge Academy Candidate Celea Reyes shares a tearful goodbye hug with her mother, Sanders Reyes, during the FCA in-processing day at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Jan. 10. Celea is one of 130 Maryland at-risk youth seeking a fresh start as part of the FCA Class #46.



At-risk Maryland youth arrived at Freestate Challenge Academy

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

On Jan. 10, more than 130 at-risk youth embarked on a journey to gain the education and life skills they need to lead productive lives through enrollment at the Freestate Challenge Academy. The teens, who are now called candidates, in-processed for Class #46 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

FCA provides Maryland teens who have withdrawn from high school a fresh start. For 22 weeks, the teens, ages 16-18, voluntarily reside in the academy's military-style residential program where they complete academic coursework and learn life

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DPEO leads visit to Perry Point veterans

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

With an eye on remembering the nation's previous generations of warriors, the Deputy Program Executive Officer for Intelligence Electronic Warfare & Sensors (PEO IEW&S), Maj. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke, led a Jan. 11 visit to the Perry Point VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Perryville.

Staff members and APG Garrison personnel accompanying Vollmecke included Col. Ed Swanson, PEO IEW&S chief of staff; Col. Rob Collins, project manager DCGS-A; Col. Joe Dupont, Cyber Task Force Trail boss; Lt. Col. Scott Feathers, product manager MARSS; Maj. Preston Pysh, executive officer; Maj. Padraic "Paddy" Heiliger, assistant product manager EMARSS; Maj. Barbara Kagler, assistant product manager Prophet; Maj. Christee Cuttino, assistant product manager STARlite; Capt. Eric Predmore, assistant product manager Long Range Radar; Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams; HHC Garrison Com-

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Veteran Gerald Strosnider thanks his visitors, from left, Col. Rob Collins of PEO IEW&S; Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams, and PEO IEW&S Lt. Col. Scott Feathers for their encouraging words during a Jan. 11 visit to the Perry Point VAMC.

CECOM welcomes new deputy commander

By **GREG MAHALL**
CECOM

The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, a subordinate element of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, welcomed its new deputy to the commanding general, Larry M. Muzzelo, during a ceremony at the Myer Auditorium on APG North (Aberdeen) Jan. 11.

Muzzelo was officially welcomed into his new role by CECOM Commanding General and APG Senior Installation Commanding General Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford during a brief ceremony held at APG's Myer Auditorium. Muzzelo, who was officially named to the post on Nov. 16, 2015, replaces CECOM's previous DCG, Gary Martin. Martin left the position to assume his role as the Program Executive Officer for Command, Control and Communications - Tactical in June of last year. Muzzelo enters fresh off his role as the director of CECOM's Software Engineering Center.

"This is yet another great day at APG and another great day in the storied history of this command," Crawford said during his welcome.

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Photo by Sean Kief, USAG APG

Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, left, commanding general of the Communications-Electronics Command, administers the oath of office to incoming CECOM deputy to the commanding general Larry M. Muzzelo during a ceremony at APG North (Aberdeen) Jan. 11

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What is your New Year's resolution?

Getting out of debt will be my focus this year. I prefer to set small goals throughout the year, it helps me stay motivated.



Rhonda McDonald
USASNEC-APG

I am going to take better care of my health by walking more.



Emma Fenner
Family member

I plan to stop drinking coffee and do cardio four days a week.



Sgt. 1st Class Travis Griffith
AEC

I plan to stay positive, hope for good health and pay off my home.



Freddie Acevedo
Retired military

I am up for a promotion this year, so I am going to focus on that.



CW3 Geoffrey George
PEO C3T

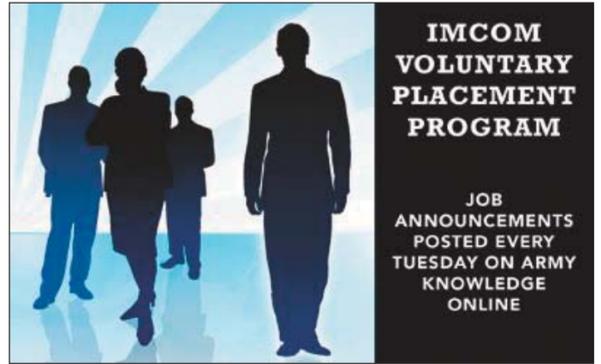
IMCOM Voluntary Placement Program

Installation Management Command

IMCOM's Voluntary Placement Program is a career-broadening opportunity for permanent, appropriated fund (GS-9 and above and wage grade equivalents) employees. The program gives first consideration to internal employees wishing to move overseas or return to the continental United States from an overseas position.

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Knowledge Online by visiting <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/697591>.

For more information, contact the IMCOM IVAPP team at usarmy.jbsa.imcom-hq.mbx.voluntary-placement-program@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 December. ***Due to a change in dispatch systems, the December recap represents the data available and just a portion of the service responses and citations last month.***

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

Calls for Service

FIRE: 99

- Fire Alarms – 42
- Mutual Aid* – 12
- Watercraft Emergencies – 0
- Fire Drills – 0

MEDIC: 23

- Mutual Aid* – 0
- Chest Pains – Unknown***
- Breathing Problems – Unknown***

POLICE: 665

- Alarm Activation – Unknown***
- 911 Hang-ups – Unknown***

- Traffic Accidents – 8
- Active Warrants – 3

Citations Issued

TOTAL: 264

- Warning Citations – 152
- Non-Warning Citations – 112

Arrests

TOTAL: 14

- Traffic Related – 5
- Warrant Arrests – 3
- Domestic Related – 2
- DUI/Alcohol Related – 0
- Drug Related – 1

Annual Weingarten Notice

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An exclusive representative of an appropriate unit in an agency shall be given the opportunity to be represented at:

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 - (ii) the employee requests representation.

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CFC campaign eclipses 2014 total

APG finishes third in CBACFC region

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

While the Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign closed short of its goal of \$350,000 in contributions, the installation total of \$339,104 surpassed 2014 contributions by \$2,345, making APG the third largest donor organization in the Chesapeake Bay Area CFC.



Woods

APG CFC Coordinator Sgt. 1st Class Woods of the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Referral Management Center said the campaign, which started late and was extended to Dec. 31, 2015, also managed to halt a decline in contributions that had been building since 2012.

Wood thanked all contributors as well as the 58 key workers in organiza-

tions around the installation. He added thanks for support from APG commanders and CFC Loaned Executive Rachel Reichlyn.

“This wouldn’t have been possible without them,” he said, adding that APG contributions “exceeded Fort Meade’s,” a larger installation that closed in sixth place.

Woods said he gained a clear understanding and appreciation of “the hard work that goes into” CFC campaigns.

“There’s a lot of procedural and statistical data involved and then there’s orchestrating and coordinating with key workers and getting information to media outlets,” he said.

“You have to be meticulous in your record keeping and that includes briefing commanders and keeping them informed.”

He said the campaign was a success because it revealed a 4 percent decrease in lack of participation over previous years.

“The challenge now is to find the cause for that lack of participation to reach future goals.”

Winners of the APG CFC campaign drawing for two original paintings by Maryland artist and former APG illustrator Chris White are: Sandra Simmons-Brown, JPEO CBD; and Philip Vaughn, CECOM.

APG 2015 CFC top organizations

Army Research Laboratory	\$30,448
CECOM LRC	\$25,642
Army Evaluation Center	\$23,546
Army Test & Evaluation Command	\$22,356
Army Public Health Center	\$22,046
CERDEC	\$21,444
Edgewood Chemical Biological Center	\$21,390
Aberdeen Test Center	\$21,104.50
CECOM HQ	\$19,940
RDECOM HQ	\$17,470
Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity	\$14,533
PEO C3T	\$13,792
PEO IEW&S	\$12,194
Army Contracting Command	\$10,440

CBACFC Top Organizations

National Security Agency	\$2,470,048
Social Security Administration	\$539,952
Aberdeen Proving Ground	\$339,104
Naval Air Station, Patuxent River	\$313,986
Centers for Medicaid/Medicare	\$302,343
Fort Meade	\$277,604
Defense Information Systems Agency	\$261,888
Fort Detrick	\$110,232

Army Emergency Relief now accepting scholarship applications

Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief, or AER, has announced the opening of its scholarship application period. Applications will be accepted until May 1.

AER supports both the Spouse Scholarship Program, as well as the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for dependent children. Scholarship specifics and applications are available on AER’s website.

The Spouse Scholarship can be used for full- or part-time students while the Ursano Scholarship is only for full-time students.

Last year AER awarded 4,245 scholarships, totaling more than \$9 million

for spouses and children of Soldiers.

“The entire scholarship process is online,” said Tammy LaCroix, manager for AER’s scholarship programs. “Applicants are able to create their own profile, submit their documentation online, and check their status, which is a huge time saver for both the applicants and the scholarship staff.”

“This is a valuable opportunity for the children and spouses of Soldiers,” LaCroix said. “We saw an increase in the number of applications last year and

hope this trend continues this year.”

The entire application package for the 2016-2017 school year must be submitted online by May 1. This includes the application as well as the supporting documents.

Most applicants will need to provide transcripts (through the fall semester), according to LaCroix, along with a Student Aid Report, or SAR, from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as FAFSA. The sponsoring Soldier’s Leave and Earnings Statement, or LES,

should also be submitted for active-duty Soldiers.

AER awards are “needs-based” scholarships based on the FAFSA and transcripts, LaCroix said. The amount of the award varies based on the number of qualified applicants and scholarship funds available, she said. Last year, the award amounts ranged from \$500 to \$3,300.

AER is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to active-duty and retired Soldiers, and their Families. Since its incorporation in 1942, AER has provided more than \$1.6 billion to more than 3.6 million Soldiers, families and retirees.



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CERDEC hosts tech interchange meeting

CERDEC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, known as CERDEC, will host a two-day technical interchange meeting, or TIM, with industry to identify and align mutually beneficial R&D investments at Aberdeen Proving Ground, March 31 – April 1.

The CERDEC TIM is an opportunity for industry to learn about CERDEC's core mission, research and development plans and strategies.

According to the FedBizOps announcement, released Jan. 4, the intent of the sessions will be to enhance government-and-industry communication and enable industry to quickly respond to emerging requirements with innovative technology solutions and partnerships.

The CERDEC TIM will provide details that will assist attendees in aligning their organization's research efforts with CERDEC's mission areas by articulating technical requirements for high-level capabilities and presenting technology roadmaps and CERDEC's strategies to



support these.

Breakout sessions will decompose Army requirements into specific research and development activities in CERDEC mission areas. Those mission areas include mission command; tactical and deployed power; tactical and strategic networks; tactical cyberspace operations; electronic warfare; counterintelligence/counterIED; intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and targeting; and intelligence analysis, exploitation and dissemination.

The interchange is intended to kick-off

a series of more focused industry engagements that are expected to emerge from a clearer understanding of CERDEC's research and development direction.

"If we want to leverage creativity and innovation to its fullest, Army R&D must work more closely with industry in the earliest stages of the product lifecycle before requirements are firm and design concepts are determined. The sooner industry knows of our interest in a specific capability, the sooner they can begin to explore or invest in applicable technol-

ogies and formulate ideas for Army consideration," said Henry Muller, CERDEC technical director.

Registration is slated to open Feb. 1 and will close Feb. 28. The forum will also be open to academia and other government organizations; however, priority will be given to industry as registration is limited.

For more information, see the FedBizOps Announcement at <https://goo.gl/c3ctE5>. Visit www.cerdec.army.mil to register starting Feb. 1.



Working together for job seekers

Susquehanna Workforce Network, Inc. (SWN) executive director Bruce England signs a memorandum of understanding between SWN and Army Community Service Dec. 21 as Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis, seated, left, waits to also sign the document.

The co-signed memorandum establishes the parameters in which SWN will work collaboratively with the ACS Employment Readiness Program (ERP) to provide employment information and referral services to job seekers, particularly military family members and civilians.

"By executing this memorandum of understanding, we are working together to deliver services for employers, employees, and those individuals seeking employment information," said ACS ERP Manager Marilyn Howard.

Howard added that APG has worked in partnership with SWN for several years, but the renewed formal agreement is needed due to APG Garrison's change of command.

Looking on, standing, left to right, is ACS Director Jennifer Eichner; ERP Manager Marilyn Howard; Terry Kearney, SWN business services representative; Kimberly Justus, SWN workforce center coordinator; and SWN Program Specialist Joseph Ricci.

Photo by Kelly Luster, USAG APG

BY THE NUMB#RS

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

On Jan. 18, 2016 the nation will celebrate the life and achievements of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

6 million

Number of signatures on the King Center petitions that Coretta Scott King and Stevie Wonder presented to House Speaker Tip O'Neil, in support of a federal MLK Holiday in 1982.

\$54,123

Value of King's Nobel Peace Prize money. He vowed to turn over "every penny" to the Civil Rights Movement.

360

Height in inches of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Stone of Hope on the National Mall in Washington, DC. One side reads, "Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope," from King's "I Have a Dream," speech at the Lincoln Memorial, Aug. 28, 1963.

30

Years since the very first national Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was celebrated on Jan. 20, 1986.

20+

Number of times King was arrested throughout the course of his civil rights work. He was assaulted at least four times, and his home was bombed once.

12

Number of years Dr. King led the Civil Rights Movement, from December 1955 until his death in April 1968.

By **STACY SMITH**, APG News
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How are we doing? E-mail comments and suggestions for the APG News to usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil

P3T classes open to military families

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

In 2016, the APG Family Advocacy Program will take a more proactive approach to parenting and other areas affecting parents and children, according to Rosaline “Rose” Smith, FAP manager at Army Community Service (ACS).

Smith said that FAP will coordinate with the APG Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) and suicide prevention manager; Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS); and the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention (SHARP) programs to provide group training on lifestyle subjects—like parenting, stress management or cyberbullying—to address issues affecting families today.

“We’ll also provide prevention trainings such as recognizing signs of abuse and look at programs that educate the public,” Smith said. “Most of our training has met requirements. What we haven’t done is focus on what we have now and look at ways to keep it going.”

The effort is already rolling. A new Parent Pregnancy Program, which combines mandatory Pregnancy Postpartum Physical Training (P3T) for pregnant Soldiers, with optional training for military family members started Jan. 13 and is will be held 7 to 8 a.m. every Wednesday through March 30 in the Ortiz Training Center at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Bldg. 2501.

Family members who wish to attend

the training should contact Smith as soon as possible at 410-278-7278 or email rosaline.p.smith.civ@mail.mil.

Army P3T

According to the Army Public Health Center website at <http://phc.amedd.army.mil>, the Army P3T is designed to meet the unique physical fitness and education needs of pregnant and postpartum Soldiers. The training is aligned with exercise recommendations from the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. It also meets the 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, an essential resource for health professional and policymakers that provides guidance about improving health through physical activity, for children and adults, and helps consumers understand the benefits of physical activity and how to make it a part of their regular routine.

Family focus

Starting in March, a Mommy & Daddy 101 “boot camp” featuring baby basics such as diapering

and bathing, will be offered. A twist will be that the emphasis is placed on “dads,” says Smith.

“Most training is usually centered on the mother but we need to focus on fathers,” she said.

She added that while P3T training is mandatory for military, and because there are not very many military stationed at APG, the course is being opened up for civilians and family members.

“It’s not only about addressing family or relationship problems; it’s all about catching families while they’re still happy and healthy and giving them the tools to stay that way.”

Rose Smith

Family Advocacy Program Manager

Upcoming Pregnancy Postpartum Physical Training (P3T) Classes

The Family Advocacy Program has opened the upcoming P3T classes to APG military family members.

- Jan. 20: Budgeting for Baby
- Jan. 27: Pediatric CPR
- Feb. 3: Nutrition
- Feb. 10: Couple-hood to Parenthood
- Feb. 17: Sleep/Exercise
- Feb. 24: Sexual Health
- March 2: Toolbox for New Dads - Part I
- March 9: Toolbox for New Dads - Part II
- March 16: Bringing Baby Home
- March 23: Purple Crying
- March 30: Breastfeeding/Infant Physical Development/Post-Partum Blues

Classes will be held at Bldg. 2501, from 7 to 8 a.m. To register, call 410-278-7278.

“We’ll talk about everything affecting growth from babies to college,” she said, adding that, “it’s not only about addressing family or relationship problems.”

“It’s all about catching families while they’re still happy and healthy and giving them the tools to stay that way.”

She said Chaplain Maj. Chad Davis is involved in future plans to bring back couple counseling programs.

Other efforts focusing on domestic violence include bringing in the Harford County SARC for presentations about what they offer to the community, Smith said.

“We are reevaluating how we are helping communities,” Smith said. “The overall focus is to get information about what we do and services we provide out to families, Soldiers, organizations and units. If you need someone to come out for stress management classes or Family Readiness Group training, let us know and we’ll come out and give those classes.”

“Family wellness is truly a strong bonds program because it deals with families and includes conflict resolution and similar training,” she said.

She noted that FAP does not offer individual counseling, like the kind offered through other providers at KUSAHC and ASAP.

“We are primarily prevention information and education,” she said, “and right now we’re focused on getting the word out to the community.”

Families can expect even more training opportunities and activities during Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child in April, added Mike Farlow, FAP victim advocate coordinator.

Family member attendees must register in advance for the new Parent Pregnancy Program (P3T) classes. To register, contact Smith at 410-278-7278 or email rosaline.p.smith.civ@mail.mil; or contact Farlow at 410-278-2435, michael.b.farlow.civ@mail.mil.

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events&town halls

THURSDAY JANUARY 28

APG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The first APG Installation Retirement Ceremony of 2016 will be held 11 a.m. at the Ball Conference Center in Dickson Hall, Bldg. 3074. Gary P. Martin, Program Executive Officer for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical will host the event and present awards.

The honorees include Phillip Pierson, inspector general of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command; Thomas A. Buettner, an engineering technician with the Army Test and Evaluation Command's Aberdeen Test Center; and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hugo F. Jimenez-Solis, HHC 7th Transportation Brigade (Expeditionary), at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.

For more information about this or future retirement ceremonies, contact Lisa Waldon, lead operations officer, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization & Security, at 410-278-4353 or lisa.m.waldon.civ@mail.mil.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11

BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE

The 20th CBRNE Command invites Team APG to participate in the installation's Black History Month Observance at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

This year's theme is "Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memory."

THURSDAY MARCH 17

ARMED SERVICES BLOOD PROGRAM BLOOD DRIVE

Donors – jack into the blood grid and infuse life. The Armed Services Blood Program will host a blood drive at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but donors are encouraged to make appointments online by visiting www.militarydonor.com and using the sponsor code APGMD.

For more info, visit militaryblood.dod.mil.

meetings&conferences

THURSDAY JANUARY 21

NEW YEAR – IMPROVE YOUR CREDIT SCORE SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a "New Year – Improve Your Credit Score" informational session, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 6001, second floor, room 224.

Susan Manning, from Freedom Federal Credit Union, will share tips on understanding what your credit score means, why it is important, how credit scores are weighted, ways to improve your credit score, and how to maintain an excellent score.

The session is open to civilians, contractors, and military. All non-C4ISR employees must register by Jan. 15. Email tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil for registration, visitor's form and instructions. Any contractors who participate in CECOM activities must not invoice any government contracts for time spent at these activities.

C4ISR Slim Down participants should bring their Wellness Activity Rosters for attendance credit.

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS MEETING

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post will host its monthly meeting at Wetlands Golf Club in Aberdeen from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meeting's guest speaker will be retired Brig. Gen. Joseph Schroedel, current executive director of the Society of American Military Engineers, whose presentation is titled "SAME Now and into the Future."

Attendees can register online at www.eventbrite.com/e/same-chesapeake-post-january-luncheon-tickets-13307839105, or at the door using cash or check.

For more information, contact Tom Fren-dak at 410-688-0318.

WARRANT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION APG/ EDGEWOOD MEETING

The U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association APG-Edgewood "Silver" Chapter will host its quarterly meeting at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center from noon to 1 p.m.

For more information, visit www.apgwoa.org or contact Jesse Fields at jesse.p.fields.ctr@mail.mil or 410-278-9673.

MOAA SUSQUEHANNA CHAPTER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LUNCHEON

The Military Officers of America Association (MOAA) Susquehanna Chapter will host a Professional Development Luncheon at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Rd, Edgewood, MD on Thursday, Jan. 21. Doors open 11:15 a.m. for registration and networking. Lunch is 11:45 a.m. to 1:30pm.

Tickets are \$25 per person for members and spouses, and are available to the public for \$30 per person. Retired Col. Charles E. McGee, one of three original Tuskegee fight-

er pilots who flew combat missions during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, will serve as guest speaker. McGee completed 409 fighter combat missions, the highest three-war fighter mission total of any aviator in the history of the U.S. Air Force.

Reservations for the luncheon or additional information on the chapter can be obtained by contacting TJ Staffieri at (904) 200-9996, visiting our website at <http://susquehannamoaa.org/chapter-activities>, or email at info@susquehannamoaa.org.

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 JANUARY 14

SETTING REALISTIC GOALS FOR THE NEW YEAR

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a "Setting Realistic Goals for the New Year" informational session 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 6001, second floor, room 224.

Attendees will learn how to create realistic weight loss goals for the New Year, as well as how to make healthier eating choices and the importance of portion control.

The session is open to civilians, contractors, and military. All non-C4ISR employees must register by Jan. 8. Email tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil for registration, visitor's form and instructions. Any contractors who participate in CECOM activities must not invoice any government contracts for time spent at these activities.

C4ISR Slim Down participants should bring their Wellness Activity Rosters for attendance credit.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27

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 JANUARY 28

FREE VISION SCREENINGS & EYE HEALTH/WELLNESS EDUCATION SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host free vision screenings and an Eye Health and Wellness session open to all members of Team APG at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The vision screening will include three painless tests that assess color perception, visual acuity and peripheral vision. Participants will receive an Amsler Grid and instructions on how to test vision at home for certain disorders like macular degeneration and glaucoma.

Additional eye health and wellness information offered will include:

- At Risk Assessment – Are you at risk for eye disease?
- Simple Tips for Healthy Eyes
- Computer Vision Syndrome
- Heart Disease and Eyes
- Diabetes and Eyes
- Glaucoma
- UV Radiation and Your Eyes

The vision screenings at this event are not a complete professional examination and should not be taken as such. Only a comprehensive eye and vision examination can evaluate your overall eye health and vision status.

Any contractors who participate in CECOM activities must not invoice any government contracts for time spent at these activities. C4ISR Slim Down participants should bring their Wellness Activity Rosters for attendance credit.

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

THROUGH MID-2016

ARMY WELLNESS CENTER RELOCATED

As a result of ongoing renovations to Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, the APG Army Wellness Center has relocated to the trailers directly across from the main KUSAHC building, near the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

For more information, contact the wellness center at 410-306-1024.

THROUGH MID-2016

KUSAHC OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH RELOCATED

As a result of ongoing renovations to Kirk

U.S. Army Health Clinic, occupational health services have relocated to the trailers directly across from the main KUSAHC building, near the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

For more information, contact occupational services at 410-278-1912/1913.

ONGOING

VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY NEW HOURS

Based on customer demand, the APG Veterinary Treatment facility will have new hours starting in January.

The VTF will be open and accept appointments Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Should demand increase, the clinic will reevaluate days and hours of operation.

The clinic is open to all service members, retirees, and their families.

To schedule an appointment, call 410-278-4604.

ONGOING

2016 CPR & AED TRAINING CLASS SCHEDULE

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services has announced the CPR/AED class schedule for 2016. Classes are open to the entire APG community.

All APG North (Aberdeen) classes will be held at Bldg. 3147. All APG South (Edgewood) classes will be held at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute's North East Regional Training Center, located near the Edgewood (Wise Road) gate.

- **Jan. 21** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 - **Feb. 18** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 - **March 17** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 - **April 21** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 - **May 19** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 - **June 16** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 - **July 21** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 - **Aug. 18** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 - **Sept. 22** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 - **Oct. 20** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 - **Nov. 17** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 - **Dec. 15** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- For more information, contact Mike Slayman at 410-306-0566.

ONGOING

WEAR BLUE: RUN TO REMEMBER HARFORD COUNTY/APG

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

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

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

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

- Upcoming dates include:**
- Feb. 13

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

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.

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

family&children

SUNDAY JANUARY 31

CORVIAS/NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY ASSOCIATION SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION DEADLINE

Corvias Foundation, a private, charitable foundation and the charitable arm of Corvias Group, and Corvias Military Living have partnered with the National Military Family Association to support scholarships in excess of \$20,000 for military spouses seeking professional funds including licensure and certification.

Due to frequent moves, the spouse scholarships are intended to support licensing or registration in a new state or the ability to progress in a career with an additional technical certification.

To confirm eligibility and apply for a scholarship, visit www.militaryfamily.org/spouses-scholarships/professional-funds-partners.html. Applications are due by Jan. 31.

miscellaneous

ONGOING

ROAD CLOSURE ON APG NORTH FOR MORNING PT

Starting Monday, Jan. 11, Bel Air Street, at the intersections of Susquehanna Avenue and Raritan Avenue, will be closed from 6 to 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, for physical fitness training. Barriers will be placed at the mentioned intersections at approximately 5:50 a.m. and removed by 8 a.m. by military personnel. This small road closure is to support military personnel who conduct physical training along the outside trail on Fanshaw Field.

For more information, contact APG Garrison HHC 1st Sgt. Jermaine A. Allen at 410-278-9819.

THROUGH FEBRUARY 2

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY

Dear Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Community Member, You are a valued member of the Army Family, supporting an important mission at APG, MD.

The Family and Morale, Welfare & Recreation Directorate's (FMWR) Army Community Service (ACS) is evaluating how well we support your quality of life through programs and services.

Contact 410-278-2500/7572 for assistance.

To take the survey, visit www.armymwr.com/ACS-survey.

THROUGH MARCH 23

2016-2017 SENIOR SERVICE COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center is currently accepting applications for the 2016-17 SSCF program through March 23. The SSCF Program is a 10-month educational opportunity conducted under the auspices of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) at Huntsville, Alabama, Warren, Michigan and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

The SSCF program prepares government civilians at the GS-14/15 levels or equivalent for senior leadership roles by provides training in leadership and acquisition. Program components include completion of DAU's Program Management Course (PMT 401), courses in leadership, applications of acquisition to national defense issues, research in acquisition topics, mentoring, and a distinguished speaker program.

For complete program information and application requirements, please visit: <http://asc.army.mil/web/career-development/programs/defense-acquisition-university-senior-service-college/>

For APG specific program information, please visit: <http://www.dau.mil/sscf/Pages/appg.aspx>

For more information about the program, please contact Jim Oman at james.oman@dau.mil or 410-272-9470.

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.

If you see it, report it

Aggressive driving has no place at APG call 410-306-0550



FedTech honors RDECOM blog

By **DAVID MCNALLY**
RDECOM

FedTechMagazine.com published a list of “the year’s best federal news and analysis blogs for public sector leaders,” Dec. 14, 2015. Coming in at No. 4 is Army Technology Live, the official blog of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, or RDECOM.

“You don’t often see the military blogging, so this site is especially interesting for IT leaders who need inspiration to think outside the box. The Army also maintains a Medium blog with additional content,” the magazine website states.

RDECOM created the blog six years ago to “advance the conversation about Army technologies, inform the public about Army initiatives and showcase the work the Army technology team does to keep American Soldiers safe and strong.”

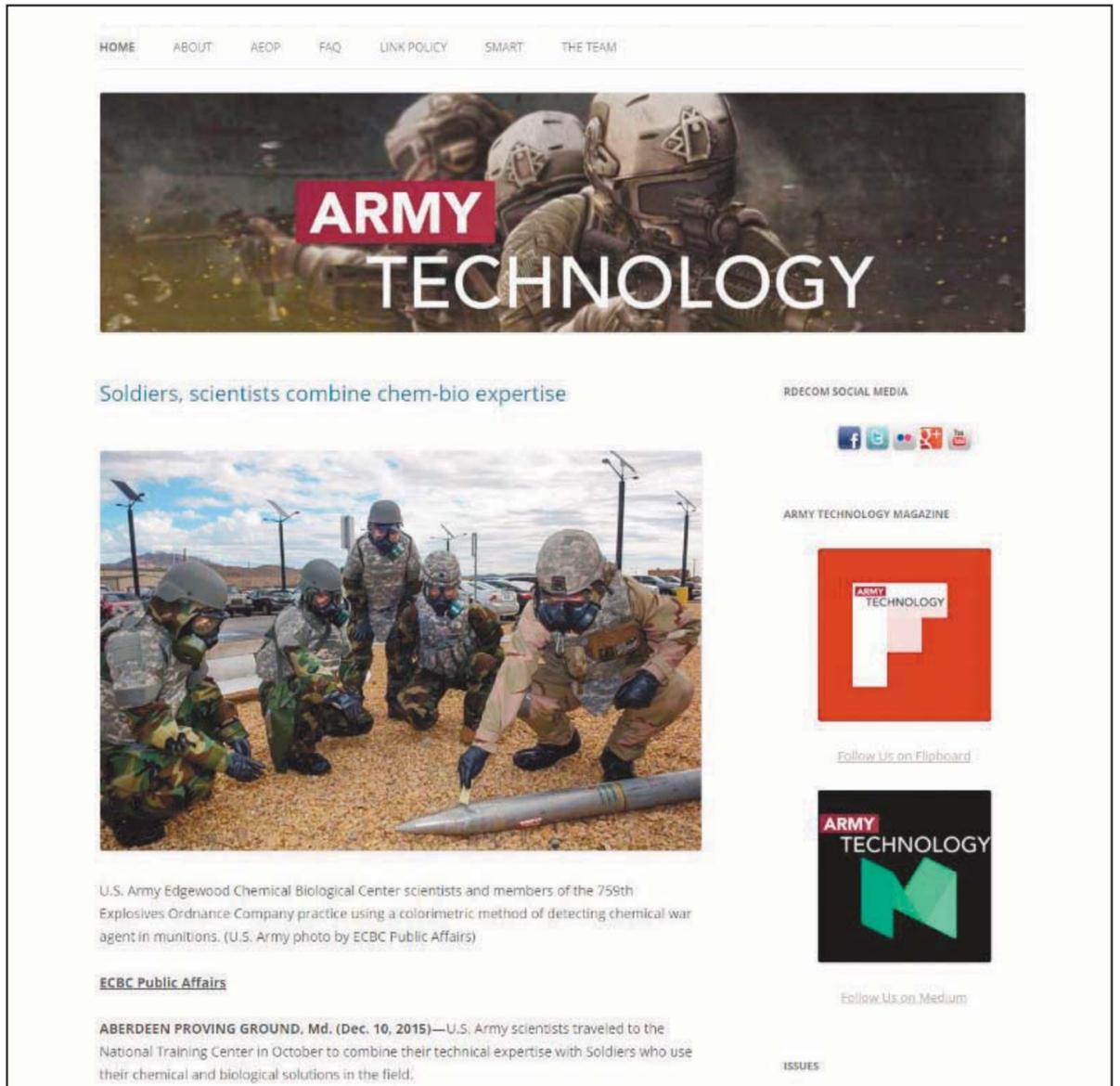
The command’s social media process starts with a story and image on the official Army homepage, www.army.mil. Social media then echoes the message and offers opportunities for interaction and collaboration.

“We post the story to the official RDECOM homepage, and then to our blog, Facebook, Flickr, Twitter and as appropriate, YouTube,” RDECOM Public Affairs Officer Joe Ferrare said. “We also have more informal posts, but we find the familiar article format to be a neat-and-complete way to work for most things. Shorter, less formal postings happen on the blog, Facebook, and other social media sites.”

The command’s social media efforts also saw a landmark day Dec. 18, 2015, with its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/rdecom, surpassing 100,000 likes. The page, which the public affairs team created in 2009, has surged in recent years to become a curated source of science and technology news across many disciplines.

RDECOM’s newest initiative is blogging on Medium.com and posting to a Future Military Tech magazine on Flipboard, www.flipboard.com/@rdecom.

“The trick behind successful social



Website screenshot

The Research, Development and Engineering Command’s “Army Technology Live” blog, seen here, was recently named a top federal blog of 2015 by FedTechMagazine.com. Visit Army Technology Live by visiting armytechnology.armylive.dodolive.mil.

media engagement is finding what works and then implementing that strategy,” Ferrare said.

With the current trend and trajectory of social media followers, officials hope compelling content meets the

scrutiny of the next generation.

“This generation is the technology generation; technology drives their lives,” Ferrare said. “This is also the generation destined to interact with each other in new ways. Whether we

communicate in this realm is not the question; it is how we adapt our workflow to make it happen. It will happen.”

Visit Army Technology Live at armytechnology.armylive.dodolive.mil.

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Legally Speaking

Free income tax prep available at APG

Active-duty service members eligible for free simple tax prep services on post

By **SANDI WILLIAMS**
OSJA, Client Services Division

The 2016 Aberdeen Proving Ground Installation Tax Program is a joint effort of the Client Services Division (CSD), Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Directed by the CSD, the program provides free tax assistance each year to qualifying active-duty service members, retirees, and family members. Active-duty service members are those military members currently holding an active-duty ID card. Reserve component service members who are not mobilized more than 30 days are not eligible for services and should contact their individual units for assistance.

What you should know about this season's tax services

Tax preparation will be offered on an appointment basis only for simple tax returns and will require a two-visit process: document review, then tax preparation.

During the first visit, CSD staff will perform a review of the taxpayer's individual tax documents to determine eligibility for service. If eligible, the taxpayer will be provided with a scheduled appointment to return for tax preparation at a later date. Ineligible clients will be referred to other professional tax agencies.

Document review

Document review will be available beginning Jan. 25 until appointments are no longer available. Individuals eligible for simple tax preparation will be required to visit the CSD office located in Bldg. 4305, room. 317, Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon only, for a complete review of the individual's tax documents. Tax preparation will not be provided at the time of the document review or without a scheduled appointment.

Tax personnel cannot prepare an accu-

rate return unless the taxpayer brings all necessary documentation. Inaccurate tax returns caused by incomplete/faulty information may incur IRS penalty and interest assessments. Documents needed depend on each individual situation.

Prior to receiving tax services, individuals must first complete a series of required documents which are extremely helpful in gathering the information necessary to file an accurate federal and state tax return. These documents can be accessed online by visiting www.teamapg.com, and navigating to Installation Support > Support Offices > ILO (Installation Legal Office), or picked up at the CSD office.

Walk-in service for active-duty only

A walk-in service for simple tax preparation will be available for active-duty members only beginning Jan. 25. Tax return preparation determined by CSD staff to be too time consuming for walk-in service or during high volume demand will be provided with a scheduled appointment.

Scheduled appointments

Appointments for tax preparation will be scheduled between Feb. 8 and April 14, which will conclude tax preparation for the season. Appointments will be made on a first-come, first-scheduled basis until appointments are no longer available. Appointments will not be scheduled over the phone.

Simple tax preparation defined

Most individuals who have simple returns with only the following sources of income will be eligible for service: wages, pension, interest and dividend, unemployment compensation, student loan interest, and social security payments. In limited circumstances, child and dependent care expenses, and some itemized deductions on Schedule A may also be eligible.

Excessive deductions or schedules and forms will not be eligible due to length in preparation and limited appointment times.

Services will include free electronic filing on eligible tax returns; however, CSD staff must prepare the tax return in order to electronically file the tax return. Electronic filing enables taxpayers to receive their tax refunds much faster by using e-file with direct deposit into their bank account rather than having it mailed.

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State income tax preparation

Staff members will provide federal and Maryland tax assistance but will only provide limited assistance with local and state tax returns from other state jurisdictions. Individuals residing in one state while working in another or individuals requiring the preparation of multi-state returns may receive assistance with preparation of the federal return; however, due to the complexity, assistance may not be available for preparation of the multi-state returns.

Free Maryland state tax assistance is available in person at any of the agency's 12 taxpayer service offices or by calling 1-800-638-2937. A list of office locations can be found at www.marylandtaxes.com.

Obtaining W2s and Forms 1095 online

Defense Finance and Accounting Service myPay is a secure, DFAS-operated website that lets active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members, civilian employees, and military retirees and annuitants take charge of their pay accounts online. Soldiers and civilians can access their 2015 tax statements by going to <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Other free resources available

Individuals ineligible to receive services provided by the CSD, or those whose schedules do not permit a two-visit process or those in need of a speedy refund, should consider contacting our local AARP Tax Aide Office, also sponsored by IRS VITA, at 410-638-3425. During the tax season, AARP operates seven sites throughout Harford County

and its services are provided by appointment only on a first come - first scheduled basis until no appointments are available.

Those individuals in need of tax preparation assistance by appointment may also contact other nearby military installations, such as Fort Meade at 301-677-9536/9504 and Dover Air Force Base at 302-677-3300.

Tax-savvy individuals can access www.militaryonesource.mil and www.irs.gov/freefile to take advantage of various free online self-preparation programs. Seventy percent of the nation's taxpayers are eligible for IRS Free File; commercial partners of the IRS offer free brand-name software to about 100 million individuals and families with incomes of \$62,000 or less.

For active duty, Reserve, National Guard, and DOD civilians, www.taxslayer.com offers free or discounted self-preparation. An extensive Income Tax Provider List is also available on the CSD Tax Services website for referral to other tax resources.

General information

Inquiries regarding income tax services may be directed to the CSD staff attendant at 410-278-1583. Calls after normal operating hours, Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or received when the attendant is assisting other clients will be directed to the automated information line. On touchtone phones press number 3 for the Client Services Division then number 6 for income tax preparation information.

The office is closed for federal holidays and inclement weather.

SSCFP fellows finish program manager course

Senior Service College Fellowship Program

APG fellows participating in the Senior Service College Fellowship Program, run by the Defense Acquisition University, successfully completed and graduated from a 10-week Program Manager's Course in Huntsville, Alabama, along with 17 other SSCFP classmates from Warren, Michigan and Huntsville in late 2015.

The PMT 401 course is the DAU's rigorous, executive-level, and case-based course designed for experienced acquisition practitioners, specially selected for their potential as leaders of major acquisition programs, integrated product teams, and major command division chiefs.

The course is constructed around eight overarching themes involving primarily case studies of real life acquisition-related challenges and dilemmas. These case studies allow fellows the opportunity to practice: leading a program in a rapidly changing environment; leading program management operations in different acquisition phases; working effectively with higher headquarters; working effectively with industry; achieving and maintaining excellent customer relations; applying appropriate tools for the evolving information environment; working effectively with external organizations; and leading joint and international programs.

PMT 401 also hosts a Capitol Hill workshop which provides the fellows with an overview and understanding of the U.S. Congress and the legislative process. The workshop examines current U.S. public policy issues by providing an in-depth analysis of Congressional politics, decision-making, and their implications to the DOD and the nation. The workshop also provides the fellows with the opportunity to discuss current issues of interest - on and off the record - with political experts and leading authorities who have experience in all aspects of the national policymaking process and the potential consequences to U.S. national interests in the coming years.

The SSCFP is a nationally-recognized, Army-sponsored program designed to develop strong, effective senior leaders for the Department of Defense Acquisition community. The SSCFP Class of 2016-2017, which begins July 25, is currently accepting applications through March 23. For more information about SSCFP, visit <http://asc.army.mil/web/career-development/programs/defense-acquisition-university-senior-service-college/>. Additional information can be found at the DAU website by visiting www.dau.mil/sscf/Pages/apg.aspx or by contacting Jim Oman at james.oman@dau.mil or 410-272-9470.



Photo by Linda Zutter, Defense Acquisition University
APG Senior Service College Fellowship Program fellows, from left, Willie Jackson, Ben Pryor, Shauna Dover, Melanie Loncarich, Daniel Schwartz, Wing Young, Nick Saacks, and Patrick Morse, successfully completed and graduated from the Defense Acquisition University's rigorous 10-week Program Manager's Course in late 2015.

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ways to reuse your copy of the APG News

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





ALL THINGS MARYLAND

The George Peabody Library

A bookworm's paradise in the heart of Mount Vernon

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

Melville, Hawthorne, Twain, and Poe are authors whose writings would be worthy of a spot on the Mount Rushmore of American literature, if such a thing existed. Fortunately, some of their original works can be cherished by book lovers at Johns Hopkins University's George Peabody Library in Baltimore, Maryland.

The George Peabody Library is part of the university's special collections and archives division, and is one of three locations for rare books and manuscripts throughout the Hopkins system. It was established in 1857 as a kind of 'going-away' present to the City of Baltimore from Massachusetts-born philanthropist George Peabody.

"This library is really a snapshot in time; not too much has changed over those years," said library curator Paul Espinosa. "Of course the collection has grown; we still add to the collection. There's a little over 300,000 volumes here."

According to Espinosa, George Peabody began to build his wealth in Baltimore with just a meager fourth grade education before moving to Europe and making it big in banking and finance.

"He's really the quintessential, self-made American," Espinosa said.

In recognition of where he got his start, Peabody endowed the institute to the citizens of Baltimore to create a publicly-accessible collection that contained the best and latest literature in all branches of knowledge except law and medicine.

"At that time Baltimore was really a mercantile town," Espinosa said. "This [library] was an opportunity for people to come educate themselves."

The library is open to the public and anyone can use the collection, just as Peabody had intended. Although Espinosa said the library's main constituency is local college students, it also receives "quite a few people who use it just as a nice study space or to be inspired."

Part of that inspiration comes from the breathtaking skylight and architecture of the library's main, six-floored room.

"It's a little bit of everything when you look at it; they call it a 'historicist' style," Espinosa said. "You're supposed to look at it and understand the grammar, the vocabulary of the ornamentation. So you can see a lot of neo-Grecian elements. The arches are considered Italianate, or Roman, elements, [and] the pendants in the skylight are actually considered French gothic. So it's a pastiche of these styles."

The room's flanked shelves contain impressive first editions of Galileo, Newton and Descartes, as well as Charles Darwin's "Origin of the Species." The library also has a copy of Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" that is signed by Thomas Carroll, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

"Some of those books would be what they call 'cost-prohibitive' today; they would be super expensive today, but they [founders] bought them for a pittance way back when," Espinosa said.

The library still purchases most of

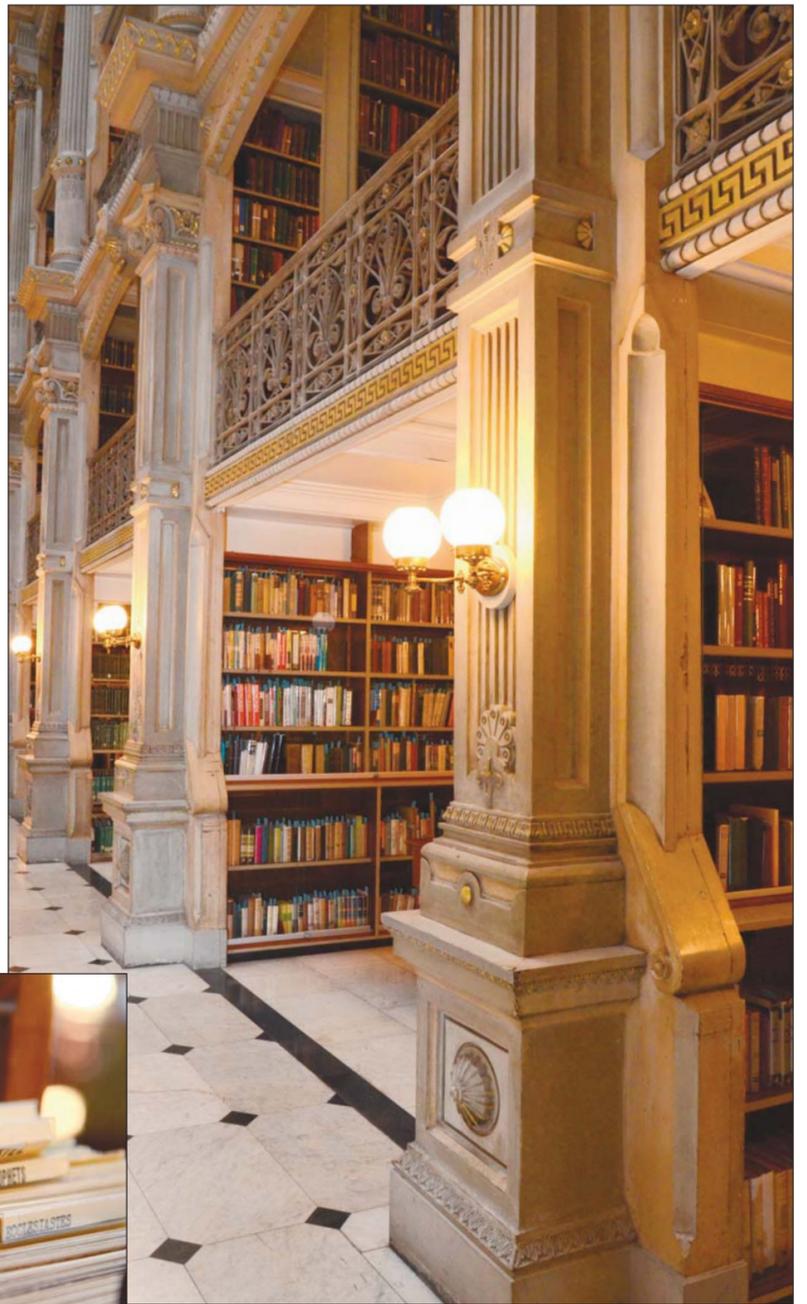


the books in its collection, although it does accept some donations. Espinosa said the library is able to maintain a stellar collection because none of the books ever leaves its four walls.

"The books have never circulated," Espinosa said. "That sounds somewhat undemocratic perhaps, but it was prescient because it served us well. All the books that they [founders] originally purchased are still here, and they were buying books that stretched back to the Renaissance even, and every century thereafter."

The George Peabody Library is located at 17 East Mount Vernon Place in Baltimore City and is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 410 234-4943, or visit <http://guides.library.jhu.edu>.

(Clockwise from top) Baltimore's George Peabody Library, part of Johns Hopkins University's special collections and archives division, is known for its architecture. The library's five tiers of ornamental, cast-iron balconies dramatically rise to meet a skylight 61 feet above the floor; The Peabody Library houses more than 300,000 volumes of 18th and 19th century works of history, archaeology, science, geography, art and literature; Visitors can access the library's books and collections digitally or by searching the old-fashioned way, through the card catalogue.



Have a great idea for a story?

Know about any interesting upcoming events?

Wish you saw more of your organization in the paper?

The APG News accepts story ideas and content you think the APG community should know about.

- Story ideas or content must be geared toward the greater APG community and cannot appear to endorse any private company.
- The deadline for content to appear in an upcoming issue of the APG News is the **Thursday PRIOR** to publication. The APG News cannot guarantee submissions received after the Thursday prior to publication will appear in the next issue of the paper.
- Send story ideas or pre-written content to amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil or call 410-278-7274 for more information.
- Please note, the APG News editor reserves the right to (1) reject any content deemed inappropriate, irrelevant or against regulation, (2) delay the publication of submitted material if it is not timely and (3) edit or shorten content for space and style reasons without altering the meaning of the submission.

MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION



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

Upcoming Activities

LEISURE & TRAVEL MONSTER JAM FEBRUARY SHOWS

Leisure Travel has discount tickets to Monster Jam at the Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore. Tickets are available for the following show dates and times:

- Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 27 at 2 p.m.*
- Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.*

*Pit Party 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Event ticket, along with Pit Pass required for entry.

General admission tickets are \$18 for all attendees ages 2 and up. Pit Pass is \$10.50.

To purchase tickets, visit Leisure Travel Services at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. For more information, call 410-278-4011.

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FEATURES 'MINIONS' JAN. 15

APG MWR will host a family movie night and youth craft night featuring the movie "Minions" at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center starting at 6 p.m. Movie and craft admission are free. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

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

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FEATURES 'HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2' JAN. 29

APG MWR will host a family movie night and youth make-and-take night featuring the movie "Hotel Transylvania" at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center starting at 6 p.m. Admission is free for movie and activity. Attendees are welcome to bring their own food.

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

'LET'S COOK' YOUTH COOKING CLASSES JAN. 23

FEB. 27

MARCH. 26

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 three dishes including a main dish and a dessert.

Classes are held one Saturday each month. Registration is required along with a \$17 supply fee. Children must be 7-years-old or older.

For more information, email Shirelle Womack at shirelle.j.womack.naf@mail.mil.

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD 2K COLOR FAMILY FUN RUN APRIL 23

APG MWR will host a free 2K Color Family Fun Run starting at 10 a.m. Rain date will be Saturday, April 30. More details to follow.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

Participants must be registered with the CYSS Parent Central Office. Fees are based on total family income. Fees waived for all middle school students' afternoon care.

For more information, contact the Parent Central Office at 410-278-7571.

SPORTS & RECREATION

SUTHERLAND GRILLE CLOSES FOR SEASON THROUGH APRIL 4, 2016

The Sutherland Grille at Ruggles Golf Course is closed for lunch service for the winter season and reopens April 4. During this time, the grille will be available for meetings and special events.

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

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION JAN. 20

APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center; 1 to 3 p.m.

Get aquanited with the military and civilian community on and around Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information, contact Army Community Service at 410-278-7275/2500.

EFMP BOWLING JAN. 25

APG North (Aberdeen) bowling center; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Free bowling for EFMP & APG families with special needs members.

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

Other upcoming EFMP bowling dates include: Feb. 15; March 21; April 18.

ACS SURVEY THROUGH FEB. 2

You are a valued member of the Army Family, supporting an important mission at APG, MD. The Family and Morale, Welfare & Recreation Directorate's (FMWR) Army Community Service (ACS) is evalu-

ating how well we support your quality of life through programs and services. All military community members on and around the APG installation are invited to participate in the upcoming ACS Needs Assessment Survey to gauge the needs of our community.

Visit www.armymwr.com/ACS-survey to complete the survey by Feb. 2. For more information, call 410-278-2500/7572.

APPLYING FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP FEB. 24

ACS will host an "Applying for Federal Employment Workshop" at Bldg. 2503 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees will learn the 10 steps to federal employment.

Online registration is required, and the class is limited to 25 attendees.

For more information about how to register, call 410-278-9669.

HOW TO START YOUR SMALL BUSINESS MARCH 23

Army Community Service will host a free "How to Start Your Small Business" seminar at Bldg. 2503 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The orientation program provides a brief overview of the ways to smart-start a business and the skills and duties of a successful entrepreneur. The session is open to Team APG personnel and the public.

To reserve a seat, contact Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669/7572.

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

WELCOME

APG NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION

January 20
1 - 3 p.m.
AA Recreation Center (Bldg 3326)

GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN COMMUNITY ON AND AROUND ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND.

For more information, contact Army Community Service (Bldg 2503) at 410-278-7275/2500

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OPEN MIC KARAOKE NIGHT

January 22, 2016 6-9pm

Open to all.
Come on out and find your voice.
No Experience needed.

For more information call 410-278-4041

Readiness is a top priority for new fire chief

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

Since his arrival at Aberdeen Proving Ground in August 2015, the installation's new Directorate of Emergency Services fire chief has hit the ground running.



Jellie

For Stephen Jellie, that included taking on responsibilities outside fire and emergency services, as he was groomed to become the acting DES director within three months of his arrival.

A typical day on the job, as both fire chief and acting DES director, involves operating as "coordinator in chief," he said. DES provides many services that are critical components of tenant mission operations.

"Whether that is ensuring that we've got a range prepared for a research group to do testing without being impeded by a brush fire, or whether that's standing by for a high-risk test mission on a new piece of equipment. It's ultimately my job to coordinate with all customers and with all the command elements and prepare my team to be able to execute," he said.

Being prepared to execute missions effectively is a top priority for Jellie, who takes many of his leadership cues from Army mission statements.

"The Chief of Staff of the Army has stated that his number one priority is

readiness, and I'm making that my hallmark as well; ensuring readiness of all our emergency services is my number one priority," Jellie said, adding that he keeps a copy of the Installation Management Command's "2025 and Beyond" plans close to his desk.

He said that DES divisions and branches, which once worked side by side but separately, are shifting toward a joint approach to emergency service response.

"We're really in a different mindset now," he said. "Whether it's the DES fire department, police or EMS (emergency medical services); EOC (Emergency Operations Center) staff, our thrust now is really being prepared for all hazards; it doesn't matter what it is," he said. "Fire, vehicle accidents, hazardous material spills, an active shooter—those are all things that we're expected to be able to respond to

in a coordinated, cohesive manner."

Jellie said he believes that part of this new approach is based on the practical necessity of working together.

"I absolutely love serving the Army—Soldiers, families [and] civilians," he said. "I enjoy the challenges every day, knowing that what we do at the garrison ultimately supports warfighters on the other end of the mission and knowing that we serve as the front line of defense for force protection on our garrison communities."

Stephen Jellie
Fire Chief and Acting DES Director

"We don't have the number of firefighters we used to have. We don't have the number of police officers we used to have," he said. "Joint operations are really where we're going to get our best efficiency," he said.

He said he's seen many areas of development within DES, especially as technological advances change the way workers respond to emergencies. Technology such as GPS and mass-communication has made DES more efficient in "getting the right resources at the right location in the right amount of time."

Construction of a new emergency 911 center located on APG North (Aberdeen) is underway, and a 911 center located on APG South (Edgewood), operational since Dec. 15, 2015, will ultimately act as

a backup call center.

Prior to joining team APG, Jellie worked as the Fire and Emergency Services Program Manager for the Defense Logistics Agency at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and also completed a short stint with the U.S. Secret Service, providing non-presidential security and protection post-9/11.

He also was deployed to Afghanistan for one year as a civilian with the 10th Mountain Division where he operated the Fire and Emergency Services Program for U.S. Forces Afghanistan headquarters. It was an experience that he said left him with a deep appreciation for the work done on military installations.

"Being deployed helps you clearly see how critical all those programs and things are that we do, and certainly as a manager, helps you get a much better understanding for the bigger picture," he said. "This is an Army made up of a lot of pieces, a lot of spokes that keep the wheel turning."

Jellie said he's thankful to have spent the last 23 years of his life helping to lead the Army's mission at home and abroad.

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For more information, contact Stephen Jellie at 410-306-0504, or stephen.p.jellie.civ@mail.mil.

Prevent cervical cancer with regular screenings

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**
APG News

One of the easiest female cancers to prevent is in the spotlight this month: January is Cervical Health Awareness Month.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cervical cancer is "highly preventable with regular screening tests and appropriate follow-up care." If caught early, it is almost always curable with proper treatment.

Human papillomavirus

Cervical cancer is caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV), which according to the CDC is the most common sexually transmitted disease. It is so common, in fact, that the CDC estimates that "nearly all sexually active men and women get it at some point in their lives."

Many don't realize they're infected because it often shows no signs or symptoms; symptoms can develop years after having sex with someone who is infected. In most cases, HPV goes away on its own; but sometimes it does not.

HPV vaccinations

HPV can cause several types of cancers, in both men and women, but cervical cancer is the most prevalent. More than 150 strains of HPV exist, the CDC says, but vaccinations exist to protect against the HPV types that are most often linked to causing cancer.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends all 11- and 12-year-olds, male and female, receive an HPV vaccine to protect against HPV

infection. Individuals between the ages of 13 and 26, who did not receive any or all three of the recommended doses when they were younger, should also be vaccinated. A newer vaccine, approved by the Food and Drug Administration in late 2014, opens the option to protect children as young as 9-years-old and protects against five additional HPV strains linked to cancer.

Practicing safe sex by using condoms can also help lower the risk of HPV transmission, but condoms may not cover all the areas where the disease is present, according to the CDC.

Cervical cancer prevention

Cervical cancer can often be prevented when a woman is vaccinated and receives regular screening and follow-up care.

Two tests can help prevent cervical cancer or find it early: the Pap test (com-

monly known as a Pap smear) and the HPV test.

The CDC recommends a Pap test for women between 21- and 65-years-old. A Pap test— one of the most reliable and effective cancer screening tests available— looks for pre-cancerous cells, or changes within the cells of the cervix that might become cervical cancer if they are not treated correctly. If a woman's Pap test results are normal, her doctor may recommend to wait three years until she gets another test, as one's risk of getting cervical cancer is very low.

The HPV test looks for the virus that can cause cervical cells to change and become pre-cancerous. If a woman is 30 years or older, she may choose to have an HPV test along with the Pap test, both of which can be performed at the same time. If the results are normal, a woman's doctor may recommend to wait as long as five years for

her next screening.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic encourages its patients to schedule an appointment for cervical cancer screening by calling 410-278-KIRK(5475) or by visiting their webpage at kusahc.narmc.amedd.army.mil and clicking "Appointments."

Healthy Living

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

79 million people are currently infected with HPV. Every year, **14 million** people become newly infected. If HPV doesn't go away on its own, it can cause cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer is the easiest female cancer to prevent with regular screenings, yet more than **11,000 women** get cervical cancer each year.

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Statistics provided by CDC.gov.

Tune up for safe winter walking this season

Installation Safety Office

You wake up one morning to the heaviest snowfall of the season. You have to shovel the car out of the driveway. When you arrive at work, you realize no one has even cleared the snow away from the parking lot, walkways, or even building entrances. It's then that you realize that you should have worn snow boots.

With the impending onset of winter, many of us are focused on getting vehicles and driving habits tuned up for several weeks of snow, slush, and ice. That's great, but many people forget that they have to walk from public transportation or their cars to work and often as part of their job, too. Those who aren't prepared can put themselves at risk for not only hypothermia, but also nasty falls and other injuries.

Winter walking hazards:

- Reduced hours of daylight make it much more difficult for drivers to see pedestrians.
- Even though they are called winter boots, some products are much more about fashion than safety. A boot with a



Courtesy photo

smooth sole will increase the hazard of slipping on ice or snow.

- In areas that lack sidewalks, plowed roads are often much narrower in winter. That means approaching drivers have less room to maneuver around pedestrians.
- Many sidewalks aren't cleared of snow, which then hardens into ice and makes walking dangerous.

- If someone is underdressed for weather conditions and it's so cold that all he or she can think of is getting inside a warm building, that person's eyes might be averted to the ground instead of watching for traffic.
- When road conditions get treacherous – especially in a hilly city or town, pedestrians and drivers alike may find themselves unable to stop. Imag-

ine a pedestrian sliding into a busy intersection.

- Avoid exhaustion or fatigue because energy is needed to keep muscles warm.

Winter walking tips to keep you on your feet

- Dress for the conditions. Ensure you are warm and visible to traffic.
- Wear footwear with slip-resistant soles. It may not be sexy, but it can help keep you upright.
- If sidewalks are impassible or there aren't any, walk facing traffic as close as possible to the curb.
- Try not to carry heavy packages, which can affect your balance on slippery streets/sidewalks.
- Just because you have the right of way doesn't mean that traffic will be able to stop in slippery conditions. Don't step onto a crosswalk until traffic has stopped.
- Taking shorter steps and bending your knees slightly will reduce your chances of falling.
- Wear bright clothing or reflective gear at night.

Quilters thank Tuskegee Airmen for service

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

Several APG civilians and other members of the Quilts for Heroes sewing group, which is known for donating their comforting creations to Wounded Warriors, extended their thanks to surviving members of the East Coast Chapter Tuskegee Airmen Inc. during a presentation at the College Park Aviation Museum Jan. 9.

Led by Quilts for Heroes founder and President Carol Hansen, the quilters caravanned to the museum where the Tuskegee Airmen chapter conducts monthly general membership meetings at the invitation of chapter member Joy Branham-Pryde, the wife of James W. “Jim” Pryde Sr., a radio operator mechanic and aerial gunner during World War II, an executive board committee member of the chapter, and a 2006 inductee into the National Security Agency Hall of Honor.

The quilters were welcomed by Jerry “Hawk” Burton, East Coast Chapter president, who shared a story of a similar experience with quilters during a conference in the Midwest. He said he gained an appreciation of the artistry involved in quilting and encouraged Hansen and her quilters to return and share their stories.

“As much as I know our members will enjoy these quilts I know they’ll appreciate the stories behind them even more,” he told the group.

Burton noted that membership is open to anyone with an interest in preserving the name and legacy of Tuskegee Airmen. The chapter’s surviving Tuskegee Airmen received quilts first and the remaining quilts went to other members.

Quilts for Heroes, which started in 2004 and became a nonprofit in 2005, has given away more than 1,500 quilts to Wounded Warriors and hospitalized Soldiers. Hansen said the group is moving to honor veterans groups and organizations, starting with the Tuskegee Airmen.

“Thank you for what you’re doing and for your recognition,” Major L. Anderson III told the quilters. “If there’s one thing I’ve learned over the years it’s that sometimes someone needs to share the story to let people know about you. The Lord took many Tuskegee Airmen and yet allowed me to remain to help speak for them. Make sure someone is telling the story about who you are and what it is you do.”

Speaking on behalf of all of the recipients, William T. Fauntroy Jr., a

documented original Tuskegee Airman, thanked the quilters for their kindness and promised he and other members would treasure the gifts always.

“To be remembered like this means a lot to all of us,” he said. “We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

Hansen, praised her 9-year-old grandson, Tyler Hansen, who accompanied her, for piquing her interest in Tuskegee Airmen. She said he learned about them during an assignment and went out of his way to learn even more after the assignment was finished. Tyler was warmly welcomed by the chapter members who each autographed a program for him.

“We’re all about honoring first responders, whether they’re service members or first responders,” Hansen said. “All of them serve our nation and all of them deserve our thanks.”

Participating Quilts for Heroes members included Ginny Leidig, Barbara Knapp, an APG civilian retiree formerly with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center; Barbara Aleman, treasurer, civilian retiree; Kate Ong, a scientist with the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense (JPEO CBD) and her daughter Alexa Wright, 13; and Dottie Kreutzer, senior member.

To learn more about Quilts for Heroes, contact Hansen at 443-752-2603 or email cshansen@comcast.net.

(Top Right) Former U.S. Air Force Maj. Edward J. Talbert Jr. accepts a Quilt for Heroes quilt from Nancy M. Randers-Pehrson. After WWII, Talbert spent more than 25 years serving Maryland and the District of Columbia in the field of Library Sciences and was the first African American librarian to open a branch library in Prince Georges County. Randers-Pehrson, who holds a Master of Divinity degree, and is the chaplain for the Abingdon Fire Company, led a blessing of the quilts prior to the ceremony. She said she started her first job at Phillips Army Airfield in 1964.

(Right) Kate Ong, a scientist with the JPEO-CBD presents a quilt to Herbert H. “Herb” Jones Jr. of Washington, D.C. Jones served in the Italian campaign during World War II. He obtained a commercial license after the war and along with a partner took over the operation of Columbia Air Center in Croom, Maryland, becoming the first Civilian Aviation Authority licensed airport operated by African Americans.



All-American Bowl entertains in San Antonio

Story and photos by
SGT. AARON ELLERMAN
143d Expeditionary Sustainment Command

Tens of thousands of people made their way to the Alamodome to watch the 2016 U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 9.

“This was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I’m truly blessed to get the chance to be here,” said Mark Jackson, West Team defensive end and a Cibolo, Texas, native.

For 16 years, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl has been the nation’s premier high school football game, bringing together the nation’s top high school players, which many have gone on to have successful college and professional careers. The bowl also highlights the top high school band members as well, who have gone on to receive ROTC scholarships.

“The fact that the Army hosts this event is what really sets it apart because it’s not just business,” said John Lambourne, West Team defensive line coach.

The All-American Bowl players and Army Soldiers share key attributes including adaptability and versatility, which enables them to prevail in challenging situations.

“There is a correlation between the Army and football - you’re counting on the man beside you for your own success and ask him to trust you whole-heartedly

to accomplish the common goal of winning,” said Shannon Sharpe, captain of the East Team and NFL Hall of Fame member, who played for the Denver Broncos and Baltimore Ravens.

The players and musicians have earned the opportunity to wear the Army colors by demonstrating their dedication to team, community and excellence.

“When I heard that Feleipe was going to the bowl game I was all for it because this is something that he will be able to reflect on and enjoy the rest of his life,” said Master Sgt. Don Franks, an Army Reservist with the 290th Military Police Brigade and father of East Team quarterback Feleipe Franks.

Franks said this event is important because it lets the kids realize the importance of the Army values.

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl provides the Army a platform to engage local communities, which supports the development of America’s future leaders and allows Americans the opportunity to better understand how the Army tackles some of the toughest challenges that face the nation.

The players arrived a week early to practice with their new teammates and engage in local community outreach programs.

“My favorite part of this experience was getting to meet new players, coaches and people and build lasting relation-



Gen. David G. Perkins, commander of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, flips an Army Challenge Coin to determine which team will receive the option to receive the ball first during the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas Jan. 9.

ships during the past week,” Jackson said.

“I believe it was really great that we had the opportunity to participate in the community engagements throughout the week. I hope it inspired the kids to do

more community service on their own and give back a little,” Lambourne said.

This year, the West Team managed to hold on to an early lead and win the game 37-9.



Vanpoolers needed on APG North

APG Commuter Center

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

Commuters only need to be willing to travel to the designated areas to ride the vanpool. For more information, contact the APG Commuter Center POC, Syreeta Gross, at 410-278-5491 or syreeta.a.gross.ctr@mail.mil.

APG North (Aberdeen) to:

- ◇ Baltimore, MD (Canton-area)
- ◇ Baltimore County, MD (near I-70 and 695)
- ◇ Elkton, MD
- ◇ Philadelphia, PA

APG South (Edgewood) to:

- ◇ - Baltimore, MD
- ◇ - Delaware
- ◇ - Philadelphia, PA

THIS WEEK IN APG HISTORY



Take a look back in time as the APG News explores what made the headlines around APG during this week 10, 25 and 50 years ago. This week's APG News masthead is from 1961.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

2015

10 Years Ago: Jan. 12, 2006



(Left) Family members welcome Maryland National Guard Soldiers of Detachment 1, 1159th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) returning from a year-long deployment to Iraq at the Edgewood Armory.

2010



(Right) Edgewood Model Railroad Club member Dick Schwanke of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory flips a switch on a train display during an open house at the group clubhouse in Edgewood.

2000

25 Years Ago: Jan. 9, 1991

1990



(Above) Alice Surrette, APG quality of life coordinator, left, and Spc. Doreen Lewis of the 61st Ordnance Battalion, work in the temporary Family Assistance Center at the main post chapel.

(Left) Harford County's first baby of the New Year, Melissa Ann Duris, the daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Scott and Anita Duris, weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces, 1:15 a.m., Jan. 1, 1991.

1980

50 Years Ago: Jan. 13, 1966

1970



(Right) Five Oakington Elementary students read letters of thanks from Soldiers serving in Vietnam for Christmas cards the children mailed in December.



1960



(Left) From left, Charles Poole, chief of systems and programming, Data Processing Center, explains the console of the NCR 315 computer to Lt. Col. Robert Strain, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command; Mrs. William P. McCauley of the Ballistic Research Laboratories; and Roger J. Lerwill of TECOM.

1950

SMA visits sensors R&D center

By **ALLISON BARROW**
CERDEC

Bringing together the operational expertise of Army noncommissioned officers and the scientific expertise of civilian engineers is key for better capabilities to get to the field faster said the Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey during a visit to Fort Belvoir, Virginia Dec. 14.

“Of course, we cannot do this without our great civilians and the intellectual capital they bring to the United States Army. They are literally the support network behind what Soldiers do every single day. But bringing the noncommissioned officers here gives them the perspective down to the Soldier-level,” Dailey said.

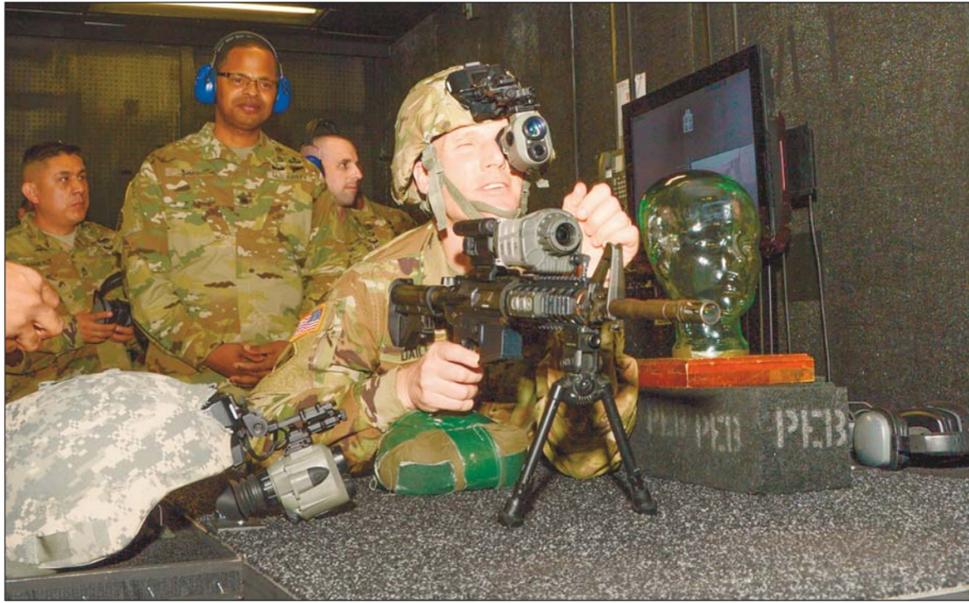
“Even the simplest little things like ergonomics or how things work in the battlefield, to very complex things, like if you do this then this will happen, or it’s going to be hit or could break, or it’s got to be interoperable.”

Dailey was joined by the U.S. Army Materiel Command’s Command Sgt. Maj. James K. Sims during a visit to the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Command, or CERDEC, which is the Defense Department lead for the development of Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, or C4ISR, technologies.

CERDEC Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate, or NVESD, NCOs demonstrated the technology they’re developing with scientists and engineers in the areas of ground combat sensors, Soldier sensor systems, and degraded visual environment-mitigation.

Dailey commented on the benefits the technologies will provide to the Soldier while trying out the various sensor technologies, and provided feedback from his operational insight as a former Infantryman.

He tested a rapid target acquisition prototype by firing at targets inside CERDEC NVESD’s indoor firing tunnel,



(Left) Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey looks through a rapid target acquisition prototype during a visit to CERDEC at Fort Belvoir, Virginia Dec. 14.

(Below) Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey watches a demonstration of CERDEC NVESD’s degraded visual environment-mitigation capability during a visit to Fort Belvoir.

Photos by Conrad Johnson, RDECOM

which simulates a moonless night sky. The prototype aims to help Soldiers identify secondary targets quickly.

“Infantry squads are going to love that. That is going to revolutionize it [the capability],” Dailey said.

Dailey focused on striving for cost-effective solutions and making sure technologies fit Soldiers’ needs by having that operational Soldier perspective.

“It gives that user-ability, test perspective and it allows them to interact so instead of getting that product from design back out to the field and back to design and back to the field, it cuts all that down because we’ve got the noncommissioned officer here who’s got that experience to share with engineers who have that intellectual capital.”

Sims said he hoped the visit demonstrated the command’s ability to bring together NCOs and engineers and scientists to “have a solution that gets it right the first time.”

“It’s about the Soldier and the warfighter. I think the most important thing was to illustrate to the Sergeant Major



of the Army that across AMC we have great noncommissioned officers. We only have a small percentage of them, but it’s important for those noncommissioned

officers to bring the relevancy of what we do from a Soldier, NCO perspective and connect that to the engineer and the engineering solution,” Sims said.



Photo by Spc. Creighton Holub, Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division

Blackhawk helicopters along with other Army aircraft will receive additional protection from enemy threats with the use of Common Infrared Countermeasure a program that is managed by the current Product Manager of the Year, Lt. Col. Kevin Chaney.

Army selects PEO IEW&S Soldier as Product Manager of the Year

By **BRANDON POLLACHEK**
PEO IEW&S

During a Dec. 2, 2015 ceremony, Heidi Shyu, the Army Acquisition Executive and the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology ASA (ALT), awarded the Product Manager (PdM) of the Year award to Lt. Col. Kevin S. Chaney, PdM Aircraft Survivability Equipment (ASE) Countermeasures.

Chaney leads a team of more than 75 Soldiers, civilians and contractors headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama, who provide critical lifesaving technology for aircrews and their passengers. Their primary focus is defeating man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS) threats, thereby increasing aircraft survivability.

“It was an honor to be selected as



Chaney

PdM of the Year and this is a direct reflection of all the difficult work that our ASE team has completed over the past year,” stated Chaney. “More important than the award is the fact that our ASE team is developing and fielding world-class survivability systems in order to protect our Soldiers in executing their missions.”

Chaney manages the Advanced Threat Infrared Countermeasures (ATIRCM), which is currently installed on CH 47 Chinooks and the Common Infrared Countermeasure (CIRCM), a lighter weight system that will be fielded for the rest of the Army’s rotary wing fleet.

CIRCM will provide defensive infrared countermeasures capabilities into existing, current and future-generation aircraft to engage MANPADS as part of a suite of sensors and countermeasures which is responsible for detecting and declaring and defeating IR threats.

Having an understanding of the MANPADS threat to Army Aviation as well as the needs of both the Soldiers in the field and the capabilities of partnering organizations has been paramount to Chaney and his team’s success.

“One way that Lt. Col. Chaney strives to maintain overmatch capa-

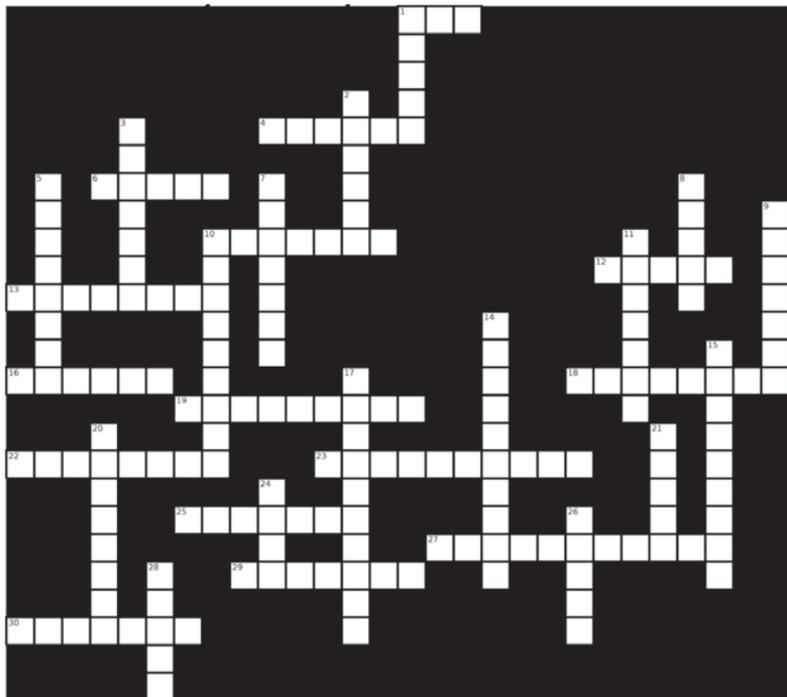
bility is through internal and external engagements,” said Col. Jong Lee, Project Manager ASE. “By having team members engage the user, Army Headquarters, ASA(ALT), Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, Defense Intelligence Agency, and the other services, he developed a collaborative product with growth potential to handle current and emerging threats. These multi-front engagements are a success as the result of a great deal of organizational communication and by empowering individuals with an understanding of our goals.

“The most significant contributing factor for Lt. Col. Chaney’s selection was his ability to serve as the leader of his team,” Lee continued. “The best team can play well but it needs a great coach to win. Like a great coach, Kevin has the ability to pull the best performance from every member of his team, which was a key factor in the success of the CIRCM program achieving Milestone B and entering the next phase of the program.”

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Col. Jong Lee
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The APG Crossword

New Year, New You

By **STACY SMITH**, APG News

Returning to a moderate routine after holiday overindulgences can be tough. Complete this puzzle to learn about healthy lifestyle choices.

Across

1. Body Mass Index; a measure of body fat based on height and weight that applies to adult men and women.
4. Cooking with these can add flavor to dishes without adding calories.
6. This type of fat can be reduced by limiting solid fats, such as the fats found in desserts, pizza, processed and fatty meats and ice cream.
10. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, one cup of raw or cooked vegetables is equivalent to one _____.
12. Breakfast food that has

- seen a three-inch increase in portion size over the last 20 years.
13. A diet that includes all the food groups.
 16. Examples of this food group include wheat, rice, oats, cornmeal and barley.
 18. One in three of these is overweight or obese.
 19. People can reduce this type of fat in their bodies by eating lean cuts of meat and low-fat dairy products.
 22. U.S. institution that 27 percent of young Americans are too overweight to join.
 23. Electronic portable device worn by walkers and runners to

- record the number of steps taken to gauge approximate distance traveled.
25. It is recommended that adults ages 18-64 participate in this type of exercise for 30 minutes daily.
27. Substance contained in sports drinks that replenish the body during strenuous exercise.
29. Nutrient provided by milk and needed to build strong bones.
30. Lets Move!, an initiative launched by First Lady Michelle Obama, is dedicated to solving this national childhood health problem.

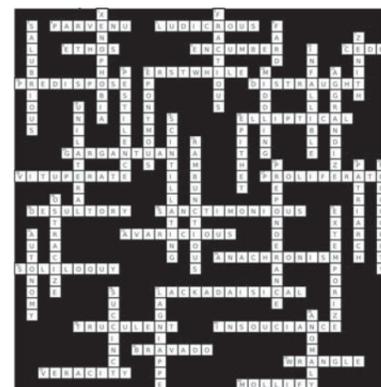
Down

1. Jumping rope is an aerobic activity that also strengthens these rigid organs.
2. Children spend more than seven and one-half hours a day in front of some form of this.
3. The amount of food chosen to eat for a meal or snack.
5. Making small lifestyle changes, such as taking the stairs instead of this transportation device, can make a difference to a person's overall health and fitness.
7. A 2013 study found adults in this state were the most likely to report exercising three or more days a week for at least 30 minutes.
8. Most adults need about seven to eight hours of this activity every night to maintain a healthy lifestyle.
9. Meat, poultry, seafood, dry beans or peas, eggs, nuts, and seeds are all part of this food group.
10. Type of inactive lifestyle that can lead to health problems like heart disease and Type 2 diabetes.

11. Describes the amount of energy a food or drink provides when eaten.
14. Continuously losing more than three pounds a week may increase a person's chances of developing these masses; experts recommend losing 1-2 pounds per week for healthy weight loss.
15. These types of typically unhealthy foods are often packaged in boxes, cans or bags.
17. Moderate physical activity that burns approximately 180 calories per hour.
20. If while exercising a person can only say a few words without stopping to catch their breath, then they are engaging in _____ activity.
21. Word used to describe the calories from solid fats and added sugars in foods and beverages.
24. One can of this fizzy beverage contains 10 teaspoons of sugar.
26. Canned or frozen fruits and veggies provide as many nutrients as _____ ones.
28. Zero-calorie beverage that hydrates the body.

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

Solution to the December 17 puzzle



WORD OF THE WEEK

Blandishment

Pronounced: blan-dish-muh nt

Part of Speech: Noun

Definition:

1. Often, blandishments. something, as an action or speech, that tends to flatter, coax, entice, etc.:
2. A flattering or pleasing statement or action used as a means of gently persuading someone to do something

Use:

- The blandishments of the travel brochure made the proposed relocation seem all the more alluring.
- We succumbed to the blandishments of tropical living.
- They used every sort of blandishment to wean the wayward teens from their aimless lifestyles.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News
Source(s): <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com>
<http://dictionary.reference.com>

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

IES Institute of Education Sciences

The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) is the independent, non-partisan statistics, research, and evaluation arm of the U.S. Department of Education. IES provides scientific evidence on which to ground education practice and policy and to share this information in formats that are useful and accessible to educators, parents, policymakers, researchers, and the public. IES was created as part of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002.



IES activities support six broad types of work that addresses school readiness and education from infancy through adulthood and includes special populations such as English Learners and students with disabilities:

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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

AAA among best federal workplaces

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

For the sixth straight year, the U.S. Army Audit Agency, or USAAA, has placed among the top five subcomponent agencies in the rankings of the best places to work in the federal government.

In the 2015 Partnership for Public Service's annual rankings, USAAA placed 3rd among 320 subcomponent organizations based upon overall employee satisfaction and commitment, as well as workplace issues such as teamwork and work-life balance.

The rankings reflect the views of more than 433,000 civil servants throughout the federal government and offer a comprehensive assessment of how workers view their jobs and workplace.

Headquartered on Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the audit agency employs about 530 civilians in 21 offices scattered throughout the continental United States, Hawaii, Korea and Germany – including here at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The agency oversees the Army's entire budget of roughly \$125 billion, including \$70 million for its own internal payroll, but the auditor general says his workforce is typically able to save \$1.5 to \$2 billion annually from the overall Army budget in cost-avoidance savings.

USAAA is no stranger to receiving top recognition from the Partnership for Public Service. The first year in which it entered the competition in 2010, it came in 2nd of 224 subcomponent organizations; in 2011, it placed 2nd among 240 subcomponents; in 2012, 1st of 392 subcomponents; in 2013, 3rd of 300 subcomponents and in 2014, USAAA placed 5th of 315 subcomponents. According to a Partnership representative, no subcomponent organization has ever placed in the top five for six years straight.

"This award says a lot of things about USAAA," said Auditor General Randy Exley, who has more than 44 years of audit experience, including two years as an Army enlisted auditor.

"First, we have a really great mission of taking care of Soldiers, civilians and Families and doing what we do benefits them all and protects the freedom of the nation," Exley said.

"It also says that the leadership and the organization from the top all the way down cares about its people, so we like to say that we pay as much attention to our workforce as we do our clients, because



Photo courtesy of Partnership for Public Service

Surrounded by co-workers, Army Auditor General Randy Exley holds a plaque awarded to the Army Audit Agency from Partnership for Public Service for being selected the the third best agency to work for out of 320 federal subcomponent agencies. From left, Lisa Bryan, auditor; Karl F. Schneider, deputy assistant secretary of the Army (manpower and Reserve affairs); Exley; Joe Bentz, principal deputy Army auditor general; and Dennis DeVore, auditor.

we know the workforce is the people who make our clients happy or unhappy," he added.

Exley says USAAA is very intentional about trying to ensure it's an organization where people want to work and it's no secret that great work environments foster productivity and help draw the best talent into the workforce.

"We have a very robust communications effort that has been going on for five years - it's a big effort on developing leadership skills in our leaders and a continued focus on making sure we're doing important work, the highest impact work that we can identify [through] written assessment processes and through very close collaboration with our clients while making sure we're doing the right

audits that bring the highest impact back and provide the greatest support to the Army, Soldiers, civilians and Families," he said.

"How we have moved to where we are is because of the importance of connecting folks with the mission and how their contributions are valued - we do a lot and solicit feedback from our force in various ways and then we act on that feedback which is critically important," said Deputy Auditor General Joe Bentz.

"Nothing will derail you more than when you ask folks what they'd like to see or do in making changes and leadership doesn't respond."

Bentz added that the agency has a continuously evolving focus on building leadership and accountability throughout the organization that develops trust in work-

“It’s a focus on work-life balance that shows we treat our own folks as importantly as our client.”

Joe Bentz

Deputy Auditor General

FCA candidates begin acclimation phase

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skills. Most students plan to take the General Educational Development test and some reenter high school after they complete the FCA.

During in-processing the candidates submitted academic and medical paperwork, were issued uniforms, and received the FCA handbook. Later that day, male candidates received a military-style haircut.

FCA Director Charles Rose said first the candidates enter a two-week acclimation phase, where they adjust to the new environment and if successful, they are officially accepted into the program during a crossover ceremony.

In addition to challenging classwork, all candidates are required to complete at least 40 hours of community service. Some also participate in an optional vocational training program on the weekends.

"Candidates have to be mentally and emotionally ready to make a change," he said. "They are going to be away from their families. They need to understand that this is an opportunity."

Rose said the structured, no-nonsense environment helps the teens focus on their studies. Distractions like video games, music, social media and cell phones are not allowed.

"We want them to focus on why they are here, and what responsibilities they have now and what they will have when they leave here," Rose said. "We tell them nothing is going to be easy; you have to earn everything that you get."

He added that parents and family members often go through an adjust-



Maryland Defense Force Volunteer CW2 Allan Miller, checks the personal items of Freestate Challenge Academy Candidate Cyrus Williams during the in-processing of Class #46 candidates at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Jan. 10.

ment phase, too. Candidates and family members are encouraged to write letters frequently.

If [the candidates] know that there is someone at home that loves them, it is going to be easier for them," he said. "Family members can make a significant impact just by being supportive."

Deangela Boone said she believes her younger sister, Candidate Latoka Boone, will succeed in the program.

"I am excited for her, to see her going through this process," she said. "I would like to see her come out of her shell and push herself harder to become the person that I know she can

be. I know she has a bright future, I am so elated that she has this opportunity." Candidate Cyrus Williams said he is ready for a change.

"This is an opportunity for me to do something better," he said. "I feel like 2016 is my year because of this program. I want to make my mom and myself happy."

Candidate Celea Reyes admitted that she is nervous about leaving her family. She plans to get through the program by focusing on her goals.

"I am here because I want a better future," she said.

After graduating FCA, the teens

enter a 12-month post-residential phase where they work closely with mentors in their community. Mentors encourage graduates to obtain employment, continue their education or enter the military.

FCA has graduated more than 4,000 cadets since its inception in 1993. It is endorsed by the State of Maryland and is in a cooperative agreement between the Maryland National Guard and the National Guard Bureau. The academy is located on APG South (Edgewood). For more information visit <http://freestatemil.maryland.gov/> or call 410- 436-3331.

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VA visit connects past, present service members

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mander Capt. Robert Allen; HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Jermaine Allen; and Noel Osborne, PEO IEW&S director of operations.

The group was greeted and escorted by Jeff Nechanicky, VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS), associate director for finance; VAMHCS program manager Susan Kern and public affairs officer Ming Vincenti.

The group visited with hospitalized veterans in the community living and long-term care centers. They thanked the veterans for their service and were thanked in return for taking the time to visit. The veterans, who served in every era since World War II, were appreciative of the opportunity to visit with current service members.

"I appreciate your group coming [here] because you're stronger than we were," one Desert Storm veteran told Vollmecke.

"Your appreciation means a lot to us," the general responded, "and that's what helps us going forward. From generation to generation, we stand together."

Vollmecke said his admirations for previous generations grew while he was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he spoke before veteran groups at the Alamo and met veterans of the Delta Raiders, a team of Vietnam veterans who distinguished themselves during the 1968 Tet Offensive. He said he decided to arrange the visit after learning about the Perry Point VAMC from APG Senior Leader Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford.

He said the visit was all about reinforcing



A veteran recounts his service with the 3rd Armored Division during Desert Storm for, from left, Col. Ed Swanson; Col. Joe Dupont; Maj. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke; and Maj. Preston Pysh during their Jan. 11 visit to veterans at the Perry Point VAMC. Vollmecke is the deputy program executive officer for Intelligence Electronic Warfare and Sensors.

ing "the common bond of camaraderie."

"The World War II generation is what made this nation so strong," he said. "And now with more than 40 years of an all-volunteer force, we have a mili-

tary that no other nation in the world can match. We want to ensure that younger generations of Warriors don't forget and we also want to promote community involvement to help in some small

way so these veterans know they are not forgotten.

"Through events like this you gain a greater perspective of service," he added, "and you walk away more humble."

Muzzelo 'grateful' for CECOM deputy opportunity

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ing to the crowd at the ceremony.

"This job and position of being a member of the Senior Executive Service is very important and one that helps run the Army. Civilian continuity runs the Army and the importance of civilian leadership is huge.

"I can think of no one better equipped to accept that challenge here at APG than Larry Muzzelo."

Crawford also welcomed Muzzelo's wife Helen, daughters Christine and Rachel, son Benjamin and parents Gary and Sandy to the event, noting the elder Muzzelo's service as a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He then administered the oath of office to Muzzelo, symbolically assigning him his position.

Muzzelo thanked Crawford, his family, and his many mentors, citing all for helping him get to where he is today.

"The Senior Executive Service was something completely unexpected when I started back in 1984," Muzzelo said. "CECOM is a world-class organization serving Soldiers around the world. I expect that to continue.

"Today is about all my mentors who have guided, taught and shepherded me throughout my career. Staring with my dad who always said 'the only constant is change,' to Maj. Gen. Crawford explaining you have to grow where you are. You learn from failures. It's okay to tell peo-

ple 'no.' I have found that common, team-oriented goals help achieve success, that you must employ a coalition and usually adopt collaborative values. What past partnerships have taught me I intend to apply moving forward.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in this position, and I know we will meet the challenges of the future head on."

Muzzelo's tenure with the CECOM SEC began in September 2013, and he was later selected for the Federal Senior Executive Service in January 2014.

As the Director of the SEC, Muzzelo led SEC efforts to ensure software readiness of the Army's Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) and Logistics systems enabling the Army's warfighting superiority and information dominance. His global organization numbered over 4,000 military, civilian and industry employees over five major locations with an annual budget in excess of \$600 million.

Muzzelo steps into the job with over 31 years of program management and engineering experience. He is a Senior Service College Fellowship Program graduate, holds a Master of Arts degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University, a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and Bachelor of Science



Photo by Greg Mahall, CECOM
Larry Muzzelo, right, newly named deputy to the commanding general of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, accepts best wishes from Col. O. Wayne Boyd, CECOM command chaplain, during a reception after the welcoming ceremony at APG North (Aberdeen) Jan. 11.

and Master of Science degrees in Agricultural Engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps, a graduate of CECOM's Competitive Leadership

Development Program, is Level III Certified in both Program Management and Systems, Planning, Research, Development and Engineering and is a member of IEEE.



DID YOU KNOW?

National Religious Freedom Day, proclaimed each year on Jan. 16, commemorates the Virginia General Assembly's adoption of Thomas Jefferson's landmark Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom which became the basis for the establishment clause of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and led to freedom of religion for all Americans.

Each year, the President of the United States issues a proclamation declaring Jan. 16 to be Religious Freedom Day, and calling upon Americans to "observe this day through appropriate events and activities in homes, schools, and places of worship." In the 2015 proclamation, President Barack Obama noted that while the First Amendment prohibits the government from establishing religion, it "protects the rights of every person to practice their faith as they choose, to change their faith, or to practice no faith at all, and to do so free from persecution and fear."

Organizers of the National Religious Freedom Day website at <http://religiousfreedomday.org> encourage schools to recognize Religious Freedom Day during the school week leading up to Jan. 16.

Suggested ideas to recognize the day include reading the presidential proclamation that is displayed on the White House website at www.whitehouse.gov or having students write papers on "What Religious Freedom Means To Me."

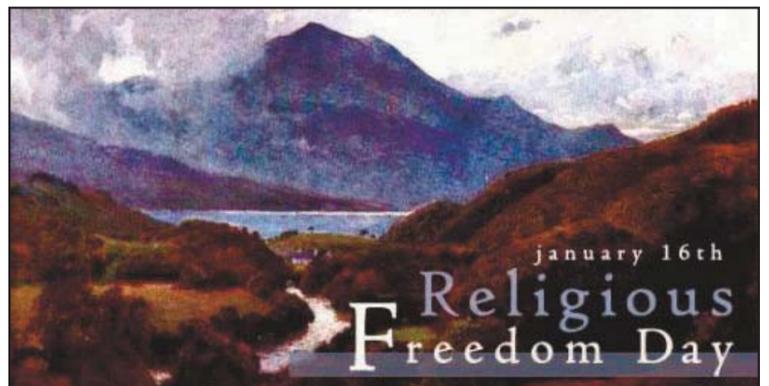
Another way is to access the U.S. Department of Education website for a list of "guidelines on Student's Religious Liberties" or discuss countries where freedom of religion is not allowed.

Primarily, students are encouraged to learn more about Thomas Jefferson and the events leading up to the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, including the colonist break with the Church of England and the statute's two main principles: Personal Freedom of Conscience and Separation of Church and State.

Jefferson's statute

Jefferson wrote the Virginia Statute in 1777. It was promoted in the Virginia General Assembly by James Madison and passed by the Assembly on Jan. 15, 1786.

According to the Virginia Historical Society website, the statute is rooted in Jefferson's philosophy:



"The first paragraph of the statute proclaims one of those entitlements, freedom of thought. To Jefferson, "Nature's God," who is undeniably visible in the workings of the universe, gives man the freedom to choose his religious beliefs.

The second paragraph is the act itself, which states that no person can be compelled to attend any church or support it with his taxes. It says that an individual is free to worship as he pleases with no discrimination.

The third paragraph reflects Jefferson's belief in the people's right, through their elected assemblies, to change any law. Here, Jefferson states that this statute is not irrevocable because no law is (not even the Constitution). Future assemblies that choose to repeal or circumscribe the act do so at their own peril, because this is "an infringement of natural right." Thus, Jefferson articulates his philosophy of both natural right and the sovereignty of the people."

According to the site, Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, and the founder of what is now called the Democratic Party, "wanted to be known by future generations first for the creation of the Declaration of Independence, second for the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom and finally as father of the University of Virginia."

For more information, visit the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom website at www.uscirf.gov.

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Source(s): <http://ss.vahistorical.org>; <http://religiousfreedomday.org>; <http://www.religioustolerance.org>

APG SNAPSHOT

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



ZUMBA FITNESS CLASSES ENHANCE WELL-BEING

(Left) From left, Retiree spouse Rosa Carrington, military spouse Ivone Darley, and family member Stephanie Cooperww clap in time to the music during a lunchtime Zumba class at the APG North recreation center Jan. 11.

(Below) Participants follow Zumba Instructor and ARL civilian Andres Bujanda's lead during one of the rhythmic dances.

For more information about upcoming fitness classes and events, visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/> located under recreation and sports.

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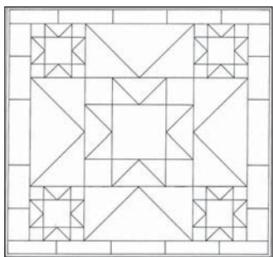


SEWING APPRECIATION INTO EVERY STITCH & CREATION

Carol Hansen, president and founder of Quilts for Heroes, right, talks about the group's mission with Tuskegee Airman East Coast Chapter member Joy Branham-Pryde, center as they and Branham-Pryde's daughter, Linda Keyes, left, admire a custom quilt prior to the presentation ceremony at the College Park Aviation Museum.

Quilts for Heroes was established as a nonprofit organization in 2005. Many of its members are current or former APG civilians. Membership is open to anyone. The group meets Monday evenings at the APG South (Edgewood) chapel. For more information, contact Hansen at 443-752-2603 or email cshansen@comcast.net.

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PRIDE IN SERVICE

Ninety-one year old World War II veteran Joseph Hall shows APG visitors his "pride and joy," awards and decorations that include three Purple Heart medals.

Soldiers from the Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, including the deputy PEO, and the APG Garrison visited with veterans in community living and long-term care centers at the Perry Point VA Medical Center in Perryville, Jan. 11.

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