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Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, July 25, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Detonation noise may cause disturbance

Aberdeen Test Center began a series of tests on July 11 requiring large detonations. The detonations, continuing to July 26, are likely to generate sound levels heard or vibrations felt outside APG's boundaries. If weather conditions are not favorable, testing will be rescheduled.

Reward offered for information on missing laptops

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Resident Agency Central Intelligence Division is offering a \$4,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) responsible for the larceny of 30 Panasonic notebook computers from the Ordnance Center and Schools which occurred sometime between July 3 and July 5. Any information concerning this crime should be provided to the CID immediately. This reward expires on Oct. 9. Contact the APG Resident Agency at 410-278-5261 or 5262.

Reward offered for information on eagle talon theft

Aberdeen Proving Ground Marine and Wildlife Law Enforcement officials are offering a reward of up to \$2,500 through the Bald Eagle Protection Act for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who removed the talons from a dead bald eagle here last month.

According to special agent Ralph Plummer, the eagle with its talons removed, was found in the Aberdeen Area's Spesutie Island on June 18.

"Removing the talons from a bald eagle is a criminal offense with penalties of \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year or both," Plummer said. "In fact, possessing or handling a bald eagle or its

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Maryland senator views past, envisions future of APG



By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Vowing her continued support of Aberdeen Proving Ground and its ongoing development of "smart weapons to defend America," Maryland Senator Barbara A. Mikulski spent a day touring sites in the Edgewood Area that are involved in the cleanup of the "vestiges of old wars" and in "the development of new technologies."

Escorted by Michael A. Parker, deputy to the commander, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Mikulski visited the Lauderick Creek Chemical Warfare Materiel Removal Area; the Amos Fries Chemical Laboratory, building E-3300, slated for replacement; the site for a future Advanced Chemical Laboratory; the Process Engineering Facility and the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

"APG has always been at the center of the development of weapons of the future," Mikulski said. "We're here to see how we can help you to continue to do that."

Lauderick Creek is a one-quarter mile strip of land on the Edgewood Area of APG that borders civilian housing areas and schools. Once used for the handling, firing and maintenance of chemical munitions and equipment, the site is undergoing a methodical removal action designed to

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Phil Mackenprang and Bob Dyminski, center and right, Human Factors Applications, Inc. contractors at the Lauderick Creek Chemical Warfare Materiel Removal area, answer Maryland Senator Barbara A. Mikulski's questions at an aluminum barricade during her visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground's Edgewood Area on July 9. Mikulski also visited the Lauderick Creek Mobile Community Office, the Amos Fries Chemical Laboratory, the site for a future Advanced Chemical Laboratory, the Process Engineering Facility and the Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center.

Brown takes command at ATC

By Fay Walker Banker
ATC

At a ceremony on U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center's Main Front on June 28, command of ATC passed from Col. Andrew G. Ellis to Col. Mary K. Brown.

Several hundred employees, friends, family members and invited guests welcomed ATC's 25th commander, including Doug Wilson, mayor of Aberdeen, Walter W. Hollis, deputy under secretary of the Army for Operations Research, Harford County Executive James Harkins, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and three previous ATC commanders, retired Cols. Richard Bailer, John Van Zant and Richard Gilligan.

ATC began its proud history during World

War I, when artillery testing was moved from Sandy Hook, N.J., to accommodate the increased volume of work and the wartime congestion of New York's harbor. The first round was fired at APG in January 1918.

In keeping with field artillery traditions, Ellis fired a symbolic round from an M198 towed howitzer, representing his final round fired while in command.

Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, passed the ATC colors to Brown, symbolizing the continuity of command and authority.

Ertwine presented Ellis a Legion of Merit Award signed by Maj. Gen. John J. Marcello, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command along with a Certificate of Retirement from the Armed Forces of the

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Diamond Rio — one of three country acts coming to APG

By Sheila Little
APG News

Music fans are in for a treat Aug. 18 when the annual summer concert featuring country bands performs at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Shine Sports Field. This year's concert is headlined by John Michael Montgomery, with Tim Rushlow and Diamond Rio also performing for thousands of locals expected for the annual August fund-raising event.

Diamond Rio has been performing for more than 10 years. Combining bluegrass harmonies with a driving beat, the group has received six Vocal Group of the Year awards collectively from the Academy of Country Music and the County Music Association, and 19 Top Ten country hits, six of which reached number one on the charts.

Vocalist Marty Roe, guitarist Jimmy Olander, keyboardist Dan Truman, mandolinist Gene Johnson, bassist Dana Williams and drummer Brian Prout have demonstrated that the

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Bridge Crossing Simulator opens at ATC

Photo by HARRY MCMULLEN

U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center's Bridge Crossing Simulator opened June 18 as ribbon cutters, left to right, Pat Castaldo, Technology Core, Jeffrey Hamel, deputy program manager, Heavy Tactical Vehicles, Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, Col. Andrew G. Ellis, commander, ATC, James Fasig, technical director, ATC, Dr. John Foulkes, Test and Evaluation Management Agency, Walter Hollis, deputy under secretary of the Army for Operations Research, Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, and Doug Wilson, mayor of Aberdeen, made it official. See story on page 14.

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parts is a serious offense. We're going to make every effort to find the person or persons who did this."

According to Plummer, the bird's remains were sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Forensic Laboratory to be examined. Investigation of the incident continues.

Automated pharmacy system to experience down time Aug. 30 to Sept. 3

Due to changes in automation systems at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and the entire National Capital Region, the pharmacies will experience system down time beginning Aug. 30 and extend through Sept. 3. The system will return to normal operations on Sept. 4.

During the down time period, the ability to process prescriptions and especially refills will be extremely limited. If you will need a refill during this time period, call in your prescription at least 72 hours before Aug. 30. The refill telephone number is 1-800-248-6337, or visit Web site, <https://consult.wrampc.amedd.army.mil/refills>.

For assistance, contact the pharmacy at 410-278-1945 or 410-278-1946.

Closure of EA Fuel Distribution Point

Since July 12, the Edgewood Area fuel distribution site, building E-4017, has been closed and is only manually operated by a designated attendant. This is being done in order to maintain customer support during installation of the new Fuels Automated System. Hours of manual operations are Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m.

On ozone action days, there will be no manual fueling between 2:30 and 4 p.m.

On RDO Fridays, there will be no manual operations.

This course of action will continue until further notice, at which time the FAS system will be fully implemented.

For more information, contact Richard Conway, 410-436-3886.

Summer study on human hearing

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory will conduct two studies: an outdoor field study on sound detection and distance estimation, and an indoor study on speech intelligibility from July through August. The studies will be conducted at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Paid listeners must be 18 to 25 years of age and not afraid of field elements (flies, bees, ticks, beetles, etc.). The total listening time will be about six hours. Each civilian listener will be paid \$100 for participating in both studies. Military volunteers will receive a Department of Army certificate of appreciation, signed by a Colonel or above, for completing 40 hours of testing.

Interested volunteers should contact Kim Fluitt, 410-278-5850, Email: kfluitt@arl.army.mil, or Martha Dennison, 410-278-5918, E-mail: mjdennis@arl.army.mil, between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Career workshop for teens

The Army Community Service Family Member Employment Assistance Program will sponsor a Career Search Workshop for youth ages 13 to 18, July 24, 1 to 3 p.m., at the ACS Career Focus Center, building 2752 Rodman Road. Retired Navy officer Edward Kreiner Sr., executive of numerous national corporations, will conduct the workshop.

The workshop is designed to motivate youth into thinking about what they want to do in the future and help them find what they need to do to achieve these goals. Topics include Expectation of an Employer; First Impression and Personal Appearance; Filling out an Application; Telephone Contact; Handling the Interview/Losing Your Fear of the Interview Process; Communication Skills; Development of a Basic Resume and Development of References.

For more information or for registration, call Marilyn Howard, ACS, 410-278-9669.

APG employee competes in "Survive Harford Mall" contest

Sharlene Carbone, a program analyst in the Personnel Division of the U.S. Army Evaluation Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, is one of three finalists competing Saturday, July 21, at 1 p.m., in the "Survive Harford Mall" contest. The winner will receive a new car and a \$2,500 shopping spree at the mall.

New subsistence allowance available

Qualified servicemembers can receive up to \$500 a month under the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance, or FSSA. The new allowance program, which began May 1, is designed to help families currently on food stamps, however, all

servicemembers may apply. Qualified servicemembers will receive a monthly cash allowance, not to exceed \$500.

Qualification is based on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's gross monthly income eligibility limits based on household size. Also included in determining income eligibility are the basic allowance for subsistence, basic allowance for housing and all bonuses, special and incentive pays.

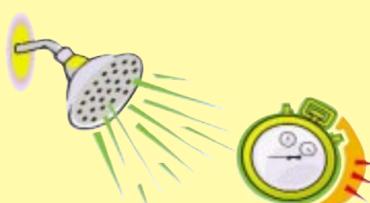
All servicemembers who think they may be eligible are highly encouraged to apply.

To apply for this nontaxable allowance, servicemembers must fill out an application at Army Community Services, building 2754.

Point of contact is Tricia Jewitt, Consumer Affairs & Financial Assistance Program manager, 410-278-4372.

Unit commanders may also call to schedule an FSSA briefing.

Pollution Prevention



To save water take short showers and draw less water for baths.

-Federal Energy Management Program

AA chapel hosts Bible adventure

The Aberdeen Area Post Chapel will hold Vacation Bible School at the AA Chapel, July 23 to 27. This year's theme is "Beachtrek Bible Adventure." Each day participants will experience the love of Christ through stories and activities that reveal who Jesus is and what He means for their lives. The adventure begins July 23, 6 p.m. for children ages 3 to 16. Call the chapel, 410-278-4333, to register your children.

Manager needed at EA Thrift Shop

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop is accepting applications for the position of manager, July 12 to Aug. 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Applicant must be a valid military ID card holder. The paid position requires one month of manager training without pay.

For more information, contact Marcey Perez, 410-676-4733, or stop by the Thrift Shop, building E-1633.

Homes needed for AYUSA International exchange students

Academic Year in the United States of America, or AYUSA, International would like to extend an invitation to your family to host an international exchange student. Families across the United States are welcoming talented and motivated high school students into their homes this fall. If your family enjoys exploring new cultures and nurturing youth, take a few minutes to find out more about this wonderful opportunity to share your life with a special young person.

Contact your local AYUSA representative, Daniele Johnson, 410-272-6332, or visit Web site <http://www.ayusa.org>. AYUSA International is a premier non-profit exchange organization.

APG to conduct Command and General Staff College Officers Courses

Beginning in October, the 10th Battalion, 80th Training Division will conduct classes in Phases I and III at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Attending class offers many advantages over the correspondence option including access to knowledgeable instructors, the opportunity to learn from your fellow students with their expertise in a wide variety of backgrounds and a structured environment best suited for completing the course on time.

Enrollment is open to active duty, active Guard and Reserve, Army Reserve and National Guard officers in the rank of captain (promotable) and above. If you plan to attend, enroll in ATTRS now to insure you have a reserved slot. The ATTRS numbers are as follows:

- Phase I: School: B701
- Course: 701-1-250-C3(NEW-IDT)(F)
- Phase: 1
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- Phase III: School: B701
- Course: 701-1-250-C3(NEW-IDT)(F)
- Phase: 3

Class: 006

For more information on Phase I, contact Maj. Mark Valeri, 410-691-5201 at work, or at home, 410-569-4835 or E-mail Mavaleri@Regaldecision.com.

For more information on Phase III, contact Lt. Col. Jan Kolakowski, 410-436-2755 at work, or at home, 410-836-6712 or E-mail jekolako@sbccom.apgea.army.mil.

Enrich your relationships

Army Community Service will present Enrich Your Relationships to learn the techniques of building relationships, learning respect, communication, understanding and listening skills. Day and evening classes are forming. For more information, call Marie Mastracco, ACS, 410-278-7474/7478.

Restoration Advisory Board meeting

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, July 26, from 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action and the Bush River Study 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.

Scholarship offers opportunity for military students to attend Harvard

Harvard University recently announced the receipt of a scholarship fund intended to benefit undergraduates who have served in the military or who are military family members. Established in memory of Gen. James M. Gavin by his daughter Chloe J. Gavin and her husband, John F. 'Jay' Beatty III, both Harvard graduates, the scholarship honors Gen. Gavin's distinguished contributions to his nation and is intended to encourage members of military families to apply to Harvard University. Chloe Gavin and her husband understand that frequently, sending a child to Harvard—or even encouraging him or her to apply—is beyond the reach of many military families. By establishing this scholarship fund, they hope to send a message to these families that Harvard believes in admitting the best possible students from a variety of backgrounds. It has been their experience that individuals who come from military families generally have a strong personal commitment to giving their best to whatever they do, and, in their words, 'this is exactly the kind of commitment that Harvard looks for in its students.'

Individuals who have served in the military, as well as children of military families, will be considered for the scholarship. Harvard admits students regardless of financial circumstances and meets the full financial need of each student who qualifies for aid.

For more information on applying to Harvard, write to Harvard University, Admissions and Financial Aid, Byerly Hall, 8 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; or visit Web site, www.harvard.edu.

WIC returns to post

Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, is back at Army Community Service, building 2754, every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call Diana Hayes, Parent and Children Together coordinator, 410-278-7474.

Civilian retiree ID cards

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is responsible for issuing civilian retiree identification cards upon an employee's retirement. When the Request for Personnel Action for retirement is received in the CPAC, a retiree identification card will be sent to the employee at the employee's agency. The employee should then take the retiree identification card with them when they clear post, to have their picture taken and the card laminated. Clearance forms are obtained from the employee's agency administrative office. Point of contact is Teri Wright, CPAC, 410-278-4331.

Ozone Action Days forecast on the Web

The Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment sends ozone notification on code orange and code red days only. Flags are hung at various locations across the installation so that residents will know of an action day. On code Orange and Red days, APG takes extra steps to help reduce air pollution, such as the closing of military vehicle gas stations (unless there is an emergency), and ceasing paint spray booth operations.

Visit the scrolling screen on the main page of www.apg.army.mil to learn more about code green and code yellow Ozone Action Day.

For information on the APG Ozone Action Days plan, contact Rachel Swearingen, DSHE, 410-306-2268.

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PET OF THE WEEK



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Teens learn job hunt do's and don'ts at Career Search Workshop

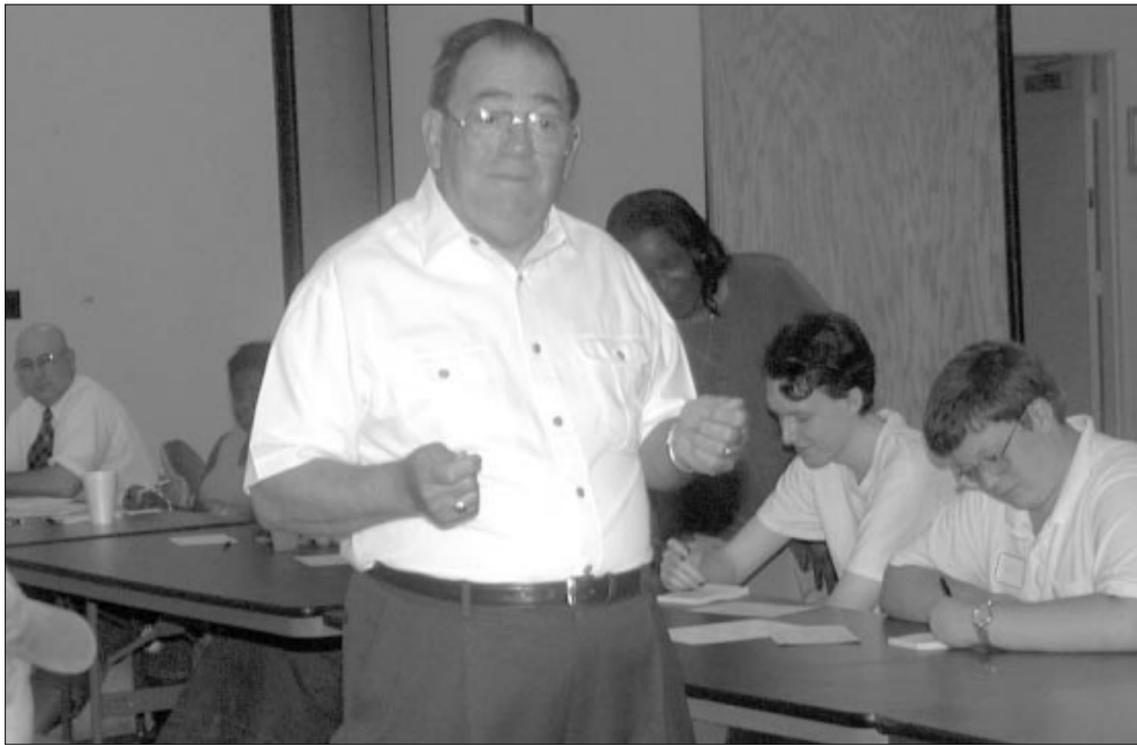


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Edward Kreiner, Sr., leads a discussion with teens at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center during a Career Search Workshop sponsored by Army Community Service Family Member Employment Assistance Program. A retired Navy lieutenant, Kreiner travels extensively conducting career-focused workshops on military installations and college campuses around the country.

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Several Aberdeen Proving Ground teenagers took advantage of a chance to learn how to market themselves to potential employers during an Army Community Service Career Search Workshop for Teens held June 27 at building 2752.

Sponsored by the Family Member Employment Assistance Program, the workshop offered a three-hour discussion on Employer Expectations, First Impressions, Job Applications, The Interview Process, Communication Skills, Resumes and References.

Marilyn Howard, of the ACS career focus center, said the program was designed to motivate youths to think about the future and plan a strategy to meet their goals.

"We want to get them thinking beyond high school," Howard said.

Retired Navy Lt. Edward Kreiner Sr., a veteran executive of several national corporations, conducted the workshop.

Throughout the session, Kreiner challenged the youths to look at the employment process from the employer's perspective.

"Employers may tell you to do things that you feel are irrelevant," Kreiner said. "Be patient. There usually is a good reason for it even if you don't know what it is."

While discussing the interview process, Kreiner recommended preparing a list of questions for the interviewer.

"When you get to the point where the

interviewer asks if you have any questions, this is your opportunity to take charge of the meeting," he said, adding that questions about salary or benefits should be avoided.

"Don't ask about things you can't negotiate," he said. "Wait until you get the job. Ask about your role in the organization instead."

He added that job seekers should use caution when supplying references on job applications.

"Always ask permission from people you want to list or you might get fooled," Kreiner cautioned. "Only list people that you know are willing to speak on your behalf, like teachers or members of the clergy."

"Preparation is the key," he said in closing. "The better you prepare yourself visually and on paper, and the more you know about the organization, the smoother the job-seeking process will be for you."

Howard thanked Kreiner and the youths asking for their input on how to improve the program. She introduced Ivan Mehosky, ACS youth development specialist, who gave them brochures on youth programs and detailed a liaison program between local schools and youth services set to begin in the fall.

"We were fortunate to have such a knowledgeable speaker," Howard said. "I think everyone got something out of it."

Several of the teens agreed. "He gave a good perspective from the employer's view," said Anika Calliste, 15, a 10th grader from Harford Technical

School. Jared Keirn, a 16-year old Perryville High School senior, added that "the interview tips will help me in the future."

Keirn works at the post's Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park.

Brett DeZearn and his friend Brandon Powers said the workshop was "informative and helpful."

"He brought up mistakes I probably would have made," said DeZearn, a home schooled 10th grader.

"I got a lot out of it," said Powers, a Fallston High School junior. "It was helpful to consider how employers and others see you."

Angel Simon, 14, said she is learning about workplace conduct as a volunteer at the Essex Community College theater where she assists employees in odd jobs.

Also home schooled, Simon said she appreciates "any information that will help me do well. This kind of information keeps you from making common mistakes," Simon said. "That can make a big difference between you and other applicants."

Twenty-four youths attended the session, which included complimentary snacks donated by the Post Commissary. Certificates of completion and discount coupons donated by the Post Exchange were given to participants at the end of the session.

The ACS Career Focus Center will hold teen workshops and activities throughout the summer. For more information, contact Howard at 410-278-9669.

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APG News reporter receives awards, recognition

By Sheila Little
APG News

All that hard work paid off. Last month, APG News reporter Yvonne Johnson was honored for her writing efforts on behalf of the ChalleNGe Academy, and recognized for receiving second place in the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Keith L. Ware competition.

Honored June 19 in the conference room of APG Garrison headquarters, Chap. (Maj.) Ronald Martin-Minnich presented a surprised Johnson with a 2001 Maryland National Guard Media Print Award, one of only three awarded in the state.

The award, initiated 20 years ago, recognizes those who promote the National Guard through their citizenship, or contribute through video or print media.

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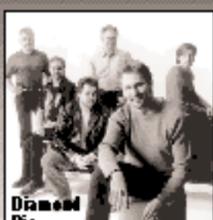
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Opinions

Telemarketers, stop wasting my time



By Sheila Little
APG News

It used to be when the home telephone rang, you could be relatively certain it was someone that you knew on the other end of the line, or maybe a business returning your call. It's not that way anymore.

Every time I've been home over the last few weeks, in addition to receiving calls from family and other acquaintances, I've received countless unsolicited calls regarding things I'm not currently interested in, like installing new windows, refinancing the mortgage, applying for yet another credit card, buying all kinds of insurance, purchasing a burial plot and subscribing to the city paper. What a waste of their time, and, more importantly, what a waste of mine.

These so-called 'courtesy calls' are no courtesy to me. Who named them that? I feel like an annoyed, impatient, and generally helpless victim. I

am at my wits' end trying to be polite, but being extremely put out that those who are unfortunate enough to work as telemarketers don't understand the word 'no.' At the same time, they seem to retain my phone number to call over and over again. Go figure.

If an actual person doesn't make the call, it's a computer-generated voice I hear on the other end of the line. Actually, I rather enjoy it when the voice on the other end is a computer. I can hang up right away, and not feel guilty about being impolite. As far as I know, computers are not easily offended. But even the computer can call me back.

At times I've thought about requesting an unlisted number, but really don't think that would help. I think most of the solicitors dial random numbers. I've thought about getting Caller I.D., but that can be a bit pricey for just trying to protect yourself from those you shouldn't be forced to deal with. Besides, I think you need to keep the phone number identification read-out close at hand, and I don't want to even look at the phone if it's a junk call.

All those Internet sites where you can look up addresses and phone numbers have just made matters worse. Although I signed up with a program that said they would not list my personal information on the web, my daughter found me on the first site she tried. As far as I know, those with unlisted telephone directory numbers are most likely just as easily found on any of a dozen Internet sites.

I know that this change

from occasional pesty calls to a deluge of junk phone calls did not happen over night, and as I look back on the situation, I am grateful for the insulation provided in the past by our daughters. Once they began getting more calls than their parents, answering the phone became their job. Knowing that their parents did not want to be bothered with unsolicited calls, Jim and I were mercifully 'unavailable' for several years. By the time our younger daughter took off for college, she was more than ready to relinquish the chore of 'social secretary in the home office' to her parents. How we miss those girls!

Unfortunately, since the girls left, the calls have continued, even increased, and the solicitors have become bolder. Utilizing a slight change in tactics, Jim and I have taken to screening calls via the answering machine, but that's like hiding out in your home.

It used to be 'talking trash' meant you were saying something unflattering about someone; for me, the new definition involves clogging up the phone lines with unwanted, unwarranted calls.

I guess I'm getting a little particular about how I spend my time, but as I get older, I have less time left on earth. I sure don't want to spend it ducking calls or talking to strangers trying to sell me something I don't need. I don't appreciate the breach of privacy. Besides, my mother told me never to talk to strangers. I think I'll take her advice.

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New 'Guardian 6' assumes command



Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON

From the left, Col. George D. Lecakes, new commander of the Technical Escort Unit, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and APG, and Lt. Col. Brian S. Lindamood, outgoing TEU commander, standing in front of a technical escort exhibit portraying America's Guardians during the TEU change of command ceremony July 3.

By Cathy Kropp
TEU Public Affairs

Lt. Col. George D. Lecakes took charge of one of the Army's most unique units on July 3 at a change of command ceremony held at the Edgewood area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Lecakes replaces Lt. Col. Brian S. Lindamood, Technical Escort Unit commander for the last two years, who was selected to attend the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and APG hosted the ceremony, commenting on the diverse group of attendees and missions of TEU.

"Probably the most respected unit in the Army today is the Technical Escort Unit," said Doesburg.

Under Lindamood's leadership, technical escort workers became known as America's 'Guardians' and the world-wide experts to call for chemical and biological advice, verification, sampling, detection, mitigation, render safe, decontamination, packaging, escort and remediation of chemical and biological devices or hazards.

"He changed the way the Army thinks of the Technical Escort Unit," Doesburg said.

"It's hard not to be successful when you've got this kind of leadership, but more importantly when you've got the caliber of professionalism that exists in the ranks of the Technical Escort Unit," said Lindamood.

Lecakes comes to TEU from Alexandria, Va., where he was aide-de-camp for Gen. John G. Coburn, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

"I promise to give you my best, for you deserve no less," said Lecakes. As Guardian 6, Lecakes will be responsible for the 173 guardians located in Maryland, Utah, Arkansas and Virginia.

Lecakes graduated from the Citadel in 1982 with a bachelor of arts in chemistry. He holds a bachelor of science and master of science in chemical engineering from Washington University. His military education includes the basic and advanced chemical officer courses and the Army Command and General Staff College.

Lecakes served in a variety of command and staff assignments in the continental United States and overseas, at the company, battalion, division, installation, echelon-above-corps separate brigade, major command and Army headquarters levels.

Army collaborates on CB defense

By Kelly Buckingham
ECBC

Officials from the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center met with scientists from the United Kingdom, Australia, and Canada in June to discuss cooperative research initiatives in chemical and biological defense.

The meeting was part of The Technical Cooperative Program established by the United States and Great Britain in 1957, which encourages countries to share resources and tasks thus enhancing national defense at a reduced cost. Under the auspices of TTCP, the Chemical Biological Defense group was formed.

Dr. James Savage, director of Advanced Planning and Initiatives at ECBC, serves as the U.S. national leader of the Chemical Biological Defense Group, and attended the meeting, held in Monterey, Calif.

"The TTCP allows countries to leverage each other's efforts and is a time and cost savings to the United States," said Savage.

The Chemical Biological Defense Group meets annually to discuss the prior year's research efforts and to map out research initiatives for the coming year. Past research initiatives have included developing vaccines for biological threats, certifying the protective suits that were on stand by during the Sydney Olympics, developing technologies for the remote detection of radiation, assessing toxicology levels of chemical agents, and developing dispersion models that map out the spread of agent in an urban setting.

In addition to ECBC, international government agencies involved in the Chemical Biological Defense Group are the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, United Kingdom; Defence Research Establishment Suffield and Defence Research Establishment Ottawa, Canada; and the Melbourne Research Laboratory, Australia.

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Mikulski pleased with Edgewood Area chemical cleanup, progress

SENATOR, from front page locate buried objects called anomalies up to three feet below the surface and facilitate their safe removal.

At the site, Ken Stachiw, chief, environmental restoration, and Billy Sanders, installation field manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Baltimore District, showed Mikulski the features of a 60-meter by 60-meter grid being cleared of anomalies.

Explaining that sweeping the grids is "similar to looking for coins," Sanders said more than 14,000 anomalies have been targeted for evacuation and removal.

"We treat every one as if it were unexploded ordnance," Sanders said while pointing out the site's various safety measures.

Some safety measures include meteorological and chemical agent monitors, video surveillance and fragmentation barricades.

"Low level monitors used within the grid can detect chemical levels well below what is hazardous to workers," said Roger Walton, project engineer, adding that several conditions must be favorable before the work day can commence.

"Computer models evaluate conditions every morning," Walton said. "If the readings display environmental conditions we can't control, such as high wind gusts, we discontinue work in that area until conditions are favorable."

Mikulski also visited the Lauderick Creek Mobile Community Office, a converted mobile home that travels to neighborhoods and schools providing information on sheltering in place, which details protective measures to take in the event of a chemical emergency.

"The office provides residents and workers within the action area information about the planned removal of buried chemical munitions and how to protect themselves in the event of an accidental chemical release," Sanders told Mikulski.

The next stop on the tour was the Fries Laboratory, a 1960s-era facility to be replaced by a new \$44 million

Advanced Chemical Laboratory built to house research and development laboratories. Although the current facility was revamped for safety and environmental concerns, comparative toxicity studies show that a new facility is required to safely and efficiently handle new chemical threat materials.

Inside the laboratory, Dr. George Wagner, nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopist, presented findings on the environmental fate of chemical agents on concrete.

"Some agents indicate that they take as long as several months to degrade," Wagner explained. "This is useful knowledge in assessing how long it takes to downgrade a protective posture or re-enter a contaminated area."

Citing her pleasure with the proving ground's proactive stance on "addressing chemical defense issues facing our nation," Mikulski continued on to the Process Engineering Facility, a research and development facility for cell-based manufacturing processes for producing proteins, enzymes, antibodies and other cellular products.

Drs. Jay Valdes, senior technologist and the Army's scientific advisor for biotechnology, Jennifer Sekowski, molecular toxicologist, and Kevin O'Connell, research biologist, briefed Mikulski on several of the plant's programs and capabilities, which include cryogenic (deep freeze) storage, archiving, validation and database management for materials critical to the U.S. Biodefense Program.

Impressed with the cadre of white-coated scientists, Mikulski asked why they remained under government employ.

"This is a unique environment where challenge and opportunity come together," O'Connell said. "Everyday we

see cutting edge technology not found anywhere else."

"We're interested in recruiting and maintaining top quality people," Mikulski said. "It's a pleasure to see so many dedicated to keeping us at the forefront of modern technology."

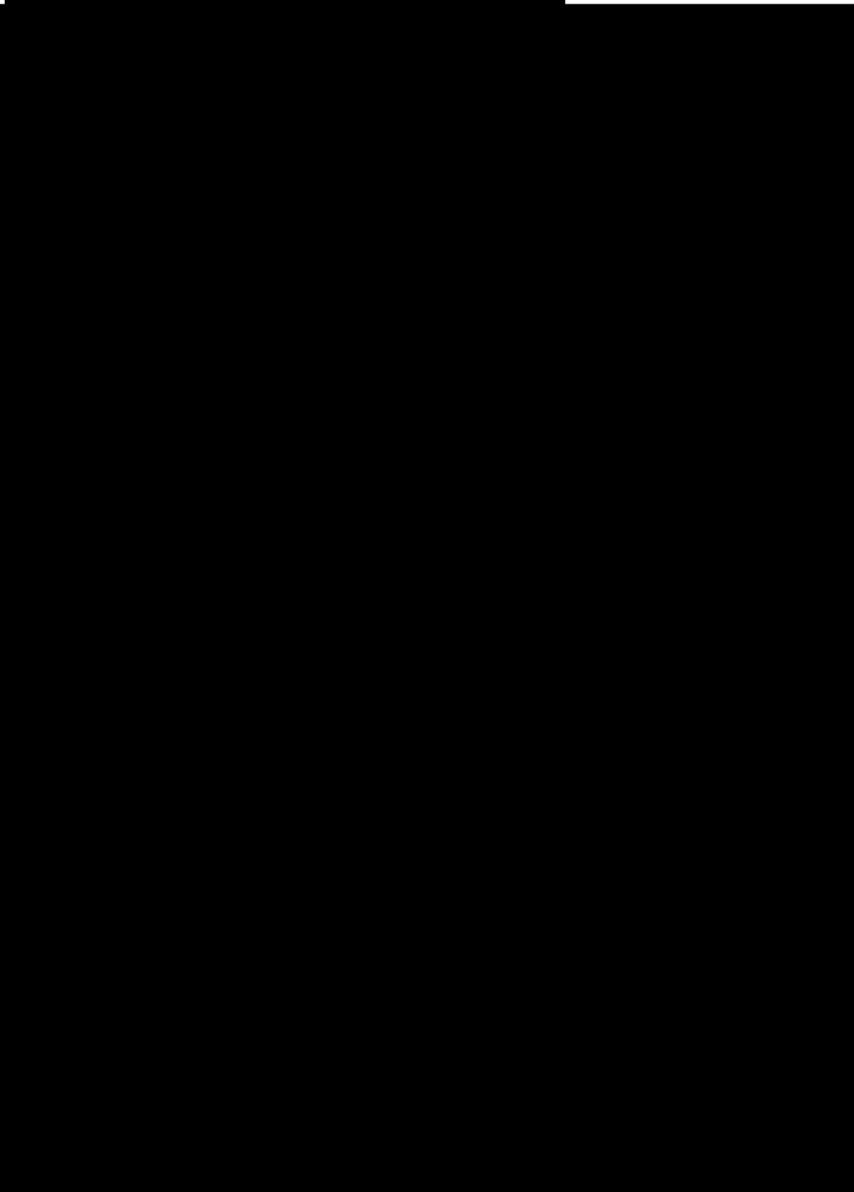
At the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, Mikulski was briefed on current Homeland Defense programs involving Weapons of Mass Destruction Installation and Domestic Preparedness programs.

Jim Zarzycki, ECBC technical director, said the threat of domestic terrorism, the implementation of technical assistance teams that train local, state and national first responders, has allowed for the training of more than 28,000 first responders in 120 communities across the country, effectively enhancing nuclear, biological and chemical WMD preparedness nationwide.

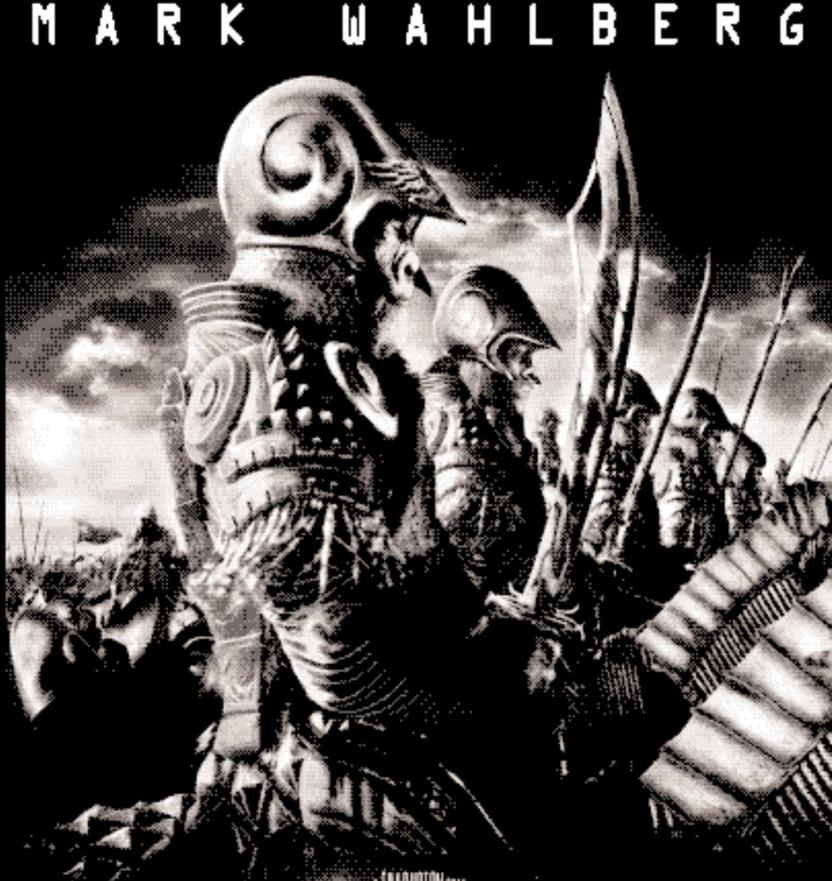
Suzanne Milchling, chemist, discussed steps ECBC is taking to enhance preparedness, protection and response capabilities of local state and federal agencies, and Maj. Greg Hutchinson, executive officer, briefed on the Chemical Biological Rapid Response Team mission.

A ranking member of the U.S. Senate, Mikulski has helped secure \$124.8 million for APG projects to include \$66.5 million in funding the Ammunition Demilitarization Facility, Phase IV, \$44 million for the Advanced Chemical Laboratory, \$9 million for a Climatic Test Facility, \$5.3 million for the National Guard Intelligence Center's Ammunition Surveillance Facility and \$3 million for domestic preparedness training of emergency responders.

A native of Baltimore, Mikulski has served in the Senate since 1986.



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Community Notes

THURSDAY

JULY 19

WARRANT OFFICERS MEETING

The Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter of the United States Warrant Officer Association will hold its next meeting 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay. Lunch will be pay as you go.

For more information, contact Chief Warrant Officers Pete Hill or Jane Jones, 410-278-4979/3011.

FRIDAY

JULY 20

BOSS POOL PARTY

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and Morale, Welfare and Recreation are sponsoring a pool party at the Olympic Pool in the Aberdeen Area, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$5 and includes one meal. Other food will be on sale. One of Baltimore's hottest D.J.'s will provide the music. Invitees include all permanent party, ANCOC, BNCOC, and civilians, 21 years of age and older, not just single soldiers. Tickets can be purchased in advance from AA/EA recreation centers on the day of the event.

For more information or directions call the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, 410-278-2621, the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, 410-436-2713, or Sgt. Laura Johnson, 410-306-2348.

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Charlton-Miller VFW Post No. 6054, 206 Spesutia Road in Perryman presents "PO" Man's Night from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Music will be provided by DJ Master "D". All drinks to include beer at the portable bar will be \$1. Tickets for drinks will be purchased at the door. Admission for Ladies is free, Men will have to pay \$1. There will be a surprise for someone during the course of the evening. Come early and get a good seat! Fish and chicken sandwiches will be sold.

For further information, please contact VFW Post No. 6054, 410-272-3444.

SUNDAY

JULY 22

SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT

The 5th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot will be held to benefit the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, at Alexander's Sporting Farm, Golts, Md. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and costs \$50 per 50 targets. Lunch is included. Pre-registration may be made through the Decoy Museum. Activities include Lewis Class, Ladies Class Awards, Quail Flush, Five Stand, a live auction and raffles. Prizes include two shotguns and other prizes provided by Dick's Sporting Goods.

For more information, call the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, 410-939-3739, located at the intersection of Market Street in Havre de Grace, or visit Web site www.decoymuseum.com.

MONDAY

JULY 23

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program is sponsoring an employer showcase 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., building 2752, ACS Career Focus Center. StaffMax Corporation will be recruiting forklift operators and packaging on production line operators. Applications will be available on site. StaffMax will be recruiting for different positions on Aug. 20 at the same location.

To register, call Marilyn Howard, Directorate of Information Management, ACS Career Focus Center, 410-278-9669.

FRIDAY

JULY 27

48TH KOREAN WAR ANNIVERSARY

Korean War veterans and their wives and the public are invited to attend the 48th Anniversary of the Korean War victory ceremony, 2 p.m. at the Ordnance Museum, featuring the Army Battle Streamer ceremony for the ten Korean War campaigns.

BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Police Association is sponsoring Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks, and baked goods will be

available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5.

For tickets, call Judy 410-272-7585 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

SATURDAY

JULY 28

BOOK SIGNING AT PX

Author Tom Philpott will hold a book signing at the Main PX from noon to 2 p.m. Philpott wrote *Glory Denied*, the saga of Jim Thompson, America's longest-held prisoner of war during the Vietnam conflict.

Jim Thompson's story is a wrenching tale of survival – first in the torture pits and on the long marches and starvation diets of a POW in Vietnam, and then as a returning soldier facing a tremendously changed culture at home.

SUNDAY

JULY 29

CHAPLAIN CORPS ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Aberdeen Area Chapel, building 2485, is hosting the Chaplain Corps' 227th anniversary dinner at 5 p.m. Invited guests include everyone on post, all congregations, all chapels and chapel activities. The chapel is providing the main dish and desserts. Families may bring salads, vegetables or bread. Singles may bring soft drinks. Everyone should bring an appetite.

For more information, call Chap. (Maj.) Bill Knight, 410-278-4333.

TUESDAY

JULY 31

EFMP SPECIAL SWIM RATE

Exceptional Family Members and their families are invited to swim at the Shore Pool for \$1.50. To make a reservation, contact EFMP Coordinator, Reeshemah Bugg, 410-278-7474/7478.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 4

WACVA MONTHLY MEETING

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will hold their next meeting of the Maryland Free State Chapter 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center. All women who have served or are serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Army Corps, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to attend. Also welcome, as associate members, are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

For more information about the association, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040 or visit Web sites www.wacva.com or www.armywomen.org.

MONDAY

AUGUST 13

PROGRAM FOR EFMP

The Parent Information Exchange presents "Moving with Special Needs" for Exceptional Family Members, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Army Community Service, building 2754. If you need childcare please call in advance because space is limited. For information, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, 410-278-7474/7478.

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 9 to 16

ABERDEEN LIONS PLAN VALENTINE CRUISE

The Aberdeen Lions Club is sponsoring a seven-night Valentine cruise to the Western Caribbean in 2002. The public is invited to join the Lions on the newest Norwegian Cruise Line, "Norwegian Sun," from Miami to Georgetown, Grand Caymen; Roatan, Bay Islands; Belize City, Belize; and Cozumel, Mexico. Snorkel on the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere, swim with dolphins or stingrays, or just relax on the ship.

The package includes complimentary round-trip transfers from Aberdeen to Baltimore-Washington International Airport, round-trip air from BWI to Miami, all meals and

entertainment, all port charges and taxes, and a pre-cruise get-together. Call now and receive a \$50 shipboard credit per stateroom. Enjoy a romantic Valentine cruise while helping the Aberdeen Lions Club raise funds for their community service activities.

For information, call Lions club members Joyce or Ron Landbeck, 410-272-5649. For reservations, call Accent-on-Travel, 1-800-848-3273.

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring the following upcoming trips:

July 25 - Enjoy a day in New York City. The cost is \$35 for charter bus transportation. Optional show tickets to see, "Les Miserables," on Broadway, are available for an additional charge.

Oct. 20 - Shop 'til you drop at Potomac Mills. The cost is \$20 per person for charter bus transportation.

Nov. 16 - Spend the evening at the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater. The price is \$45 per person, including charter bus transportation, dinner and the Christmas Show.

Nov. 24 - Nothing gets you in the holiday spirit quite like Christmas in New York City. Enjoy the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show, featuring the famous Rockettes. The cost

is \$99 per person, including charter bus transportation and the show.

March 13-20 - Spend a week in Ireland. CVWF sponsored this trip in 2001 and found it so rewarding that we are going back to the land of beautiful green countryside, charming hospitality and Irish pride. Places of particular interest will be Shannon, the Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Limerick, Killarney, the Dingle Peninsula, Blarney, Tipperary, Waterford, Cashel and Dublin. The price is \$1,185 per person and includes airfare, hotel stays, breakfasts, tours and most dinners.

Please call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever, at 410-278-4603/4771 for reservations and more information.

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EVOLUTION

Friday, July 20, 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 21, 9 p.m.

Starring: David Duchovny, Julianne Moore

Community college professors, Harry and Ira are clearly waiting for something better to happen in their lives. They are called to investigate a meteor crash site. They see an opportunity for them to step up to the next level, discovering alien life on earth. Then, of course, they start to figure out that might not be such a good thing. (Rated PG-13)

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Saturday, July 21, 7 p.m. (FREE ADMISSION)

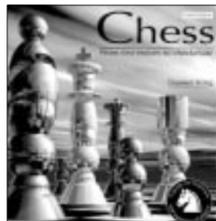
Starring: Rob Schneider, Colleen Haskell

After a near fatal car crash, Marvin has no idea that he is about to become the guinea pig for a bizarre procedure that repairs his body with a strange fusion of animal organs. As the animals within him start to take over, his world gets more unpredictable by the minute. (Rated PG-13)



LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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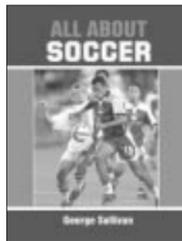
Chess: From First Moves to Checkmate by Daniel King

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Fiona McGilray's Story: A Voyage from Ireland in 1849 by Clare Pastore

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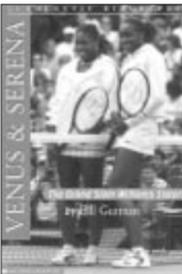
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A Voyage from Poland during World War II, by Clare Pastore

What Every Girl (except me) Knows by Nora Raleigh Baskin



The operating hours of the Aberdeen Area library are Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, closed and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Edgewood Area library will be closed Sunday through Tuesday and Saturday; and open Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071. Hours are Monday and Thursday, 12 to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 to 7 p.m., and Friday, 12 to 4 p.m.

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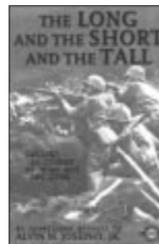
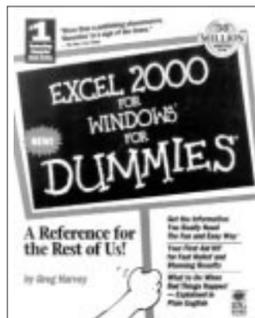
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Edgewood Arts & Crafts, building E-4440 is a Morale, Welfare Recreation facility and is open to active and retired military, civilians, and contractors working on Aberdeen Proving Ground and their dependents, Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 410-436-2153.

Woodshop Orientation The woodshop will hold a safety orientation Aug. 4, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is the \$3 user fee. This class is required in order to use the woodshop.

Stained Glass A beginning stained glass class will be held July 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students will make a simple suncatcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.

Framing Class A beginning matting and framing class will be held July 26 and Aug. 30, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame. Register in advance, because class size is limited. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

Army inducts soldiers from 3 eras into Hall of Heroes

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

In honor of their courage, a corporal who fought for a freedom he was not fully granted, a lieutenant colonel that reigned as the nation's 26th president and a retired major that flew to hell and back 14 times were inducted into the Pentagon's Medal of Honor Hall of Heroes, July 16.

The Medal of Honor is the highest tribute the Army can give to its members. It is something that is never sought after or expected, and it's nothing anyone can train for, said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki during the induction ceremony.

It's been almost 140 years since Cpl. Andrew Smith, 55th Massachusetts Voluntary Infantry, saved his unit's regimental colors after the color bearer was killed in the Civil War during the Battle of Honey Hill, S.C. Although half of the officers and a third of the enlisted engaged in the battle were killed or wounded, Smith continued to expose himself to enemy fire by carrying the colors throughout the battle, Shinseki said.

Smith was represented by his daughter, Carruth Washington who is 95 years old.

It's been 103 years since Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt led the charge up San Juan Hill

through enemy fire over an open countryside. Roosevelt was the first to shoot and kill the enemy, Shinseki said, and that encouraged his men to continue the assault.

Freeman was a captain 36 years ago when he flew nonstop for 14.5 hours delivering water and ammunition and medically evacuating the wounded during enemy fire at Landing Zone X-Ray, Ia Drang Valley, Republic of Vietnam. He provided life-saving evacuation for an estimated 30 seriously wounded soldiers, according to officials.

"It was a long day," Freeman said in a private interview. "It took a toll on me having to take 18 to 19-year-olds into a battle and then turn around and pick them up wounded or in body bags. However, I would've done it until I fell dead myself."

Even though the battles were different, the courage all three men displayed was the same, Shinseki said. There will always be an intangible bond between them - a bond of trust to protect their fellow soldiers, he added.

Freeman was awarded his Medal of Honor earlier that day by President George W. Bush for his valor as a pilot in Vietnam. Smith and Roosevelt received the medals posthumously in January by former president Bill Clinton.



Photo by STAFF SGT. MARCIA TRIGGS

President George W. Bush awards the Medal of Honor to retired Maj. Ed W. Freeman for his valor as a pilot in Vietnam. Freeman flew nonstop for more than 14 hours delivering water and ammunition and evacuating the wounded during enemy fire at Landing Zone X-Ray, in the Ia Drang Valley, Republic of Vietnam. He is credited with saving more than 30 lives by providing medical evacuations. Also on July 16, Freeman was inducted into the Pentagon's Medal of Honor Hall of Fame.

New Army initiative puts families first

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

A program being tested in 17 brigades Armywide offers junior enlisted soldiers the chance to improve their marriages while gaining promotion points.

The new initiative "Building Strong and Ready Families" was pioneered in Hawaii. It's now running at three brigades at Fort Bragg, N.C.; three brigades at Fort Hood, Texas; two brigades at Fort Drum, N.Y.; one brigade at Fort Wainwright and Fort Richardson, Alaska, one brigade at Giebelstadt and Schweinfurt, Germany; and five brigades at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Brigades started implementing the program in May and the trial stage will last until the end of fiscal year 2003. Hopefully by 2004 or 2005 the program will be established in 185 to 215 brigades throughout the Army, said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Glen Bloomstrom, the family ministry officer at the Office of Chief of Army Chaplains.

"Statistics show that about 40 percent of Army couples get a divorce," said Bloomstrom. "Many in the 60 percent are stable but unhappy. Adults and children are at an increased risk for mental and physical problems due to marital distress, and conflicts at home lead to decreased work productivity."

Building Strong and Ready Families is in alignment with the Army's Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki's goal of intertwining soldiers' needs with the Army's needs, focusing on individual aspirations.

"Soldiers come into the military to achieve something. They want to go to school. They want to travel," Bloomstrom said. "They want to serve their country. They aspire to make their marriages work. They don't come in the Army wanting to get a divorce."

Pioneers of the program

The program was started to allow commanders to be 'proactive' to family needs instead of 'reactive', said Chaplain (Maj.) Jonathan McGraw, chief of personnel and research management in the Army's Pacific Chaplains Office.

"Building Strong and Ready Families is led by the chaplains, but it is a commander's program," McGraw said. "The commander has to put it in his organization. He owns it, resources it and gets the soldiers there."

"The commander's interest in a soldier's personal life is a morale builder," Bloomstrom added. "It says to soldiers that, 'you mean something to us.'"

McGraw was one of the chaplains in the Division Artillery, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, who was tasked by the DIVARTY Commander Col. Jose Riojas to develop such a program. It was designed with the assistance of Community Health nurses to encompass marital training, mental

and physical health, referral services and community resources such as Army Family Team Building.

The program integrates so much because the Army has a lot of programs that aren't being maximized, Bloomstrom said. However, those services are needed to achieve the strategic goals of the program.

"Our goal is to increase readiness, retention and recruitment," Bloomstrom said. "What we're offering soldiers are ways to enrich their personal lives, a sense of belonging and pride."

How the program works

The program consists of three levels. The first level is a day of marital training and health assessment. It occurs during a duty day usually at an off-post location. The marital training is based on a Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program, which focuses on communication skills, problem solving and recognizing danger signs, Bloomstrom said.

"PREP is the heart of our marital skills training, and it is discussed at all three levels. We didn't take something out of the air and say let's show a couple of videos and talk about communication. This program is scientifically based," Bloomstrom said.

During health assessment, soldiers construct a genealogical gram that looks to see if there is a family history of tobacco and alcohol abuse, stress or family violence. On the other end of the spectrum the "genogram" looks for a pattern of spirituality, exercise and nutritional habits.

Level two is another day of training focused on PREP, and couples learn more about preventive medicine. The couples have their height and weight taken and they learn how to perform breast and testicular self-examinations.

The session ends with an interview with a community health nurse and they discuss their genograms. If couples want to talk to someone at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Center because of information revealed on their genogram, it's their choice, Bloomstrom said.

"If a soldier is referred to the ADAPC or a check-writing class by his commander, it seems punitive. Even though his chain-of-command is only trying to help. However, if a soldier realizes on his own that this is what he needs, it's his choice, not the commander's," he said.

The second part of level two is Army Family Team Building classes. AFTB is great, but a lot of young people are not interested in attending classes, Bloomstrom said.

Soldiers who complete AFTB and all three levels will get four promotion points.

The final level is a 36-hour weekend retreat that focuses on spiritual growth, commitment, sexuality and friendship.

"It's easier to focus on your marriage and discuss your goals when you're away from home in a relaxing environment. The

weekend retreat and the promotion points are added bonuses to the program, but the success of the program cannot be sold on that," Bloomstrom said. "Soldiers volunteer to participate in the program and their eagerness to participate will come from word-of-mouth."

Bloomstrom added it would severely hurt the program to force soldiers to attend. About 150 couples per brigade will have the opportunity to participate in the program per year, and it appeals to people when not everyone can attend.

He envisions that the program will be so appealing that there will be a waiting list to participate.

Another goal of Bloomstrom is to have hard facts to prove that the pilot programs have improved readiness by the end of fiscal year 2002.

Survey comments from Hawaii

A survey conducted by the Community Health Nurse at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii, showed that between 55 to 78 percent of the people who participated in the program said it improved something in their life, according to Victoria Niederhauser, a health education and promotion researcher at the hospital.

The survey reported that 69 percent of the respondents said the program improved their relationship with their spouse or significant other and 49 percent said it improved their work relations.

"We are in the process of collecting and inputting data collected from an impact study called 'A Comparison of Quality of Life, Soldier and Family Readiness, Re-enlistment and Health Services Utilization Before and After Participation in the Building Strong and Ready Families Program,'" Niederhauser said. "However, at this point I do not have any hard facts, only subjective comments written on evaluation forms."

Implementing the program

There are no hard facts that the program has met its strategic goals, but when Riojas briefed the Army's Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John Keane on the concept, he was so impressed he extended the program Armywide, said Bloomstrom.

Family Life chaplains and an online standard operating procedure give brigade commanders the chance to implement the programs.

"In March we trained all the Family Life chaplains on the program, and they can advise any brigade chaplain who wants to run the program," Bloomstrom said. "They can advise any brigade chaplain that wants to run the program."

Commanders who are not part of the pilot program can fund the program themselves, but Bloomstrom said they should follow the SOP because there is a systematic way of training chaplains to run the program.

APGFCU breaks new ground in Edgewood



Photo by LEO HEPPNER

The ground-breaking team included from left, Bill Securro, president/chief executive officer Harford County Chamber of Commerce, Dave Gilbert, Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union board chairman, Dr. Gunther Hirsch, president, Harford County Council, John Blomquist, APGFCU director, and Don Lewis, president/CEO APGFCU.

By Joyce Covert
APGFCU

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union welcomed county business leaders at a groundbreaking ceremony for their newest branch and operations center April 18. The three-story building, scheduled to open by fall of

2002, will house a full-service branch on the first floor as well as the majority of the credit union's operations. The second and third floors will be occupied by executive and administrative support staff of the credit union.

Representing a partnership between Harford County and

APGFCU, the building is part of the Route 40 Revitalization Project and the enterprise zone.

"The building is important to Harford County because it is an area that could use more development, jobs and industry," said David Gilbert, APGFCU Board of Directors

chairman.

He hopes the credit union can be a good neighbor as well as a partner with the community. The credit union currently serves 4,000 customers in the Edgewood and Joppatowne area.

APGFCU, a not-for-profit member owned cooperative, has served the Harford and Cecil County communities for over 60 years. It is the fourth-largest federally chartered credit union in Maryland, with 70,000 members and locations in Aberdeen, Abingdon, APG, Bel Air, Edgewood, Elkton and Havre de Grace.

Credit union services are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week via telephone and online access.

Membership in APGFCU is open to all military and civilian employees of APG, people employed by business members of the Cecil and Harford County Chambers of Commerce, and other select groups. To see if you qualify for membership, call APGFCU at 410-392-9010 (from Elkton) or 410-272-4000 (from Harford County) or visit our Web site, www.APGFCU.com.

APGFCU elects directors for 2001

By Joyce Covert
APGFCU

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union announced the results of the Board of Directors 2001 election at their annual meeting in April. Barry D. Decker, Windsor L. Jones and Sarah E. Standiford were elected to serve a three-year term on the board. Roger F. Brown was appointed by the Board of Directors to serve a one-year term.

Elected to the board in 1988, Barry Decker has served as treasurer for five years. He has held various committee positions and currently serves as chairman of the Community Involvement Committee. Decker has a master's degree in management and is a retired Army command sergeant major. He is presently employed by the U.S. Army Garrison, APG.

Windsor Jones, current assistant treasurer, serves as chairman of the Technology Committee. He has served on Credit Appeals, Delinquent Loans, Nominating and Human Resources Committees previously. Holding a master's degree in engineering, Jones is employed by the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity on APG as an operations research analyst.

Elected director in 1989, Sarah Standiford currently holds the position of board secretary. Additionally, she serves as chairperson of the Volunteer Recruitment Committee, and is a member of the Human Resources Committee. Retired from APG with 37 years of service, she holds a master's degree in management from Central Michigan University. Currently she is an adjunct chaplain at Johns Hopkins Hospital and has oversight of the Wilson Community Center in Darlington.

Board of directors alternate since 1996, Roger Brown serves on the Human Resources, Community Involvement, and Planning Committees currently. He holds a master's degree in systems management and

a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. A retired Army colonel, Brown is now a director for a prominent local business and performs volunteer work in the local community.

Sports & Recreation

USMC slips past KUSAHC defense, 16-10 Marines take it "one game at a time"

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In an offensive duel that saw nearly every player reach base safely, the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment outlasted Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic 16-10 in seven innings during American Division intramural softball action on July 11.

Led by USMC's Shawn Przygoda, who went 3-4 at the plate and scored the winning run, the Marines overcame shaky pitching in the early innings and a KUSAHC rally for the win.

"That pitcher should never have started," joked USMC coach Tony Camiola who, while serving as pitcher, walked three consecutive players in the second inning.

Camiola replaced himself with Tim Ladakos who closed out the game.

KUSAHC's best outing came during the inning when with the bases loaded and two outs, back-to-back doubles by Gregory Laurence and Bryon Pieper brought in three runs.

Down 9-5 in the fourth inning, KUSAHC coach Steve (C.Z.) Czerwinski said the team is looking better than last year's team.

"We have speed and talent where we were lacking it a year ago," Czerwinski said. "We're more confident and we're happy to be in the running [for the post season]."

Camiola said, "We just need to stick to the basics, collect ourselves and stay in the game."

Going into the seventh inning up 15-8, USMC would get only one insurance run.

Przygoda led off the inning with a grounder up the middle. Val Cantu popped up but failed to move the runner over, then on a sacrifice fly by Kenneth Miller, Przygoda tagged up and made it to second. Michael

Looker followed Miller with a liner to center that brought home USMC's final run.

In the bottom of the inning, KUSAHC was not done fighting. First, Pieper reached first base on a grounder that should have been an out. Derrick Randerson ground out, then Rahman Cosby lined left for a double, driving in Pieper from second. Jeffery Kirk sacrificed the runner to third base then with two outs, C.Z. drove in the game's final run with a line drive to center. Chris Roberts ground out to second to end the game.

C.Z. said the difference in the game was that USMC "hit the hole more than we did."

"We played well and made fewer errors," he added.

KUSAHC travels to Fort Hood, Texas in August for the U.S. Army Medical Command Softball Tournament, where they will compete against teams from the U.S., Germany, Korea and Hawaii.

Pleased with the win, Camiola said that although the team was not as consistent as usual, he still liked their chances for the post season.

"We're not a home run hitting team but that doesn't mean we're not dangerous," Camiola said. "Fundamentals what wins championships."

Przygoda, the team's third baseman agreed.

"We've got a good team that's coming together," Przygoda said.

Having played intramural softball, soccer and volleyball since he came to APG 18 months ago, Przygoda had a hand in helping USMC to its first Commander's Cup trophy last year.

"If you're having fun, you must be doing something right," Przygoda said.



Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's Steve (C.Z.) Czerwinski trots home after a bases-loaded double by teammate Gregory Laurence. U.S. Marine Corps catcher Jeremy Lesuiska awaits the throw as umpire John Haker keeps an eye on the action. KUSAHC fell to USMC, 16-10, despite an impressive offensive showing.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Umpire John Haker and Kirk, U.S. Army Health Clinic catcher Eugenia Kern watch as the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment's Michael Looker launches one into center field for a run-scoring triple during the second inning of their July 11 matchup. USMC prevailed, 16-10, to maintain its hold on second place in the American Division.

Softball Update

The following results were reported for intramural softball for the week ending July 13.

American Division Results

July 9
USMC, 9; NCOA, 7
HHC 143rd, 22; HHC 61st, 14
HHC 16th, 22; KUSAHC, 10
July 11
USMC, 16; KUSAHC, 10

Schedule

Field No. 2
July 23
6:30 p.m., USMC vs. HHC 61st
7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 16th
8:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. KUSAHC
July 25
Field No. 1
6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. HHC 143rd
7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. USMC
8:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. HHC 16th

Standings

HHC 16th	7-0
USMC	6-1
KUSAHC	4-3
HHC 143rd	3-4
NCOA	3-4
HHC 61st	1-6

National Division Results

USAF, 19; USMC, 4
Company C 16th, 15;
Company A 16th, 13

Schedule

Field No. 1
6:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. USMC
7:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company E 16th
July 25

Field No. 2

6:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. Company C 16th
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. USAF

Standings

USAF	5-0
Company E 16th	4-0
Company C 16th	4-2
USMC	1-5
Company A 16th	1-5
Company B 16th	1-5

Edgewood Division Results

July 9
Company B 143rd, 12; SBCCOM, 10
Company A 143rd, 14; CHPPM, 11
Company C 143rd, 12; 520th TAML, 11
July 11
Company B 143rd, 15; 520th TAML, 5
Company C 143rd, 10; CHPPM, 4

Schedules

July 23
6:30 p.m., 520th TAML vs. SBCCOM
7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. Company C 143rd
8:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. CHPPM
July 25
6:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. 520th TAML
7:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. Company A 143rd
8:30 p.m., SBCCOM vs. Company B 143rd

Standings

SBCCOM	7-1
Company B 143rd	7-1
Company C 143rd	4-3
Company A 143rd	3-6
CHPPM	1-6
520th TAML	1-6

Boating safety starts with staying sober

In a society where drinking and driving is socially unacceptable, it is ironic that setting sail with a boatload of booze is still considered appropriate by many people.

According to the National Transportation Safety Board, recreational boating is second only to highway transportation in the number of fatalities that occur every year, and it is estimated alcohol is involved in at least half of all boating accidents.

The 70 million people who enjoy recreational boating each year often forget alcohol has the same effect on them whether they are operating a car or a boat. When a person is drinking, the brain's ability to process information slows. Reaction times are longer in situations that demand immediate response.

On land, people often designate a driver who does not drink for the evening. Everyone who consumes alcohol on a boat is at risk, because when the boat's motion is coupled with reduced coordination, people

can fall overboard.

Three functions are impaired when a person is drinking and boating:

- Judgment: - The ability to make decisions quickly, particularly in high risk situations, is

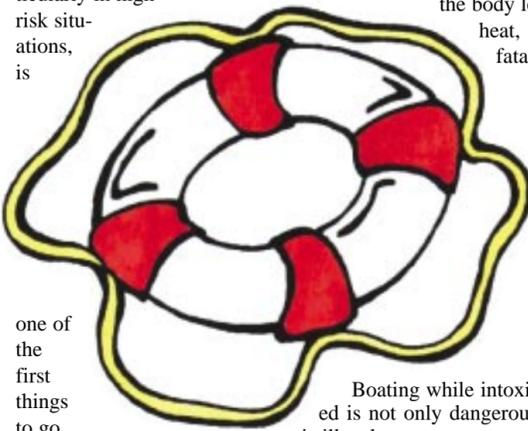
one of the first things to go.

For decisions such as avoiding swimmers or objects in the water, the wrong choice can be fatal.

- Balance - An attack of dizziness or a misstep can lead to disaster. Most boating deaths occur when people

fall out of boats, or land in the water when the boat capsizes.

- Hypothermia. - Alcohol gives a false sense of warmth. In reality it can help the body lose heat, fatally.



Boating while intoxicated is not only dangerous, it is illegal.

At the end of 1988, thirty states had set a blood alcohol standard for boating, with stiff penalties. Random spot checks have been set up on some lakes and rivers.

The National Safety Council recommends that

recreational boaters follow these rules:

- Don't drink and boat.
- Wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device, or life jacket, as protection if you do slip overboard.
- Check the weather and water forecasts before leaving shore.
- Limit the number of passengers in a small boat.

There might be seating for four, but the capacity might be for two or three. Check the capacity plate.

- Have visual distress devices approved by the Coast Guard.
- Use the 'one-third rule' of fuel management: one-third of the fuel to go, one-third to get back, and one-third for reserve.
- Tell someone where you're going, and when you'll be back.

To make boating safe and fun, call 1-800-336-BOAT to sign up for a free course near your home.

Boating fatalities linked to unstable, small boats

The small boats often used in fishing, hunting and day cruising tend to be unstable, making them easy to swamp or capsize, or tip enough to send a standing boater into the water, the leading cause of boating fatalities.

Standing in a small boat raises its center of gravity, which increases its instability. Many sportsmen in particular have fallen overboard when they stood up to cast a line, land a catch or answer nature's call.

The National Safe Boating Council points out that modern outboard boats have a capacity plate that indicates the maximum safe outboard horsepower and carrying capacity of a boat.

A boat's capacity includes the combined weight of passen-

gers, outboard and other equipment. The number of seats in a boat is not a measure of its capacity. All weight should be distributed evenly within the boat.

If a boat is overloaded, it has little freeboard (the distance from the waterline to the top edge of the boat), which makes it more likely to tip or for water to come in over the edge.

If the boat does tip, stay with it. Most boats today have flotation, and will remain afloat if they are tipped. Boaters who fall in should stay calm, get back in the boat or climb onto the top if it has overturned, and wait for help.

New equipment renders return on investment after two tests



Photo by ERIKA JORDAN

The Bridge Crossing Simulator is designed to simulate loads applied to bridges by wheeled and tracked vehicles without actually putting a vehicle onto the bridge. To simulate the crossing of a 25-foot M1 tank weighing 140,000 pounds, a computer programmer loads the data specific to this vehicle into the BCS computer system. This information is utilized by the BCS to allow the computer-controlled system of hydraulic actuators to apply the predetermined loads to the top of a bridge in a timed sequence, simulating the forces applied by rolling a vehicle across a bridge. The simulator allows extensive bridge durability tests to be conducted quicker and more economically than by repeatedly crossing with military vehicles. The BCS is capable of testing bridges up to 42 meters long.

By Fay Walker Banker
ATC

Col. Andrew G. Ellis, commander, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, welcomed more than 125 guests to an official ceremony opening the state-of-the-art Bridge Crossing Simulator in June.

He thanked Jeffrey Hamel, deputy project manager, Heavy Tactical Vehicles, Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, for taking time out of his busy schedule to speak at the ceremony.

Hamel addressed the cost savings and future of bridge simulator testing.

"This equipment offers a great opportunity to dynamically test a bridge to its limit without endangering drivers or equipment," Hamel said. "The cost of doing business this way is a 90 percent savings over the current method. I believe this Bridge Crossing Simulator is going to be an integral part of all of our future technical bridge testing."

Among the guests were Walter W. Hollis, deputy under secretary of the Army (Operations Research), Dr. Gunther Hirsch, president,

Harford County Council, Doug Wilson, mayor of Aberdeen, Cecilia Stepp, Harford County Council, Dr. John Foulkes, Test and Evaluation Management Agency; Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command and employees of ATC.

Ellis presented Commander's Awards to Pat Castaldo, Steve Donnelly, Don Gilbert and Bobby Graybeal, ATC, and Floyd Wadsworth, DTC, for their contributions toward making this unique simulator a reality.

"This ceremony signifies the teamwork and foresight of the program manager, Heavy Tactical Vehicles, TACOM, the U.S. Army Engineer School and employees at DTC and ATC who worked together to support the construction of this simulator," Ellis said. "It represents the culmination of years of effort to bring to the Army a unique and valuable testing tool. This is truly a great day for ATC and the U. S. Army."

Ellis then went on to describe the cost savings to be realized by this new state of the art technology.

"Bridge durability tests utilizing the Abrams M1 tank cost about \$217 per crossing, but with the BCS, testing costs will be reduced to \$13 per crossing," Ellis said. "The return on investment analysis indicates that at the estimated savings rate per crossing, this new technology will pay for itself well within two durability tests."

Standard durability testing of military bridging requires thousands of vehicular crossings, a lengthy and expensive process. The BCS will significantly reduce bridging durability testing time and costs.

Experience has shown that the greatest risk to the bridging programs and the majority of failures have been fatigue-related failures due to repeated loads and loading conditions. The BCS is designed to reduce programmatic risk by identifying the fatigue prone areas of the bridge thereby helping to establish a means by which innovative, effective, and reliable designs can be proofed in less time.

The BCS takes full advantage of available industry technology enabling precise control of the actuators in a manner that duplicates the

stress of rolling loads produced by various vehicles. The hydraulic actuators apply loads on the bridge that mimic the loads of vehicles at any position on the bridge. This is achieved by reproducing the bending stress that the bridge experiences during actual vehicle crossings. The appropriate bending stress can be determined theoretically, or more precisely by collecting strain measurements during actual vehicle crossings and then controlling those strains with a sequence of loads applied through hydraulic actuators.

The BCS configuration will accommodate up to 42-meter bridges and is easily adaptable to accommodate unanticipated bridge designs of the future.

"The Bridge Crossing Simulator is truly a major enhancement to our simulation capabilities — a key component of our virtual proving ground concept for the Army of the future," said Ertwine. "Today is yet another landmark for ATC."

ATC welcomes Brown as new commander

ATC COMMAND, from front page

United States of America signed by Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

"Col. Drew Ellis has exhibited outstanding leadership qualities throughout his 27 years of military service," Ertwine said. "He has been a role model for others to emulate."

Ertwine also presented the Department of the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal to Judy Kinshaw-Ellis for her 18 years of support to APG, other Army installations, local communities, and family members, in addition to a DA Certificate of Appreciation signed by Shinseki.

In passing the award to her, Ertwine stated, "Judy, I want to sincerely thank you for your many years of service to the Army community. You are a truly concerned and caring human being — and you have touched many lives."

After Ertwine wished the Ellises the very best in the next phase of their lives, thanking them for all they did for the soldiers and their families, Ellis spoke of his years with ATC.

"I have had some great jobs but the best by far has been as commander of ATC," Ellis said. "I have been proud to be ATC's commander for the past three years. And it has been a soldier's dream come true — I know many of my contemporaries who are envious."

"I want to thank ATC for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of this unique organization," he said. "The Army is heading into exciting times — times of great change, and ATC will be in the thick of it. Mary, I really do envy you and I hope you have as much fun as I have had as ATC's leader."

Brown thanked Ellis for his 27 years of superb service to the Army and country, her husband, Mark, for his unwavering support, her in-laws for raising such a wonderful son, members of the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), the Color Guard and the soldiers from

the 16th Ordnance Battalion. She complimented the outstanding professionals of ATC for the warm welcome she received, and all who worked hard to put the ceremony together.

"Retired Col. Rick Bailer made sure I knew how fortunate I was to be assigned as ATC's leader," Brown said. "ATC's contributions to the Army's readiness and capabilities are countless."

"I pledge to you that I'll use almost every waking hour trying to ensure that ATC's contributions remain in the forefront of the Army transformation. ATC will be the conscience of the Army's acquisition process ensuring that the current-day holders of the legacy will receive transformation equipment that has been proven to work right — the first time — every time," she said. "Our soldiers deserve nothing less than that."

Prior to joining ATC, Brown was assigned to the Office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization in the Edgewood Area of APG.

She received a bachelor of business administration in accounting from Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y., and a master of science in business administration from Boston University. Brown was commissioned in the Army in 1977 through the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Brown is a graduate of the Ordnance Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, Army Management Staff College, the Advanced Program Management Course of the Defense Systems Management College, the Senior Service College and the Army War College. She is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level III certified in contracting, and a National Contract Management Association certified professional contracts manager.

She is married to Col. R. Mark Brown, a native of Macon, Ga., and currently the commander of the Defense Contracting Management Agency in Baltimore.

ChalleNGe Academy recognizes Johnson

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cation alternative to high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 18. The primary objective of the program is to prepare enrollees for the General Education Development examination. After successfully completing the program, graduates receive an additional year of intensive mentoring to aid in adjustment to employment and follow-on education.

Martin said that Johnson was nominated for the award because she faithfully covers important aspects of each class, including inprocessing, graduation, and 'TAG' or adjutant general day, takes photographs, conducts interviews, and sees to it that what she writes receives prominent placement in the installation newspaper. Johnson's Maryland National Guard award was based on an induction story published in this year's Feb. 1 edition of the APG News.

Martin said he nominated Johnson because of the recognition she brings to the academy through her stories, but also because of her friendly, caring attitude.

"She's positive, warm, outgoing and enthusiastic," Martin said. "She's not just covering a story or stating facts, she really gets into what's going on."

Martin said that Johnson's caring attitude and superb writing ability make a winning combination.

After the National Guard presentation, Johnson received a Keith L. Ware award on behalf of the Army Materiel Command from Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

The Ware awards were created in 1970 and named in honor of a former Army Chief of Public Affairs Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware, a Medal of Honor recipient who was killed in Vietnam in 1968. The military journalism awards honor those whose contributions to military newspapers are deemed exceptional. Johnson received second place in the contractor writing category.

Spidel also presented an additional Ware award to the APG News. The paper's staff, consisting of Debi Horne, editor, Marguerite Towson, editorial assistant, contract staff writers Johnson and Sheila Little, and Diane Burrier, graphic artist, received a first place Keith L. Ware award recognizing them as the top civilian enterprise newspaper (metro) in the U.S. Army Materiel Command level of the competition.

Referring to the Keith L. Ware award received by Johnson, Martin said he was pleased that the ChalleNGe Academy is not the only organization which recognizes excellence.

This is the first time the Maryland National Guard has bestowed their print media award upon a member of the APG News team, and the first Keith L. Ware contractor award for Johnson.

(Editor's note: At the same ceremony, Little and the APG News received certificates of appreciation from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine for her article, *Take Your Child to Work Day*, published May 10.)

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Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, transfers U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center command authority to Col. Mary K. Brown, ATC's new commander. From the left, members of the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course Color Guard, Sgts. 1st Class Detroit Evans, Franklin Jordan, Rinza Burton, Luther Higdon and William Horton; Staff Sgt. Bruce E. Neyens, ATC's senior noncommissioned officer; Brown, Ertwine and Col. Andrew G. Ellis, ATC's outgoing commander.

