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Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 25, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Cub Scout Pack 924 needs assistance

Cub Scout Pack 924 is so short of leadership that it is in danger of dissolving. SSgt. Thomas DiCuirci, of USAF Detachment 1 and POC for Pack 924, is looking for volunteers to fill positions to include Cub Master, Assistant Cub Master, Committee Chairperson and more. The members of Cub Scout Pack 924 are in desperate need of community support and would appreciate any offers of assistance. For more information on how you can help Cub Scout Pack 924, call DiCuirci, 410-278-3398/9855.

ACS offers financial advice

The Army Community Service offers one-on-one budget counseling. If you are having trouble making ends meet, need help with checkbook management, or would like to create a plan to save money for the future, please contact Tricia Jewitt, manager of the Financial Readiness Program at the ACS. The Aberdeen office is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday. The Edgewood office is only open on Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information or appointment call 410-278-4372 AAor 410-436-3362 EA.

Automotive Craft Center offers special

The Automotive Craft Center is having customer appreciation weekend Nov. 10-12. All bay fees will be reduced by \$1. The shop is located in building 2379 and is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information contact Cal Adams, 410-278-2884.

Bowling Center offers services

The Bowling Center has some activities to offer during the upcoming holidays. Parties for the office, birthdays, organization days and holidays, can be supported. Several party packages, including two hours of bowling with or without

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APG family housing budget cut for fiscal year Dramatic reduction in funding results in housing shortage

A 42 percent cut in Aberdeen Proving Ground's fiscal year 2001 Family Housing budget will result in the unavailability of an additional 129 sets of family housing units during this next year.

According to Harry Greveris, deputy director, Directorate of Public Works, the reduction means that in addition to the 122 units currently vacant, an additional 129 homes will be vacated through attrition.

"Waiting lists will continue to be maintained," Greveris said, "but other than families who have been offered quarters, no additional assignments to quarters will be made regardless of rank of the soldier."

"I realize that this places a serious financial hardship on many families seeking adequate lodging off post," said Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander. "Such a dramatic reduction in funding for Army Family Housing will result in the ability to only support emergency work orders and between-occupancy maintenance for 814 sets of quarters."

"With the expected increase in utility costs this winter and the continued deterioration of our Army Family Housing units, we cannot afford the risk of being unable to provide even basic emergency services to the residents we have remaining in quarters."

"While the situation is very bad, we are continuing to work with U.S. Army Materiel Command to restore at least a portion of our budget. If we are successful, we should be able to again accept personnel on the housing waiting lists."

The Community Homefinding, Relocation and Referral Service Office is available to assist those families seeking off-post housing. The referral service is located in building 2727, room 100 and can be reached at 410-306-2007.

"We hope that this funding shortfall is temporary and that we will be able to return to normal operations in the near future," added Spidel.

Communicating effectively with your spouse

This is the third in a month-long series on domestic violence.

Here are some tips to help you more effectively communicate what you want from your spouse and help you give your spouse what he or she needs.

Find a good time

First, find a good time to approach your mate. Right when he or she walks in the door on a sweltering summer day, after being in traffic for an hour, may not be the most receptive time. When you do find a good time to discuss your needs:

- Try to maintain a positive, progressive attitude.
- Use open, non-imposing body language.
- Sit on the couch together, instead of on opposite sides of the kitchen table.
- Try touching your spouse's

arm or knee, or holding hands.

• Use a firm but gentle tone of voice in stating what you need, why you need it, and what you want your mate to do.

Stick to the point

When you begin your discussion, avoid rambling on about everything else but the precise problem at hand. If your wife is counting on you to play golf with her and her prospective client this Saturday, for example, but you find you have to work that day to finish a presentation for Monday, get to the point. She doesn't need to hear about all the problems your client has given you and how everyone at work has missed their deadline. She needs to know how much of the day you need, and whether or not you can compromise to meet your obligation to her.

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Photo by HARRIET RICE, CFSC Public Affairs

U.S. Army Soldier Show slated

Spc. Stephen Darnall, Fort Stewart, Ga., leads in a nostalgic remembrance of the 1970's Disco Fever days, one of several production dance numbers in the 2000 U.S. Army Soldier Show. Left of Darnall is ILT Wendi Brown, Army National Guard, Gaithersburg, Md. You can experience the next best thing to Broadway by attending the U.S. Army Soldier Show at the Post Theater on Nov. 3-5. The first show will be held on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. and is open to the entire community; the Saturday, Nov. 4 and Sunday, Nov. 5 shows will be held for Ordnance Center and School personnel only. Admission is free, seating is limited.

Crowds gathered in Darlington for apple festival



Photos By MAJ. JIM GARRISON

From left, Pvts. Maria Hanson and Nikole Deadwyler, C Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion camouflage one of the children at the Apple Festival in Darlington.

By Sgt. 1st Class Greg Binford
143rd Ordnance Battalion

The streets of Darlington, Md., were filled with smiling faces as the crowds gathered for the annual Apple Festival Oct. 7. This year however, there were new faces in the crowd.

The 143rd Ordnance Battalion teamed up with the Bel Air Recruiting Station to assist the farming town and to provide another great opportunity to have soldiers active in the community. Maj. Jim Garrison, the executive officer for the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, and Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Lee, an instructor in the battalion's headquarters company, were the driving forces behind the scenes. They coordinated with all

the personnel involved, from the Apple Festival Committee Chairman Jim Calcut, the soldiers from Recruiting Command, to the soldiers and NCOs within the battalion.

"This is a great event," Garrison said. "I grew up in this town and have always wanted to contribute to the Apple Festival and the community of Darlington. Now that I am stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, I have the opportunity to help the community pull a small piece of the festival together while at the same time make soldiers visible in the community," he continued.

An annual occurrence each fall, the entire community comes together to provide a fun day of

activities for the children and an opportunity for families to join in the festivities. Church organizations and other townspeople sell baked goods, pies, pit beef, funnel cakes and numerous craft items. There are lots of games for the children, hayrides, pony rides, sand art, scarecrow making, entertainment including live music and clog dancers, and Amish families from nearby counties selling flowers.

This year some of the special touches added by the Professionals in Gear Battalion included the spectacular push-up competition. Soldiers from Charlie Company squared off against an opposing foe in this

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Hispanic heritage program celebrates differences, increases strength

By Sheila Little
APG News

On Oct. 10, Aberdeen Proving Ground acknowledged Hispanic Heritage Month with a program covering the contributions and accomplishments of Hispanics in the military.

Sponsored by Kirk U. S. Army Health Clinic, the program, held at Top of the Bay, featured singing, dancing, and music of the culture, and included a keynote address by Brig. Gen. Lester Martinez-Lopez, commander of the Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Milagros Borrero-Ruiz, a nurse at KUSAHC, served as mistress of ceremonies for the event.

In his opening remarks, Col. Robert J. Spidel, garrison commander and installation deputy commander, said Hispanics, comprised of more than two dozen groups of diverse cultures, have served in the armed forces for several generations, making "vital contributions."

Bringing the attention of the audience to the names of 38 Medal of Honor recipients of Hispanic background listed in the program, Spidel reviewed the sacrifices and bravery of those who served.

"They've been unequalled in performance," Spidel said.

Local high school senior Erica Martinez, 17, daughter of retired Sgt. 1st Class Zeferino and Tammy Martinez, entertained the audience of nearly 150 by

singing in Spanish, and then joined five other members of the Aberdeen High School Hispanic Dance Group in performing mambo and merengue selections.

Martinez spoke of the contributions of Hispanics throughout history, reviewed his experiences as a Puerto Rican-born medical doctor and senior officer in the U.S. military, and offered ways society can encourage continued achievement in Hispanic and other communities through education, mentoring, and increased opportunities.

Martinez referred to the presence of Hispanics in the military as "a great story of American diversity." He acknowledged progress, but recognized pitfalls as well. "It is a good news story, not a perfect one, but a good one nonetheless," he said.

Born in Puerto Rico, Martinez entered the Army in 1978, after completing medical school in San Juan with the help of an Army-sponsored health professional scholarship. Owing a little over two years of active duty service at the time, Martinez remained well beyond his initial commitment, and currently is one of seven active duty general officers of Hispanic heritage in the Army.

In addition to reviewing achievements made by Hispanics in the arts, sports and in government, Martinez focused on opportunities and achievements in the military. He tied all to doing what is right, taking ownership, and getting involved.

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Photo by LA'MONT HARBISON

From left, Erica Martinez and Marco Pierra, Monique Medina and Mike Miller, and Jennifer Aguayo and Jose Osorio, Aberdeen High School Hispanic Dance Club members, entertained the crowd with dance selections at the Hispanic Heritage Month observance. The teens performed several mambo and merengue numbers for the appreciative audience.

APG Pollution Prevention
Fact of the Week

To conserve water, use a broom instead of a hose for cleaning sidewalks and driveways.

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

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food, are available.

The Cosmic Scotch Doubles tournament will be Sunday, Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. for a cost of \$8 per person. The prize fund is based on total number of entries.

The "Head Pin Hattie" tournament, open to everyone, will run Nov. 12-18. A special tournament will be announced shortly to "WIN" a turkey for Thanksgiving. Look for more details on these two tournaments in an upcoming issue.

To help organize a league for your office or organization, contact the Bowling Center. Leagues can be organized for any number of weeks.

The center is open seven days a week Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m.- 10 p.m., Friday 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m.-1 a.m., and Sunday 12-7 p.m. Rates vary from \$1 in the afternoon to \$2.45 for cosmic bowling. And, just a reminder, all 20 lanes are now available for bumper bowling, so no more gutter balls.

For more information contact Dave Brewer at 410-278-4041.

Chesapeake Challenge to close for season

Help close another season at Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park. Chesapeake Challenge will close for the season on Sunday, Oct. 29. Go-kart rides and miniature golf rounds are half-price Oct. 27-29. Enjoy 18 holes of mini golf or a five-minute go-kart ride for just \$1.50.

The park is open Friday, 5:30-12 p.m.; Saturday, 1-12 p.m.; and Sunday from 1-8 p.m., and is located in the 3400 block behind the Commissary. Bring the whole family and take advantage of this special offer. For more information, contact Cheryl L. Roark at Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

Sign up now for Christmas Gift-Wrap Program

Plans are now underway for the 2000 Christmas Gift-Wrap Program sponsored by AAFES and coordinated by Directorate of Community and Family Activities. This is a great way to earn donations for your organization.

All APG family support groups, non-profit organizations and volunteer activities affiliated with APG are eligible to participate and should designate a POC to be eligible for donations.

All POCs must attend a mandatory meeting Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. in building 2752. During this meeting POCs will draw for dates and times to work the Gift-Wrap booth. Space is limited so sign up early.

AAFES will provide the wrapping paper, limited gift boxes and an area to wrap the gifts at the main PX. Organizations and activities will be responsible for providing the labor, tape, scissors, sign for table, and will receive all the money their group earns. Packages are wrapped for donations only. Gift-wrapping starts the day after Thanksgiving and runs through Christmas Eve.

Organizations and activities interested in participating must contact Alice Surette, installation volunteer coordinator at 410-278-5469 by Nov. 1.

Family Child Care providers needed

One of the greatest concerns for today's working parents is finding quality child care. Family Child Care providers are needed in the Edgewood and Aberdeen Areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Benefits of being a certified Family Child Care Provider are many. Providers receive free training in a marketable occupation. FCC Training classes include Appropriate Activities for Children, Business Techniques, Contracts and Taxes, Nutrition, Infant/child CPR and Child Psychology.

Providers can earn up to \$500 a week by providing warm and loving care to children in their home. Family Child Care providers receive free advertising and referrals by Central Registration, monthly newsletters, free workshops, and use of the Toy Lending Library, participation in the USDA Food Program and the National Credential Program. The next FCC Training Class will be conducted Oct. 23-27. For more information, call Kathy Reese, 410-436-3203, or Gail Smith, 410-278-7477/8720.

Recommendation to reopen VEAP accounts

In view of proposed legislation, Veteran's Educational Assistance Programs service members who have a zero balance in their VEAP accounts are urged to visit their local finance office immediately to reopen suspended accounts. A minimum \$25 contribution is recommended to reactivate the VEAP accounts. For more information, call Marissa Wanzer, 410-306-2374.

MCSC apple pie sale

The members of the Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses Club will make and sell delicious homemade apple pies. The pies cost \$5 each and go on sale October 25. Purchase your homemade pies now by calling Diane Wilson, 410-297-8508 or stop by the Aberdeen

Area Thrift Shop, building 2458. Order early, supplies are limited.

Open season for health benefits

Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season will be held Nov. 13-Dec. 11. Brochures will be distributed upon receipt in the APG Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Employees will no longer be required to complete SF-2809, Health Benefits Elections Form, to make health benefits changes. Employees will be able to contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) at 1-877-276-9287 or www.abc.army.mil on or after Nov. 13 to make open season elections electronically - a faster and easier way to make the necessary changes. For more information, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649 or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

EA Thrift Shop to disburse funds

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop will begin its annual disbursement of funds to services and charities beginning in November. If your organization is interested in receiving a donation for a special project, submit a request in writing postmarked by Oct. 31 to Marcey Perez, EA Thrift Shop, P.O. Box 116, APG, MD 21010.

Requests should be specific, but brief and should include name, address, and phone number of point of contact; the name of the person or organization the check should be made out to; the amount needed; and the purpose for which the money will be used. Late requests will not be honored. For more information, contact the EA Thrift Shop on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 410-676-4733.

Job opportunities

There are a great many job opportunities available on post in Morale Welfare and Recreation, Non-appropriated Funds, and at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. There is currently a significant shortage of personnel to provide these services to soldiers, airmen, Marines, family members and retirees. Apply for AAFES positions at the Post Exchange, and for MWR positions in the basement of building 305.

AA Thrift Shop to donate funds

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop will donate funds this fall. If your group or organization would like to receive a donation, submit your request, in writing, to the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop, building 2458, ATTN: L. Conway, APG, MD 21005. Requests must be received by Nov. 1. Please state the purpose for the funds and provide a name and phone number of a contact person.

EA Arts and Crafts to offer classes

A beginning matting and framing class will be held on Oct 26th from 5:30-9 pm. Students must bring an 8" x 10" picture to class to frame. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

Edgewood Arts & Crafts is located in building E-4440. The hours of operation are Thursday from 1-9 p.m. Students must preregister for classes as space is limited. For more information call 410-436-2153.

FEHB Pre-tax benefits

Effective Oct. 8, employees' pre-tax dollars can pay Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) premiums. Under the FEHB Premium Conversion (HB-PC), health benefits premiums will be deducted from employees' pay before taxes are deducted. Therefore, employment taxes will be reduced and employees will take home more of their pay. The HB-PC will be automatic for all employees. Employees who do not wish to participate must complete a waiver. Instructions for completion of HB-PC waiver will be provided when received in the APG CPAC. Employees may access the latest information concerning HB-PC on OPM's web site, www.opm.gov/insure/health/pretaxfehb. For more information, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

ACS Support Group for parents of children with special needs

Army Community Service will hold monthly meetings for Parents of Children with Special Needs Support Group. Meetings will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at ACS, building 2754. Topics of discussion include Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), Early Intervention, Financial Planning, Individualized Educational Program (IEP), and other topics related to special needs. For more information, call ACS at 410-278-7474, or Carol Zamora, 410-297-9409.

Ordnance to be destroyed

APG's Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, in conjunction with Aberdeen Test Center, is destroying unexploded ordnance at a remote area in the Aberdeen Area. The destruction does not include chemical warfare munition, and will be conducted on Fridays and Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, contact

George Mercer, acting chief, APG Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147 or 1-800-688-8705.

Family Housing Office hours

The Family Housing Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Wednesday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The office participates in the compressed work schedule, with every other Friday off. For more information call 410-306-2010.

WBI opens new branch office

The Women's Business Institute has opened a new branch office on the campus of Harford Community College. WBI will have a counselor available in partnership with the Small Business Resource Center, offering counseling services on start-up and expanding businesses. The WBI, through the SBRC, also offers loan-packaging services. For more information or to make an appointment, call 410-836-4237.

APG Tutorial Program volunteers needed

The post is seeking support for the APG Tutorial Program, which provides volunteer tutors to assist local secondary school students who are having difficulty in school. Counselors in each school select students who need help, want help and can benefit from tutorial assistance. The counselor informs the student's parents of the program. The parents contact the APG program coordinator, who selects an appropriate tutor from the list of volunteers. The tutor contacts the student's family to set up a mutually agreeable place and schedule for help. Most tutors meet with their students for an hour or two each week until the student is on track, usually within two months. No teaching experience is necessary to participate. Call Wanda Pelt, Army Community Service, 410-278-7474, or William Starke, 410-436-2712. Call ACS to receive a volunteer registration form.

AMCAC website offers information

The U.S. Army Materiel Command Acquisition Center has posted a government purchase card web page designed to be a user-friendly network of information to meet the unique needs of organizations interested in obtaining and maintaining the card. The website supports AMCAC's service commitment toward its credit card customers. Information concerning the government purchase card program, its administration, required training, references and procedures is contained on this website. The website includes items of particular interest concerning use of government credit cards such as: local news and regulations, required training, discussion areas, policy letters and links to related websites. There is also an automated e-mail link to the agency/organization coordinator for the AMCAC Government Purchase Card program. The website is available at <http://www.sbcom.apgea.army.mil/srs/amcac/CC/index.html>.

ACS needs volunteer drivers

American Cancer Society needs volunteer drivers to participate in its Road to Recovery program. Volunteers drive cancer patients to and from treatment. You must own a car, have a safe driving record and have a few spare hours per month. Call 1-888-670-0427 and find out more about becoming a volunteer.

Help available for workers' compensation

The Workers' Compensation Program is located in the Installation Safety Division, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, building 4304. The office is open for walk-in assistance on Monday from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, the office will schedule appointments. For more information contact the Worker's Compensation Office at 410-306-1091 or program manager, Susie Ashby, at 410-306-1057.

Need a lawyer?

If you need a power of attorney, stop by building 310, wing 2, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and every other Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Use the computer in the Legal Assistance Office to prepare the power of attorney, with help from a notary public.

For more information call, 410-278-1583/1584.

Help line available for parents

When parents and caregivers feel like the stress of child rearing is at its limit, call the Family Stress Line. Whether you are concerned about how to discipline or manage your adolescent, worried about school performance, or any stress related to parenting, the StressLine is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-243-7337. Family Stress Line, a program of The Family Tree child abuse prevention agency, is a confidential hotline. Professionally trained, non-judgmental and caring volunteers are available to help you.

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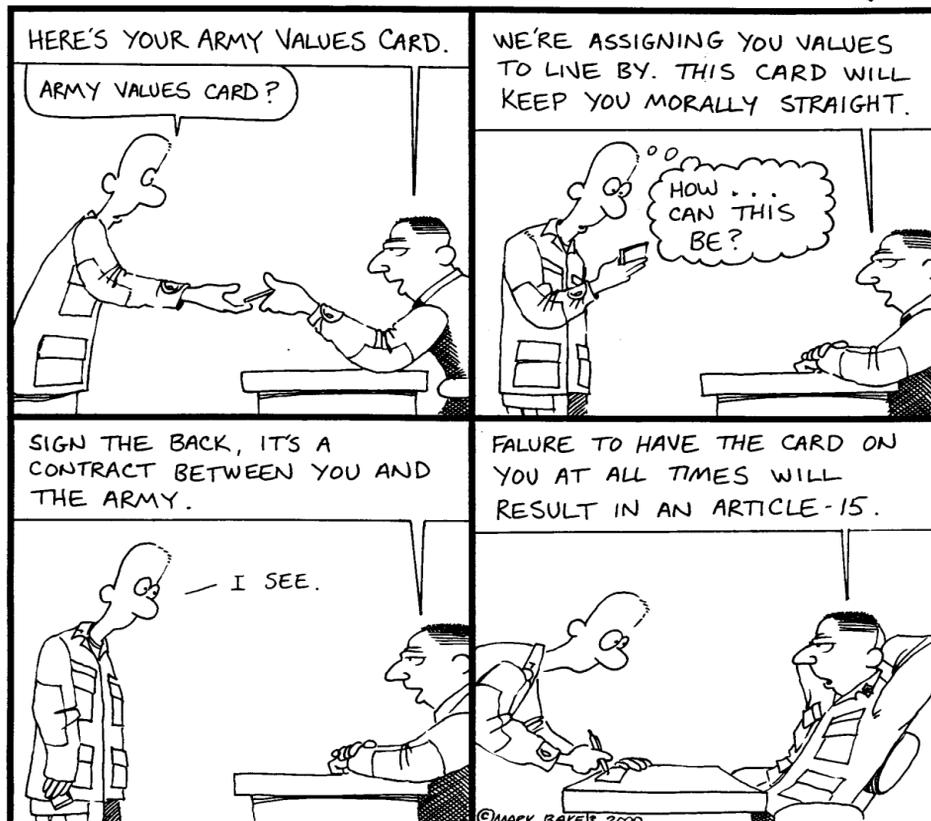
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Soldiers make a difference at Apple Festival

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head-to-head quest to demonstrate physical prowess. The competitors for the soldiers often stood an imposing three to four feet tall. The children lined up, and the families gathered around to watch, as the soldiers and the youth of the peaceful town simultaneously lowered themselves to the ground and completed each push up by locking their arms out at the top stroke in a smooth, piston-like motion. The applause for the children and their new soldier friends was nearly deafening at times.

The children were given pens, calculators and other items bearing the Army logo that had been brought by Staff Sgt. Warren Gower, a recruiter from the Bel Air Recruiting Station. Joining Gower was the black and gold Army High Mobility Mobile Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV). The push-ups were done in front of this vehicle and at times the crowd was so thick that the HMMWV nearly disappeared into the sea of humanity.

The children were also allowed to operate the crane on a new Army Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV) wrecker. More than a static display, it showed off the capabilities of Army equipment and provided an opportunity for civilians to see, touch, feel and operate the kind of vehicle many had only seen in the movies.

Another new addition to the festivities this year was the camouflage face painting by soldiers from Headquarters Company and

Charlie Company. The C Company soldiers, lead by Sgt. 1st Class Mark Malone and Staff Sgt. Gregory West, and assisted by soldiers from Headquarters Company, transformed the children of the town into miniature warriors. Pvt. 2nd Class Maria Hanson was one of the facial artists.

"People really respect the military. You could tell by the looks on their faces - the kids were really, really excited. Being in Darlington brought back some memories of home, it felt just like being close to home again," Hanson said.

Pvt. Nikole Deadwyler agreed. "I felt pretty good at the end of the day. We were able to get out and make people happy. It was nice to get off base and work with the children. They were very proud about being able to do push-ups and they like the Army souvenirs they received," Deadwyler said.

Volunteers from Headquarters Company also held a bake sale for the battalion's unit support group. Sgt. 1st Class Eric Wheeler, who worked the bake sale, said that this was a great event.

"This was a good way to show the civilian people that when your sons and daughters join the Army, they are really professional. These soldiers, all volunteers, did a great job and the Apple Fest was a wonderful chance for our young soldiers to interact in the community," Wheeler said.

Always a leader within the world of community relations, and often the spearhead of out-



Photos By Maj. JIM GARRISON

A soldier from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion assists children while explaining the capabilities of the Army Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles wrecker.

reach programs, the 143rd Ordnance Battalion continually seeks the chance to demonstrate what its soldiers can do to make an impact and leave a great impression in the minds of the people around military bases.

The battalion's color guard started the day's activities by posting the colors at the festival sound stage. The noncommissioned officer in charge of the color guard, Staff Sgt. Dwayne Peterson, explained the importance of having the soldiers help out the town.

"It is a great honor when we get the chance to do these type of events because it gives the community the chance to see what soldiers do," Peterson explained. "It also gives the soldiers an opportu-

nity to meet people in our surrounding communities. By building ties like these, it greatly strengthens both our Army and our civilian counterparts.

Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Lee, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the volunteers, agreed with Peterson.

"The Darlington community got a good look at the soldiers and our uniforms, and we got the chance to interact with them during a very special event. When it was time to leave, we felt like we should do more outreach events. They provide a great opportunity to get our troops involved in the local area, and these events definitely show what our soldiers are capable of," Lee concluded.

Hispanic program recognizes the Army's cultural diversity

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Attendees were told to offer encouragement and assistance to youth, and to expect youth to contribute as well. "I challenge you to listen to them, help them, love them, but cut them no slack when it comes time to achieve their education goals," Martinez said. "Excuses will buy them many things, but will hardly buy them a promising future."

His remarks were followed by those of Col. Walter E. Egerton, KUSAHC commander.

Egerton said highlighting different cultural and ethnic groups serves as a reminder of why the United States is a powerful, respected nation.

"Programs like these remind us of how blessed we are," Egerton said. "Diversity makes us great, and the celebration of those differences should bring joy to all of us."

He added that our role in the world should remain strong if we continue to recognize, respect, and work with the differences that make up our population. "If we lead by exam-

ple, we should continue to be great," Egerton said.

After acknowledging all those who contributed to the success of APG's annual Hispanic recognition, including the combined efforts of Sgt. 1st Class, Sheldon Torbert, APG's equal opportunity advisor, and Staff Sgt. Michael Jackson of KUSAHC's Urgent Care Clinic, the program concluded with musical selections by Hector Munoz and the Mariachi Band, performed on harp and guitar.

Domestic Violence

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After you have presented your request, be sure to give your spouse a chance to answer by listening attentively to any concerns he or she may have. Address those concerns directly and honestly, and try not to elevate your needs above your spouse. Show that you see things from his or her perspective, but that you are stuck and need help. Ask directly for suggestions on how to correct the situation. Involve each other in the problem-solving process, emphasizing that, ultimately, you share a common goal.

You're both unique

Remember to approach each other from a position of equality. You both bring unique things to your relationship, and by identifying and valuing your differences, you can learn to work better together. At times each of you will perceive gaps in your relationship, or find that your respective responsibilities are too much to handle. When this happens, knowing how and what to communicate to your spouse will determine how effectively you solve your problems.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Fire victims' fund continues

Aberdeen Area Conservation section personnel demolish the remains of a Patriot Village residence Oct. 10. Destroyed by a fire in September, the residence is not expected to be rebuilt.

The three families affected by the fire on Sept. 9 have separate accounts at the APG Federal Credit Union for donations. The accounts have been set up under the Fire Relief Fund. Specific donations to a family should be made through their individual funds, and donors are recommended to go to their organization. Otherwise, donations to the general fund will be divided among the three families involved. Anyone wanting to make monetary donations should contact 1st Lt. Angela Shackelford, 410-278-1889.

New laser removes unwanted tattoos at Walter Reed Medical Center

By Brett McMillan
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Sept. 22, 2000) — So your girlfriend doesn't like your tattoo? Her name is Sally, your arm reads "Mary." Oops, now what?

The Dermatology Clinic at Walter Reed Army Medical Center can solve the problem. The clinic's new Cutaneous Laser Center can safely remove a tattoo without leaving a scar, but don't expect this body art to disappear overnight.

"A lot of our patients come in expecting to have a tattoo instantly removed, and that's not very realistic," said laser clinic director, Maj. Kurt Maggio. "Most professional, multicolor tattoos require six to 12 treatments spaced out over a one- to two-year time frame."

"The one very reassuring thing we can offer the patients is that, although it takes a lot of time and many visits to have their tattoo removed, in almost all cases we can completely remove the tattoo without scarring," he said. "That represents an extreme technological advance over just a few years ago, when many physicians were attempting to remove with scarring means and very unacceptable results."

"The center has already performed hundreds of procedures on more than 150 patients since its July 28 opening. And it's getting busier everyday," Maggio said.

"This [clinic] has the capability of being a tremendous benefit to both the soldiers and the family members in terms of being able to treat conditions. Many are cosmetic, but nevertheless very concerning to patients."

He said treatment is "extremely less costly to them than would otherwise be available in the civilian community."

"Civilian treatments with lasers run several hundred dollars per treatment, and almost all of our patients require several treatments. In particular the tattoos are prohibitively expensive."

"We have the most sophisticated lasers in the nation," Maggio claimed. "I feel that it represents a commitment by the command to have state-of-the-art medical equipment for our beneficiaries."

A recent patient taking advantage of the new technology, Petty Officer 3rd Class James Huff has eight tattoos. He's fairly happy with six of them, but decided one on his neck and one on his right shoulder didn't mean anything to him anymore. And because they are more visible than the others,

he wanted them removed.

"You are often judged on first impressions," Huff said. "It wasn't a big deal for me either way to keep it or take it off, so I decided to have it taken off."

For a few seconds his muscles tensed a little as the heat from the laser's intense light beat into his tattoo, causing the area to puff up and turn an ashen gray. "It definitely hurts more to have it taken off than getting it," he said, probably wishing he'd put some anesthetic cream on it beforehand and making a mental note to do so on his next visit.

Maggio explained how the laser's intense single wavelength light is specific to a certain component of the skin, whether it's a tattoo particle, a vein or a pigment cell, and each wavelength is tailored to correcting a particular problem in the skin. "Depending on what we are targeting, we use a specific wavelength of light that, amazingly, largely leaves the rest of the skin alone. It's very high tech.

"Most of our patients are self-referred for the tattoos. Most have outgrown their tattoos and they want them off," Maggio said. "Many of them are in conspicuous areas and many of our patients have special duty, making their

conspicuous tattoos essentially unacceptable."

He said the clinic's number one priority for laser procedures is active duty service members who violate their service-specific tattoo policy. Second priority is active duty or TRICARE Prime patients who have a condition that is functionally or cosmetically significant that is amenable to laser. And third priority, is elective

cosmetic removal of tattoos, birthmarks, leg veins or facial veins.

"We've always had a need to correct certain blood vessel birthmarks, tattoos, facial veins, leg veins, regular pigmented birthmarks and scars," Maggio said. "Over the years, the treatment for these has evolved to the point where now, various laser systems are the treatment of choice for most of those conditions."

Maggio said laser clinic patients are treated outpatient with local anesthesia, "an in-and-out office procedure usually requiring 20 minutes or less." He anticipates about two or three thousand laser procedures a year with the clinic's new main laser alone.

(Editor's note: Brett McMillan is a staff writer for the Stripe newspaper at Walter Reed)

National Park Service honors Army for stewardship of Yellowstone

By Mike Conroy
Army News Service

FORT YELLOWSTONE, Wyo. (Oct. 3, 2000) — The Army was honored by the National Park Service in a special ceremony at Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone National Park Sept. 30. As a part of the Army's 225th birthday, the Park Service recognized the Army for its stewardship of Yellowstone from 1886 to 1918.

When the Army entered Yellowstone in 1886, it faced a park besieged by the rampant poaching of wildlife, the destruction of thermal features and other natural resources, and the general unscrupulous nature of business operators within the park.

The Army worked year-round to accomplish two missions: save the wildlife and preserve the natural features of the park.

Principal Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment Ray Clark joined Assistant Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park Marv Jensen and several other military and civic leaders as they remembered the Army's service to the park and dedicated a plaque Saturday to commemorate the event.

"From 1886 to 1918 over 240 soldiers from M Troop, First U.S. Cavalry protected and preserved the 2.2 million acres of the world's first national park which had been depredated by trespassers," said Clark. "The Army Cavalry units conducted patrols under perilous winter conditions, covering over 25 miles a day, to apprehend the poachers, making the park safe for both its wild inhabitants and park visitors while instilling the new idea of a national park."

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Research scientist celebrates a lifetime of service

By Sheila Little
APG News

In this age of ever-changing occupations and on-the-move employees and early retirements, staying with a company for a few years before moving on seems to be the norm. That standard has been challenged by U. S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense employee Dr. Margaret Filbert.

The research scientist recently celebrated 50 years of employment with MRICD, making her one of an elite group of dedicated individuals who don't mark time until retirement, but look forward to working each day.

An energetic individual who finds her work exciting, the Ellicott City resident said she loves working in the research field and has no plans to retire.

Following an awards ceremony at MRICD that included a celebration in recognition of her 50 years with the Institute, the current chief of the Research Operations Division credits a two-line philosophy for her longevity at the Edgewood Area organization.

"Never complain about your supervisors that you don't have enough to do, and don't rely on someone else," Filbert said.

Intending to enter medical school following college in the late 1940s, the University of Maryland graduate said she was discouraged from pursuing that course. A married woman, admissions personnel suggested she might begin medical school and drop out when she started a family, resulting in using a class slot that might better serve a male student. Filbert decided to forego medical school.

Instead, she entered graduate school at the University of Maryland, and received her master's degree in physiology two months after the birth of her first son. She began her long scientific career at the Clinical Research Division, Medical Research Laboratory at Edgewood Arsenal in 1950.

"I've never regretted my career change," Filbert said. "I'm glad I didn't go to medical school because I really enjoy this field."

During her tenure at the institute, Filbert has been involved in a series of challenging and rewarding research projects. The early part of her career was spent developing assays, including one that is still used to measure enzyme inhibitors found in nerve agents.

Urged to apply by a supervisor, she received the Secretary of the Army's Fellowship for Long Term Training, in order to complete her doctorate. She attended the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and was awarded a Ph.D. in neuroscience in 1984. Research results from her thesis are still being used today in developing pharmacological antidotes for botulism.

Colleagues describe her as a dedicated scientist who loves her job and those around her.

Dr. Clarence Broomfield, with MRICD for 38 years, said Filbert once broke both legs as the result of a skiing accident. She returned to the institute shortly afterward, and worked on laboratory tasks that did not require a lot of standing and moving so she could contribute while she recuperated.

"She is an energetic, pleasant, friendly person who is very accessible and has great enthusiasm for her work," Broomfield said.

Filbert's recent studies include a collaborative effort with a researcher from LaSalle University that has resulted in finding a non-psychoactive analogue of the active ingredient in marijuana that promises a degree of protec-

tion from seizure-induced brain damage. A patent is pending for use of this compound as a neuroprotectant to fight seizure-induced brain damage as the result of chemical attack.

Col. James A. Romano, commander of MRICD, has known Filbert since his initial assignment at the institute in 1978. He said she has progressed from active investigator to a lead scientist position, and is well thought of and well-liked for her personality, tenacity and work ethic, as well as her leadership and scientific expertise.

"Dr. Filbert is highly respected for a couple of reasons," Romano said. "First, she went back to school and got her Ph.D. after working at the Institute for many years, something not everyone would decide to do," he said. "Her continual energy and success in a field dominated by men, has led to her being the highest ranking female in management at MRICD."

Romano added, "Even after so many years at MRICD, she still works until the job gets done, arriving early and working late if necessary, not losing her enthusiasm."

Asuccess in the laboratory and at home, the scientist has been married to a retired civil engineer, William, for nearly 53 years. She credits her husband for his support and encouragement throughout her career. The couple has two sons and three grandchildren.

Filbert said that she enjoyed the challenges of working in the research field and is pleased that more women are entering the field. She compares research experiments to solving mysteries and said the excitement of scientific research keeps her young.

"The 50 years have gone by way too fast," Filbert said. "I've had both ups and downs, but the recent years have been the best."



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Dr. Margaret Filbert poses in her laboratory at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense. The scientist was honored recently for 50 years of service to the military.

Clarification of policy concerning a voluntary appointment of guardian

The following is provided to clarify the Aberdeen Proving Ground policy regarding voluntary appointments of guardian and powers of attorney as they relate to childcare requirements applicable to this installation.

Soldiers who are parents often find it necessary to obtain a voluntary appointment of a guardian by a special power of attorney in order to allow a named individual to act for them in their absence. These documents generally designate an individual to act in "loco parentis," in the place of the parent, in the event that the soldier is deployed or on temporary duty.

A voluntary appointment of guardian or power of attorney does not circumvent certification requirements for childcare providers, as required by Army Regulation 608-10. Those appointed as voluntary guardians by a special power of attorney must still meet all requirements relating to providing childcare services on the installation. The point of contact for this action is Gail Smith, 410-278-7477.

NAF vehicle and equipment sale

The Installation Morale Welfare and Recreation Fund has vehicles and equipment for sale.

Items for sale include a 1987 Chevy Caprice V-8 engine, no minimum bid; two scoreboards, minimum bid of \$500 each; and a Frail Perkins Diesel 72-inch cut mower, no minimum bid.

The vehicles and equipment will be sold by sealed bids. The vehicles may be viewed at Supply Branch, building 2314, from 8 a.m.-noon, Monday through Thursday until Nov. 8. All bids must be turned in or mailed to: Support Services Division, building 305, 1st floor west wing, ATTN: Preston E. Hill, by close of business on Nov. 14. Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card and purchaser must remove property within 72 hours after contacted. Point of contact for vehicles and equipment inspection is Preston E. Hill or Mark Burke, 410-278-7217/8931.

Republic of Georgia delegation visits APG

By Neil Snyder
USAEC Public Affairs

Top environmental officials from the Republic of Georgia defense ministry discussed ways to set up and operate military environmental programs with U.S. Army Environmental Center experts at Aberdeen Proving Ground last month.

The visit, including a tour of APG environmental operations, was part of a week-long mission for the two officers and one sergeant from the former Soviet nation. The delegation came to the United States seeking strategies to apply to Georgia's environmental efforts.

The Georgian military is in the process of creating an environmental program, Georgian Army Maj. Avtandil Khvandagiani, chief of the defense ministry's scientific and technical research department, said through a translator. The delegation appreciated the opportunity to see the solutions used by the United States.

"Many of the technical problems are the same," Khvandagiani said. "For example, Georgian military bases have a large problem of volatile organic chemicals in the ground water, a legacy of the Soviet army."

Accompanying Khvandagiani were Georgian Army Capt. Nikoloz Kariauli, a toxicologist, and Sgt. Elza Metopishvili, a chemist, from the Department of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense and Engi-

neering.

USAEC officials described some of the U.S. Army's low-cost pollution prevention practices and technologies, unexploded ordnance clean-up and the Integrated Training Area Management program.

Stephen Kistner, deputy for technical services for the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, gave a comprehensive briefing on his organization.

Members of the APG Department of Safety, Health and the Environment gave the delegation a tour of the post's hazardous materials center and two environmental remediation projects.

The Georgians' week also took them to Washington, D.C., where Ambassador Tedo Japaridze signed a Terms of Reference agreement with Gary Vest, principal U.S. assistant deputy undersecretary of defense for environmental security. They met with other Defense Department, Air Force and Navy environmental officials at the Pentagon and toured the Defense Ammunition Center in McAlester, Okla.

U.S. Army Lt. Col. Thomas Friendak, USAEC chief of staff, spent the day with the Georgian delegation. He said he was impressed with their dedication to the environment and by the magnitude of the challenge they face. "It gives you a feeling for what's been happening in that part of the world," he said.

Sports & Fitness

FOOTBALL UPDATE

The following results were reported for Intramural Flag Football for the week ending Oct. 13.

Aberdeen Division

Results

Oct. 5
HHC 61st, 28; USAF, 26
NCOA, 32; A Co. 16th, 6
Oct. 11
HHC 16th, 21; B Co. 16th, 20 (OT)
HHC 61st, 18; A Co. 16th, 14
USMC, 26; USAF, 6
NCOA, 20; C Co. 16, 0

Schedule

Oct. 23
6:30 p.m., USMC vs. HHC 16th
7:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. B Co. 16th

Oct. 24
6:30 p.m., USAF vs. A Co. 16th
7:30 p.m., C Co. 16th vs. E Co. 16th

Oct. 25
6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. USMC
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. A Co. 16th

Oct. 26
6:30 p.m., E Co. 16th vs. NCOA
7:30 p.m., USAF vs. B Co. 16

Standings

HHC 16th	7-1
NCOA	6-1
B Co. 16th	5-2
USMC	5-3
C Co. 16th	4-4
HHC 61st	3-4
E Co. 16th	2-5
A Co. 16th	1-6
USAF	0-7

Edgewood Division

Results

Oct. 11
A Co. 143rd, 24; 520th TAML, 0
C Co. 143rd, 14; B Co. 143rd, 12

Schedule

Oct. 23
6:30 p.m., A Co. 143rd vs. B Co. 143rd
7:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. C Co. 143rd

Oct. 25
6:30 p.m., B Co. 143rd vs. HHC 143rd
7:30 p.m., C Co. 143rd vs. 520th TAML

Standings

C Co. 143rd	5-1
HHC 143rd	5-2
A Co. 143rd	3-2
B Co. 143rd	2-4
520th TAML	0-6

SOCCER UPDATE

The following results were reported for Intramural Soccer for the week ending Oct. 13

Results

Oct. 3
B Co. 143rd, 2; C Co. 16, 2
USMC, 1; A Co. 16th, forfeit

Oct. 5
C Co. 16th, 1; A Co. 16th, forfeit
C Co. 143rd, 4; USMC, 2

B Co. 143rd, 2; HHC 16th, 2
Oct. 10
C Co. 16th, 1; C Co. 143rd, 0
HHC 16th, 4; B Co. 16th, 3

Oct. 12
B Co. 143rd, 1; A Co. 16th, 0
C Co. 16th, 5; B Co. 16th, 1
HHC 16th, 3; USMC, 0

Schedule

Oct. 24
6:30 p.m., USMC vs. B Co. 16th

7:30 p.m., C Co. 143rd vs. A Co. 16th

Standings

USMC	5-2-1
C Co. 143rd	4-2-1
B Co. 16th	2-5-0
C Co. 16th	5-2-3
B Co. 143rd	2-2-4
HHC 16th	3-2-3
A Co. 16th	1-7-0

APG receives DOE Federal Energy and Water Management Award

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground received the 2000 Federal Energy and Water Management Award in the Energy Efficiency/Energy Management Awards to Organizations category. As part of a federal government energy awards ceremony presented at the Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C., Oct. 12., the U.S. Department of Energy and the Federal Interagency Energy Policy Committee recognized the U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground, for its ongoing energy reduction efforts and success in achieving energy consumption reduction.

The awards were presented by Beth Shearer, director, Federal Emergency Management Program, DOE, and David Leiter, principal deputy assistant secretary for Energy Efficiency and

Renewable Energy, DOE.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, Lt. Col. Thomas Kuchar, director of the Directorate of Public Works, and Gary Testerman, post energy conservation manager accepted the award for APG.

Testerman said it was an honor to represent the installation.

"This is a post-wide award and everyone should be congratulated for their contributions to increase energy awareness and decrease consumption," Testerman said.

He added that this is the command's third federal award recognizing its active participation in the Federal Energy Management Program.

For the fifth consecutive year, the garrison made major decreases in total energy consumption. During fiscal year 1999, six new

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Left, David Leiter, principal deputy assistant secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, DOE, presents the 2000 Federal Energy and Water Management Award for APG to Lt. Col. Thomas Kuchar, director, Directorate of Public Works, Gary Testerman, post energy conservation manager, DPW, and Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison and deputy installation commander.

Army honored for saving park

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The Army Corps of Engineers built roads, trails and bridges within the park. In the late 1800's under the inspired leadership of Lt. Dan C. Kingman, the present system of beltline scenic roads known as the Grand Loop Road was built. Kingman designed the Grand Loop so that tourists could visit the principal points of interest in the park without re-tracing their steps.

Yellowstone became a park that could be traversed by the American people in safety as they viewed the grand work of nature.

"The Army ensured the growing popularity of national parks in American life," said Clark. "By managing all aspects of the park, from the roads to the selection and supervision of appropriate concessionaires, the Army set Yellowstone on a course of management that would be continued and refined by the National Park Service."

As World War I escalated in Europe, the Army was needed there and the growth of the national parks necessitated the creation of an agency to manage these special places. On August 25, 1916, Congress created the National Park Service, and the Army's role in protecting the parks was successfully completed.

After a transition period, the National Park service assumed complete control of Yellowstone in 1918. Twenty-one of the first park rangers were soldiers

that had been stationed at Fort Yellowstone.

The most visible part of the Army's legacy in Yellowstone is Fort Yellowstone, with its large structures at Mammoth Hot Springs. These structures, now a National Historic District, have served as park headquarters ever since.

Clark closed the ceremony by saying, "The Army's efforts at Yellowstone served as an example for other national parks. Today, visitors from all over the world can savor the beauty and history of National Parks across the United States. The Army is privileged to have served so proudly here in Yellowstone."

A plaque, coin and letter of appreciation from Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera was presented to Yellowstone's Assistant Superintendent Jensen by Clark to commemorate the event. A Secretary of the Army coin and letter was also presented to the Adjutant General of the state of Wyoming Maj. Gen. Ed Boenisch for his unit's support of the ceremony.

The music for the event was provided by the Wyoming Army National Guard's 67th Army Band. The ceremonial Color Guard was from Charlie Battery, 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery of the Wyoming Army National Guard.

(Editor's note: Mike Conroy is a public affairs officer for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and the Environment.)

Change ABC-C Pin Numbers by November 1

Effective Oct. 11, appropriated fund civilian employees must contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) to obtain benefits information, to make changes to their benefits and to request retirement information. To access ABC-C employees must enter their Social Security Number and Personal Identification Number (PIN). All employees are encouraged to access the ABC-C as soon as possible either by touch tone telephone on 1-877-ARMY CTR (1-877-276-9287) or by internet on www.abc.army.mil to establish their personal account information.

Employees can choose to access ABC-C by telephone or by the internet. To access ABC-C by telephone, employees must enter their SSN and PIN. The PIN is month and year of birth. For example, employees born in March 1958 would enter 0358 (the 03 represents March and the 58 represents 1958). To access ABC-C by internet, employees must enter the Employee Benefits

Information System "EBIS" section of the web site, then complete the "Create a New Point of Entry (POE) Account" screen. The following information is needed to enter the POE information: Social Security Number; service computation date; date of birth; pay plan (GS, WG, WS, GM, etc.); grade and step. This information is available on the Civilian Leave and Earnings Statement and the latest Notification of Personnel Action, SF-50b. After completing this section, employees will be asked to establish their Personal Account Information, which will include a user ID, password and Personal Account Number (PIN). Personal Identification Numbers (PIN) are the same for telephone and internet usage. Employees only need to change their PIN by telephone or internet. It is not necessary to change the PIN on both systems. Pin numbers must be changed by Nov. 1. For more information contact Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

Scooter-related injuries on the rise

CPSC recommends safety precautions

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) today reported that emergency room-treated injuries related to popular lightweight scooters have increased 700 percent since May. CPSC data show that there were more than 4,000 scooter-related injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms in August alone. There have been more than 9,400 emergency room-treated injuries reported for 2000 so far. Nearly 90 percent of the injuries are to children under 15 years of age.

CPSC recommends that riders, especially children, wear proper safety gear including a helmet, and knee and elbow pads to help prevent injuries. This is the same safety gear CPSC recommends for in-line skating.

Kneepads can help prevent knee injuries. CPSC estimates that more than 60 percent of injuries could be prevented or reduced in severity if protective gear had been worn. "These scooters are the 'in' thing with kids heading back to school," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "Unfortunately, many kids are ending up in hospital emergency rooms instead of classrooms. Wearing safety gear can help prevent injuries."

The scooters, which first went on the market in the United States last year, are new versions of the foot-propelled scooters first popular in the 1950s. They are made of lightweight metal such as aluminum and have small low-friction wheels similar to those on in-line skates. They usually cost between \$80 and

\$120 and typically weigh less than 10 pounds. They can be folded for easy portability.

Most injuries resulted when riders fell from the scooter. Fractures and dislocations accounted for 29 percent of the injuries. Most of the fractures and dislocations were to arms and hands.

The best investment against injury is protective gear which can cost less than \$35.

CPSC recommends the following safety guidelines:

- Wear a helmet that meets CPSC's standards along with knee and elbow pads.
- Ride the scooters on smooth, paved surfaces without any traffic. Avoid streets, or surfaces with water, sand, gravel or dirt.
- Do not ride the scooter at night.

APG Garrison recognized for ongoing energy reduction efforts

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facilities were added to the Edgewood Area's Energy Management and Control System (EMCS), and there were major improvements to 20 of the existing systems.

In the Aberdeen area, 20 facilities received a new EMCS, bringing the total to 44.

A team effort between the DPW and the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment

helped to convert six boiler plants to natural gas dual fuel operation.

APG also performed maintenance on its heating ventilation and air conditioning systems, replacing filters and cleaning boilers, and regularly servicing systems.

The post's Energy Conservation Process Action Team is made up of people with various types of technical backgrounds. The DPW team, along with tenant

organizations, representatives of Baltimore Gas and Electric and Constellation Energy work together on APG-funded and utility-financed energy projects.

The implementation of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system, which monitors and controls APG's electrical sub-stations in the Edgewood Area, has given high-voltage technicians the ability to monitor and control electrical loads and per-

form peak shaving and load rolling.

APG also has procured two test devices with associated software packages to detect malfunctioning steam traps.

"The team looked at every aspect of energy conservation and produced outstanding results," said Kuchar. "I was proud of the work of the DPW and BGE team. For fiscal year 1999, the energy savings totaled \$1.1 million."

CWF offers trips

Trip to Cape May

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a trip to Cape May, Nov. 24-26. Take a carriage ride through the Victorian town on the shore. Cost for a townhouse is \$278 for a single occupant, \$306 for a double, \$335 for triple occupancy or \$362 for quad occupancy. The price for an efficiency is \$184 for a single occupant, \$212 for double occupancy, \$240 for triple occupancy and \$268 for quad occupancy. Prices are for total number of occupants.

Trip to Ireland

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a trip to Ireland, from March 21-28, 2001. The tour includes the towns of Shannon, Galway, Killarney, Blarney, Cork, Waterford and Dublin; visits to the Muckross House, Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle (famous for the Blarney Stone); and stop at Blarney Woolen Mills to experience a Medieval Castle Banquet, tour the Waterford Crystal Factory, Abbey Tavern, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and much more. Enjoy Irish folklore, legendary ghost stories, Irish music and entertainment. The cost of the trip is \$1,185 per person (based on double occupancy). This price includes lodging, airfare, tours, some meals and taxes. Names must be submitted by Nov. 1.

For more information on these trips, or to make reservations, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever, 410-278-4603 or 410-278-4771. Space will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Community Notes

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 21

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DANCE

Help Maryland's Special Olympics scare up some money at the annual Halloween Dance from 7-11 p.m., at the Aberdeen American Legion Hall, 44 North Parke St. Tickets cost \$15 each and includes dance, music, snacks and drinks. Food will be served by the Legion for a nominal fee. Costumes are optional, but prizes will be awarded for those who dare. Fun for all ages. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-836-5460.

AWARD-WINNING PLAY

St. James A.M.E. Church, 617 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will present the award-winning play, "1001 Black Inventions" at 6 p.m. Cost of admission for adults is \$10, children 12 and under \$5. Proceeds benefit the Church Anniversary and Building Fund. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Cleo Hoke, 410-939-0907, Iris Barnes, 410-939-8510, or Subria Kelly, 410-272-7912.

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 25

APG ORIENTATION

APG will hold an orientation to welcome incoming military and civilian personnel and their families 1-3 p.m., AA Recreation Center, building 3326. Representatives from post activities will discuss APG and community services and activities. For information, call 410-278-3137.

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 26

MONTHLY RAB

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board on Thursday, Oct. 26, 7-9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic will be Sites in APG's Aberdeen Area. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the information line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

DISABILITY AWARENESS LUNCHEON SLATED

APG's Disability Awareness Committee will host the Disability Awareness Month Observance Luncheon 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26 at the Top of the Bay. In keeping with this year's national theme, "Ability You Can Bank On," the guest speaker will be John Kemp, a high-tech executive, lawyer, Horatio Alger Association inductee, and members of numerous advisory boards including the National Council on Disability and the White House Conference on Aging. Entertainment will be provided by Ginny Owens, a Christian alternative rock/folk singer, songwriter, and recording artist, and winner of the 2000 DOVE award. Exhibits from various disability support vendors will be on display upstairs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person. For more information or to make reservations, call Angela Cheek, 410-278-1140, or Judy Matthews, 410-278-1050.

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 27

USO-METRO JOB FAIR

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services (JETS), will co-host a Job Fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at SOSA Recreation Center, Fort Belvoir, Va. All members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DoD and Coast Guard civilian personnel are eligible to attend. Representatives from more than 70 companies with full or part-time positions are invited, including high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies. For more information, call Dale Jovero or Ruth Dawn, 703-696-2552.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

Country western dancing will be held at American Legion Post 128, sponsored by the Harford County Country/Western Dance Association. A Halloween Costume Dance will be held from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Cost is \$10. Everyone is welcome to attend.

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 31

TECHNOLOGY EXPO

The Annual Fall Information Technology Products and Service Expo 2000 will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Edgewood Area at the Gunpowder Club on Parrish Road. The Expo is hosted by the Corporate Information Office, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and the U.S. Army Garrison APG Directorate of Information Management, and will be open to all DoD, government and contractor personnel. Admission is free. For more information, call Donna M. Flemister toll-free at 1-877-332-3976.

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 1

WAC VETERANS' BAKE SALE

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Maryland Free State Chapter 70, will hold a bake sale from 7 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. In addition to the delicious items for sale, you may also pick up information about the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association. KUSAHC will be available to answer questions you may have about TRICARE. Everyone is invited to purchase something good to eat and find out more about military health care, KUSAHC and the WACVA.

Pats on the Back

Swan Creek Inn, River Lodge employees honored

An awards ceremony was held last month in the lobby of the Swan Creek Inn.

Richard McClain, facilities manager and Kathy McKinzie, custodial worker supervisor, presented awards to custodial workers Heidi Warriner, Della Brown, Lillian Trader, Su Cha Giard and Sarah Lee.

Warriner received the Swan Performance Pin, a Swan Performance Certificate and pink carnations. The Swan Pin is the capstone in the series of three sustained performance pins to be earned as part of the Swan Creek Inn, River Lodge Performance Plus Program. Brown, Trader, Giard and Lee received the Star Performance Pin and pink carnations. The Star Performance Pin is the second level pin.

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 3

WAC VETERANS' MONTHLY MEETING

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Maryland Free State Chapter 70, will hold its monthly meeting at 2 p.m., at the Senior Citizen Center, Aberdeen. Guest speaker will be Dr. Cheryl Lowman, Women's Coordinator at Perry Point VA Hospital. All women veterans, women still serving in the Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and those women serving in the Air Force, Marines and Navy, are welcome to attend the meeting. For more information on becoming a member or associate member of the WAC Veterans Association, Maryland Free State Chapter 70, call Wanda Story, 410-272-5040, or visit the website at www.wacva.com

MCSC BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Area Military and Spouses Club will host a Basket Bingo, 7 p.m., at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be many new fall fall/winter "Wish List" baskets and Christmas baskets. Bingo costs \$10 per ticket. Three Longaberger baskets will be raffled off. Raffle tickets cost \$5 for 6 tickets or \$1 each. Bingo and raffle tickets may be purchased at the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop or by calling Diane Wilson, 410-297-8508 or Donna Dease at 410-297-1487

TROA HONORS MILITARY HERO

The Susquehanna Chapter of The Retired Officer's Association is honoring one of it's own, Maj. Gen. (ret.) Warren Hodges, with a program scheduled for Friday, November 3, at the Sheraton Four Points in the Beard's Hill section of Aberdeen. Hodges served and was decorated during World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. A former adjutant general of the Army National Guard for the state of Maryland, Hodges currently serves in the local community, adding to his record of national and state service. Representatives from the local community, APG, Congress, and Maryland, including a former governor, will participate in the event. The evening begins with a social at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m., and program at 8 p.m. Suggested attire for the evening is semi-formal, with military dress uniform or civilian business suit with appropriate miniature medals for active duty or prior service members. Purchase tickets at \$20 per person by Oct. 23 through Maj. (ret.) Arnett Powers, 410-638-2447, or Navy Lt. (ret.) Ed Kreiner, 410-679-0565.

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 4

MORE BASKET BINGO

The Harford Choral Society will host a Basket Bingo, 7 p.m., at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m.; food, a bake sale and drinks are available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (three cards), and \$5 for additional sets of three cards. For tickets, call Betty Phelps, 410-836-2319, or Arlene Raymond or Phyllis Gilbert, 410-836-2832. Proceeds benefit the Harford Choral Society.

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5

CHESAPEAKE UMPIRES MEETING

The Chesapeake Umpires Association, Inc. will hold its annual meeting, 2 p.m. at Level Fire Hall, located on Old Level Road (off of Rt. 155), Level, Md. Join other umpires at our annual meeting and learn how you can become a certified baseball umpire. Attend training clinics, learn field mechanics, and help promote baseball. We will train you to umpire Parks and Recreation, high school, and adult league baseball. Use your spare time to help the local kids. For more information, call Joe Guida, 410-272-8353, or Chris Cianelli, 410-939-2639.

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 7

TOOL BOX FOR TEENS

Life Skills: "Tool Box for Teens," featuring Dr. Joshua Okundaye, will be presented 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Youth Center, building E-1902. Dr. Okundaye will challenge teens with thought provoking and entertaining issues that empower them to make good choices in their lives. Complimentary pizza and refreshments will be offered during the event. For more information, call Wanda Pelt, 410-278-7474.

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 8

EA-OWC LUNCHEON

The EA Officers' Wives Club will hold its November luncheon at Vitali's Restaurant in Edgewood on Nov. 8. A self-defense discussion and demonstration will be given by retired State Trooper and current policeman, Lt. Bowman. Social time is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., with lunch at noon. Menu choices are Vitali's Style Chicken or Roast Beef Jardiniere. The cost is \$14.75. Call Diane Payne, 410-569-5116 or Jenna Edens at 410-676-1487 for reservations and menu selection by Friday, Nov. 3.

LIBRARY UPDATE

The Garrison Library has new military history books for your reading pleasure. Come by either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out some books.

1812 - Napoleon's Invasion of Russia
by Paul Britten Austin

Digital War: A View from the Front Lines
edited by Robert L. Bateman

A Glossary of Construction, Decoration, and Use of Arms and Armor in All Countries and in All Times
by George Cameron Stone

The Outpost War: the U.S. Marine in Korea
by Lee Ballenger

The Road to Berlin
by John Erickson

The Second World War in Color
by Stewart Binns

Through the Valley: Vietnam, 1967-1968
by James F. Humphries

The Aberdeen Area library, building 3320 on Aberdeen Boulevard, is open Monday-Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The Edgewood Area library, building E-4405 on Austin Road, is open Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 10

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The Top of the Bay will present "Ladies Night Out," from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. (for ages 21 and over), in the Main Ballroom. Music will be provided by "Out Da Way Entertainment." Dress to impress; no jeans, boots, bandannas, sweats or sneakers. Tickets in advance cost \$5 for ladies, \$6 for men; \$8 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Copeland, 1-888-934-7031.

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE

The public is invited to attend a Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m., at Aberdeen Memorial Park to pay tribute to those who made the supreme sacrifice. The ceremony is sponsored by Catholic War Veterans 1841, American Legion Post 128 and Aberdeen Memorial Post 10028. Following the ceremony, a luncheon will be held at Aberdeen Memorial VFW Post 10028, 821 Old Philadelphia Road. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at VFW Post Home. For more information, call 410-272-1218.

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 12

WAC VETERANS' DAY BUFFET

The Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, Maryland Free State Chapter 70, will host a Veterans' Day Buffet Dinner, 2 p.m., at the Colonel's Choice Restaurant, Aberdeen. Guest speaker will be Dr. William F. Atwater, director, U.S. Army Ordnance Museum. All veterans, military personnel and the public are invited. Cost of the dinner is \$20. Make checks payable to: WACVA, Maryland Free State Chapter 70, and mailed to: Wanda Story, P.O. Box 423, Aberdeen, MD 21001. For more information, call Wanda Story, 410-272-5040. RSVP NLT Nov. 9 for reservations and refunds.

MOVIES

Post Theater admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

GONE IN 60 SECONDS

Friday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.

Starring: Nicholas Cage, Giovanni Ribisi

A car thief has agreed to lead his gang one last time before they retire to take on the challenge of stealing 50 cars in a single night to save his brother's life from the mob. The problem is that another gang is aiming for the same heist, and the police are after them also. (Rated PG-13)

WHAT LIES BENEATH

Saturday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.

Starring: Harrison Ford, Michelle Pfeiffer

Norman Spencer, a university research scientist, is growing more and more concerned about his wife, Claire, a retired concert cellist who a year ago was involved in a serious auto accident, and who has just sent off her daughter Caitlin (Norman's stepdaughter) to college. Now, Claire reports hearing voices and witnessing eerie occurrences in and around their lakeside Vermont home, including seeing the face of a young woman reflected in water. At her husband's urging, Claire starts to see a therapist; she tells him she thinks the house is being haunted by a ghost. His advice? Try to make contact. (Rated PG-13)

THE ART OF WAR

Saturday, Oct. 21, 9 p.m.

Starring: Wesley Snipes, Anne Archer

Shaw is an operative for the United Nations' covert dirty-tricks squad, using espionage and quasi-ethical tactics to secure peace and cooperation. When a shipping container full of dead Vietnamese refugees turns up on the docks and China's ambassador is gunned down at a dinner celebrating a new trade agreement with China and the U.S., Shaw is framed for the murder and must evade the FBI and Triad gangsters to find out what is really going on. (Rated R)

Matinee Special (1 p.m. show) - Buy a medium size popcorn and receive a small drink free.

LEAVE DONATION

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Surinder K. Dillon (son has cancer)	Marlin Julian (heart surgery)
Bonnie K. Day (surgery)	Jennifer Keetley (maternity)
Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)	Beverly King (caring for husband)
Ameneh M. Arasten (maternity)	William Klein
Penelope K. Galoff (maternity)	Sherrie Laury (heart problems)
Janice M. Rice (assist ill mother)	Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)
Evelyn K., Johnson (surgery)	Stacy Miller (maternity)
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Lyllis Payne
Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Albert Potter (coma)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Tammy Budkey	Michael Reynolds
Melanie F. Carns	Edward Rinaldi
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Denise Robinson (maternity)
Dawn Crouse (surgery)	Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Tricia Lin Dietz	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Fred Dill	Sherry Schaffer
Joseph R. Dugan	Lena Shelton
Messina Enderlein	Motoko Stahl
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)	Rachel Swearingen
Willia Freisheim	Frances L. Thomas
Norman L. Greear	Joseph Walker (wife has cancer)
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity)
Judy Hunt (arthropathy)	Cecelia Walton (respiration problems)
Wayne A. Jaynes	Willie Williams
Mary L. Johnson	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Larry Jonas	
Carole Jones	

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial; 410-278-1524; or fax 410-278-7877.

YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE

Aberdeen Youth Services

Fright Fest 2000 at Six Flags, Maryland. On Saturday, Oct. 21, experience spine chilling thrills and frightful family fun at the biggest and best Halloween celebration in the region. Bus transportation departs at noon and returns by 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A limited supply of tickets is available, so stop by AA Youth Services, building 2522 now. Note: tickets are for use with this program only and will not be distributed until the day of the event at the park.

Teen Dance, Friday Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Teens are invited to dance until 11 p.m. DJ Frank EJ will be spinning all the latest, greatest, most popular tunes. Costume is optional. Cash prize awarded for the best dressed. Admission costs \$2 with costume, \$3 without.

See Disney On Ice, Saturday, Nov. 4. Disney's Jungle Adventures on Ice is like no other. Performances will include "The Jungle Book," "Tarzan," and "The Lion King." Bus transportation departs at 10 a.m. and returns by 3 p.m. Cost is \$16 per person. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Registrations must be up-to-date for all youth participants. Annual registration is \$15 per child or \$35 per family. Members who register will receive a special surprise.

For more information on Youth Service events or annual registration, call the AA Youth Center at 410-278-4995.

Edgewood Youth Services

"Tool Box for Teens," presentation, Tuesday, Nov. 7. APG's Youth Development Services and Army Community Services will present "Tool Box for Teens" 5:30-8:30 p.m., at EA Youth Services, building 1920. Dr. Joshua Okundaye will challenge teens with thought provoking and entertaining issues that empower young people to make good choices in their lives. Free pizza and refreshments will be served. Teens interested in attending or who have a particular topic of interest, call Wanda Pelt, 410-278-7474/7478.

Openings are currently available in the following programs:

The Ballet and Jazz Program for children ages three and a half and older, 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Cost is \$65 now through May 2001.

Karate Classes, ages 8 and older, 5-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$30 per month.

Gymnastics Classes, ages 3 years and older, 1:30 p.m., Saturdays. Cost is \$35 per session; one session includes 10 weeks.

Edgewood and Aberdeen Youth Services are in the process of signing up boys and girls, ages 4 years and older for basketball. Youths ages 4-6 may participate in a six-week Basketball Clinic. The cost to attend the clinic is \$15 per person. Youths ages 7-14 are eligible to participate in Basketball League Program, starting in Jan. 2001. Cost to participate in the Basketball League is \$30 per person.

A quick reminder - Youth Services members need to update their annual registration when they sign up for basketball. Annual registration costs only \$15 - use your coupons (coupons will be given at registration).

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-278-4995 or 410-306-2297.

APG "Trick or Treat" Activities

Halloween and the traditional "Trick or Treat" activities will be celebrated at Aberdeen Proving Ground on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. "Trick or Treat" activities are specifically limited from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday.

Motorists in the housing areas during the "Trick or Treat" period are cautioned to exercise extreme care, and to be especially watchful for young children who may not be readily visible or attentive to moving vehicles. It is strongly recommended that children either wear reflective marking on their costumes or carry a flashlight.

The cooperation of all concerned is being solicited to ensure that we have a safe and happy Halloween at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information contact Linda Holloway at 410-306-4520.

