

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Nov. 22, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Refuse Removal

The following schedule will be used during the holiday period:

Nov. 22: This is a regular weekly recycling pickup day. In addition, trash normally picked up on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) will be picked up on Wednesday. There will be no trash removal on Thanksgiving Day.

Nov. 24: Regular trash pickup will resume on Friday.

Construction notice

Susquehanna Avenue will be closed Friday, Nov. 17 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for construction work. Traffic will be detoured via Bel Air or Frankford Streets to Boothby Hill or Raritan Avenues. The closure will only affect the 4200 Block of Susquehanna Ave. immediately in front of Building 4213. Building 4219 and the parking lot of building 4220 will not be affected by the closure. Troop formations that normally use Susquehanna Avenue should use the parade field to avoid the construction area. In the event of bad weather, the road closure will be rescheduled for Nov. 20 at the same time. Closure is to allow the installation of a water main to supply a new sprinkler system being installed in building 4213. For more information contact Jerry Norris, DPW, at 410-278-3588.

Commissary schedule for Thanksgiving

To help customers prepare for Thanksgiving, the Commissary will be open on Monday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. The Commissary will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24. All other days will have normal shopping hours.

Equipment holiday rentals

Are you having guests over for Thanksgiving weekend? Don't know where you're going to have your guests sleep? The Equipment Resource Center at Outdoor Recreation, building

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Housing restricts work orders in answer to budget cuts

By Sheila Little
APG News

Soldiers faced a huge jump in the price they pay for off-post housing last month after Aberdeen Proving Ground officials announced the closure of 129 additional family housing units.

This was in answer to the 42 percent reduction to the fiscal 2001 family housing budget faced by the installation.

After noticing an upward trend in the cost of off-post housing rentals, APG officials have considered a new approach and will offer the units, but limit housing repairs to emergency and urgent requests. In addition, residents moving into housing will be responsible for all between-occupancy maintenance and painting.

Family Housing mailed a letter to all post residents earlier this week, detailing two priorities of work orders. Only priority one, emergency work orders, and priority two, urgent work orders, are being accepted at this time.

Emergency work orders include gas leaks, winter heating problems, documented medical requirements, an inoperable toilet when only one is available or beyond self-help repair, an inoperable refrigerator, range, or hot water heater.

Urgent work orders include a leaking roof, flooding, and broken or loose steps or stairs posing a safety hazard.

Individual work requests for emergency repairs or for exceptional family member requirements will

continue to be processed.

Patricia Hector, chief of the APG Housing Division, said no routine between-occupancy maintenance, except for those involving health and safety issues, will be performed. The quarters will be inspected and cleaned as residents leave, and all appliances will be clean and in operable condition before offering to new installation residents in "as is" condition. She added that the new occupant has the option of performing any additional maintenance with tools, paint and other supplies available through the installation Re-Nu-It centers.

Both the Aberdeen Area Re-Nu-It Center, building 5413, and the Edgewood Area facility, building E5703, begin winter hours Nov. 20. Winter hours for the Aberdeen Area facility, 410-278-8814, are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The Edgewood Area center, 410-436-2398, is open for the winter during the same hours on Wednesdays and Fridays.

"No house will remain unoccupied unless there is a safety issue involved," Hector said, and added that the housing office will continue to offer inspected, cleaned quarters that meet health and safety standards, as they become available.

"All quarters throughout the installation are being maintained under the same guidelines, and all incoming residents, regardless of rank, are asked to continue making minor repairs to their units and consult the self-help centers if they lack supplies or necessary

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The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month

By Marguerite Towson and Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The nation paused to pay tribute to its veterans, last Saturday, with Veterans Day ceremonies throughout the country. With its high concentration of veterans, Harford County residents found different ways to salute the diverse population of veterans.

At American Legion Post 135 in Perryville, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground was the guest speaker.

Charles Cunningham, commander of American Legion Post 135 introduced Doesburg, who spoke on the many ways veterans have served our country. Post Chaplain Charles Smith delivered the invocation.

"Many of us accept the fact that veterans come from all walks of life, but some in our society wonder who we are honoring on Veterans Day," said Doesburg. "Combat veterans are naturally the first people we think of on this day as we pay homage to those who faced the horrors of combat. They have truly earned our nation's deepest admiration."

Doesburg added that veterans include soldiers, sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who served during peacetime, either on active duty or in reserve components.

"I think today we particularly want to remember those sailors who lost their lives due to the recent attack on the USS Cole. Their loss is a terrible reminder of the great risk that our young soldiers, our young sailors, Airmen, Marines and those who serve with the Coast Guard take every day all over the world while serving in today's military."

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Hero of three wars recognized for national, state and local contributions by retired officers

By Sheila Little
APG News

Friends, family, military personnel and national, state, and local officials honored retired Maj. Gen. Warren D. Hodges, former Aberdeen Proving Ground commander, at a Nov. 3 reception and dinner at the Sheraton Four Points in Aberdeen.

The Susquehanna Chapter of The Retired Officers Association sponsored the evening which highlighted the life of Hodges, a past president of the organization. A keynote address by former Maryland Governor Harry Hughes, a special presentation and address by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U. S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, the awarding of a prestigious infantry medallion to Hodges by two of his grandsons who are infantry captains, and remarks and presentations by Congressman Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., and state and local delegates were featured.

Recognized for his contributions during times of peace and war, acknowledgment was given for the honoree's outstanding service during a 30-year military career that encompassed heroic action in three wars and multiple commands, seven years service as Adjutant General of Maryland, and active participation, including



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Retired Maj. Gen. Warren Hodges, seated, is surrounded by his wife Kathleen (far right), Congressman Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. of Maryland's 2nd District, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and APG, and former Maryland Governor Harry Hughes, recognizing his many years of exceptional service to the nation at a dinner held earlier this month.

several leadership positions, in local military and business organizations.

Ed Kreiner Sr., president of the local chapter of TROA and a retired Navy lieutenant, served as

master of ceremonies for the evening, which included patriotic music by Sgt. Brian Riley of the 389th Army Band, (AMC's Own), and vocal numbers by Beth Davison.

A narrated slideshow presentation by retired Maj. Gen. Joseph Brooks, focused on the many achievements of Hodges.

A native of Kansas who graduated from high school at 15,

Great American Smoke-out set for today

By Sheila Little
APG News

The annual Great American Smoke-out takes place today, and activities and programs offered on Aberdeen Proving Ground bear witness to the support available on the installation and in the surrounding area for those wishing to conquer their smoking habit.

If you would like to be among the estimated one-third of the nation's smokers who participate in the smoke-out each year, ideas on how to make it through the day, and support in the effort to become a former smoker, are readily available.

Tips for those committed to stop smoking for the day include getting plenty of rest, stocking up on gum and hard candy, drinking plenty of water, changing routines, avoiding stress if possible, and planning something fun in order to successfully get through the day. Supporters can help by listening and participating in activities designed to change the smoking pattern.

Ruth Maiorana, smoking-cessation class facilitator for the county health department, said the idea behind the smoke-out for those contemplating stopping permanently, is to "practice becoming a non-smoker."

Those who are successful on smoke-out day may be encouraged to go further in their effort to quit permanently, and others may be able to cut back for 24 hours on the amount they ordinarily smoke, also an encouragement in the road to becoming a former smoker.

Non-smokers and former smokers can support those participating in

the smoke-out by offering a listening ear.

"Provide a safe environment for them to talk about what they're going through," Maiorana said. "For instance, say 'I'm there for you,' and really mean it," she added.

APG is offering year-round support and encouragement for those who want to quit, by offering smoking cessation classes in both the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas of the installation. Additional classes are available at various locations and times throughout Harford and surrounding counties, through the county health department.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is recognizing the day by operating a booth in the foyer of the APG Main Exchange, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Personnel will offer tips on how to quit, and how to encourage and support others interested in cutting back, quitting, or evaluating their readiness.

Weekly smoking cessation classes for KUSAHC beneficiaries begin the first Thursday of each month, noon to 1 p.m. in the Preventive Medicine conference room of the clinic, building 2501. Call the clinic, 410-278-1964, for more information.

The Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, in conjunction with the Harford County Health Department, is sponsoring an Open House at the weekly smoking cessation class held each Thursday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in building E4415. Those contemplating quitting, cutting back, or looking for support in making the decision are welcome to attend and

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APG awaits flu vaccine

By Sheila Little

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic announced inoculations against this year's influenza virus are not expected to begin at the Aberdeen Proving Ground clinic until mid-December.

Walter E. Egerton, commander of KUSHC, said the clinic has yet to receive the vaccine, and noted that the expected supply may not be enough to offer inoculations to all who received the injections in previous years.

"I realize what an inconvenience and hardship this is for some of our beneficiaries, and I want everyone to know that we are continuing to work toward receiving a vaccine supply and beginning inoculations as soon

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Tip of the Week

Make "green" choices while shopping. Use re-refined oil in your car.

OIL



For more information on pollution prevention, call Michelle Guitard, APG Pollution Prevention Program, 410-306-2273

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2407 can accommodate your needs. Padded cots rent for \$2.50 a day, sleeping bags for \$2 a day, or twin and queen-sized air mattresses for \$2 and \$3 a day.

Also available for rent are 8-foot folding tables and 5-foot round tables for \$5 a day, chairs for \$.50 a day and an assortment of ice chests and water coolers.

If you are interested in deep frying your turkey "the Southern way," stop by and rent our large cook pots and propane burners for only \$6 a day.

Thanksgiving holiday hours of operation will be Nov. 22, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and closed Nov. 23-26. Equipment will be due back on Nov. 27 for one-day rentals. Contact the Equipment Resource Center at 410-278-4124/5789 to make your reservation.

Harford Community College offers ESOL classes

English for Speakers of Other Languages classes will be offered free to foreign-born adults who are 16 or older. Classes will be held Monday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m., at Edgewood High School; Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m., at the Aberdeen Community Center; Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m., at Bel Air High School; and Friday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m., at the Aberdeen Community Center. Room numbers for the advising sessions will be posted on the front door of the building. For more information about ESOL classes, call Cindy Fisher at Harford Community College, 410-836-4152.

Women who enjoy singing

The Upper Chesapeake Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a professional womens' a cappella chorus, rehearses Mondays at Bel Air Elementary School in Bel Air, 7 p.m. This award-winning group welcomes interested women singers to learn four-part harmony, vocal technique, choreography, and stage presence, and to perform with us at the many community events, shows and private parties where we sing each year. For more information, call 410-877-7314, 410-838-0921 or 410-477-5166.

GED Preparation classes

The Community and Business Services Division of Harford Community College offers tuition-based General Education Degree preparation classes to help adults earn a Maryland high school diploma. Free Adult Basic Education classes are also offered to help adults strengthen reading, writing and math skills. Adults new to the program should attend one of the following free advising sessions to receive information about the programs and to sign up for classes.

Monday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m., Edgewood High School
 Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m., Aberdeen Community Center and Harford Community College, Edgewood Hall
 Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m., Edgewater Village Shopping Center and Edgewood Health/Community Services Center
 Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m., North Harford High School
 Friday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m., Aberdeen Community Center
 For more information, Call Cindy Fisher at Harford Community College, 410-836-4152.

Army Band takes holiday leave

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will be on leave Dec. 20 through Jan. 3 and, therefore, not available for commitments. Any questions regarding scheduling the Band should be referred to Judy Michalski, 278-7953/2711.

Holiday food and toy drive

The 15th annual U.S. Army Soldier and Chemical Biological Command Food and Toy Drive to help Neighbors Involved in the Community of Edgewood is now in full swing.

Last year 44 families were recipients of the donations and this year NICE expects a need for 50 families. The organization serves families in Edgewood and Joppatowne with many of them being single-parent households. NICE works to improve the quality of life in these communities by focusing on education, recreation, safety, crime prevention, and drug and alcohol abuse.

NICE gives each family two bags of groceries and determines the toy needs from a form filled out by the family. The food and toys are delivered to the families' homes and the donations are kept private.

We need new or gently-used toys, non-perishable foods, and/or household products. Also, toiletries, grooming supplies, compact disks, note paper and cards are among requested items. Food items with expired dates cannot be used.

Opened food products and broken or unusable toys will not be accepted or given. Let's try to make this the best Toy and Food Drive we have sponsored. With everyone's help, it is possible.

The closing reception and presentation of donations will be on Dec. 13 in the Berger Laboratory cafeteria, building E3549, beginning at 1 p.m.

All donations will be picked up and placed in a secure area until

items are delivered to NICE.

Donation boxes have been placed in the following buildings for your convenience:

E3150, E4470, E3160, E4475, E3300, E5027, E3320, E5101, E3326, E5106, E3330, E3331, E5183, E3942, E5560, E3549, E5951, E4445, E4455 and E4465.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield representative to visit APG

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit APG on Tuesday, Dec. 12. The representative will be available from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, Room B-14 (lower level) to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. The representative will also be available in the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, building E4140 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Point of contact for this information is Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

Hoyle Health and Fitness Center

If you are a civilian and want to participate in an organized fitness program in the Edgewood Area, call the Hoyle Health and Fitness for information on the Civilian Fitness Program. The CFP is a six-month, one-time program established to help employees establish a fitness program. One of our staff members will take you through a health risk analysis and develop a one-on-one exercise program geared just for your exercise needs. The fitness center is a full service facility with aerobic and toning classes, state-of-the-art equipment that includes treadmills, recumbent bikes, steppers, elliptical cross trainers, rowers and cross-country ski machines. We also have free weights and full-circuit weight machines. Stop in today to set up your personal training program. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For further information, call 410-436-7134/7135.

AA Health and Fitness Center

If you are active duty and retired military, civilian employees, retired employees and their family members 14-21 years of age or contractors located on post, you are eligible to join the Fitness Center located in building 320 in the Aberdeen Area. A full line of cardiovascular equipment, free weights and full-circuit weight machines is available. Need a personal one-on-one program? Call and set up an appointment today with one of our staff members. We also offer Aerobic and Toning Classes daily with a certified instructor. All these services are included in one low price. Our hours of operation are Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. For more information call 410-278-9725/9759.

Within your reach!

Get answers about how the Army is safely eliminating the mustard agent stockpile stored at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Call or visit the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office located in the Woodbridge Station Shopping Center, 1011B Woodbridge Center Way, Edgewood, 410-676-6800. The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Current information is also available at www-pmcd.apgea.army.mil.

Small Business Administration Awards nomination deadline is extended

The nomination deadline for the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maryland Small Business Awards Program for 2001 has been extended to Friday, Nov. 17. Nomination packages will be accepted Monday, Nov. 13 through Friday, Nov. 17. All packages should be sent to the Awards Committee, Baltimore District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration, 10 South Howard St., Suite 6220, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Nominees are being sought for Maryland Small Business Person of the Year, SBA's Advocate and Special Awards categories. Advocate categories include Accountant, Financial Services, Home-Based Business, Small Business Journalist, Minority, Veteran and Women. Special award categories include Small Business Exporter, Young Entrepreneur and Entrepreneurial Success.

Awards will be presented at the 17th Annual Maryland Small Business Awards Breakfast scheduled for Friday, May 11 at Martin's West in Woodlawn. For more information or to receive a package containing nomination criteria, call Rachel Howard, 410-962-4392, extension 319.

Edgewood Arts and Crafts Center to hold classes

Porcelain Doll class: A beginning porcelain doll class will begin Dec. 1 and continue Dec. 8 and 15, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Students will make the Sugar Britches doll. Class size is limited; pre-registration is required. Cost is \$30 plus supplies.

Framing class: A beginning matting and framing class will be held Nov. 30, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Students must bring an 8-inch by 10-inch picture

to frame. Cost is \$15 plus supplies. Students must register in advance as space is limited.

The center is open from Thursday, 1-9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and is available to active duty military, APG civilians and their dependents. It is located in building E-4440 next to the MP station; signs are posted to direct people to the building. For more information, call 410-436-2153 during operating hours.

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season will be held from Nov. 15-Jan. 31. During the open enrollment period employees may elect to enroll in TSP or change their current TSP deduction. Thrift Savings Plan Open Season Update Pamphlets will be distributed to agency administrative offices upon receipt in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Employees must now contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) to make an open season change. Enrollment form TSP-1 can no longer be completed or processed by the CPAC. Employees may call the ABC-C at 1-877-276-9287 or access the website at www.abc.army.mil to enroll in TSP or make a change.

Employees who wish to change the way their TSP account balance is currently invested must request a TSP Interfund Transfer. Interfund transfers can be made up to once a month by calling the ThriftLine at 504-255-8777 or by completing a TSP-30, Interfund Transfer Request, available on the TSP website, www.tsp.gov. The TSP website includes current TSP information, forms and publications.

Volunteers needed for special emphasis program committees

APG Special Emphasis Employment Program committees are seeking individuals, civilian or military, to fill vacancies on the following committees:

- Native American Employment Program Committee
- Disability Employment Program Committee
- Hispanic Employment Program Committee
- Black Employment Program Committee
- Asian/Pacific American Employment Program Committee
- Federal Women's Program Committee

Interested personnel may contact David Burbey, garrison special emphasis program manager, at 410-278-1145.

Jewelry offered by EA-OWC

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club is offering opportunities to contribute to the APG community. EA-OWC member and jewelry designer Laura Pool has crafted and donated a 37.65 carat earring and pendant set of golden citrine and freshwater pearls mounted in 14 karat gold. The earrings are set with a large pear-shaped golden citrine and three dangling freshwater pearls. The pendant features a pearl-enhancer bail and two large unusually-cut golden citrines joined together end-to-end with four freshwater pearls between and three dangling below. The set is valued at \$1,700.

The club is offering opportunities to win the set at \$1 per ticket, or six tickets for \$5. Proceeds will benefit local organizations and charities. The winning ticket will be drawn at the club's holiday cookie exchange on Dec. 13. Tickets are on sale throughout the APG community or by contacting Amy Steiger at 410-272-1520.

NECPOC announces training courses

Management Decision-Making and Problem Solving will be offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School Feb. 27-28, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Tuition is \$245.

The course is designed for managers who want to enhance their leadership skills by solving problems more efficiently and making sound decisions. Nominations must be received in the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center, Human Resources Development Division, by Nov. 30.

Leadership Skills for Non-Supervisors will be offered Apr. 10-11, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School. Tuition is \$245.

This course is designed for team leaders, office coordinators, special emphasis program managers and all non-supervisory employees who want to enhance their leadership skills. It includes instruction in handling different personality types, the art of giving constructive feedback that minimizes defensiveness, effective delegation, overcoming conflict without making enemies; and building teams that work well together and get results. Nominations must be received in the NECPOC, HRDD, by Jan. 19. For more information contact Karin Hancock, 410-306-0065 or e-mail her at Karin.Hancock@cpocner.apg.army.mil.

Re-Nu-It centers' holiday and winter hours

The Re-Nu-It centers in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas will begin winter hours of operation on Nov. 20. Aberdeen Area hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Edgewood Area hours are Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m.-4:30. For more information call Ellery Blake at 410-306-1108.

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Edgewood Elementary School Principal Allyn Watson helps first graders Shaquille Hill and Brandin Lewis place stepping stones in the BayScapes Garden near the U.S. Army Environmental Center headquarters Nov. 8.

Twenty students from Edgewood Elementary's gifted education program made the stepping stones and placed them in the garden to mark the renewal of the school's partnership with USAEC for a fourth year.

Officials from USAEC, Harford County Public Schools, and Edgewood Elementary cut the ribbon on a gazebo in the center of the native-species demonstration garden.

The gazebo served as the Eagle Scout project for Christopher Bailey of Boy Scout Troop 777, Bel Air.

Soldier donates \$1,000 to the APG Combined Federal Campaign

It's not too late to donate!

Post Combined Federal Campaign donations stand at \$265,000 according to CFC chairperson Wayne Doyel. The solicitation period ends Nov. 17, but the office in building 2001 will accept donations until Nov. 30.

Noting that some organizations had participation rates as low as 2 percent, Doyel added, "some people may still be planning to contribute."

He offered a special thanks to the many contractors who made cash contributions to the post's efforts.

"A lot of them gave despite the fact they already had payroll deductions through their employers," Doyel said.

By E. C. Starnes
OC&S

One soldier, who came on active duty to get his family finances in line, has turned around and provided a big financial boost to the APG Combined Federal Campaign drive.

Spc. John Bargeron, Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, recently donated a total of \$1,000 to five different charities: Feed My Hungry Children, the Shriners Hospitals for Children, the National Rifle Association, the National Wild Turkey Federation and the American Cancer Society.

The Shriners have a special place in his heart because of his daughter, Kelli. The 5-year old has a problem with bone growth in her forearm which prevents her from turning her arm a full 180 degrees. The Shriners have agreed to support surgery if it becomes necessary. "Our doctor told us that it will be her decision later," said Bargeron. "He told us that it may not prevent her from doing anything she wants."

If she decides to have the surgery, the Shriners have promised to be there.

Bargeron said he donated the money because, "If

you can help people out, in the long run, it will come back to you. Someday you might need that help."

His wife Joy fully supports his decision and she will get the special edition Eagle print that Bargeron received from APG for his donation. "She collects prints of eagles," he said. "I think she will really like this one."

Bargeron decided to come on active duty after 8 years in the National Guard because his construction job in Georgia was touch and go. "I was having some financial problems and I wanted to start all over and get them straight," he said. He was working with a firm that built chicken houses and often found himself without work because of the weather. "When it rains, you can't build chicken houses," he said.

He decided to enter the active Army for the steady paycheck and the benefits. He also wants to take advantage of the educational programs to get training as a diesel mechanic. While he intends to spend a full career in the Army, he feels that the diesel mechanic training might help him to enter another military occupational skill or help for promotion. Plus, he said, "They need a bunch of diesel mechanics back home."

In the National Guard he was assigned to the 118th Field Artillery at Fort Stewart, Ga. He took his training to become a field artillery system mechanic through the Regional Training Site-Maintenance at Fort Stewart. When he came on active duty, an error in his paperwork sent him to the Ordnance Center and School for the same course. When he arrived he was permitted to 'test out' and is currently awaiting a move to Korea.

He leaves APG on Dec. 1 and will have the opportunity to spend Christmas at home with his wife and two children, Kelli, and Andrew who is 10 months old.

While he had hoped to be assigned to Fort Stewart after advanced individual training to be close to his home, he noted that his assignment in Korea is only a year and that the steady pay and benefits are worth it.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander, reaches for the name of the APG representative to be included in the Baltimore drawing for a Dodge Durango on Nov. 16, as CFC chairperson Wayne Doyel, right, and Anita Healy, CFC loan executive from the Department of Veterans Affairs, watch. The name drawn was Wanda Wilburn, an employee of Swan Creek billeting. Her name will be added to 500 others from Maryland districts.

OC&S students clear a historic trail in Havre de Grace

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Students from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Officer Basic Course 9-2000 recently helped clean up a historic trail in Havre de Grace, as part of the class community service project. From left, 2nd Lts. Sarah Persinger and Giana Thomas spread gravel across railroad tracks for what will be a paved hiking-biking trail along the Susquehanna River.



By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The next time a group of APG soldiers hears the song "I've Been Working On the Railroad," they will have every right to take it literally.

Students from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Officers Basic Course class No. 9-2000, recently cleared the way for a hiking-biking trail in Havre de Grace, as part of its community service project.

The path, which begins near the Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum, borders the Susquehanna River and connects to the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway.

Consisting of railroad tracks that date back to 1926, the path connects the old Conowingo Line, part of the North Park Route Trail that picks up near Susquehanna State Park.

The area, nearly impassable with overgrown brush and weeds, has been undergoing a gradual restoration. The Havre de Grace community counts on the help of community organizations to help in its completion, according to city council president Joseph W. Kochenderfer.

"The concept began back in 1993," Kochenderfer said, noting that the historic trail also is part of the famed Mason-Dixon Line.

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November's National Adoption Month raises Army awareness

By **Wanda Pelt**

GAPG Army Community Service Division

The Family Advocacy Program at Army Community Service is joining the effort to spread the word about adoption during National Adoption Awareness Month in November.

In an effort to raise the Army's awareness of children who need adoptive families, ACS is providing the Aberdeen Proving Ground community with information on the history of Adoption Month, a toll-free number to call, and a web site address for further information. Posters that feature children who are

waiting for adoption will be displayed on-post in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

The History of Adoption Month

Formalized, time-specific awareness campaigns originated more than 20 years ago. In May 1976, Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis issued the first state Adoption Week proclamation, and President Ford then officially proclaimed the week in a letter to the North American Council on Adoptable Children conference held later that year. As years went on, Adoption Week came to be observed during

the week of Thanksgiving in November. In 1988, President Reagan proclaimed National Adoption Week. In 1991 and 1992, President Bush also issued proclamations.

In 1990, the NACAC decided to expand opportunities for raising awareness, and began advertising Adoption Week as National Adoption Awareness Month (November). President Clinton has issued Adoption Month proclamations every November.

NACAC Activities

In 1996, NACAC kicked off an exciting federally-funded Adoption Month project. With funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and support from the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption (and Wendy's International, Inc.), posters were printed and distributed featuring children from across the United States who are waiting for adoption.

The NACAC also organized a weekend of fun and media exposure for the children in Orlando, Fla. Through the Adoption Month grant, and continuing support from the Dave Thomas Foundation, the

NACAC produced Adoption Month posters in 1997 and 1998 as well.

Since the beginning of 1999, NACAC's Adoption Month activities have been funded through a cooperative agreement with the Children's Bureau (within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services).

The Adoption 2002 Support Project of the NACAC aims to help adoption agencies find ways to recruit adoptive families and further the public's adoption awareness. Through this project, the NACAC is continuing to produce annual Adoption Month posters that are distributed to Wendy's restaurants, libraries, child care centers, state child welfare agencies, and others. The posters feature a toll-free phone number for the National Adoption Center. Individuals who call 1-800-TO-ADOPT in response to the posters, receive a description book that contains pictures and profiles of the children on the poster, contact information for each child, and a summary of the special needs adoption process. To learn more about Adoption Month and NACAC, visit their web site at www.nacac.org.

Former APG Commander Maj. Gen. Warren D. Hodges honored

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brigade commander and chief of staff, and awarded his third Combat Infantryman's badge, and silver and bronze stars. Following a Pentagon assignment, he became the chief of staff, Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, in 1969. Hodges helped implement the combination of the separate posts of Aberdeen Proving Ground and Edgewood Arsenal, becoming the first commander of the combined installation. He served as installation commander until active duty retirement in 1972.

Additional awards received by Hodges during an outstanding career spanning three wars include the Distinguished Service Medal and many foreign service and national and state medals and citations.

"He's a true patriot and a dedicated citizen," Brooks said.

Former Gov. Harry Hughes appointed Hodges as Maryland Adjutant General of the state's National Guard forces in 1980. Hodges served in that position with the rank of major general, until retiring in 1987.

"Warren is a really outstanding individual and his record is exem-

plary. Appointing him as adjutant general of the National Guard was one of the easiest and best decisions I made," said Hughes.

Doesburg noted the achievements of Hodges. Describing him as "a soldier on point for our nation," Doesburg said Hodges' multiple and successful assignments in command roles at the company, battalion and brigade levels showed he led with great skill and care, and was a true leader of men and women.

Doesburg presented Hodges, the first commander of the combined installation, with the number one commander's coin from APG.

Doesburg said Hodges' career reflected the adage, "persuasive in peace, invincible in war."

Infantry Captains David and John Strange Jr. presented their grandfather the Order of St. Maurice, a medallion awarded for contributions to the infantry, for serving with integrity and moral character.

Additional presentations were given to the honoree by Congressman Robert Ehrlich, Maryland Senator Nancy Jacobs, Harford County Executive James Harkins, Maryland State Delegate

Mary-Dulaney James, Harford County Council Chairman Gunther Hirsch, Brig. Gen. Warren Sumpter, assistant adjutant general of Maryland National Guard, behalf of Aberdeen Mayor Doug Wilson, and a host of others.

Humbled by the evening's recognition, Hodges was quick to note the contributions of his wife and family.

"There have been a lot of nice words said here this evening," Hodges noted. "Left unsaid is all the support I got over the years from my wife and kids," he said. The general noted that his family faced numerous moves and hardships over the years, but stood by him. Recalling the good-bye address given by baseball legend Lou Gehrig, Hodges said,

"I'm very thankful. I feel like I'm the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

Hodges and his wife of 57 years, Kathleen, reside in Bel Air. The parents of two children, Richard Hodges of Joppatown, and Wanda Strange of Leavenworth, Kansas, the couple has six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Splitting purchases is prohibited

By **Mary Young**

Robert Morris Acquisition Center

As a government purchase cardholder or billing official, there are several prohibited acquisition practices that must be avoided when using GPC authority. One such practice is in the area of split purchases. Under GPC procedures split purchases are prohibited. The definition of a split purchase in the most basic sense, is *the intentional separation of a known requirement to stay within the single purchase limit*.

When considering whether an acquisition decision will fall within this prohibited practice, the following guidelines should be used:

- A single cardholder making multiple purchases from the same vendor on the same day, the total of which exceeds the single purchase limit.
- A single cardholder purchasing the same/similar item(s) from multiple vendors on the same day, the total of which exceeds the single purchase limit.
- A single cardholder making multiple purchases of similar items from the same or multiple vendors in a compressed timeframe when the total requirement is known at a given time and exceeds the single purchase limit.
- Multiple cardholders under the same supervision/billing official purchasing the same/similar item(s) the same day or in a compressed timeframe when the total requirement is known at a given time and exceeds the single purchase limit.

It should be understood that neither multiple funding sources nor related projects/requestors justify the use of the credit card when the requirement in hand at a given time is obtainable from a common vendor exceed the single purchase limitation. Larger requirements should be forwarded to the U.S. Army Robert Morris Acquisition Center for purchase.

For more information, call Mary Young, USARMAC, agency/organization program coordinator, 410-278-0849, or send inquiries to creditcard@sbccom.apgea.army.mil.

Regulatory guidance on organ tissue donation

By **Yvonne Johnson**
APG News

In response to requests for more information regarding organ and tissue donation because of the Nov. 9 APG News article "APG wife in need of kidney donation," APG News is providing the following information for its readers.

For active-duty service members, Army Regulation 40-3, chapter 9 covers the Army Organ Transplant Program. The regulation policy in section 9.1 reads:

"1. There is no objection to an active duty Army member executing a declaration of intent to donate organs or tissues after

death under the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.

2. Active-duty members may serve as living-related or living-unrelated organ donors in the Army Organ Transplant Program in the absence of better matched volunteer donors.

3. The active-duty member will be counseled by a medical officer and must understand before donation of an organ that his or her qualification for continued service will be contingent upon favorable medical evaluation results following organ donation.

4. Any disability or mortality resulting from organ donation

made by an active-duty Army member in accordance with this chapter will be considered 'in line of duty.' Otherwise, line-of-duty determination will be made according to applicable provisions of AR 600-8-1."

The policy goes on to list the procedures for requesting living organ donation to a non-DoD beneficiary, duty status upon admission and during convalescent leave and the service member's transfer to a military treatment facility from a civilian hospital.

For more information, call the Technical Escort Unit's Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Brian

Lindamood, or Don Brooke, executive officer, at 410-436-8520/3044.

Anyone wishing to become an organ and tissue donor should do three things:

1. Indicate your intent on your driver's license.
2. Carry an organ donor card.
3. Discuss your decision with family members and loved ones.

Even if you sign a donor card, it is essential that your family know your wishes. They may be asked to sign a consent form in order for your donation to occur.

Contact your local organ procurement organization (OPO) for

advice on local procedures, such as joining local donor registries.

For more information contact the American Kidney Fund at

6110 Executive Boulevard, Suite 1010, Rockville, Md., 20852.

Call the toll free help line at 1-800-638-8200 or send email www.helpline@akfinc.org.

Important warning signs of kidney disease:

If any of these symptoms occur singly or in combination, consult your physician immediately.

Swelling of parts of the body, particularly eyes, ankles or wrists

Burning or abnormal discharge during urination

Changes in the frequency of urination, especially at night

Lower back pain

Bloody, foamy or coffee-colored urine

High blood pressure

(Courtesy of www.organdonor.gov)

Commander recognizes APG rescuers

By **Yvonne Johnson**
APG News

A recent hunting excursion on Aberdeen Proving Ground turned into more than two hunters bargained for, as one, overcome by a severe asthma attack, had to be rescued by personnel from APG's Fire Department and Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

With the help of a Maryland State Police helicopter, rescuers removed hunter Richard Szczypinski from a remote site near the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center's 3-mile test course to a waiting ambulance at Phillips Army Airfield that transported him to Harford Memorial Hospital.

Last week, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison and deputy installation commander recognized the personnel involved in the rescue operation.

Doesburg commended APG police officer Glenn Sheckells, paramedics Cory Cochran and David Stewart, who were first on the scene, for their roles in the rescue. Fire department Capt. Don Collier and firefighters Howie Travers, George Hollenbaugh, Phil Hines Jr. and John Gonce also supported the operation.

"Many times just doing our job has a real impact on real people," Doesburg said.

The father of an asthmatic son, Doesburg added that he related closely to the incident that was performed under adverse conditions.

"In this instance it was wet and cold," Doesburg said, noting that "as the two paramedics dealt with the problem of keeping the victim's body temperature up, Sheckells used his own body heat" to help remedy the situation.

"When you go into distress with asthma, you wonder if you'll make it out of it," Doesburg said. "This had to be going through the minds of the patient and the rescuers. Things worked out for the best, and I want to say thank you for a job well done."

Noting that the team of firefighters worked frantically nearby in aid of the operation, Spidel added, "It takes a team to accomplish what they did."

Response limited to emergency, urgent repairs

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tools," she said.

Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander, said APG is looking to the U. S. Army Materiel Command for some relief for the housing money crunch.

"We still have not received any additional funding," Spidel said. "AMC has assured us they can help us with utilities if it becomes a problem, but we are still significantly short of maintenance and repair dollars."

He added that the situation may get worse before it gets better.

"Last year we saved a lot on air conditioning and heating because we had a mild winter and a relatively cool summer. This year we are expecting a strong winter and a normal summer. Our utility bill may double," he said.

Spidel said that until the installation receives funds for major repairs or replacements, occupants whose heat pumps go out this winter may face moving to an unoccupied unit with a working heat pump in order to remain warm.

He added that any moves, which he realizes would be a considerable inconvenience for all concerned, would be paid for through government funds unavailable to housing.

He said APG command continues to pursue funds to alleviate the situation, promises updates as they become available, and thanks residents for their patience and cooperation.

Questions regarding housing issues can be addressed to Bernice Smith-Johnson, 410-306-2014, or Marilyn Spence, 410-306-2012.

"These five were on the scene and an important part of the effort," Spidel said. "Without them, it couldn't have happened."

APG fire chief Charlie Jones said the rescuers were "dedicated workers who were just doing their jobs. "They do this everyday, they do an excellent job and they don't complain," Jones said. "You train for things like this and when it's done well, that's dedication."

On Oct. 30, Szczypinski and a friend were hunting deer when he went into severe asthmatic distress. Using a cell phone, his friend called 911. Sheckells, Cochran and Stewart answered the call for help about 8 p.m.

"They were in a dense marshy area, about a 15-minute hike from the road," Cochran said. "Once we located them we started treatment right away."

Szczypinski was wet and shivering when paramedics arrived. Realizing he would be unable to walk out under his own strength the paramedics told the back-up team of fire fighters they would have to come up with a way to transport the patient.

"Our vehicles couldn't reach him because of the swamp," Capt. Steve Gibson, assistant fire chief, said, adding that two of the department's four-wheel drive vehicles got stuck in the mud.

"We prepared for several different scenarios simultaneously in the hope that the second would work should the first one fail and so on," explained Capt. Don Collier.

"The Maryland State Police responded with the Trooper I chopper which provided lighting, extra oxygen, and an alternate route of escape should the need arise," Collier said. Aberdeen Test Center also responded with an M88 tank retriever.

The situation became dire as time wore on, he added. Radio contact grew difficult due to noise from the chopper, the oxygen supply continued to dwindle, the surrounding terrain continued to thwart the ground team's rescue efforts and the patient's continued exposure to the elements was working against them.

Realizing this, the helicopter pilot began searching the area for a clearing and to everyone's surprise landed right in the marsh. Using the M88 tank retriever, the victim was successfully transported to the chopper.

"That was the heroic effort," Collier said. "Not every pilot would have put down there."

Collier called the emergency response system the key to any rescue operation.

"The system does work," Collier said. "They arrived in order and did what had to be done to accomplish the mission. It was a total team effort."

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America Recycles Day challenges APG

By Hazoor Khan, Ph.D.
DSHE

On Nov. 15, the United States celebrated the fourth annual America Recycles Day. As an incentive for Americans to increase their recycling efforts, a national contest is being conducted in which everyone is asked to pledge to buy more recycled-content products, increase recycling efforts at home and work, or support other recycling-related efforts. The grand prize for the contest is the American Green Dream House, which is a three-bedroom home built primarily with recycled content materials and valued at more than \$200,000. The Directorate of Safety, Health, and Environment requests that all personnel make this commitment by pledging to eliminate sources of contamination to the APG's paper and cardboard recycling program.

Problems with paper

Dead deer carcasses, food scraps, household appliances, and mattresses are among the items contaminating the tan and beige dumpsters designated for cardboard and paper recycling on the post. The problem has gotten so bad that Harford Sanitation Services has diverted most of the potentially recyclable material to the local Waste-to-Energy facility.

According to Bobby Hooper, operations manager of HSS, the Harford County Transfer Station which accepts paper and cardboard recycling, will not accept any loads generated from APG because of their history of contamination.

“The privately owned local material recovery firm which has been accepting loads will no longer accept recycling loads from APG because of the same problems,” said Hooper. Alternative solid waste disposal facilities, such as the local Waste-to-Energy facility or landfills, will have to be found.

Paper and cardboard collection at APG

HSS conducts two types of paper and cardboard recycling collections on the post. The first is ‘in-building’ and involves placing bins throughout a building. Employees are instructed what materials are acceptable to place in these bins and where the bins are located. HSS collects from these bins on a regular schedule. This system is very labor intensive, but eliminates a lot of contamination.

According to Debbie Meranski of the Directorate of Public Works, there are 48 buildings that are provided with this service. Most of the buildings are serviced weekly; but pickup varies according to quantities generated. At one time, the ‘in-building’ collection process had as many as 222 buildings. However, quantities generated in most buildings were not sufficient to justify the labor costs. Meranski said that DPW can arrange for pickup ‘in-building’ when activities have large quantities of items to be recycled.

The second type of paper recycling is ‘dumpster’ collections. There are approximately 65 dumpsters on post designated for paper and cardboard only. These are distinguished from regular trash dumpsters by their beige or tan color. Regular trash dumpsters are dark brown. The recycling dumpsters also can be identified by the “Recyclables Only” labels. Although these dumpsters are marked “Recyclables Only,” they are intended to be used for clean cardboard and paper only. Pizza boxes and other food containers, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and food scraps are unacceptable materials to place in these dumpsters.

According to Hooper, there also is a problem of people bringing garbage from home and disposing of it in these dumpsters. Household appliances, food containers and scraps, tires, mattresses and wood pallets have been found in the paper-recycling dumpsters. Contaminants force the hauler to deliver them to the local waste-to-energy facility or landfill and contaminating all the recyclable materials that are picked up during that run, which can be tons of materials.

In order to reduce the amount of unacceptable material in these dumpsters, DPW has implemented an inspection program that involves ‘dumpster diving’ for unacceptable materials, and looking for names and other evidence of who disposed of the materials to supply to the police department.

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American Green Dream House Contest Entry Postcard

For America Recycles Day, I will (select at least one):

Buy more recycled-content products.

Increase my recycling efforts at home and work.

Other recycling-related effort (describe below):

Fill out completely, attach a stamp, then mail.

Please enter me in the random drawing to be held December 15, 2000 for the Youth Prizes and the American Green Dream House. One entry per person for 2000. No purchase necessary. Your name and address will be kept confidential. Entries must be received by November 20, 2000. For a complete set of rules, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: ARD Contest Rules, 1727 King Street #105, Alexandria, VA 22314-2720.

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DAYTIME PHONE _____

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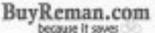
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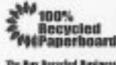
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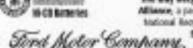
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TRICARE Program offers more new initiatives

New services include pharmacy benefits, Medicare, new website

President Clinton signed the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense Authorization Act on Oct. 30, which brings many new initiatives to the TRICARE program including two dramatic improvements for Medicare-eligible uniformed services retirees, their spouses and survivors who are age 65 and over.

Pharmacy benefits

Effective April 1, 2001, eligible beneficiaries will receive pharmacy benefits to include access to military treatment facility pharmacies, the National Mail Order Pharmacy program and retail pharmacies.

For the Pharmacy Benefit:

* If you are currently age 65 or older or will be 65 before April 1, 2001, you will be eligible to use the retail and mail order pharmacy benefit without being enrolled in Medicare Part B.

* If you turn 65 on or after April 1, 2001, you will need to be enrolled in Medicare Part B in order to use the retail and mail order pharmacy benefit.

Medicare changes

Effective Oct. 1, eligible beneficiaries who continue to receive care from their current Medicare providers, will have TRICARE become second payer to Medicare. This means that TRICARE will pay out-of-pocket costs for services covered under Medicare, plus these beneficiaries will be eligible for TRICARE benefits not covered by Medicare.

For the Medical Care (TRICARE as Second Payer) Benefit you must be eligible for Medicare Part A and enrolled in Medicare Part B to participate in the health program.

What do you need to do now?

• Update your Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System record with your correct address and any changes in family status such as marriage, divorce, birth or adoption. Home addresses are important because the address on file with DEERS is used to send out information on health benefits. Note: Health benefits could be denied if DEERS is not updated to reflect a new spouse or child.

Retirees (and active duty members) may update DEERS by:

- Going to the nearest military personnel office.
- E-mailing changes to addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil.
- Mailing changes to: DEERS Support Office, .ATTN: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771
- Calling the toll-free numbers for the DEERS Support Office, 1-800-334-4162 (California only), 1-800-527-5602 (Alaska and Hawaii), and 1-800-538-9552 for the rest of the United States.

• Updating DEERS on-line at <https://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/>

• Update your DEERS record to reflect your Medicare Part B enrollment status. If you are eligible, enroll in Medicare Part B if you haven't already. If you are not sure if you are enrolled, check the back of your Social Security card for this information.

To enroll: Submit an application to enroll in Medicare Part B directly to the Social Security Administration.

Note: the General Enrollment Period for enrollment in Medicare Part B is held Jan. 1 through March 31 of each year, and Part B coverage starts on July 1

of that year. See the Medicare Web site www.medicare.gov for details on enrollment in Part B.

Important note: Eligible seniors should not immediately cancel their current Medigap insurance coverage. The Department of Defense is working with the Health Care Financing Administration, the organization that administers the Medicare benefit, to provide the most accurate information on the appropriateness of continued enrollment in Medigap insurance policies.

TRICARE website now available

A web site is now available to TRICARE beneficiaries and providers. Any person who is on DEERS can become a member of the myTRICARE.com web site. The beneficiary can then take advantage of the comprehensive content and many functions of the site.

Beneficiaries and providers often have questions about TRICARE benefits, eligibility and claim status. Prior to May 1, 2000, there were two methods of obtaining the information: calling TRICARE Services and speaking to a claims associate or writing and mailing correspondence to TRICARE Services.

Now beneficiaries have another channel available to find the information they're seeking - myTRICARE.com by PGBA.

Visit the myTRICARE.com by PGBA Web site (<http://www.myTRICARE.com>) to find information on claims status, DEERS eligibility, a provider directory, forms, frequently asked questions, "Ask Customer Service," and "Satisfied Customers."

Maintaining the privacy of beneficiary information is an absolute priority.

Measures to protect the privacy include a corporate firewall around the web site, a registration process that informs the beneficiary by mail that he/she registered successfully and adherence to the Federal Privacy Act. Beneficiaries are given the option to grant permission to family members to view his/her claim information on the web site.

Most recently, another measure to protect privacy was implemented. Upon registration, beneficiaries will be mailed a key security code. Access to myTRICARE claims will be restricted until the code is entered.

To enroll, log on to www.myTRICARE.com and select the "Join Now" option. Follow the prompts to complete the registration process. Membership provides you with your very own online TRICARE claims filing system that Palmetto Government Benefits Administrators updates and maintains on your behalf.

Providers can use the web site to access provider directories, print forms and file claims online using the TRIDDE system. Using this online filing tool expedites the claim cycle time significantly. Additional features will be made available for providers in late 2000.

PGBA processes claims for beneficiaries in all TRICARE regions, except Regions 6 and 11. They are eager to make claims processing easier for both beneficiaries and providers. A web team is constantly working to enhance the web site experience. So, please feel free to let us know your thoughts and ideas to make the web site a more complete customer service environment.

(This information was extracted from the TRICARE web site.)

OBC class volunteers for community service

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"This is a job for the young and strong. We truly appreciate their strength and their help," he added as he watched a group hauling gravel.

"They are so upbeat and enthusiastic," added Kochenderfer's wife, Sara. "He's done a lot back here on his own. It's nice to see his project taking shape this way."

Armed with shovels, wheelbarrows and gardening tools, the soldiers worked on the first 400-foot of track, clearing away brush and filling in the rail lines with gravel. The city purchased the gravel from the National Park Service and a fabricated rail car was used that was donated by APG garrison's Directorate of Public Works.

Class instructor Capt. Chris Byler and 2nd Lt. Gary Paule, tactical officer, led the class effort.

Byler said the students, part of Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion, volunteered for the community project, which has become an OC&S tradition.

"We try to instill a sense of community awareness in all our students," Byler said. "The post and the community benefit and these students will carry the attitude with them to their next assignment."

Paule said settling on which project to perform was the only real challenge for the class.

"We have 100 percent participation," Paule said. "Once we decided, we gave the council a call and they said they were happy to have our help."

Despite the strenuous chore, the volunteers agreed it was a worthy effort.

No stranger to community service, 2nd Lt. Roy Kirk said he helps serve meals in Martha's Kitchen, a Washington, D.C. homeless shelter, and that he recently helped clean up a historic graveyard.

"When you enhance your community, you enhance yourself," Kirk said.

"With the installation so close to the city, projects like this help form a partnership both need to

survive," said 2nd Lt. Giana Thomas.

2nd Lt. Sarah Persinger said an added benefit is that "you get to see a side of people you don't get to see in the classroom environment."

"Projects like this help the military and civilian community," added 2nd Lt. Joe Popielarcheck. "Both will have a nice place to visit."

Paule noted that the class also will be providing Thanksgiving

gift baskets for the Army Community Service Needy Families program.

Members of the Havre de Grace Community Service project included Capt. Chris Byler and 2nd Lts. Sarah Bateman, Frank

Benitez, Randy Brown, Gary Brittain, Jennifer Brunert, William Cambardella, Matthew Conner, Stephanie Crain, Wilfredo Figueroa, Aimee Fletcher, Richard Fuqua, Jeff Gornowicz, Steve Johnson, Scott

Key, Roy Kirk Jr., Jennifer McDonough, Scott Mignot, Mary Mihara, Brendan O'Brien, Gary Paule, Sarah Persinger, Joe Popielarcheck, Luis Rivera, Evelyn Santiago, Giana Thomas and Latorris Williams.

Stork Stop

Announcing the arrival of Kiersten Ashley Barkhimer, daughter of Sgt. Robert and Andrea Barkhimer. Kiersten came into the world at 4 p.m. on July 26 and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Sgt. Barkhimer is assigned to the U.S. Marine Detachment here at APG.

Sports & Fitness

HHC 16th takes third consecutive flag football title



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Headquarters and Headquarters Company 16th Ordnance Battalion flag football players celebrate with family members after winning the Intramural Flag Football Post Championship Nov. 6. The team defeated Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 24-12 to take its third consecutive title.

By Yvonne Johnson
APG NEWS

Some might say three was the charm for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, which garnered its third consecutive Flag Football Post Championship, but spectators at the Nov. 6 contest on Shine Sports Field know the real charm was in the form of HHC 16th quarterback Lester Daniels.

Daniels seemed unfazed by the evenings' wintry chill that had spectators and players stomping their feet as he hustled, scrambled, and virtually willed his team down the field to a 24-12 victory over Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

The two teams finished the regular season tied at the top of their divisions with HHC 16th sharing

first place with Noncommissioned Officers Association at 11-1 and Company C, 143rd tied with HHC, 143rd at 9-2.

HHC 16th scored on its first possession with Daniels teaming up with receiver Marques Nixon who scored the first touchdown. Pete Conboy made the reception for the extra point to put HHC 16th up 7-0.

On its next possession, Company C quarterback-coach Michael Bennett got his team into scoring position quickly, but an incomplete pass in the end zone forced them to go for it on fourth down. A neat reception to Ben Willis gave them a second chance, and a floater from Bennett to receiver Darnell Rosette got them

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2000 CWF tennis tournament ends in three set finals

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The 2000 Civilian Welfare Fund Tennis Tournament was held last month with 17 entered as singles and five teams entered in the doubles division.

In the Oct. 19 singles final, number one seed, Linwood Halsey, defeated George Collins, the second seed, in a long three-set match that ended in a tiebreaker, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (7-1).

In the doubles final on Oct 10, Linwood Halsey and Freddie Player defeated Do Nguyen and Chas Stumpfel 6-7, 6-2, 6-4. CWF

tournament representative Nguyen awarded trophies to the finalists.

Halsey, also tournament singles champion in 1997 and 1998, commented that the final was tough with both players playing very

close to their limits. The final lasted two and a half hours and ended in a tie breaker under the lights. Halsey works for the Joint Service Lightweight Standoff Chemical Agent Detection Team of U.S. Army Soldier and Biological

Command and Collins works at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

In the doubles final Halsey and Player were matched against Nguyen and Stumpfel. Nguyen

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Company C, 16th, takes post soccer championship from Company C, 143rd

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Last Monday's chilly temperatures didn't take the heat out of the intramural soccer finals.

Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion's squad made quick work of Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, posting a 1-0 victory for the post championship.

"We just weren't prepared for them tonight," said Company C, 143rd coach Albert Padilla after the game. "They came out aggressive and had better ball control."

Despite the disappointing loss, Padilla said the team still could look back on a great season that saw them reach the finals for the first time. He named defensive fullback Eric Snell the team's most valuable player.

Snell, an advanced individual training student from Alton, N.H., said he enjoyed his first taste of Army soccer despite the outcome.

"I've been playing since I was 7-years old but I'll always remember this season," Snell said.

Company C, 16th coach Garnett Brown said his players played like "warriors."

"They pretty much did it on their own," Brown said. "We led them here and showed them what to do but they made it happen."

Brown named goalie Jonathan Jones most valuable player calling him a "smart and skilled team leader."

An Augusta, Ga., native, Jones said he has been playing since high school and plans to continue at his next duty station.

"I'm just glad I was able to help the team," Jones said adding that he and his teammates knew they had "what it takes to win."

Company C commander, Capt. Martin Griffith and 1st Sgt. Robert Bartholomew accepted the championship trophy for the unit.

"This is one of the best parts about being a commander," Griffith said. "This is when camaraderie pays off."

HHC 16th takes 24-12 win over Co. C

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six points. A pass to Chad Zettler for the extra point failed and Company C came away with a one point deficit at 7-6.

HHC 16th didn't take long to capitalize. On its next possession, and its most memorable, Nixon sprinted across the field to the 20-yard line on third down. The following play, with three receivers lined up on the right, Daniels faked right then scrambled left and tiptoed into the corner of the end zone for six more points. Not done yet, Daniels added the extra point after being flushed out of the pocket then zigzagged across the field to cut inside on the opposite

corner.

Down 14-6 at the half, Bennett said he told his players to keep plugging away.

"Our defense has to set the tone in the second half," Bennett said. "They just need to keep playing and not get down."

"Ball control is what will win this for us," added HHC 16th coach Joe Jefferson.

"We'll run it the rest of the way."

After holding HHC 16th scoreless on its first possession of the second half, Company C's next possession ended in disappointment when Rafial Harris' touchdown reception was called back

for a penalty. Daniels proved just as crafty on defense as he intercepted Bennett's next pass in the end zone.

Daniels continued to mix it up, passing to receivers Andre Edouard, Torrey McKinney and Arthur Collins when he wasn't scrambling for points himself.

Despite one more Bennett-to-Rosette touchdown, HHC held off the feisty young squad to claim its third consecutive championship.

"My teammates got me motivated," Daniels said explaining his extraordinary performance. "They told me we were defending champs and we came too far to lose it all now."

The new arrival to APG added that this was his first championship but hopefully not his last.

"We had every intention of taking it even though we were seeded third," Jefferson said. "This was pure motivation."

As he congratulated his players on a "fantastic season," HHC 16th first sergeant Kevin Gray added, "Champions rise to the occasion. That's the way it's supposed to be."

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and Stumpfel took a 4-1 lead to begin the first set, Halsey and Player came back to take a 5-4 lead before Nguyen and Stumpfel won the first set in a tiebreaker.

Halsey and Player controlled the second set winning it 6-2 and their momentum continued into the third set for a big lead. However, Nguyen and Stumpfel made one last effort and recovered to trail at 5-4.

Finally Halsey and Player won the championship at 6-4 in the third set. Player made very few errors and Halsey hit out with overall success.

Nguyen works for Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. Stumpfel, an Army employee for 36 years, is with the Army Research Laboratory in the Weapons and Materials Research Directorate. Player is with the U.S. Army Evaluation Center.

This tournament has run each year since 1961 and is sponsored by the APG Civilian Welfare Fund. It has received special attention in the last few years from Angela Keithley of the CWF. This tournament is announced each year, usually in late August, and appears in the APG News. Nguyen and Stumpfel ran this year's tournament.



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The 2000 Civilian Welfare Fund APG Tennis Tournament singles champion Linwood Halsey (right), U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Command, is pictured with runner-up George Collins, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

FOOTBALL UPDATE

The following are the final results for the 2000 intramural flag football season.

Aberdeen Division

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| Oct. 23 | HHC 16th, 28; USMC, 0 |
| Oct. 24 | A Co. 16th, 28; USAF, 6 C Co. 16th, 30; E Co. 16th, 18 |
| Oct. 25 | USMC, 21; HHC 61st, 12 HHC 16th, 25; A Co. 16th, 12 |
| Oct. 26 | NCOA, 25; E Co. 16th, 12 |
| Oct. 30 | HHC 16th, 34; C Co. 16th, 14 |
| Oct. 31 | NCOA, 36; USAF, 6 |
| Nov. 1 | A Co. 16th, 22; C Co. 16th, 20 NCOA, 23; USMC, 6 |
| Final Standings | |
| HHC 16th | 11-1 |
| NCOA | 11-1 |
| USMC | 7-5 |
| C Co. 16th | 6-6 |
| A Co. 16th | 5-6 |
| HHC 61st | 4-8 |
| E Co. 16th | 4-8 |
| USAF | 1-11 |

Edgewood Division

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| Oct. 23 | B Co. 143rd, 18; A Co. 143rd, 14 HHC 143rd, 18; C Co. 143rd, 6 B Co. 143rd, 12; A Co. 143rd, 6 |
| Oct. 25 | HHC 143rd, 12; B Co. 143rd, 6 C Co. 143rd, 24; 520th TAML, 0 |
| Oct. 30 | C Co. 143rd, 20; B Co. 143rd, 16 A Co. 143rd, 18; 520th TAML, 12 |
| Nov. 2 | HHC 143rd, 19; A Co. 143rd, 13 B Co. 143rd, 14; 520th TAML, 6 |
| Final Standings | |
| HHC 143rd | 9-2 |
| C Co. 143rd | 9-2 |
| B Co. 143rd | 5-6 |
| A Co. 143rd | 4-7 |
| 520th TAML | 0-11 |
| Post Season Results | |
| Nov. 4 | HHC 16th, 19; A Co. 16th, 14 C Co. 143rd, 22; USMC, 15 HHC 143rd, 24; C Co. 16th; 7 NCOA, 26; B Co. 143rd, 0 HHC 16th, 19; C Co. 143rd, 0 HHC 143rd, 45; NCOA, 0 USMC, 16; A Co. 16th, 6 B Co. 143rd, 6; C Co. 16th, 0 |
| Nov. 5 | HHC 16th, 12; HHC 143rd, 0 NCOA, 14; USMC, 12 C Co. 143rd, 18; B Co. 143rd, 12 C Co. 143rd, 32; NCOA, 26 C Co. 143rd, 12; HHC 143rd, 5 |
| Nov. 6 | Post Championship HHC 16th, 24; C Co. 143rd, 12 |



