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APG NORTH GATES BOTH OPEN 24/7

The Maryland Gate, known as the 715 gate, has returned to 24/7 operations.

All trucks, commercial deliveries, non-DOD or federal ID card-holders and visitors without properly credentialed escorts must use the Maryland Gate access control point at all times for entry to APG North (Aberdeen).

The Harford Gate, commonly called the 22 gate, will remain open 24/7, however it will only allow personnel with a DOD or federal ID card access to APG North.

Visitors escorted by a DOD or federal ID card-holder who will remain with them the entire duration of their visit will also be granted access to the installation via the Harford Gate.

The operations at the APG South (Edgewood) access control points remain unchanged.

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Gen. Dennis L. Via, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, and his wife Linda get an up-close view of the newly unveiled CECOM Hall of Fame after a formal ceremony inducting the hall's first honorees April 7. The Hall of Fame honors the heritage of CECOM and provides a testimony to the inductees' achievements.

CECOM unveils its Hall of Fame, honors first inductees

By MARY B. GRIMES
CECOM Public Affairs Office

In a ceremony reflecting great pride and distinction, the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command unveiled its CECOM Hall of Fame April 7 on APG North (Aberdeen).

Hall of Fame inductees and their families, esteemed guests and visitors gathered

in the lobby of Armstrong Hall, the site of the permanent Hall of Fame landmark, where they were greeted by a host of former commanders, current CECOM leaders, representatives and DOD civilians.

CECOM Commanding General and APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford welcomed the attendees, all of whom joined him in applause as he extend-

ed his appreciation to the inductees: former commanders retired Lt. Gen. Emmett Paige Jr., and retired Maj. Gen. Robert Morgan; former Civilian Executive Assistant and Deputy to the Commander of Tobyhanna Army Depot, Mason C. Linn; former CECOM Deputy to the Command-

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Courtesy photo

APG family welcomes 10,000th baby delivered at Upper Chesapeake

The Upper Chesapeake Medical Center midwives team in Bel Air delivered its 10,000th baby April 8, and APG cherished yet another reason to celebrate during Month of the Military Child.

Sgt. Daniel Powell, a team leader for the Alpha Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery at APG, wife Margo and daughter Erin, 15 months, welcomed their newest family member, a baby girl named Lala at 2:17 p.m. Friday. The Powell family moved to Harford County in October from South Carolina.

Fostering innovation

Quarterly summits aim to inspire new ideas, promote critical thinking

By DAVID MCNALLY
Army Research Laboratory

The U.S. Army continues to seek new ideas as it holds a series of summits to inspire innovation. Military and civilian leaders, scientists and engineers gathered for a two-day Innovation Summit on APG North (Aberdeen), April 5-6.

"We live in a complex world with complex threats," said Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton, commanding general of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, or RDECOM "To recommend innovative solutions, we must prioritize our needs."

Wharton, the host of the event, welcomed representatives from the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, other Army Materiel Command, or AMC, major subordinate commands and technology leaders from across the Army.

"Our goal is to foster innovation," he said. "The Army Operating Concept defines innovation as the result of critical and creative thinking and the conversion of new ideas into valued outcomes."

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Photo by Conrad Johnson, RDECOM

Dr. Eric Wetzel from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, center, discusses his team's partnership with the NFL to mitigate head trauma during the Army's second Innovation Summit April 5-6.

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If a genie granted you three wishes, what would they be?

I would wish for a brother, another LEGO set and a new hairbrush.



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I would wish for a lion that would do whatever I tell him, a best friend who lives with me and a superhero toy.



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I would wish for unlimited wishes, no more violence and for people to get along better.



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I would wish for people to stop bullying, no more bad people in the world and for everyone to be free.



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I would wish for a hoverboard, a lot of food and a Gucci belt.



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Commander's Corner

AMC announces mission command alignment

To optimize life cycle sustainment, better support the Chief of Staff of the Army's top priority of readiness, and posture the command for the future, I recently announced a Mission Command alignment for the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

Effective in February 2016, the alignment includes two major initiatives: empowering Life Cycle Management Commands, or LCMCs, to provide portfolio-based sustainable readiness, and strengthening Army Sustainment Command as AMC's single entry point for synchronizing, integrating, and prioritizing readiness capabilities across our Army at the installation level.

To strengthen the portfolio-based approach, three Research, Development and Engineering Centers, or RDECs, and three contracting centers are realigned under their respective LCMC, which gained operational control, or OPCON, over the centers.

- Aviation and Missile Command gained OPCON over Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center and the Redstone Contracting Center at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

- Communications-Electronics Command gained OPCON over Communications Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center and Aberdeen Proving Ground Contracting Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

- Tank-automotive and Armaments Command gained OPCON over Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center and Warren Contracting Center at Detroit Arsenal, Warren, Michigan.

This alignment empowers LCMC commanders to establish and manage priorities and resources within their respective portfolios. LCMCs will be optimized at a single point for cradle to grave sustainment, from acquisition, fielding, upgrades and maintenance, to final disposition, reducing costs and redundancies.

Research, Development and Engineering Command and Army Contracting Command retain administrative control over the respective RDECs and contracting centers, remaining responsible for prioritizing personnel management, training, career program management, resourcing, and other administrative functions.

To further solidify a single AMC "face-to-the-field," ASC gained tactical control over Contracting Support Brigades, or CSBs, and Logistics Assistance Representatives, or LARs.



This shift is not new to AMC or our Army; we have centralized and decentralized these organizations

and functions throughout the years as the operational mission environment and conditions have dictated.

The alignment will provide Brigade Combat Team Commanders with a single point of entry into AMC's portfolio of capabilities, provide mission and unity of command and effort, and make AMC more responsive to the warfighters' needs and requirements. ACC retains administrative control over the CSBs, while the respective LCMC retains administrative control over the LARs.

This shift is not new to AMC or our Army; we have centralized and decentralized these organizations and functions throughout the years as the operational mission environment and conditions have dictated. Realigning now allows AMC to better balance mission requirements with shrinking resources, a smaller Army, and continued worldwide deployments. It fosters prudent use of our limited resources, and provides flexibility to address the unknown future effects of sequestration.

The effort does not include relocation or the elimination of personnel or positions, but better aligns Mission Command across the organization to prioritize readiness requirements for the current and future force.

I am confident that this is the right direction for the command to ensure we are best postured to deliver global readiness solutions to the Army and Joint Force, now and in the future.

GEN. DENNIS L. VIA
Commanding General, Army Materiel Command

Police & Fire

B L O T T E R

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 March.

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

Calls for Service

FIRE: 174

- Fire Alarms – 22
- Mutual Aid* – 11
- Watercraft Emergencies – 0
- Fire Drills – 34

MEDIC: 23

- Mutual Aid* – 0
- Chest Pains – 2
- Breathing Problems – 1

POLICE: 491

- Alarm Activation – 306
- 911 Hang-ups – 14
- Traffic Accidents – 11

- Active Warrants – 10

Citations

TOTAL: 194

- Warning Citations – 102
- Non-Warning Citations – 92

Arrests

TOTAL: 23

- Traffic Related – 16
- Warrant Arrests – 2
- Domestic Related – 0
- DUI/Alcohol Related – 1
- Drug Related – 0

See Something

Cut along dotted lines and fold in middle for use as wallet reference Card.

Provided by the INTEL DIV/DPTMS

Say Something

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- Unusual contacts on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

INSTALLATION WATCH CARD

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- Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
- Discuss FP measures, capabilities, or posture.
- Disclose information about R&D and testing.

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EFMP hosts autism awareness session

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APG News

In observance of National Autism Awareness Month, the Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program hosted an “Autism-Why Do They Do That?” information session at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel April 7.

Dr. Steven Lindauer, assistant director of the Pediatric Developmental Disabilities Clinic at Kennedy Krieger Institute and assistant professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, discussed a variety of behavior problems in children with autism spectrum disorder, or ASD, during the session.

He called autism the “perfect storm for behavior problems” and said children with autism often engage in stereotypic, or repetitive behavior, have communication delays and have social skill deficits, meaning that they don’t usually pick up on social cues.

Lindauer said “behavior doesn’t exist in a vacuum” and there are multiple factors to consider. Children with ASD often have trouble expressing themselves, so they might throw an object or have a tantrum to get a parent or caregiver’s attention, he said.

“Most problem behaviors are rooted in communication problems,” he said, adding, that to alleviate this frustration, some children with ASD learn sign language or point to pictures or objects to communicate.

According to Lindauer, he said the top three behavior problems he observes at the Pediatric Developmental Disabilities Clinic are tantrums, aggression and self-injury. He noted that some children will misbehave in order to get more attention.

“Good behavior is ignored almost all the time,” he said. “Problem behavior gets a reaction almost all the time.”

He suggested that parents reward positive behaviors more frequently. First, he said, parents should understand the type of attention their child wants because some children seek verbal praise while others prefer hugs.

Lindauer also discussed toilet training and school work. He said most children with ASD do not comprehend social norms, which is the cause of some behavior problems.

Parents and caregivers need to find



(Left) Maryland Army National Guard Capt. Dale Coutu browses books about Autism Spectrum Disorder under the guidance of Exceptional Family Member Program Coordinator Nancy Goucher after a presentation about autism on APG North (Aberdeen), April 7. EFMP offers a variety of resources available through its Special Needs Resource Lending Library.

out what motivates the child and adjust accordingly, he said. This is learned through trial and error.

Children with ASD often respond to tangible rewards, he explained. Allowing children to watch their favorite television show or play games after their work is done can reinforce positive behavior.

Another strategy is giving a child tokens for completing tasks or displaying good behaviors. When they save enough tokens they can “cash it in” for a small reward.

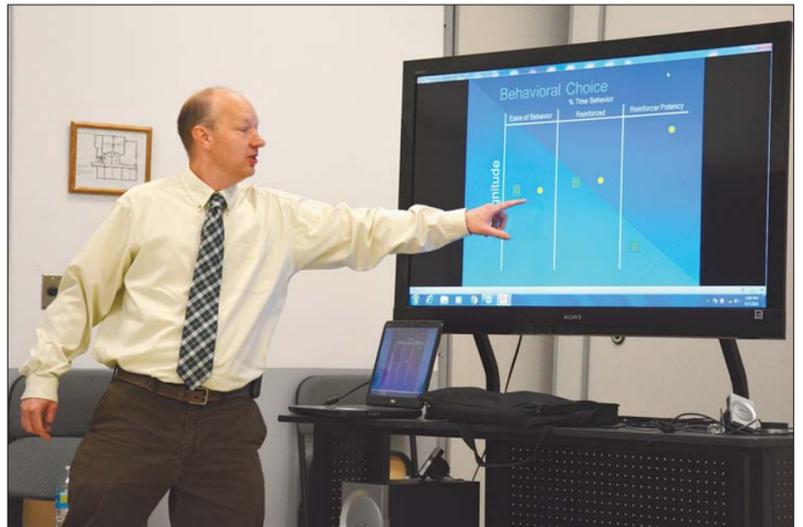
EFMP Coordinator Nancy Goucher thanked Lindauer for his presentation.

“He is a respected professional in his field who brought extensive knowledge to share with families,” she said.

Jessica Park, with the Program Executive Office Intelligence Electronic Warfare & Sensors, or PEO IEW&S, said she went to the presentation for her stepson, who has been diagnosed with autism.

“We attended to learn more about how to deal with [our son,]” she said. “It definitely gave me a different perspective on how to deal with the behavior issues.”

Capt. Dale Coutu, with the Maryland Army National Guard, said he attended to learn more about how to better interact with his son, who has been diagnosed with attention deficit hyper-



Dr. Steven Lindauer, assistant director of the Pediatric Developmental Disabilities Clinic at Kennedy Krieger Institute, explains behavioral choices and motivation during an “Autism-Why Do They Do That?” presentation at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel April 7.

activity disorder, or ADHD. He said he plans to incorporate more positive reinforcement at home as a parenting strategy. “It gave me some insight,” he said “I related a lot to it.”

The next EFMP presentation, Estate

Planning for Family Members with Special Needs, is scheduled for 5:30 pm. at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel May 5.

For more information contact Goucher at 410-278-2420 or nancy.e.gouher.civ@mail.mil.

Open forum builds tech in-roads with industry

By **KEN GOSS**
CERDEC Public Affairs

The Army is working hard to build lines of communication between the federal government and small business and industry nationwide through its Better Buying Power 3.0 initiative. This initiative is part of the Defense Department's continuing effort to increase the productivity, efficiency and effectiveness of its many acquisition, technology and logistics efforts.

To support BBP 3.0, the Army Materiel Command's Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, or CERDEC, held a Technical Interchange Meeting with Industry, or TIM, at the C4ISR campus on APG North (Aberdeen), March 31 and April 1, to help industry identify and align their efforts with CERDEC's mission areas.

"It's an exciting time for CERDEC as we continue to grow and adapt, remaining motivated and responsive to the Soldier's needs," said Henry Muller, CERDEC director. "Everything we do goes on a vehicle or an aircraft, whether it be a sensor or comms [communications] package. We work to equip the Soldier and bring down the weight [of the equipment], while making the Soldier more efficient."

"We need to partner with industry to learn best practices and stay abreast of cutting edge technologies, and you gain an understanding by working with us, of how what you're doing is applicable and how it can be relevant in terms of a solution for Army needs," Muller said during his opening welcome at the event.

Approximately 285 companies registered to attend the CERDEC TIM, with 26 percent not having done business with CERDEC previously. Attendees represented large, small, woman-owned, veteran-owned, small-disadvantaged and Historically Underutilized Business Zone companies with interest areas ranging through research and development, science, prototyping and integration, services, manufacturing, and operations and maintenance.

Louise Borrelli, director of Wireless Systems for TrellisWare Technologies, said she saw the event as beneficial for her company.

"I recently took over the front end



Photo by Conrad Johnson, RDECOM

Gary Blohm, director, CERDEC Command, Power and Integration Directorate briefs his directorate's mission areas to industry attendees during the CERDEC Technical Interchange Meeting with Industry at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. March 31.

of technology research and development with my company, so I'm learning what CERDEC has, which gives me better insight to the possibilities for what my company can get involved in. Being able to preview slides for the presentations showed the targets of opportunity, then I was able to focus during the event meetings and get the most information possible to bring back to my company," she said.

CERDEC engineers gave presentations on technology programs and plans in the areas of communications and networking; surveillance; electronic warfare; information systems; cyberspace operations; EO/IR sensors and sensor processing; mission command; intelligence; RF surveillance and signal processing; position, navigation and timing; reconnaissance; radar; power and energy; and more.

This event ensures CERDEC finds the best ways to provide information

to industry partners, while developing these relationships to leverage innovative ideas for its main customer – the Soldier, said Bruce Testa, CERDEC associate director for Technology and Strategic Planning.

"We are willing to work with each partner to tailor the best possible arrangement to help them share ideas with us," Testa said.

Michael Monteleone, chief of the Cyber Security and Information Assurance Division for the CERDEC Space and Terrestrial Communications Directorate, said he was eager to meet with industry members during his presentations.

"This has been an opportunity to introduce ourselves, exchange contact information and prepare to plan one-on-one meetings to discuss project ideas more specifically. I was able to let them know we always have different aspects of a system reaching a maturity level at different times, so there

are always new and different contract opportunities coming available at different times throughout the overall fiscal year range," Montelone said.

CERDEC will make written responses to the questions during the Technical Interchange Meeting publicly available via FedBizOpps and do a full after action of the event in order to continue to improve for the next time. One area for concern said Bob Zanzalari, CERDEC deputy director, was having to limit attendance based on the venue. CERDEC had a waitlist of registrants who were not afforded the opportunity to attend.

"Despite the excellent turnout, 20 percent of the registrants didn't participate. These were spaces that would have been eagerly filled by other members of companies in attendance and others on the waiting list. We'll have captured this as a lesson-learned, which we will look address in the future," Zanzalari said.

ACS program highlights volunteer opportunities

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Just in time for National Volunteer Month, APG Army Community Service, or ACS, has a new Volunteer Corps Coordinator who is seeking to grow the installation's volunteer program.

Sarah Polanco said she plans to encourage more volunteers to register through the Volunteer Management Information System, or VMIS, the Army's online volunteer management tool. The system allows anyone affiliated with the installation – Soldiers, civilians, contractors, retirees and family members – to document their volunteer history.

"I know there are a lot of people who volunteer on post, I just don't know if they know about this system," she said.

Eligible patrons can register on VMIS through www.myarmyone-source.com. After registering, individuals seeking volunteer positions, can list their availability, and search and apply for volunteer positions on post and in the surrounding community.

When a person applies for a volunteer position, an email is sent to the Organization Point of Contact, or OPOC, who accepts or declines the application. If the OPOC accepts the application, the volunteer will be contacted for an interview.

Individuals who accept volunteer positions, can log their hours into VMIS using their home computer.

"You don't need to have a CAC [Common Access Card] to volunteer," Polanco said.

She added that another VMIS advantage is that the system is standardized, so volunteer history is saved, even if the volunteer moves to a different installation.

VMIS also allows for reporting of volunteer activity and statistics at the installation, region, and Department of the Army levels. According to Polanco, the Army is interested in tracking volunteer hours to see where manpower is needed, and to record how much money is saved.

"It is a pretty useful tool," she said,



From right, Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator Sarah Polanco, with Army Community Service, shows military spouse and ACS volunteer Melinda Conway, how to navigate the Volunteer Management Information System.

adding that she is available to help patrons navigate the system for volunteer opportunities based on their interests and goals.

Volunteering can be fulfilling

There are many reasons for volunteering, she said. Many high school and college students have volunteer requirements, for example. Others volunteer to meet people who share similar interests. Building a social network is especially critical for military family members who move frequently, she said.

"As people move they need that socialization, they need that support system," she said. "When you move away from your family, it's hard."

Volunteering is also a good way to

gain experience," she said. "A lot of people don't know that you can actually include any type of volunteer work on your resume as experience."

Polanco previously served as the Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator at Fort Detrick, Maryland. She described her job as, "very gratifying," and said she looks forward to outreach events like the quarterly Newcomers Orientation.

"I am an outreach type of person, which is vital for the volunteer program, because that is a big part of it," she said. "You have to get out there and network. I am all about that."

ACS will mark National Volunteer Month with the annual volunteer recognition ceremony starting 6 p.m. at Top

of the Bay, April 27.

"I am hoping to expand volunteer opportunities as I get to know people, so we can make this a bigger event [next year] and have more volunteers recognized," Polanco said. "I know that there are so many [volunteers on post] and they need to be recognized for what they do."

In addition to the volunteer program, Polanco manages the Army Family Action Plan, or AFAP, and Army Family Team Building, or AFTB, programs.

ACS is located in Bldg. 2503, on the first floor. Polanco is available 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday. For more information call 410-278-2464 or email sarah.polanco.civ@mail.mil.

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BY THE NUMB#RS

Tax Day

This year, procrastinators have three extra days to file their taxes. Washington, D.C. will celebrate Emancipation Day Friday, April 15. Therefore, Tax Day, the date on which individual income tax returns are due, has been moved to Monday, April 18.

6+ billion

Number of hours Americans spend filing individual and business income taxes, according to the Taxpayer Advocate Service. That's equal to nearly 3 million full-time tax industry workers.

100 million

Number of telephone calls the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, receives every year from people asking for help with tax filing needs. On top of that, it receives 10 million letters and 5 million on-site visits.

\$3,120

Average tax refund. Amount of the average tax refund

1931

Year the infamous gangster Al Capone was sent to prison. He was convicted for income tax evasion.

734

Average number of pages added to the federal tax code every year since 1913. It's more than 70,000 pages long.

80

Percent of tax filers who will receive a federal tax refund.

By **STACY SMITH**, APG News

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 20

SPRING TECHNOLOGY EXPO

Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, ECBC, Corporate Information Office, or CIO, and Federal Direct Access Expositions will host the APG Spring Technology EXPO 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326.

Attendance is open to all Department of Defense service members, civilians and contractors. Exhibitors of state-of-the-art technologies and innovations will include Accutech, Canon Solutions, Delmarva Engineering, Dell Inc., GSA, Kodak Alaris, Lexmark Government Solutions, Micron Technology, Panasonic, Planar Systems, SCI Technology, Tektronix, Vision Technologies, and much more.

For more information, contact Mary McCully ECBC CIO Acquisition Team, at 410-436-2625 or mary.p.mccully.civ@mail.mil or Donna Flemister of Federal Direct Access at 410-531-8559 or donna@fdaexpo.com.

THURSDAY APRIL 21

GARRISON TOWN HALL

The third quarter Garrison Town Hall will be held at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The command will be recognizing garrison personnel for their hard work and dedication. Come out and show support for your team!

Questions in advance may be submitted to Lisa McClure, lisa.a.mcclure9.civ@mail.mil

TUESDAY APRIL 26

SHARP POETRY SLAM

The Army Test and Evaluation Command and Team APG SHARP will host A SHARP Poetry Slam at the Mallette Auditorium, Bldg. 6008 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

A Poetry Slam is a competition in which poets read or recite original work. These performances are then judged on a numeric scale by previously selected members of the audience. Participants will present Sexual Harassment and/or Sexual Assault themed poems focusing on such topics as prevention, culture change, intervention, awareness, and more. All poets are welcome, even those who have never even considered writing poetry before.

Personnel who attend will receive credit for the online SHARP Part II Annual Training. Certificates will be provided to attendees.

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

meetings&conferences

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27

DAU TRAINING SYMPOSIUM

The Defense Acquisition University campus at APG will host a VTC for the one-day hot topic training forum 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 6175 Guardian Gateway on APG with no cost to remote viewers. The symposium will be fed live from Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

This year's theme is "Strengthening Cost Consciousness, Professionalism, and Technical Excellence." Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics is the keynote speaker.

The event offers plenary and classroom training sessions tied to the Better Buying Power 3.0 initiatives. In a period of fiscal challenges and technological opportunities, the training will focus on learning hard skills - training in the latest acquisition policy, practices and techniques that attendees can take back to the workplace and apply. The symposium provides six Continuous Learning Points for continued DOD acquisition certification.

Seating is limited. To sign up, contact Ben Metcalfe at 410-272-9471 or benjamin.metcalfe@dau.mil or. For more information about the symposium, visit <http://dauaa.org/Symposium2016/Index.htm>

THURSDAY APRIL 28

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The next Restoration Advisory Board meeting will be held at the Ramada Conference Center in Edgewood from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information, contact Karen Jobses at 410-436-4429.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MAY 2-4

CAREER PROGRAM 16 SITE VISIT

The Army Career Program 16 (CP-16) Engineers & Scientist (Non-Construction) Proprietary Office will conduct a site visit to APG in coordination with CECOM, ATEC and RDECOM.

The schedule is as follows:

MAY 2:

- Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000 8 to 10 a.m. – Leadership Session
- Bldg. 6002 Combat Drive, CECOM DCG Conference Room 10 to 10:30 a.m. – In Brief (ATEC, CECOM, RDECOM CCPM, Leadership, and G1)
- Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000 Combat Drive (APG North) 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Careerist Ses-

sion

- Edgewood Area Recreation Center, Bldg. E4140 Austin Road (APG South) 2 to 4 p.m. – Careerist Session

MAY 3

- Edgewood Area Recreation Center, Building E4140 Austin Road (APG South) 9 to 11 a.m. – Careerist Session

- Myer Auditorium, Building 6000 Combat Drive (APG North) 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

MAY 4

- Edgewood Area Recreation Center, Building E4140 Austin Road (APG South) 9 to 11 a.m. – Careerist Session

- 1 to 3 p.m. – Careerist Session
- Building 6002 Combat Drive, CECOM DCG Conference Room

- 2 to 2:30 p.m. – Out Brief (ATEC, CECOM, RDECOM CCPM, Leadership/ Senior Staff, and G1)

For more information, contact:
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health&resiliency

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS UNAVAILABLE AT KUSAHC

Please be advised that Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is currently unable to administer smallpox vaccinations due to temporary non-availability. An announcement will be made when vaccinations are to be resumed.

For questions, call 410-278-5475.

TUESDAY APRIL 19

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host an Occupational Therapy Informational Session at Bldg. 6001, 2nd floor, room 224 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The session will explore the basics of occupational therapy and how it can help people across their lifespan participate in the things that they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities.

The session is open to civilians, contractors, and military. Non-C4ISR employees must bring their CAC to gain access to the building.

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

DENTAL CLINICS CLOSED

The APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) dental clinics will be closed, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Sgt. Tracy Glover at 410-804-6805 or [email tracy.s.glover4.mil@mail.mil](mailto:tracy.s.glover4.mil@mail.mil).

THURSDAY APRIL 21

INSTALLATION HEALTH FAIR

APG will host an Installation Health Fair at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be vendors, prizes, vision screening, spinal scans, blood pressure checks, stress management, weight management, massage therapists, immunization education, financial wellness, tobacco cessation, activities and lots of health information from the community.

For more information, contact Sue Singh at 410-278-1771.

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THURSDAY APRIL 28

LET'S MOVE IN THE COURTYARD CIRCUIT TRAINING & PRESCRIPTION TAKE-BACK EVENT

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a "Let's Move in the Courtyard Circuit Training" event sponsored by the APG Wellness Center at the C4ISR Complex Courtyard from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The weather is breaking and it is the perfect time to take advantage of our beautiful courtyard to get active. Activity is one of the major components of the Army Performance Triad-a healthy Base Initiative focusing on the importance of Sleep, Activity, and Nutrition as fundamental building blocks to maintain a Ready and Resilient military and civilian workforce.

Open to all members of Team APG, activities for the event may include, but are not limited to: jump roping, bosu ball burpees with an overhead press, medicine ball side throws, squats (jumps squats or standing squats), tire runs, step ups, walking/jogging/running drills around the courtyard, and walking lunges.

Information tables on sleep, activity, and nutrition will also be present.

Registration to participate in the circuit training is required to estimate equipment needed. Participants should arrive by 11:20 a.m. to walk through the activities and receive instructions on proper form.

Rain location will be the complex pavilion. Participants should bring a mat and wear proper clothing.

Contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil by April 21 to register.

During the same event, the Army Substance Abuse Program will be on hand to collect expired, unused, and unwanted prescription (RX) drugs and over-the-counter (OTC) medicines as part of the APG Prescription/Over-the-Counter Take-Back Campaign. Collections will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about the Prescription/Over-the-Counter Take-Back Campaign, contact Cindy Scott at 410-278-4013/3784 or cynthia.m.scott4.civ@mail.mil.

TUESDAY MAY 3

WOMEN'S HEALTH INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a Women's Health Informational Session from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bldg. 6001, 2nd floor, room 224. Dr. Allison Agwu will cover a variety of health needs as they relate to women, such as pregnancy, breast cancer, and osteoporosis, as well as how living a healthy lifestyle with proper nutrition, exercise, stress management, and preventive care. She will also give a 10 minute "Butts and Guts" class demonstration.

The session is open to Civilians, Contractors, and Military. NON-C4ISR employees must bring their CAC to gain access to the building. Any contractors who participate in CECOM activities must not invoice any government contracts for time spent at these activities.

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

THURSDAY MAY 5

EATING HEALTHY FOR CINCO DE MAYO INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a Healthy Eating for Cinco de Mayo Informational Session from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 6001, 2nd floor, room 224. In this session, you will learn healthy eating tips that will allow you to celebrate with your friends and family, while maintaining a healthy lifestyle. There will also be a mini cooking demo to showcase an example of a healthy, festive meal.

The session is open to civilians, contractors, and military. Non-C4ISR employees must bring their CAC to gain access to the building. Any contractors who participate in CECOM activities must not invoice any government contracts for time spent at these activities.

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SATURDAY APRIL 23

HARFORD COUNTY EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Harford County will host its Earth Day Celebration at Aberdeen's Festival Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Festivities will include environmental exhibits and displays, recycled crafts, live music, food, native animals, live-size chess, scrap hockey and other recycled games, and more. Attendees can bring a white t-shirt for free tie-dye.

The rain date for this event is Sunday, April 24.

For more information, call 410-297-4215.

miscellaneous

THROUGH FRIDAY APRIL 29

GARRISON TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

IMCOM has identified the need to develop our personnel with the right skills and enable them to execute our mission in the most effective ways possible as a top priority.

USAGAPG Workforce Development is currently supporting that initiative by providing our workforce with Career Program specific training, leadership training and seminars, performance management tools and resources along with professional development opportunities and support.

By completing the below Training Needs Assessment Survey, our office will be able to direct resources to areas of greatest demand and to continue to expand the quality training opportunities that is required to aid in organizational mission success.

The survey can be accessed until April 29 at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BBDYNCL>.

For more information, contact Jill Brodbeck at 410-278-9917 or jill.m.brodbeck.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

APG SOUTH 2016 WATER MAIN

FLUSHING

The APG Garrison Directorate of Public Works has announced its APG South (Edgewood) 2016 water main flushing schedule.

The Edgewood DPW Waterworks Branch will perform water main flushing during the following times:

- **April through June:** E2000 area.
- **May 12-14:** APG South housing area, Austin Road.
- **July through Sept.:** E3000-E4000 area.
- **Aug. 11-13:** APG South housing area, E1220-E1300 area, and child care center.
- **Oct. through Dec.:** E5000 area.
- **Nov. 10-12:** APG South housing area, Austin Road.

For more information, contact Robert Warlick at 410-436-2196 or robert.w.warlick2.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

2016 FIRE MARSHALL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Protection & Prevention Division will host Fire Marshall classes the second Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. All classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and attendees will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the class.

Upcoming class dates include:

- **May 19** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **June 28** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **July 14** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Aug. 11** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Sept. 27** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **Oct. 13** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Nov. 17** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Dec. 15** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Dec. 20** – APG South, Bldg. 4403

Additional classes can be scheduled on a case-by-case basis. For more information, contact Inspector Loren Brown at 410-278-1128.

ONGOING

2016 FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Protection & Prevention Division will host fire extinguisher training classes on APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) throughout 2016.

Two classes will be held each day from 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

- **May 19** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **June 23** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **July 14** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Aug. 17** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **Sept. 15** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Oct. 13** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **Nov. 17** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Dec. 22** – APG South, Bldg. E4810

For more information, contact Ernie Little at 410-306-0583 or ernest.w.little.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

APG ARMY EDUCATION CENTER REDUCED HOURS

The APG Army Education Center is operating under reduced hours. New hours of operation are Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During this time, visit Evelyn Childs, alternate test control officer and counselor support at Bldg. 4305, room 233, or contact her at 410-306-2037 or evelyn.a.childs.ctr@mail.mil.

For additional information or support, contact the center's West Point personnel, Counselor Nancy Judd at 845-938-3464 or nancy.judd@usma.edu or Education Services Specialist Neil Sakumoto at 845-938-5389 or neil.sakumoto@usma.edu.

The education center apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the reduced hours of operation.

ONGOING

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE FOR SALE

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

ONGOING

ROAD CLOSURE ON APG NORTH FOR MORNING PT

Bel Air Street, at the intersections of Susquehanna Avenue and Raritan Avenue, will close 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, for physical fitness training. Barriers will be placed at these intersections approximately 5:50 a.m. and removed 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.

Initiative seeks to expand food services on APG

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

A new initiative, spearheaded by APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford and Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis, aims to improve food services on the installation.

Brig. Gen. William King, commander of the 20th CBRNE Command, nominated 20th CBRNE civilians Pete Leon Guerrero and Laurena Bell, to lead the Integrated Programming Team, or IPT, to investigate ways to increase food options on-post, especially on APG South (Edgewood).

“We don’t have too many food vendors here [on APG South],” said Guerrero. “We used to have two or three before, but then they kind of faded out or disappeared.”

According to IPT members, the amount and variety of food vendors APG is able to bring on-post hinges on the success or failure of the Taco Rico food truck which began operations on APG South in December 2015.

“He has to do well enough to show a demand for more food vendors,” said Bell, who is a G3 operations support specialist.

Guerrero encouraged Team APG to support on-post vendors by having lunch



outside the home or office, and touted the convenience food trucks provide.

“On a rainy day or when the temperatures are below freezing, instead of going across post or off base, we can go across the street and get whatever food we have available to us,” Guerrero said.

The IPT said the prospect of more on-post food vendors in the future is look-

ing good. According to Taco Rico owner Rick Ashworth, business is booming.

“Every week it gets better,” Ashworth said. “The business has taken off fast.”

According to Guerrero and Bell, potential on-post vendors must first go through a 45- to 60-day approval process through the Army and Air Force Exchange Services, commonly known

as AAFES. Finding businesses that are willing to bid on a contract with APG can be a challenge because it’s often a risky venture. To nullify the risk, the IPT concluded food trucks would be a great alternative to the traditional restaurant model.

“It’s no risk,” Bell said. “If things don’t go well they can pick up and go.”

The IPT is working with AAFES, Moral Welfare and Recreation, and Maryland Mobile Food Vending Association President Dave Pulford to brainstorm a list of possible food truck vendors that may thrive at APG. APG foodies can contact Bell at laurena.l.bell.civ@mail.mil with suggestions for the next type of on-post food truck. Choices range from Italian and Greek to Classic American and Seafood.

“You can’t please everyone, but the intent is there in good faith” Guerrero said.

Taco Rico serves Mexican cuisine and is open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. The truck is parked in several locations throughout APG South (Edgewood) throughout the week. For more information about locations and specials, visit www.tacoricomd.com, call 443-637-2688, or search for “Taco-RicoMD” on Facebook.

Soldiers assist LRC quarterly ammunition inventory

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

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Sustainment Command’s Logistics Readiness Center, or LRC, received assistance on a quarterly mission while providing valuable training for four Fort Bragg, North Carolina Soldiers at its Ammunition Supply Point, ASP, in March.

LRC Director Gene Schneck said the Soldiers, from the 18th Field Artillery Brigade and the 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command, assisted with the inventory, packaging and distribution of excess ammunition March 7-30. They repackaged excess ammunition, assisted with receipt inspections, remarked packages and loaded and unloaded trucks. He said the ASP usually receives assistance with its quarterly inventories.

LRC Quality Assurance Specialist Rebecca Bailey said research, development, test and evaluation organizations like the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command’s Aberdeen Test Center and the Army Research Laboratory turn in tested and leftover ammunition to the ASP for proper disposal. She said ammunition and other tested items that are no longer serviceable often require off-post shipment for destruction or rework at other installations.

“There’s only a limited amount of stuff that the ASP can demilitarize here on post because of environmental issues, so a lot of it needs to be shipped off,” Bailey said, adding, that the ammunition has “been piling up and filling up storage facilities.”

“There’s a big push now to get rid of it,” she said.

Though the Soldiers came to APG to assist the ASP mission, Bailey and LRC Chief Ammunition Manager Clayton Ellis said the experience was beneficial for the Soldiers who don’t often get to practice their MOS, or Military Occupational Specialty, in a controlled environment.

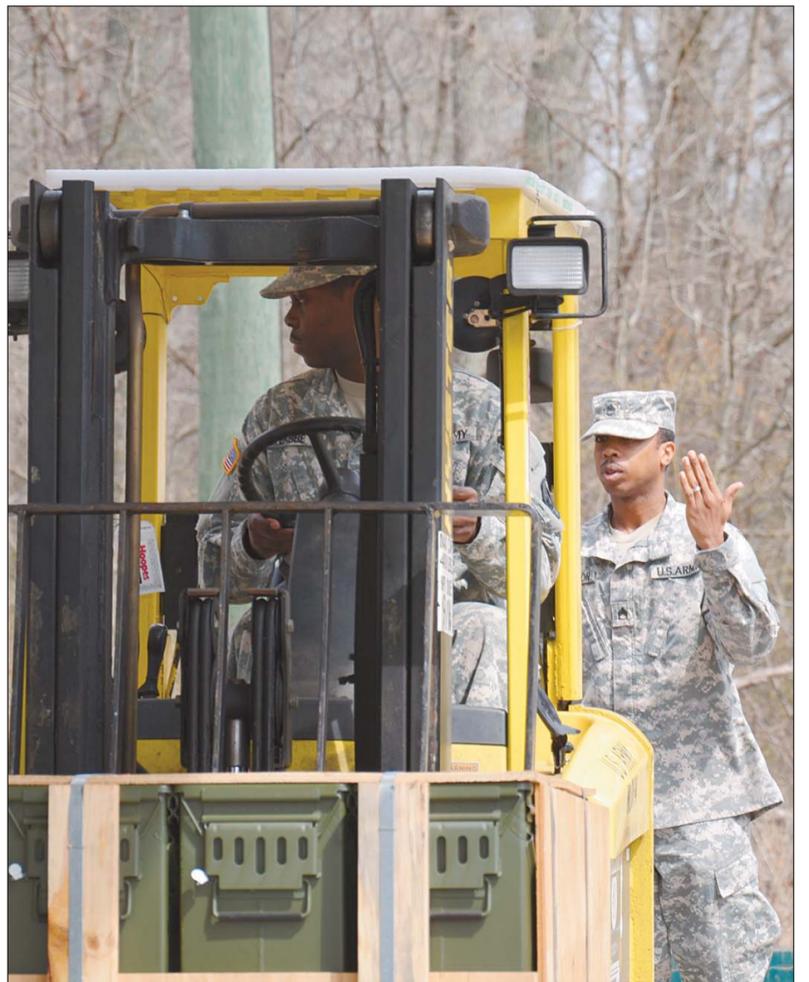
“Downrange is not the right time to learn something,” said Staff Sgt. Dorian Johnson, 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command. “Luckily we have our joint task forces, so to speak, where we can work with civilians and get that knowledge base back.”

Pfc. Guivens Labbe, 18th Field Artillery Brigade, said he’s learned “what it really feels like” to do his job.

“Ever since I left AIT [Advanced Individual Training] I haven’t really had a chance to work with a lot of ammo in my unit, he said. “Then I started doing some inventory and got to see some different kinds of ammunition I’ve never seen before, work with it, inspect it and see the standards required to store it.”

Several of the Soldiers remarked APG provided them the opportunity to handle and inspect ammunition they were previously unfamiliar with. Johnson said working with non-standard ammunition was a learning experience he will apply to his career.

“I’ve worked in an ASP three times before, so a lot of it was a refresher, but it’s much needed because everything is basically a perishable skill; use it or lose it,” Johnson said.



Staff Sgt. Dorian Johnson, 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command, directs forklift driver Pfc. Guivens Labbe, 18th Field Artillery Brigade, as he transports tested ammunition during quarterly inventory at the Garrison Logistics Readiness Center’s Ammunition Supply Point.

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JPEO-CBD hosts change of charter

JPEO-CBD

The Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, or JPEO-CBD, hosted a change of charter ceremony April 7, when U.S. Air Force Col. Daniel Garber assumed responsibility for the Joint Project Management Office for Guardian from Army Col. James Choung.

The Joint Project Management Office for Guardian, or JPM-G, is one of five joint project management offices within the JPEO-CBD and is responsible for the development, production, integration, testing and fielding of nuclear, biological and chemical detection, obscuration and reconnaissance systems.

Choung, the JPM-G project manager since January 2013, passed the reins of this board-selected position after thanking the hard-working military, civilian and contract personnel within the organization.

Douglas Bryce, Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, acknowledged Choung's great contributions before passing the JPM-G charter to Garber. Bryce also noted during the ceremony that Garber is well qualified to lead the JPM-G team.

"The Air Force selects the right person for the right jobs," Bryce said. "And Dan [Garber] is certainly poised to lead the team responsible for providing critical capabilities to our nation's service members. I am very confident in his qualifications and abilities."

Garber was commissioned in 1992 as a scientist upon his graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's



JPEO-CBD photo

Douglas Bryce, center, the Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, passes the Joint Project Manager-Guardian flag to U.S. Air Force Col. Daniel Garber as Garber assumes responsibility for the unit during a ceremony on APG South (Edgewood), April 7. Garber assumed responsibility of JPM-Guardian from Army Col. James Choung, not pictured.

in management operations.

During the ceremony, Garber pledged to "continue the great work of the project managers that have come before me." He noted that he is honored to be selected to this important position and excited to work with the great staff at JPM-G.

Prior to his selection as joint project manager, the 23-year veteran served as the Director of Strategic Operations at the JPEO-CBD headquarters. He recently returned from a deployment to Bagram, Afghanistan, where he served as Chief of Staff for the 455th Air Expe-

ditionary Wing in support of Operations Resolute Support and Freedom's Sentinel.

In addition to recognizing the change in leadership for JPM-G, the ceremony highlighted realignment actions within the JPEO-CBD. The Joint Project Manager for Radiological and Nuclear Defense (JPM-RND) and the Joint Project Manager for Elimination (JPM-E) were realigned in total under JPM-G, decreasing the JPEO-CBD's number of joint project management offices from seven to five.

Garber said the addition of the former JPM-RND and JPM-E missions will make JPM-G "an eclectic conglomeration of activities."

"JPM-Guardian's main thrusts will be expeditionary analytics and tiered laboratory response in the CBRN spectrum," Garber said. Those tools are designed to provide warfighters with far-forward lab analysis capabilities to compress the discovery-to-decision time frame.

"Taking lab capabilities to the field will help provide commanders and decision makers faster courses-of-action development," Garber said.

Guardian will also assume responsibility for the Defense Biological Product Assurance Office, formerly the Critical Reagents Program, from JPM-Medical Countermeasure Systems.

The Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense is the joint services single focal point for research, development, acquisition, fielding and life-cycle support of chemical and biological defense equipment and medical countermeasures.

Abingdon Water Treatment Plant switches water source

Customers may notice change in taste of drinking water

Harford County Government

The Water & Sewer Division of the Harford County Department of Public Works announced April 8 that it will temporarily switch water sources at its Abingdon Water Treatment Plant from the Loch Raven Reservoir

to the Susquehanna River. The Susquehanna River already supplies water to treatment plants in other areas of Harford County.

The temporary switch was set to begin as early as April 12, and is expected to last two to three months.

Once the switch begins, customers may notice a slight change in the taste of their drinking



water due to the natural differences in water from one source to another. The water will continue to meet all federal and state drinking water safety standards, and there will be no disruption in service.

The switch is necessary to accommodate Baltimore City's testing of new equipment at the Deer Creek Pumping Station. Baltimore City is test-

ing new pumps, drives and controls that were installed as part of an upgrade to the Deer Creek station, which is located north of the city of Aberdeen.

The exact schedule for testing is unknown because Baltimore City is coordinating with multiple contractors and may need to resolve field conditions as they arise; therefore, it is highly likely that there will be delays throughout the testing phase.

Once testing is complete, the water source for the Abingdon Water Treatment Plant will gradually transition back to Loch Raven Reservoir.



APG leaders declare April sexual assault awareness, prevention month

Command Sgt. Major Matthew McCoy, Communications-Electronics Command, explains the importance of combating sexual assault and its effects on Soldier and civilian readiness, as SHARP Victim Advocate Michell Shultz, right, looks on during the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month kickoff festivities hosted by the APG SHARP Resource Center, April 5.

Garrison Command Sgt. Major Jeffrey O. Adams, left, and Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis, second from left, joined McCoy in signing a proclamation declaring April Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, and then cut a cake with sexual assault response coordinators, program managers, victim advocates and other members of Team APG.

Photo by Philip Molter, CECOM



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ALL THINGS MARYLAND

Assateague Island Untamed beauty on Maryland's Eastern Shore

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

Each year, inquisitive tourists herd to a coastal barrier island that contains Maryland's only oceanfront park. Located between Ocean City, Maryland and Chincoteague, Virginia, Assateague Island is considered an outdoor recreation paradise by its more than one million visitors a year. Typical activities include camping, hiking, swimming, biking, bird and nature watching, crabbing, hunting, and fishing, as well as sightseeing cruises and kayak tours.

The 37-mile National Seashore, two thirds of which is located in Maryland, is situated off the eastern coast of the Delmarva peninsula and is managed by three official park agencies: the National Park Service, or NPS; the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, FWS, and the Department of Natural Resources, also known as DNR.

Assateague may be best known for its four-legged, untamed inhabitants, the Chincoteague wild ponies, also known as Assateague horses. The herd, more than 300 strong, has thrived there since the late 17th century. They are descendants of domestic animals that have reverted to a wild state.

It may be tempting to pet or feed the horses, but both are illegal and detrimental to humans and as well as to the animals, according to DNR. And the NPS says treating the horses like tame animals detracts from the wildness that makes them special. Local folklore describes the Assateague horses as survivors of a Spanish galleon cargo shipwreck off the Virginia coast, however, no records confirm this dramatic tale. The more likely explanation is they are descendants of horses that were brought to barrier islands like Assateague in the late 17th century by mainland owners to avoid fencing laws and taxation of livestock.

The NPS says these robust, well-adapted animals have learned to thrive in a harsh environment that includes scorching heat, abundant mosquitoes, stormy weather and poor quality of food. They enjoy the solitude the island provides where they can wander the beaches, pine forest and salt marshes feeding on dune grasses, bayberry twigs, rosehips and persimmons.

Horse lovers who want to feel close to these majestic creatures can "adopt" one of the Maryland herd through the Assateague Island Foster Horse Program. For more information, visit www.assateagueislandalliance.org.

Assateague is also an essential part of the Atlantic flyway, a bird migration route for thousands of waterfowl and other birds that travel north and south annually. More than 320 species can be found



on the island and summer is a good time to observe large numbers of migrating shore birds, warblers and other species on the island.

Ocean City beach-goers may consider making the short, nine mile trek to Assateague via car or boat. Along with swimming and sunbathing, over-sand vehicle use is a popular activity.

Also located on the island is Assateague State Park; Maryland's only oceanfront park. Activities on the ocean side of its two miles of ocean beaches include swimming, beachcombing, sunbathing, surfing and fishing. On the bay side, visitors can explore secluded coves by canoe or kayak. The park has 350 campsites that can be reserved at 1-888-432-CAMP (2267) or online at <http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us/>.

Another popular attraction at Assateague is the Coastal Heritage Center in the Rackliffe House, a restored 18th century coastal plantation house where visitors can learn about colonial life along the Maryland coast.

Assateague Island National Seashore recently celebrated 50 years of operation. The Maryland portion of the island is



Photos courtesy of the National Park Service

(Clockwise from top)

A band of Assateague horses graze in a salt marsh; Campers enjoy roasting marshmallows over a bonfire on a beach at Assateague Island; Tree swallows stop on Assateague to feed on bayberries during their southward migrations; A foal affectionately licks his mother on the Assateague Island seashore.

open 24 hours and is accessible via several roads and bridges. The visitor center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. For more information about Assateague

Island visit www.nps.gov/asis/index.htm; www.assateagueisland.com; or <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/eastern/assateague.aspx>.

APG girls' soccer team closing in on championship

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

In a pivotal game that placed them one victory away from clinching the championship, the APG Arsenal U12 girls' indoor soccer team defeated the U13 Joppa girls' team 8-3 at the Maryland Sports Arena in Edgewood April 9.

Head Coach Mike Long, with the Program Executive Office - Command, Control, Communications-Tactical, or PEO C3T, said the girls played well throughout the game despite some tense moments in the second half that had Joppa nearing a tie.

"It was closer than we wanted it to be, but a win is a win," Long said.

The score was 3-1 at the end of the first half with the visiting APG Arsenal up by two points. Coach Long rallied the girls into a huddle and encouraged them to play offensively. He also dropped an extra player back to defense in order to maintain their lead over Joppa.

"Indoor soccer is such a fast-paced game," he said. "You could have the lead one minute and then the next minute you're losing."

In the second half, the APG Arsenal's power stalled and Joppa scored two consecutive goals to close the gap, but the Arsenal rebounded and scored five unanswered goals to seal a definitive lead and win over Joppa.

Star offensive player Erin Travers scored the winning goal assisted by Elizabeth Pickett. Travers scored the most goals throughout the game, with Briana "Bri" Long making the most assists. Long estimated goalie Kylie Bannister successfully blocked 40 to 50 shots on goal.

After the game, Long and the assistant coaches congratulated the girls on



Head Coach Mike Long, with the Program Executive Office Command, Control, Communications-Tactical, congratulates members of the APG Arsenal U12 girls' indoor soccer team on their 8-3 victory over the U13 Joppa girls' team at the Maryland Sports Arena in Edgewood April 9.

their victory. He said overall the season has gone better than he expected.

"We started off rough but they started coming together," Long said, adding, "Win or lose, the priority is to have fun."

Assistant Coach Julian Pickett, an ARL, or Army Research Laboratory deputy program manager, said he was proud of his daughter, Elizabeth Pickett, who he said progressed a lot throughout the season as an offensive player.

Erin Travers, daughter of Assistant Coach Michelle Travers, said she

remained in the game despite tripping over a competitor's foot and injuring her knee. She said she's excited to play their final game in one week.

Saturday's victory has the APG Arsenal set to take on their AFC, or Abingdon Football Club, rivals in a final championship matchup that pits the APG recreation-level underdogs against the club level team they lost to by just one goal weeks ago. Long said he believes his girls will not be outmatched this time.

"I'm always confident in the girls,"

he said. Arsenal players are family members of APG active-duty Soldiers, retirees, civilians or contractors. Long said the same girls played in the ESSL, or Eastern Southern Soccer League, U-12 outdoor soccer division last fall. They wanted to continue playing after the season ended, which led to the formation of the indoor soccer team.

The APG Arsenal play for the AFC championship at the Maryland Sports Arena in Edgewood April 16.



MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

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

Upcoming Activities

SAVE THE DATE NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION APRIL 26

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

Newly-assigned Soldiers and civilian employees are encouraged to attend the APG Newcomers Orientation. Sponsors should bring family members. More than 35 APG community activities and organization representatives will welcome new members of Team APG with handouts and answer questions regarding their programs and services.

For more information, contact Jennifer Eichner at 410-278-2500.

COSTCO MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UPS APRIL 19

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; APG South (Aberdeen) recreation center

APRIL 20

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

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a Costco membership sign-up at the above location and times. New members will receive a Costco Cash Card. Gold Star memberships are \$55 and receive a \$10 cash card. Executive memberships (rewards program) are an additional \$55 per year and receive a \$20 cash card. Membership includes a free household card for a spouse or family member. Renewals are also welcome and will receive a free giveaway.

ARMY/NAVY GAME TICKETS DEC. 10

While supplies last, MWR Leisure Travel Services has tickets to the Army v. Navy game on Dec. 10 at the M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. Tickets are \$91 a person.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 410-278-4011/4907.

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

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

APG MWR will host a free 2K Color Family Fun Run starting 10 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center. Rain date will be Saturday, April 30. Active-duty, Reservist, wounded warrior and Gold Star family registration begins Feb. 22. All other registration begins Feb. 29. Registration is open to the first 750 participants. All ages

are welcome.

Register online at <https://apgmomccolorrun2016.eventbrite.com>. All participants, regardless of age, must register. The first 300 youth ages 3 to 15 will receive a t-shirt.

Volunteers are needed for the fun run. Volunteers can register at <https://apgvolunteercolorrun2016.eventbrite.com>.

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.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

EFMP BOWLING APRIL 18

5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Bowling Alley.

The APG Exceptional Family Member Program invites families with special needs children to attend a special bowling night at the APG North (Aberdeen) bowling center.

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

START & REVITALIZE YOUR CAREER APRIL 20

11:30 - 1:30 p.m., ACS Bldg. 2503

Whether you are starting a new career or need a boost in your current career, this workshop offers you the following:

- set a career path that defines you
- create strategies to move your career to the next level
- set S.M.A.R.T. goals that work:
 - (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Time bound)
 - be the job applicant that stands out.

To enroll in this free class you must register with ACS employment readiness program manager, 410-278-9669.

SAVING AND INVESTING APRIL 28

11:30 - 12:30 p.m., ACS Bldg. 2503

This class will identify reasons to save and how to set goals for a savings plan. Participants will explore the difference between short term savings and long term investments. For more information contact Leary

Henry leary.g.henry.civ@mail.mil 410-278-2453.

RESUME & INTERVIEW TIPS MAY 5

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Bldg. 2503

Learn the steps to creating a winning resume as well as helpful tips to build your interview skills during a Resume and Interview Tips workshop hosted by Army Community Service. Registration is required. To save a seat, call Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669.

SPORTS & RECREATION DISC GOLF OPEN HOUSE APRIL 15

3 to 7 p.m., Shore Park

Come be one of the first to tee off on our new 18 hole course. Bring your discs or borrow ours. For more information contact the APG MWR Sports staff at 410-278-7933 410-436-3375.

GET GOLF READY! APRIL 19, 5:30 TO 7 P.M.

APRIL 21, 5:30 TO 7 P.M.

APRIL 23, 11 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Ruggles Golf Course

PGA Professionals will show you that there are lots of ways to play by combining fun, friends and fitness.

Each session will focus on the various golf skills you will use while playing. In addition to learning the basics, you will be guided onto the golf course to put your skills into action in a casual, friendly setting. No equipment needed!

Five 1.5 hour sessions meeting once per week.

Cost is \$99 per participant.

For more information, contact Dave Correll at 410-278-4794.

SPRING SCRAMBLE APRIL 16

9 a.m.; Ruggles Golf Course

18 hole, captain's choice scramble. Fees: \$35 for members, \$55 as a guest. Price includes: cart, greens fees, range balls, morning coffee, tournament prizes and awards lunch after play. For more information, call 410-278-4794.

APG FITNESS CENTER SURVEY THROUGH APRIL 21

Let your voice be heard! Take the APG Fitness Center Survey and let us know how you feel. Visit www.apgmwr.com

to find links to the surveys under "Upcoming Events & Announcements" on the homepage, or under Recreation & Sports > Sports & Fitness.

SPRING SCRAMBLE APRIL 23

9 a.m.; Exton Golf Course

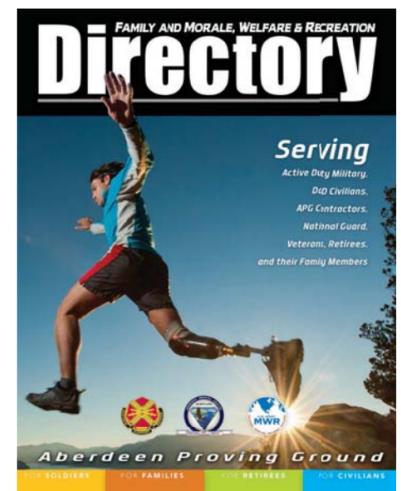
18 hole shotgun. Food and refreshments included. Fees: \$30 annual patron, \$35 authorized patron, \$40 as a guest Pre-registration at Exton Clubhouse. Fees due on day of event. For more information call 410-436-2213 or 410-436-2233.

TURKEY SHOOT MAY 21

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., APG South (Edgewood) Skeet & Trap Facility

Cost: \$5 per shot. All shooters must have their guns registered prior to bringing them on post. 12 gauge shotguns only (28-30" barrels) MWR will provide ammunition.

RSVP to Outdoor Recreation Bldg. 2184 or call 410-278-4124/278-4360 or email: usarmy.APG.imcom-fmwrc.list.usag-mwr-outdoorrec@mail.mil



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APGMWR presents **Movie Night** *Charlotte's Web*

Friday, April 15, 6PM
AA Recreation Center, B3326

Free Movie, Youth Craft & Giveaways
Food and drinks for sale
Outside food is not permitted

For more information contact 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail us at usarmy.apg.imcom.lisat.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel

EFMP Bowling

5:30-7:30pm
AA Bowling Alley

Free Bowling
for EFMP & APG Families
with Special Needs Members

Mondays 5:30-7:30
February 22
March 21
April 18

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

Why We Serve: Police Capt. Gerald L. Dove

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The reasons people turn to the military or the federal government for employment are as infinite as the number of persons who served the nation since its tumultuous beginnings. Some don't intend to stay for long – just until something better comes along – and others find themselves nearing a decade of service when they only planned to do one tour or “just a few years.”

What makes them stay? Why does the Soldier reenlist? Why does the civilian not move on to other employment? Their reasons, while equally as infinite, will be examined in this series, “Why We Serve.”

A take-off on the initial campaign inspired by APG Senior Leader Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford in 2013, “Why We Serve” will look at members of Team APG – active duty, civilians, and retirees – who made the conscious decision to stick with “Uncle Sam.”

While introducing the original campaign, Crawford said the statement “Why We Serve” not only recalled personal reasons for service, it reminded those who might have forgotten their “responsibility to honor the solemn promise when we raised[ed] our right hand and swore allegiance to our nation.”

The stories, while as unique as the individuals telling them, may seem unremarkable, but the series is not about heroes. It's about people who get up and go to work every day, united by their service to the warfighter and the common bond of national trust.

Gerald L. Dove

Gerald Dove is the Assistant Chief of Police for the APG Garrison Directorate of Emergency Services. His story had the bumpy kind of beginning that has led others down lesser roads.

Dove grew up a ward of the State of Maryland. Born in Montgomery County, he somehow wound up in Kent County where his mother gave him up at the age of 7 months. He grew up shuttled from one foster home to another, some in which, he says, he was neglected and abused. He was never adopted, he said because he had a ‘lazy eye’ and people wanted ‘perfect’ children. Usually placed with poor families who had little time for him, Dove said he never made friends and he never “fit in.”

“I had no one to protect me, love me or care for me,” he said. “Even something as simple as getting help with



In 1979, Gerald L. Dove was a U.S. Army private working as a military police officer. Seeking purpose and structure, he joined the Army after spending his childhood a ward of the State of Maryland. Today, Dove is the APG Directorate of Emergency Services assistance chief of police.



homework was out of the question. I had no friends. People excluded me because I was different. As a child growing up alone without love and support you become desperate and sometimes turn that anger inward or outward.”

In retrospect, Dove said, he could have made excuses and concluded that happiness just wasn't in the cards for him. He considered dropping out of school, but he wanted something more out of life. He just wasn't sure what.

“There was no one to stop me, or even to mourn for me,” he said. “But I didn't want to make excuses. I didn't see myself abusing drugs or alcohol or committing crimes and ending up in jail or dead. I wanted a life and I was determined to have one.”

Dove joined the Army in 1978 and served in the Military Police. He was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort

Lee, Virginia; did a short stint at Fort McLellan, Alabama and served overseas in Brussels and SHAPE, Belgium and in Kaiserslautern, German.

At his first opportunity, Dove started taking college courses.

“I was a C student and that was it,” he said. “After joining the military and taking courses, I got serious about school. I was never serious about school. But when I went back to college I did so well I amazed myself. It helped me gain confidence in myself.”

“The military gave me focus, direction, everything,” he said. “I reenlisted because there was no reason to go back to my old life. I love life now. I can't say enough about it.”

Dove also turned to music and to date has written 16 songs. Married nearly 37 years, he credits his wife who encouraged him musically, with keeping him

“grounded.”

“My music is a combination of jazz and rock fusion. I play guitar probably five days a week, just practicing.”

He said the military was also good for his only child, a daughter, who is a businesswoman today.

“Her world was enlarged by us moving around so much,” he said, noting that while in Belgium, she attended American as well as Belgian schools and spoke both languages fluently.

Dove retired in 1998 and continued to work for the government as a Department of Veterans Affairs police officer in Wilmington, Delaware.

Life was good but there was still something he felt he needed to do; find his mother.

“What brought that on was not knowing anything about myself, not even ethnicity. I got really serious about it in 2008,” he said.

Several court trips, judges orders, DNA testing and \$10,000 in lawyers' fees later, Dove did locate his mother, who was still living at the time, and got to meet her before she died.

He says he is writing a book about his life that he hopes will inspire others.

“The thing is, we see people every day but we don't really know them,” he said. “I think it's good for people to know things about me. Maybe something I've been through can help someone. You can't just judge people from the outside. Everybody's life has meaning.”

He recalled working in Delaware with a grumpy dispatcher that others avoided but he went out of his way to say something pleasant to at least once a day.

“People would ask me why I even bothered,” he said, “but he was a constant reminder of what I didn't want to be. I told them my kindness might be the only positive thing that happens to him all day. We get so caught up in life that we don't realize things are going on with other people too.”

“I have 67 people and I know a little about all of them,” he added. “It's all about seeing people as people and dealing with them as individuals.”

“As far as the military goes,” he said, “it gave me a sense of order. It made sense. It was a huge change for me. Up to then not a lot made sense to me. But I knew there was more to life, so I didn't give up hope. I used to dream of becoming a super hero; I wanted to save the world. I wanted people to respect me and be proud of me. Living in America, anything is possible if you want it bad enough.”

Army investigates MRE impact on gut health

By **MALLORY ROUSSEL**

U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine

The U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine's, or USARIEM, Military Nutrition Division is studying ways to improve gut health and prevent gastrointestinal illness among Soldiers operating in austere environments.

While the Army has spent decades making field rations nutritious and safe, researchers are only beginning to understand how food interacts with bacteria normally found in the human gut. Better understanding of this interaction could lead to better rations, healthy Soldiers, and improved performance on the battlefield.

As part of its study, USARIEM researchers have recruited volunteers in the Natick, Massachusetts area who are willing to eat nothing but Meals, Ready to Eat for 21 days. To help Soldiers customize their menus during the course of the study, USARIEM's team developed an MRE cookbook with more than 20 recipes.

The importance of gut health, which contributes to general health and disease and is influenced by interactions between our diets and bacteria living in the human gastrointestinal tract, has been known for centuries. As Greek physician Hippocrates said more than 2,000 years ago, “All disease begins in the gut.” However, new technology and research findings are fueling the military's current exploration of nutrition and gut health.

Research has shown poor gut health may compromise operational readiness. Gastrointestinal distress frequently causes lost duty time and reduces job performance during deployment. It may

also be linked with sub-clinical inflammation during military training.

“What emerging science suggests is that the bacteria living in our gut can have a large impact on physical, mental and general health, not only in our warfighters but in everyone,” said Dr. J. Philip Karl of USARIEM. “A recent explosion in technology now allows us to study the trillions of bacteria living in our gut in ways we never have been able to before. We think we can leverage those bacteria to have a favorable effect on warfighters out in the field and in garrison.”

Karl, a nutrition scientist and the study's principal investigator, said improving gut health could help optimize military health and performance.

“A common problem some of our warfighters face when they travel overseas to regions where sanitation is not as high quality as it is in the U.S. is they are susceptible to pathogens that can cause diarrheal illnesses, such as Travelers' Diarrhea,” Karl said.

Karl added, however, that creating an environment that allows healthy gut bacteria to flourish helps those bacteria “out-compete” bacteria that can cause gastrointestinal distress. According to Karl, gut bacteria basically eat what we eat. So, researchers are observing how they respond when study volunteers transition to a MRE-only diet.

“The bacteria in our guts can digest the foods we cannot,” Karl said. “The byproducts of that digestion are often beneficial for health. They improve the integrity of our intestinal wall, which helps prevent unwanted compounds from getting into the bloodstream. They also create an environment in the gut that's conducive to the growth of healthy bacteria.”

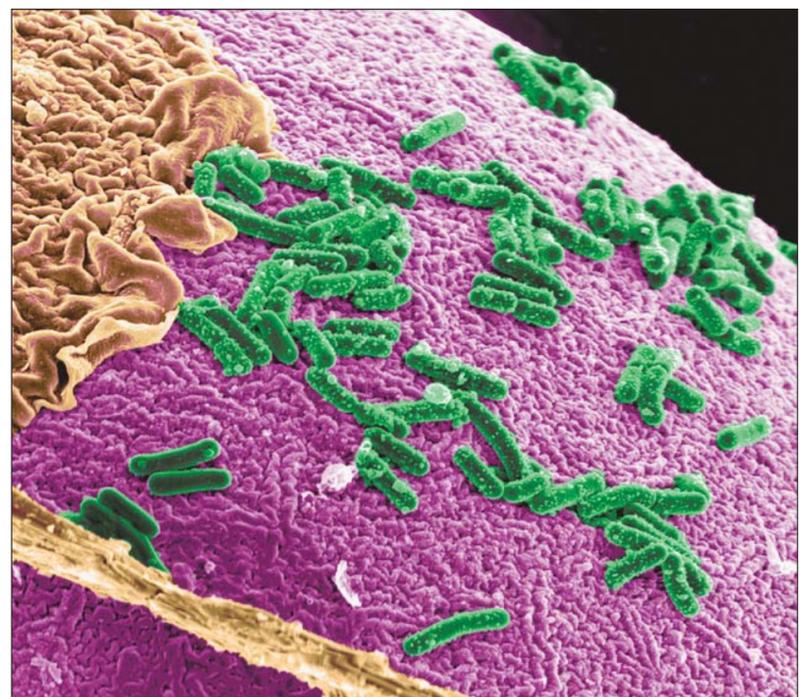


Photo courtesy of Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

For the first time, researchers from the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine are finding ways to leverage gut bacteria, like in the picture above, in warfighters to help prevent gastrointestinal illnesses during deployment and training.

Volunteers began enrolling in June 2015, and Karl said 60 people will complete the study. Half of the current volunteers have committed to consuming only MREs for 21 days, while the other half provides a comparison by sticking to their normal diet. Both groups visit Natick Soldier Systems Center three times weekly to meet with study staff.

“We meet with volunteers multiple times throughout the study to collect fecal, blood and urine samples,”

Karl said. “We use these samples to assess if the MRE is impacting bacteria and whether that interaction influences health.”

“What we're trying to do with all of our research is improve what we provide to the people who serve and protect our country. Everything USARIEM does is aimed toward benefiting our warfighters. That requires people donating their time, but it is one way to help contribute to our nation's warfighters.”



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Legally Speaking



Income tax deadline is April 18

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

At the conclusion of each tax season, many taxpayers have questions about topics such as filing deadlines, extensions, amending previous tax returns and withholdings from wages. The following information addresses these issues.

What happens if I don't file?

If the IRS discovers that you failed to file a tax return and you owe additional tax, they will assess a penalty and interest against you for any year you did not file and were required to. Unfortunately, if you failed to file an income tax return, and you were owed a refund, you can only file or amend an existing return for up to three previous tax years to claim your refund.

Already filed and forgot a W-2?

If you realize you made a mistake on your taxes after you file your taxes, and the Client Services Division tax assistance staff prepared your tax return, we can assist you in amending your taxes on Form 1040X. Every W-2 is reported to the IRS. When you file your taxes, the IRS' computer programs work to ensure that all W-2s reported to them are included with your taxes. Taxpayers who fail to report all income receive notices and must pay penalties and interest which can be quite severe – interest is compounded daily! Taxpayers can file an amended return within three years of the original filing date. This includes any filing extensions. IRS Form 1040X and instructions are available on the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov, or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Did you receive a notice from the IRS?

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Each letter and notice offers specific instructions on what you are asked to do to satisfy the inquiry. You should review the correspondence and compare it with the information on your return. If you agree with the correction to your account, no reply is necessary unless a payment is due. If you disagree with the correction the IRS made, it is important that you respond as requested. If you need assistance, bring the notice to the CSD tax assistance staff.

Need a copy of your federal income tax return?

Misplaced or lost tax returns can be obtained by calling 1-800-829-1040 or by completing and mailing Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return.

Filing deadline

The deadline for filing federal income

tax returns is midnight April 18. This deadline will apply to any of the following: 2015 federal individual income tax returns; requests for an automatic six-month tax-filing extension; tax year 2015 balance due payments; individual estimated tax payments for the first quarter of 2016; and individual refund claims for tax year 2012 where the regular three-year statute of limitations is expiring. Service members serving in a combat zone or in a contingency operation (or are hospitalized as a result of an injury received while serving in such an area or operation), have at least 180 days after leaving the zone or operation to file and pay (refer to IRS Publication 3, Armed Forces' Tax Guide).

Filing an extension

Taxpayers who cannot meet the April 18 filing deadline should file for an

extension on IRS Form 4868. Returns are considered filed on time if the envelope is properly addressed and post-marked on the last day of the filing season. An extension of time to file is not an extension of time to pay. Taxpayers will owe interest on any past due tax and may be subject to a late payment penalty if payment is not made on time. Taxpayers who want an extension of time to file state income tax returns should consult the appropriate state representative to determine extension requirements.

Changing IRS Form W-4

Wage earning taxpayers who receive substantial refunds, or who pay an income tax penalty for failure to withhold the appropriate amount of income tax, should consider amending their IRS Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate. All employees must complete the W-4, so an employer will know how much income tax to withhold from an employee's wages. The IRS has developed an application that assists employees trying to complete IRS Form W-4. Using the on-line calculator located on the IRS website ensures that employees do not have too much or too little income tax withheld from their paychecks.

General information

Individuals seeking legal services in regards to income tax preparation after the close of the filing season should contact the CSD staff attendant at 410-278-1583. Calls after normal operating hours, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; closed Friday, or received when the attendant is assisting other clients, will be directed to the automated information line. The CSD is located in building 4305, 3rd floor, room 317.

How to cut down on problematic drinking

Army Substance Abuse Program

Are you concerned about your drinking habits? Are those around you expressing their concerns? Perhaps it's time to improve your life and health by cutting down.

But how do you know if you're drinking too much? Cindy Scott, ASAP prevention coordinator, says that if you can answer "yes" to any of these questions you might have a drinking problem.

- Do you drink alone when you feel angry or sad?
- Does your drinking ever make you late for work?
- Does your drinking worry your family?
- Do you ever drink after telling yourself you won't?
- Do you ever forget what you did while you were drinking?
- Do you get headaches or have a hang-over after you have been drinking?

"If you answered yes and you want to improve your lifestyle and your health, then you should check with your doctor," Scott said. She added that alcoholics or those with other medical issues should not hesitate to seek medical advice. "Alcohol cannot improve these situations, it can only make things worse. Your doctor will advise you about what is right for you."

Scott recommends that those trying to cut down on their drinking, try the following:

Make a list

Make a list of the reasons you want to drink less. There are many reasons to cut down or stop drinking altogether. Why do you want to drink less? You may want to improve your health, sleep better, or improve relationships with family members or friends.

Set a goal

Set a drinking goal. Choose a limit for your alcohol consumption. You can choose to cut down or not to drink at

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all. If you are cutting down, try to keep below these limits: No more than one drink per day for women; no more than two drinks per day for men.

A standard drink is: a 12-ounce bottle of beer; a 5-ounce glass of wine; or a 1 1/2-ounce shot of liquor. These limits may be too high for some people with certain medical conditions or seniors. Talk with your doctor about the limit that is right for you.

Write your drinking goals on a piece of paper and place it where you can't help but see it like on your refrigerator or on the bathroom mirror.

Keep a diary

Keep a "diary" detailing your drinking habits and try to maintain it for three to four weeks. Write down every time you have a drink during this time and then sit back and look at your documented drinking habits. You may be surprised. Compare the difference between your goal and the amount you currently consume.

Remove alcohol from the home

Limit alcohol in the home. Keep a small amount or no alcohol to remove temptations

When you drink, sip your drink slowly. Take a break of one hour between drinks. Drink soda, water, or juice after a drink with alcohol. Do not drink on an empty stomach. Eat food when you are drinking.

Take a break

Take a break from alcohol. Pick a day or two each week when you will not drink at all. Then, try to stop drinking for one week. During this time, think about how you feel physically and emotionally. When you succeed and feel better, you may find it easier to cut down for good.

Just say no

Learn how to say "No." You do not have to drink when other people drink. You do not have to accept a drink that is

offered to you. Practice ways to say no politely. For example, you can tell people you feel better when you drink less. Stay away from people who give you a hard time about not drinking.

Stay active

Stay active and take up hobbies. What would you like to do instead of drinking? Use the time and money spent on drinking to do something fun with your family or friends. Go out to eat, see a movie, or play sports or games with family members or friends.

Seek support

Get support from others. Cutting down on your drinking may be difficult at times. Ask your family and friends for support to help you reach your goal. Talk to your doctor if you are having trouble cutting down. Get the help you need to reach your goal.

Avoid temptations

Watch out for people, places, or times that make you drink, even when you don't want a drink. Stay away from people who drink a lot and avoid the "watering holes" where you used to drink. Plan ahead of time what you will do to avoid drinking when you are tempted.

Do not drink when you are angry or upset or have a bad day. These are emotional or stressful excuses that will only lead back to heavy drinking.

"Most importantly, don't give up," Scott said. "Most people don't cut down or give up drinking all at once. Just like a diet, it is not easy to change, but that's okay."

"If you don't reach your goal the first time, try again. And remember to get support from people who care about you and want to help. Just don't give up!"

For more information contact the ASAP Employee Assistance Program, at 410-278-3784 or Scott, at 410-278-4013/3784, cynthia.m.scott4.civ@mail.mil.



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THIS WEEK IN APG HISTORY

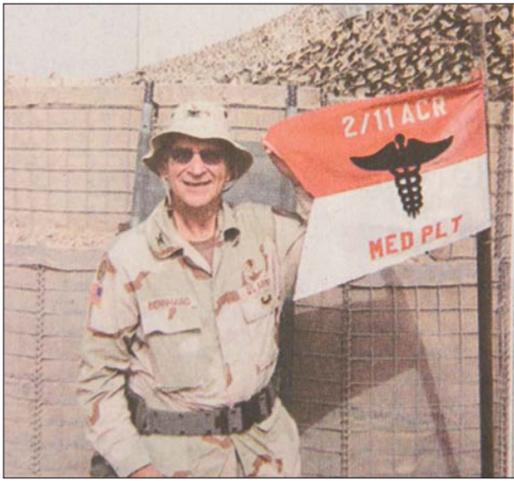


Take a look back in time as the APG News explores what made the headlines around APG during this week 10, 25 and 50 years ago. This week's APG News masthead is from 1995.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

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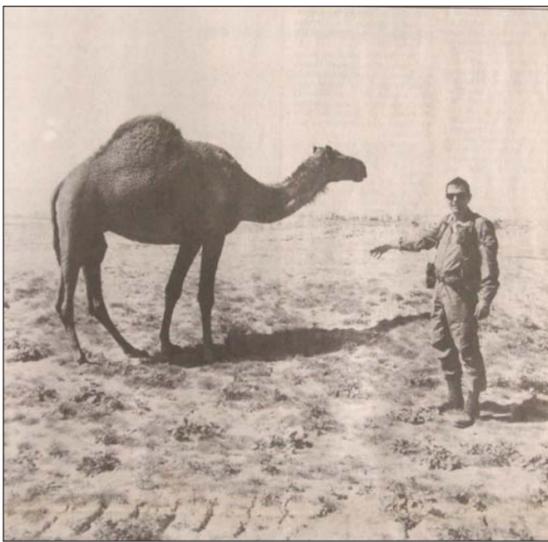


(Left) At age 75, Maryland National Guard Col. William N. Bernhard, a flight surgeon on staff at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, is recognized as the oldest Soldier to have served in Iraq. Bernhard served with the 2/11 Armored Cavalry Regiment at Forward Operations Base Kalsu.

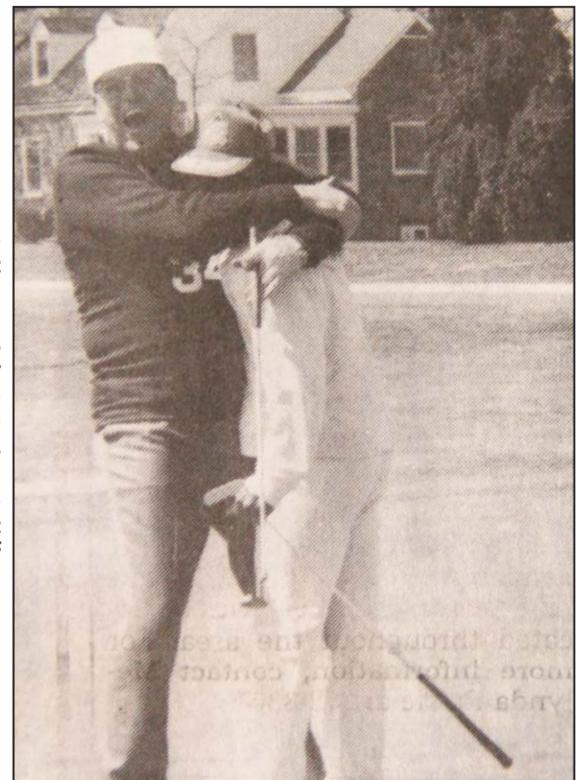


(Right) Sgt. Amanda Watkins, a flight medic with the Maryland National Guard's 1159th Medical Company, right, and the Soldiers of the 29th Aviation Brigade are honored during a Freedom Salute for achieving more than 4,600 flying hours in a combat environment supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

25 Years Ago: April 17, 1991



(Above) Maj. Curtis McCoy of the Ballistic Research Laboratory meets up with a camel while traveling through Kuwait while deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm.



(Right) Maj. Gen. George H. Akin, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command and APG, left, hugs OC&S Commander Brig. Gen. Johnnie E. Wilson while celebrating his team victory in the steeple chase golf tournament at Plumb Point Golf Course.

50 Years Ago: April 14, 1966



(Left) Col. David M. Kyle of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command inspects an OH-6A helicopter, the type of which he set a new speed record of 155.205 mph, a record formerly held by the Soviet KA-15.



(Right) Former APG Soldiers, Gen. Shelton E. Lollis, commander of the 8th Army Depot Command, Korea, left, promotes his son Stuart, center, to first lieutenant during a surprise visit to Vietnam, arranged by Maj. Gen. J.O. Seaman, commander of the 1st Infantry Division Brigade, right.

Earth Day to celebrate its 46th year

APG Commuter Center

Each year on April 22, the world pauses to consider the impact of human activity on our planet. Started in 1970 by Gaylord Nelson, a senator from Wisconsin, the event capitalized on the protest movements of the 1960s and introduced environmental issues, such as air and water pollution, into national political discussions.

In an effort to maximize participation from college students, April 22 was chosen because the date fell between colleges' spring breaks and final exams. Nelson created an independent organization, Environmental Teach-In Inc., and the national staff organized the national teach-in on the environment. The name was later changed to Earth Day. Nelson and his staff estimated that 20 million Americans, 10,000 elementary and high schools, 2,000 colleges, and more than 1,000 communities, participated in the grassroots movement. The movement was widely attended due to the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, which resulted in 200,000 gallons of crude oil bubbling to the surface of the Pacific Ocean across 800 square miles, killing countless marine wildlife.

As a result of the national environmental awareness movement and with bi-partisan support, President Richard Nixon established the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in late 1970. Over the next two years, Congress passed monumental environmental legislature such as the National Environmental Protection Act of 1970, Clear Air Act of 1970, and the Clean Water Act

of 1972.

Now 46 years later, Earth Day is a global event. Last year more than 1 billion people participated in Earth Day celebrations and initiatives, such as the Canopy Project, a multi-year endeavor to plant 7.8 billion trees around the world by 2020.

On March 25th, APG received its 11th consecutive Tree City USA award from the Arbor Day Foundation for its tree-planning efforts.

In honor of Earth Day, the APG Commuter Center is conducting a traffic count on April 21 to gauge the number of people driving to work in single-occupancy vehicles versus multi-occupancy vehicles. Previous counts found that 95 percent of APG employees ride to work alone. However, active duty military and federal employees are eligible for up to \$255 a month to use a vanpool, train or bus to commute to work through the Army Mass Transportation Benefit program. The APG Commuter Center helps APG employees, military, civilian and contractor personnel, find alternative ways of commuting to work.

Pollution Prevention Week

The APG Garrison's Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division will host Pollution Prevention (P2) Week. Events this year will be held Sept. 19-23. Last year, P2 week consisted of an APG Pollution Prevention Open House, with refreshments, environmental exhibits, live animals, and a scenic Race Against Waste 5K fun run/walk.

For more information, contact Syreeta Gross at 410-278-5491 or syreeta.a.gross.ctr@mail.mil.



Local Earth Day Events

Saturday, April 16, 2016

- * **Earth Day Expo 2016 with Junior Park Ranger Programs**
10am to 4pm, Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis
www.eventbrite.com/d/md--baltimore/earth-day-festival/
- * **Howard County GreenFest**
10:00am to 4:00pm, Howard County Community College
www.hcgreenfest.org, FREE EVENT

Friday, April 22, 2016

- * **Earth Day at the National Constitution Center**
Philadelphia
constitutioncenter.org/learn/civic-calendar/earth-day
- * **Wilmington Earth Day Celebration**
11am to 2pm, Rodney Square, Wilmington, DE
www.delawareestuary.org/earth-day

Saturday, April 23, 2016

- * **Aberdeen Earth Day Festival**
11am to 4pm, Aberdeen Festival Park
www.aberdeen-md.org/earth-day
- * **Naturepalooza! Family Earth Day Festival**
10am to 2:00pm, Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, Philadelphia
<http://www.schuylkillcenter.org/blog/event/naturepalooza-family-earth-day-festival-2/>
- * **Brandywine River Cleanup**
9am to 1pm, Brandywine River Museum of Art, Chadds Ford, PA
<http://www.brandywine.org/museum>

IMCOM announces photo contest winners

By **TIM HIPPS**
IMCOM

A Soldier and two family members won 10 awards between the three of them in the 2015 Army Digital Photography Contest.

The contest, hosted annually by the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation division of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, received 2,509 entries, from which 14 first, second and third-place winners were selected, along with 23 honorable mentions. Photographs were judged in seven categories -- animals, design elements, digital darkroom, military life, nature and landscapes, people, still life -- in two divisions: active duty and other eligible patrons, which include military retirees and family members.

Family member Mylan Dawson, of Fort Shafter, Hawaii, won design elements with "Blue and Gold Virgin River," took second in digital darkroom with "Early Morning in Prague," and was third in design elements with "Death Valley Curves." She also received an honorable mention in nature and landscape with "Punchbowl Falls."

Family member Kimberly Kendall, of Wiesbaden, Germany, took first places in nature and landscape with "Karakul Lake" and people with "Uyghur Shepherds." Her "Man with a Story" also earned an honorable mention in the people category.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew Mizner, of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, took second place in the design elements category of the active duty division with "Old Glory." He also earned honorable mentions with "The Swing" in the people category and "Interstellar Apple" in still life.

"Old Glory came from a similar process I had seen a while ago," Mizner said. "It involved a 24-inch tall glass filled with water, olive oil and dish soap. I placed a small flag under the glass, and the design was magnified through the water and oil."

"The Swing," Mizner said was simply a matter of being at the right place at the right time -- and ready to shoot -- during a family outing at Cheekwood [Botanical Garden and Museum of Art] in Nashville, Tennessee.

"I happened to look over at my daughter in a swing and snapped a photo," he explained. "This is one of my all-time favorite photos. A poster size of it hangs on a wall in my home."

Mizner illustrated that one need not be in a special place or time to capture a "winning" photo.

"Interstellar Apple was me just practicing with flash photography and a macro lens," he said. "I set up a small darkroom in my kitchen and emptied



Photo by Kimberly Kendall
Military family member Kimberly Kendall of Wiesbaden, Germany, wins the nature and landscapes category of the other eligible patrons division of the 2015 Army Digital Photography Contest with "Karakul Lake."

my fridge of fruit and snapped away. I liked the apple the most as it had a nice space feel to it."

Mizner said someone from Fort Campbell Occupational Therapy handed him a flier about the 2015 Army Digital Photography Contest, so he "figured I would see if I was good enough to place in the competition."

Now Mizner wishes he had heard about the contest sooner.

"It would have pushed me earlier in my photography hobby career to explore more places and ideas," he said.

"Photography is a way for me to see things in a different way. Since starting more than 10 years ago, I look at everything different now. It's nice to stop and see things for color, composition and beauty. My success, or placement, in this competition means I need to work harder. First place is my goal now."

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Juan Jusino was surprised to learn that he took first place in still life with "Game over man, game over!" The title of his photo of a toy action hero was inspired by the movie "Aliens."

"At the time, it was just an experiment, working with toys and lighting," said Jusino, stationed at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. "In the movie there's a line: 'Game over, man -- game over!' When I made that submission, I thought that was one of my

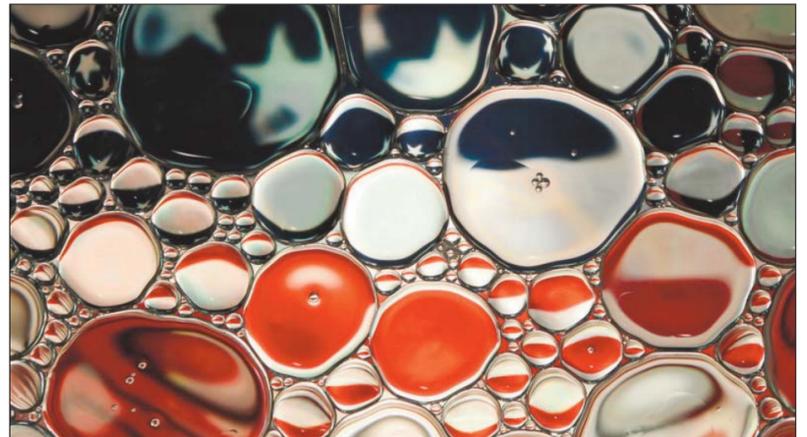


Photo by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew Mizner
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew Mizner of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, takes second place in the design elements category of the active duty division of the 2015 Army Digital Photography Contest with "Old Glory."

weakest photos, but art is subjective."

Jusino also earned an honorable mention in the people category with "Purple Haze," a photo of the band HUNNY performing in St. Petersburg, Florida.

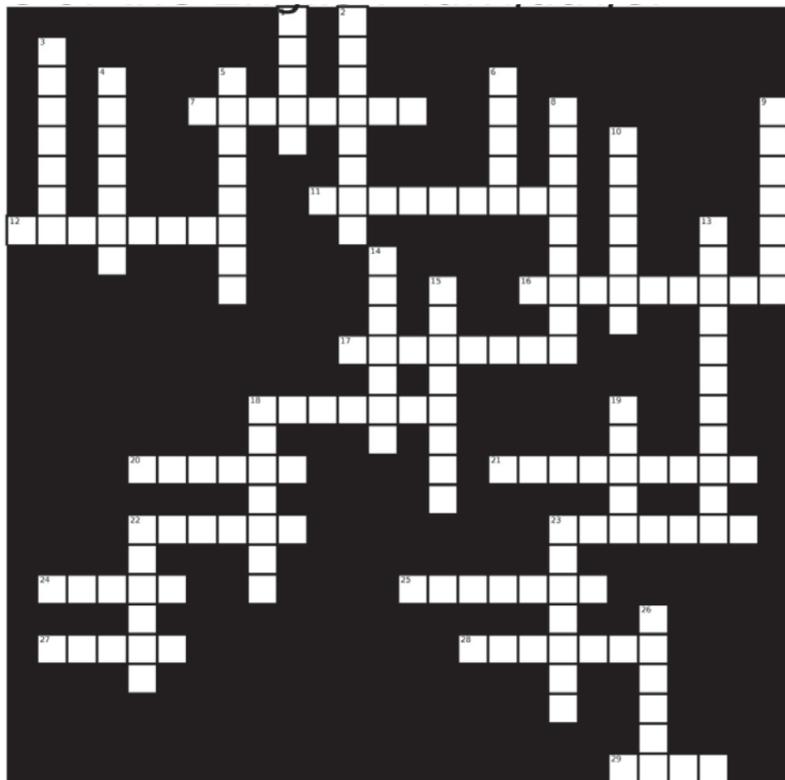
Jusino, whose forte is concert photography, began competing in the Army Digital Photography Contest in 2014 and promptly earned an honorable mention with "The Moment When You Realize You Have Arrived," taken

at the B.B. King Blues Club and Grill at Times Square in New York City.

"It's good that the Army sponsors this," Jusino said. "It's a great avenue for service members to show our talent."

"It makes me feel good to find out that my work received recognition -- makes me want to keep trying each year," Jusino said. "To get even an honorable mention is great. To do so two years in a row is pretty humbling, and it makes me very proud."

Submit letters to the editor to usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil



The APG Crossword

GET OUT THE DICTIONARY!

By **STACY SMITH**, APG News

On this day in 1828 lexicographer Noah Webster, the progenitor of the Merriam-Webster dictionary, registered the first American English-language dictionary for copyright publication. It sold well, with 2,500 copies, and a second edition was published in two volumes in 1840. Complete this puzzle to test your knowledge of the English language.

Across

- 7. Like Dutch and Swedish, English is a _____ language.
- 11. A newly coined word or expression.
- 12. A unit of organization for a sequence of speech sounds.
- 16. During the U.S. game show "Wheel of Fortune," contestants solve a puzzle by guessing letters of the alphabet that represent this speech sound – they have to buy vowels.
- 17. Skill that increased with the advent of the printing press, which made books more affordable.

- 18. Author of the classic "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" who also wrote "Jabberwocky," a non-sense poem that introduced the words "galumphing" and "chortle" into the English language.
- 20. A word or phrase that modifies or qualifies an adjective, verb or other adverb.
- 21. A person who can speak two languages fluently.
- 22. A grammatically simplified means of communication that develops between two or more groups that do not have a language in common.
- 23. Author of the most famous

example of Middle English, "The Canterbury Tales."

- 24. The Great _____ Shift was a change in the pronunciation of the English language that took place in England between 1350 and 1600 and ushered in the era of Early Modern English.
- 25. Tomato, canoe and the word for this furry woodland critter are all English language words that have Native American roots.
- 27. During the Renaissance, the English lexicon roughly doubled in size by adopting and adapting words from this classical language.
- 28. Name that is synonymous with English dictionaries in the United States.
- 29. Irish playwright who said "The United States and Great Britain are two countries separated by a common language."

Down

- 1. The Oxford _____ was traditionally used by printers, readers and editors at Oxford University Press.
- 2. Words that have a common origin. For example, the words "composition," "composite" and "compost" are derived from the same root in Latin "componere" meaning "to put together."
- 3. Of the 10 most widely spoken languages in the world, only English does not have one of these guiding it.
- 4. This epic poem is the oldest surviving example of Anglo-Saxon Old English.
- 5. In George Orwell's novel Nineteen Eighty-Four, this fictional language attempts to eliminate personal thought by restricting the expressiveness of the English language.
- 6. Oxford Dictionaries word of the year for 2015 was not a word at all, but rather one of these small digital icons used in electronic communication.
- 8. Study of the history of words, their origins and how their form and meaning have changed over time.

- 9. A particular form of a language that is peculiar to a specific region or social group.
- 10. According to Wikipedia, estimates are this language is spoken by anywhere from 340 million to 2 billion people worldwide.
- 13. English playwright who coined the phrases "one fell swoop," "vanish into thin air" and "flesh and blood."
- 14. The vocabulary of a person, language or branch of knowledge.
- 15. These books published by lexicographer Noah Webster sold more than 80 million copies during the 19th century.
- 18. Some American elementary schools want to revive this handwriting skill once thought obsolete.
- 19. Many nations considered to be part of the Third World have adopted English as their official language, including this East African country.
- 22. A word, letter or number placed before another.
- 23. American linguist, philosopher and cognitive scientist sometimes described as "the father of modern linguistics."
- 26. During much of the Middle Ages in Europe, English was the language of the lower classes, and this language was the language of the court and propertied classes.

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

Solution to the April 7 puzzle



WORD OF THE WEEK

Facetious

Pronounced: fuh-SEE-shuh s

Part of Speech: Adjective

Definition:

- 1. Treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humor; flippant
- 2. Lacking serious intent; concerned with something nonessential, amusing, or frivolous: a facetious person.

Use:

- His ill-timed and facetious remark during the drill sergeant's angry diatribe landed him on extra duty for the weekend.
- The committee members were incensed over the archeologist's flippant and facetious remarks regarding the once-proud and thriving tribe.
- His twinkling eyes and facetious grin signaled that the serious part of the lecture was over.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

Source(s): <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com>; <http://dictionary.reference.com>

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

APHIS

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is a multi-faceted agency with a broad mission area that includes protecting and promoting U.S. agricultural health, regulating genetically engineered organisms, administering the Animal Welfare Act and carrying out wildlife damage management activities. APHIS operations defend America's animal and plant resources from agricultural pests and diseases and promotes the health of U.S. agriculture in the international trade arena. It develops and advances science-based standards with trading partners to ensure America's agricultural exports, worth more than \$50 billion annually, are protected from unjustified restrictions.

An agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), APHIS is the lead agency for the protection of U.S. agriculture from invasive pests and diseases. It is also responsible for protecting animal health, animal welfare, and plant health. APHIS was created in 1972 by Secretary's Memorandum No. 1769.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

Source(s): <https://www.aphis.usda.gov>; <https://en.wikipedia.org>



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

Army pushes installations to be resourceful as it looks to future

Story and photo by **J.D. LEIPOLD**
Army News Service

A key to building readiness during downward budgetary pressures is to continue making installations more efficient, resourceful and opportunistic, said Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and the Environment.

As keynote speaker at an Installation Management “Hot Topics” forum in Washington, D.C., March 31, Hammack reiterated Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley’s No. 1 priority: readiness.

“We know we must continue to lean our installations; lean our activities; change our expectations and prioritize our most essential services to ensure the Army remains ready,” she said, noting that the Army continues to undergo dramatic changes.

Originally the Army expected to cease its activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, but instead it’s changing and shifting as other conflicts and missions have increased worldwide, despite continuing downward budgetary pressures, she said.

With more than 50 percent of the Army budget going into manpower, what follows on are the costs of training and equipping, which are both priorities related to readiness, she said, adding that what drops to the bottom of the pile is installation funding and maintenance of facilities.

“We’re trying to figure out how to support Soldiers, families, civilians and operations without the budgets that they need, with the budgets they get, so every installation has had to prioritize based upon risk and funding the most critical,” she continued. “It has given us an opportunity at the headquarters level to re-evaluate our programs and services... which can be merged and consolidated.”

Hammack discussed five key areas affecting the installation community:

- communicating how installations support readiness and where they’re taking risks;
- prioritizing resources while consolidating services and programs
- continuing to establish creative partnering to leverage core competencies
- developing a model for installations to 2025 and beyond
- calling for a Base Realignment & Closure authorization in 2017.

“We have more than 155 installations when you take into account the Guard



Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Energy & Environment) Katherine Hammack addresses readiness through installation resourcing, opportunity and efficiency, March 31 in Arlington, Virginia.

and Reserve and they each contribute to our total Army and our total force, but they all have different capabilities,” she said. “It is essential we communicate with one voice in the education of our colleagues and leaders and better articulate how installation infrastructures and services directly impact readiness and where the risk is being taken and its impact on the operating force.”

Prioritizing Resources

She said the second key area is in the risk involved to maximize funding for training and operations, which forces the Army to further prioritize its most critical projects and programs while becoming more prudent with investments.

“This doesn’t mean we have removed decision-making from senior commanders at the installation level, nor does it mean we cannot adjust during the budget year -- it just means there’s less room,” Hammack said. “It means that new emerging priorities must come up to the headquarters level so we can try to figure out how to balance to ensure projects are validated by the commands there -- indeed, the command’s highest priority and then some can be absorbed dependent upon need, but many are addressed as

unfunded.”

Creative Partnering

In the area of creative partnering, Hammack said that over the last decade, the Army had been divesting itself of services and programs that are better performed by those companies who make their living in those areas such as housing.

“The private sector has invested about \$12 billion of private-sector capital in Army housing so Soldiers have a better quality of life and at the same time there is no backlog of maintenance like we’re seeing in our commercial buildings,” she said.

The Army has also had great success with the privatization of energy, she said, adding the Army needs diversity in power choices and renewable energy. There are presently 14 projects in various stages of the contracting process to provide more than 400 megawatts of renewable energy, representing more than \$800 million of investment, which enables the Army to put its limited funds more on readiness.

“We want to continue to explore how we can expand partnerships, strengthen community ties, while benefitting both the Army and our service-providing partners,” she said.

Base Closure And Realignment

Hammack called for another round of BRAC, noting the Army spends about \$500 million annually on excess or under-used facilities. At a total force of 980,000 Soldiers, the Army has estimated a 21-percent excess in infrastructure.

“We must have authority from Congress to consolidate into our highest-value military bases and divest of low military value or under-utilized facilities,” Hammack said. “Today, facilities that are needed to support readiness, to support training exercises, airfields and other priorities are deteriorating because the resources are spent to support installations that could be closed.

Hammack said that \$500 million wasted on installations and facilities that aren’t needed equates to five training rotations at the National Training Center and the manning of a Stryker brigade of 5,000 Soldiers. It represents readiness, she said.

She anticipates that another BRAC would be primarily focused on the Army and Air Force -- which has some 30-percent excess infrastructure. It would cost \$6 billion initially, she estimated, but would save \$2 billion annually in the years following.

Summit talks barriers to innovation, problem-solving

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In November 2015, the first summit focused on concepts and requirements. It identified barriers to innovation and ideas on how to overcome them.

“The quarterly innovation summit program is a core component of the Army’s Innovation Campaign and an important medium for Army senior leader discussions,” Wharton said. “This is an opportunity to build upon the knowledge and insight gained during the first summit and discover new opportunities to refine solutions that will enhance Army innovation.”

Innovation is the introduction of new or significantly improved products, processes, organizational methods and marketing methods in internal business practices, said Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering Stephen P. Welby who addressed the group April 5.

“The world has been changing over the last two decades,” he said. “The pace of change is visible in all of our daily lives. We see it in technology. We see it in business. We see it in the globalization of talent and technology. We see it shifting in terms of the nature of the threat we face in the future.”

Welby said innovation has many attributes.

“Innovation does not come from technology alone,” he said. “It emerges from evolutionary problem-solving directed at specific operational and tactical issues. It requires coherent frameworks of doctrine and concepts.”

Reaching outside the Army, organizers invited Dr. Paul Jaffe from the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory to a panel discussion April 6. Jaffe told the group how the Navy is bringing innovation to the next level with a concept called Space Solar.

“Energy is critical for everything we do, not just in the military, but for modern life,” Jaffe said. “What if there was



Break-out groups meet during the Army’s second Innovation Summit to develop specific proposals to overcome barriers to innovation. The teams briefed Gen. Dennis Via, U.S. Army Materiel Command commanding general before the event adjourned April 6.

a way that we could provide clean, constant energy anywhere in the world – on demand – to the Soldier on the mountaintop, to farmers in the developing world, to children whose cities have been destroyed by tsunamis? There is a way to do this.”

The project involves capturing solar energy in space and then transferring that energy through microwaves to any place on Earth.

“This allows us enormous flexibility in the way we provide energy,” he said. “You can kind of think of this as a Hoover Dam in space.”

Jaffe characterized the Navy’s vision as bold. He said whether fossil fuels run out in 10 years or 100 years, they will run out.

“One of our jobs is to think long-term, not just for next year,” he said.

“We need to think long-term and this is a way to address that. “It’s hard to understate the implications if we follow through with this. It would truly enable the next American century.”

In another discussion during the panel, the Army showcased its partnership with the NFL to combat head trauma, which has led to an innovative solution for a novel tether with the potential to prevent injuries.

“There are elastic straps that are speed sensitive,” explained Dr. Eric Wetzel from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. “If you pull them slowly they stretch and relax without a lot of resistance, but if you attempt to pull them quickly they are very resistant to stretching.”

The implications of the tether could result in mitigation of injuries from

head-to-ground impacts, he said.

Wetzel said the team’s next steps involve fabricating a first generation prototype, test performance and gather focus group evaluations. He said he is also hoping to develop and demonstrate an Army-specific version of the technology and build partnerships with industry for further innovation, development and commercialization.

The event ended with break-out groups briefing Gen. Dennis L. Via, AMC commanding general, on developing specific proposals to overcome barriers to innovation.

The next summit is planned for August 2016 when organizers hope to expand collaboration with industry and academia to refine and implement the initiatives from the current summit, officials said.

Tell them you saw it in the APG News

CECOM tributes those who laid command's foundation

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ing General Victor J. Ferlise; and Eric Kronenberg, son of nuclear physicist and world-renown authority on nuclear-radiation technology, the late Dr. Stanley Kronenberg

The CECOM commander also acknowledged former CECOM Commander, retired Army Maj. Gen. Bob Nabors; former CECOM deputy commander, and former commanders Gary Martin, and Ed Thomas, as well as a number of noncommissioned officers who came out to support the event, and in true Army tradition, stood tall in saluting their leaders past and present.

"Very seldom in your career – or in a lifetime, will there be a day where you get to experience something that in all probability, you will remember for the rest of your life," Crawford said, emphasizing the importance of the CECOM Hall of Fame. "Every now and then you get the opportunity to chart the course for an event like this. It is an amazing opportunity to be able to recognize the contributions of those on whose shoulders you stand."

Introduced as the man behind the construction phase of the project and credited with helping to move it forward, Michael J. Vetter, Director, CECOM G4, approached the assembly and thanked those who had worked tirelessly to bring the Hall of Fame idea to fruition.

"As the CECOM G4, I've had the privilege of working with a team of professionals involved with the fine production and installation of the CECOM Hall of Fame," Vetter said. "There were a lot of details that went into this."

Vetter went on to say that the CECOM Hall of Fame design began in October 2015. Members of the team involved in that process produced a design that was intended to honor the heritage of CECOM as a whole.

"The design is based around a single display, and has an interactive component which incorporates images and a brief biography of each of the inductees," he said. "The display also has an interactive component that allows visitors to delve deeper into more details regarding the inductee's service. All of the members of the team participated in the creation of the design, fabrication and installation of this display."

"On behalf of that team, I extend our congratulations to the inaugural inductees to the Hall of Fame, and thank you for your service. The Hall of Fame display will serve as a testimony to their achievements, will celebrate the rich history of CECOM, and provide an example for our future."

Joining Crawford in the unveiling



Photo by Philip A. Molter, CECOM
From left, Gen. Dennis L. Via, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, joins on stage CECOM Hall of Fame inductees retired Maj. Gen. Robert Morgan; Mason Linn; Eric Kronenberg, the son of Dr. Stanley Kronenberg; Victor Ferlise; CECOM Commanding General Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford; CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew McCoy; and seated, inductee retired, Lt. Gen. Emmett Paige, Jr.

of the CECOM Hall of Fame was CECOM Command Historian, Susan L. Thompson.

The early morning unveiling was just one of several other activities associated with the two-day event, and came on the heels of a dinner for the inductees and their families the prior evening at the Top of the Bay on APG. After the unveiling ceremony, Hall of Fame inductees and their family members, along with selected CECOM Command and Staff personnel, came together for a State of CECOM roundtable and working lunch.

The afternoon Induction Ceremony in Myer Auditorium marked the final portion of this historic occasion. Joined on stage by keynote speaker, Army Materiel Command, or AMC, Commanding General, Gen. Dennis

L. Via, CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew D. McCoy, and the inductees, Crawford thanked those in attendance for breaking away from their

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Gen. Dennis L. Via

Commanding General, Army Materiel Command

busy schedules to pay tribute to the inductees, whom he called an amazing group of leaders.

"Today is about our great leaders here," Crawford said. "When we think about the trusted professional...when we think deeper about this idea of a trusted professional, you need look no further than at these great Americans who have done so much."

"Many of the things that the Army does routinely today, the gentlemen here on this stage, whether it was work done at the depot, or the work done by Dr. Kronenberg on behalf of the nation, or the great work done by Victor Ferlise – the first Deputy Commander of

this command, and then to think about the fact that we have a former Secretary of Defense here today, a retired, Signal three-star General, the great and honorable Emmett Paige, Jr., we're the lucky ones because we get an opportunity to look into the eyes of history."

Echoing similar sentiments, Via told the audience, "Your presence at this ceremony for these great gentlemen, is a visible reflection of just how much this tremendous organization appreciates the hard work and the sacrifices of those who laid the foundation, and helped build this magnificent command we have come to know as CECOM."

Calling the CECOM Hall of Fame a first-class ceremony, Via went on to recognize each of the inductees, and their family members.

"On behalf of the U.S. Army Materiel Command family, and our United States Army, I offer my sincere congratulations and appreciation to these CECOM Hall of Fame inductees. We know that this command's strength was forged long ago by their vision, their commitment, their dedication and perseverance and especially their hard work. We also know that whatever success CECOM enjoys today, and whatever it achieves tomorrow, will be in large part due to the solid foundation which they helped build so many years ago."



DID YOU KNOW ?

The 2016 Tax Day was moved to April 18 because Emancipation Day will be celebrated in Washington, D.C. on April 15.

Emancipation Day, which is celebrated April 16, is a legal holiday commemorating the signing of the Compensated Emancipation Act on April 16, 1862. President Abraham Lincoln effectively freed more than 3,000 slaves in the District of Columbia with the signing of this act. The Emancipation Proclamation, signed nine months later, freed more than 3 million. However, slavery did not officially end in the rest of the United States until after the Civil War, which lasted from 1861 until 1865.

On Emancipation Day in Washington, D.C., government offices and schools are closed and Pennsylvania Avenue comes alive with festivals and parades. At the end of the day, fireworks shows light up the night. Because Emancipation Day, this year, falls on a Saturday, and will be celebrated Friday, April 15, Tax Day has been moved to Monday, April 18.

This is not the first time the government adjusted Tax Day for Emancipation Day. In 2007, Tax Day was moved to April 17 for the same reason.

Formal slavery was legal until 1865 in most of the area that is now the United States. Many slaves were of African origin and many slave owners were of European descent, although some other groups also had slaves. By 1860, there were about four million slaves in the United States.

The Emancipation Day holiday celebration was recognized from 1866 to 1901 then was somehow forgotten. On Jan. 4, 2005, legislation



made Emancipation Day an official public holiday in the District of Columbia. Elsewhere in the United States, the emancipation of slaves is celebrated in Florida, May 20; Puerto Rico, March 22; and Texas, June 19. Similar celebrations take place in the Caribbean nations of Anguilla, Bahamas, Bermuda, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and the Turks and Caicos Islands during the first week of August as slavery was abolished in the British Empire on Aug. 1, 1834.

In all other areas of the United States, April 16 is a normal day and public life is not affected.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

Source(s): <http://publicholidays.us/emancipation-day>

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/emancipation-day-dc>

<http://www.wikipedia.org>

Vanpoolers needed on APG



There are several existing vanpools looking for riders as well as individuals looking to start vanpools for the following listed to the right.

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:

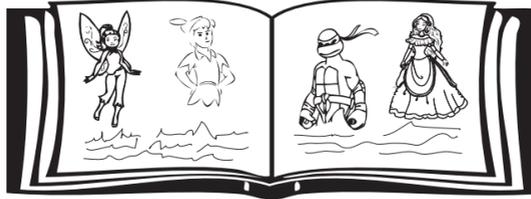
- ◇ Baltimore, MD (Canton-area)
- ◇ Baltimore County, MD (near I-70 and 695)
- ◇ Elkton, MD
- ◇ Philadelphia, PA

APG South (Edgewood) to:

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

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/>.

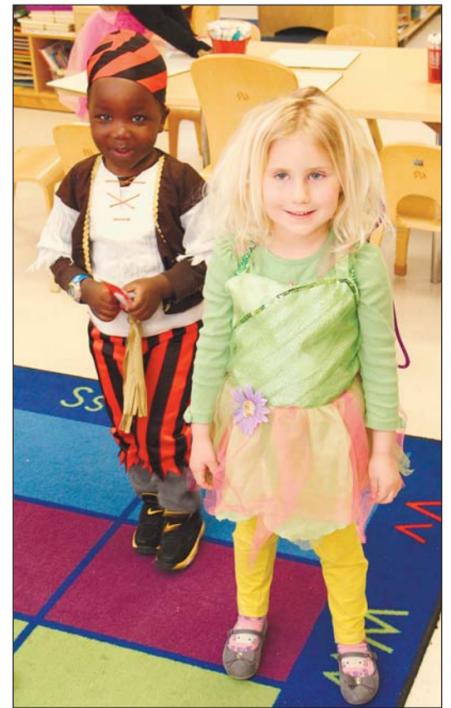


ALTER EGOS

As part of Month of the Military Child, youth at the APG South (Edgewood) Child Development Center dressed as their favorite fictional characters during Character Day April 7.

(Clockwise from left)

- From left, Leighann Dixon, 4, is a princess while Jameson Webers, 5, prefers a minion costume.
- From right, Holly Matthews, 5, shows off her fairy costume as Lenny Maina, 4, rocks a pirate outfit.
- From right, Chelsea Ferguson, 5, portrays a teenage mutant ninja turtle and looks on as Micah Brown and Olivia Pople, both 5, strike princess poses
- From left, Nolan Sheehy, 14 months, came in as an elephant and Jocelyn Smith, 16 months charms as snow white.
- Joseph Giles, 5, smiles while flexing his spiderman muscles.



Photos by Molly Blossie



SPARKY & PATCHES DELIGHT DURING FIRE DAY

Firefighters from the APG Directorate of Emergency Services visited children at the APG North (Aberdeen) Child Development Center April 11 as part of Month of the Military Child festivities. Firefighters were joined by fire safety dogs Sparky and Patches, who taught the children about fire safety.

(Clockwise from left)

- Sparky the fire dog gives a high five to Marcus Moore, 3.
- Fire inspector Loren Brown helps James Dolittle, 4, put out a virtual fire.
- APG Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Inspector John Frank Jr. reads a story to engaged children.
- The newest member for the fire house, Patches, stops to chat with a CDC child. Patches "drives" around in a remote-controlled truck and is voiced by an APG firefighter.

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