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POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, July 11, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

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 the 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.

Youth center opens playground to post residents

The Edgewood Area Youth Services Center playground is now available for use by post housing residents. The playground, located adjacent to the Edgewood Area Youth Center, will open to the community after the youth center activities are finished for the day, normally after 5 p.m. The area features a large climbing apparatus and sliding board.

The apparatus is designed to be used by older children, ages 6 through 12. An adult must supervise children who use this equipment if they are younger than 10 years old. It is not safe for children under the age of 6 to use this equipment.

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Training exercise emphasizes cooperation



By E. C. Starnes
OC&S

It was business as usual as soldiers working in building 5212 went about their training tasks on the Bradley Fighting Vehicle. At 9:41 a.m. the calm was shattered by the thunderclap of a hidden bomb. Chemicals and smoke filled the air. A 911 call was immediately placed from a nearby building as the moans and cries of the wounded began to fill the air.

Arriving on the scene, Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire Department crews came upon smoke billowing from the front of the building. Confused and injured soldiers also confronted them as they donned their turnout gear, masks and self-contained breathing equipment. They made their way cautiously toward the open bay door. An ambulance crew was staged just down the street waiting for the area to be cleared so they could move in and aid the injured. Instructors were inside, treating the wounded as best they could. Teams of soldiers and firefighters began to move the wounded outside where they could be treated without danger of contamination from the chemicals spread about the floor and from the vehicles. As the wounded were treated, firemen sprayed some of the victims to cleanse them of chemicals. Friends of the wounded arrived to see to their friends, but were calmly moved from the scene.

It was one of the worst disasters on APG since the ammunition plant fire during World War II . . . but it wasn't real. The explosion was an artillery simulator and the smoke came from smoke bombs. The white, powdery "chemicals" strewn about were safe and non-toxic.

The early morning attack was a test of the ability of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and APG Garrison to react to a mass casualty incident.

As the drill progressed, a team of evaluators walked through the area with clipboards and pens in hand to record the actions of all the players.

"This is something that is required by U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command," explained Keith Katz, safety and environmental manager at OC&S.

He was referring to the TRADOC Medical Support to Training Policy signed by Gen. John N. Abrams on Dec. 19, 1999. School commandants and installation commanders are required to test their response procedures annually.

Katz said that he thought the exercise went well.

"It's the first of its kind here and we tested our system that we put in place over the past seven months," said Katz. "During the exercise we identified areas for fine tuning and improved communications."

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Aberdeen Proving Ground firefighters and emergency medical support personnel join U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools instructors as they care for the "wounded" during a mock attack on building 5212. The attack was a training exercise to test OC&S and APG medical support response to a mass casualty incident.

Photo by E. C. STARNES

Seven honored in post retirement ceremony

By E. C. Starnes
OC&S

Soldiers from the 16th Ordnance Battalion stood ramrod stiff and joined the 389th U.S. Army Band (AMC's Own) in honoring seven individuals during the Post Retirement Ceremony, June 26.

"Today we are here to celebrate the honorable service of seven people who have played roles in making our Army what it is today," said Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, Army Chief of Ordnance and host of the ceremony. "And we celebrate the fact that they have also contributed in many ways to the Army we will have tomorrow."

The general added that the retirees served the nation for a total of 185 years, with careers running from 20 years to 35 years.

"They came to the Army by many routes — some as civilian employees directly to Aberdeen Proving Ground; some from work with other federal agencies such

as the Social Security Administration and the U.S. Air Force; and others for advanced individual training and subsequent assignments," Stevenson said. "Each has a unique reason for being here; each has a unique experience from their service to this nation; and each has made many unique contributions to our Army and our Nation."

He called the retirees unsung heroes.

"Brodo, Gray, Henry, Coen, Hall, Lee and Wagner may not have their names carved in stone to pay tribute to what they have done for our Army," he said. "But their hard work, their devotion to the work they did, and their loyalty to this nation is etched in the hearts and the memories of those soldiers and fellow workers that they touched as mentors, as professional role models, as co-workers and as friends. These are their memorials, and the young soldiers

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Photo by E. C. STARNES

Seven retirees and their spouses stand in a place of honor to receive their awards during a post retirement ceremony at Ordnance Circle, hosted by Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, chief of Ordnance, who referred to the retirees as "unsung heroes" for their 185 years of dedicated service.

Garrison soldiers bid farewell to Johnston



Photo courtesy APG PHOTO LAB

Capt. Hugh D. Shoults, right, incoming commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison's Headquarters Support Troop, marches with HST 1st Sgt. Clarence Ward during the unit change of command ceremony at Top of the Bay. Shoults assumed command of the unit from Maj. Clifton R. Johnston, who is headed to the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

On a sun-drenched patio overlooking the Chesapeake, the soldiers of Aberdeen Proving Ground's Garrison Headquarters Support Troop gathered to bid farewell to one commander and welcome a new one during a change of command ceremony on June 18.

Capt. Hugh D. Shoults assumed command of the unit from Maj. Clifton R. Johnston who, after two years on APG, is headed to the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, led the official party in hailing Johnston and his wife, Vicki, and welcoming Shoults and his wife, Jennifer, to APG.

Spidel highlighted Johnston's many accomplishments as HST commander noting his leadership of the unit, the installation's Army Emergency Relief campaigns and his coordination of the partnership

signing ceremony linking APG with the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada in Reston, Va.

"He met the challenge of command and succeeded wonderfully while commanding a unit of officers, lawyers and military police," Spidel said. "He deserves all the kudos he gets."

Spidel welcomed Shoults, noting his credentials as a chemical officer in the Gulf War during Operation Desert Shield/Storm with the 82nd Airborne Division.

"We look for he and his wife to take us to even greater heights," Spidel said.

He added that "the two officers reflect the transforming Army as celebrated during the Army Birthday Review" the previous week.

The troop's 1st Sgt. Clarence Ward assisted Spidel in the ceremonial passing of the colors between Johnston and Shoults, the ritual representing the exchange

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Country concert on schedule for Aug. 18

By Sheila Little
APG News

Country music fans of all ages are gearing up for the annual country concert, scheduled to take place under the stars on Shine Sports Field, Aug. 18. Headliner John Michael Montgomery shares the stage with Diamond Rio and opening act Tim Rushlow

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Photo courtesy of www.timrushlow.com

POST SHORTS

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a modern playground facility for residents' use at this time. When funding becomes available, equipment will be purchased for the younger children. It is not anticipated that this will happen until late fall.

Parents should ensure that their children approach the playground by crossing the street at the marked crosswalk. Parents are responsible for making sure that the equipment is not abused and that the area is kept free of litter.

For more information, call Carlos Phillips, director of the Edgewood Area Youth Center, 410-436-2862.

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 will be 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 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.

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.

KUSAHC offers classes

The **Take Care of Yourself** class will be held the first and third Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Preventive Medicine conference room located on the first floor of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All patients enrolled in TRICARE Prime are eligible to attend the class. The purpose of the class is to teach patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home and when to see a doctor. The class will be instructed by a registered nurse using the Take Care of Yourself and Taking Care of Your Child handbooks distributed to TRICARE Prime enrollees.

Attendees will receive a Medicine Cabinet Card which will allow them to request specific over-the-counter medications without having to see a Primary Care Provider. This education class and pharmacy privilege is limited to TRICARE Prime enrollees only.

Added note: If an individual has attended this class at another military medical facility, it must be retaken at KUSAHC in order to draw medications from the pharmacy.

To sign up for this class, call 410-278-1725.

Lunchtime **tobacco cessation classes** are scheduled for four consecutive Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m., July 5, 12, 19 and 26 in the preventive medicine conference room (Room A-12) at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All military beneficiaries are invited to attend. For more information and to register for the first class, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Diabetes Education Classes, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems, will be held in four two-hour sessions for all diabetics enrolled in TRICARE. Classes are scheduled 6 to 8 p.m. July 10, 17, 24 and 31. Participants must attend the first class on July 10.

The classes will be held in the Preventive Medicine Conference Room (room A-12), Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All TRICARE enrolled individuals with a recent or long-term diagnosis of diabetes or parents or sponsor(s) of a diabetic child should consider attending.

For more information or to schedule for the first class, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964 or 410-278-1774.

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

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Career workshop for teens

The Army Community Service Family Member Employment Assistance Program will sponsor a Career Search Workshop for youths ages 13 to 18, July 9 and 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.

Siren testing rescheduled for July 11

Siren testing in July will be held the second Wednesday, July 11, instead of the first Wednesday of the month, July 4, which is the Independence Day holiday.

The sirens, part of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, are located in six APG locations and nine locations in southern Harford County to help emergency managers provide maximum protection to the public near the Edgewood Area.

For more information, call Linda Nogle, APG Emergency Operations Center, 410-278-5225.

Shared access to military treatment facilities

To better serve beneficiaries, the National Capital Area of the North Atlantic Medical Command will transition to a Single Host Platform Composite Health Care System, or CHCS.

This means that CHCS will share access to the Navy and Air Force CHCS and your provider at other military treatment facilities. This transition will occur Aug. 1 to 5.

During this period the pharmacy at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be without CHCS. The ability to process prescriptions, new and refills, will be extremely limited. If medication refills are needed during this period, call them in at least 72 hours prior to Aug. 1. If an emergency refill is needed during this period, bring the empty container to the pharmacy so that service may be expedited.

For more information, contact the chief of Pharmacy Services, 410-278-1939, or the pharmacy health systems specialist, 410-278-1946.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield service visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has arranged for a claim representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground on Tuesday, July 10, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will be available from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room B-14 (lower level).

The representative will be available in the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

ACS offers Employment Readiness Workshop

By popular demand, the Army Community Service, Career Focus Center will sponsor another Employment Readiness Workshop from July 16 to 18, 9 a.m. to noon, building 2752, Rodman Road.

The workshop will prepare individuals for job interviews; teach how to avoid the usual (and some unusual) pitfalls when interviewing for a job; teach how to prepare a resume, including key words to place in the resume; search for hidden job markets and write a letter of transmittal and introduction to respond to an advertisement.

The workshop will be taught by Edward Kreiner Sr., a retired U.S. Navy officer and corporate executive of numerous national corporations. Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to allow their personnel the opportunity to attend the workshop.

To register for this free workshop, call Marilyn Howard, employment manager, ACS, 410-278-9669, or fax 410-278-9685. Participants must attend all three days to receive a Certificate of Attendance from Harford Community College.

Participants needed for ARL study on human hearing

The Auditory Research Team at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory will conduct an outdoor field study at Aberdeen Proving Ground on sound detection and distance estimation through July. Listeners need to be 18 to 25 years of age and not afraid of field elements such as flies, bees, ticks, beetles, etc. The total listening time will be about 4 hours. Each listener will be paid \$50 for participating.

Interested volunteers should contact Kim Fluitt, 410-278-5850, or E-mail: kfluitt@arl.army.mil, or Martha Dennison, 410-278-5918, or E-mail: mjdennis@arl.army.mil

EEO Office seeks special emphasis program representatives

The Black Employment Program Manager is recruiting civilian and military personnel in all grade levels to be representatives on the Black Employment Program committee. This committee is open to all regardless of sex, race, disability, color, religion, age or national origin.

For information, contact Penny White, 410-278-7074.

Military Vehicle Preservation Association convention

Fort Lee, Va., will be the site of the 25th Anniversary International Convention of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association July 18 to 21.

Convention displays will be set up along A Avenue from the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum east to the Post Fieldhouse at 16th Street. Living history displays, Civil War to Vietnam, will be along the way leading to a 15-acre swap meet area.

Restored historic military vehicles ranging from bicycles, jeeps, trucks and armor from all eras, pre-WWII to Desert Storm, will be on display.

In addition to association members' vehicles, the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps, U.S. Army Reserve, Virginia National Guard and several defense contractors will provide mission and equipment displays.

The entire convention site is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. There is a requested donation of \$5 per person with children under 12 at no charge. Tickets are available at the Association Headquarters' tent located on the corner of 19th Street and A Avenue.

For more information and to coordinate your visit and entrance to the convention, call Joy C. Whitmore, media relations officer, 804-734-4558, or visit the Public Affairs Office Homepage, www.lee.army.mil/pao.

Within your reach

Get answers about how the Army is safely eliminating the mustard agent stockpile stored at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. For information, call or visit the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 1011B Woodbridge, Center Way, Edgewood, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 410-676-6800, or visit Web site www-pmcd.apgea.army.mil.

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.

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A LITTLE ARMY OF ONE



Photo by DAVE BURDICK

"I am already an Army of One," says 4-year old Shane DeFries during a recent visit to the Janet M. Barr Soldier Support Center. DeFries is the nephew of DeAnna Sampson, a civilian employee of the Defense Military Pay Office - Aberdeen. According to his mother, Shelley DeFries, Shane is well into planning his military career and practically lives in his uniform, allowing her to launder it only when he is sleeping. Shane was visiting his aunt at her office when this photo was taken. The DeFries live in Bel Air.

ChalleNGe Academy graduates 75 youths

Class garners \$15,000 in scholarships, bonds

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Five months ago, they were "at-risk" youths facing a future of life on the streets and minimum wage jobs.

Today, they are shining examples of the benefits of tough love and hard work.

Seventy-five cadets from the Maryland National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Academy's Military Youth Corps were awarded diplomas from the rugged 22-week self-improvement course during the academy's commencement program held June 23 at the Post Theater.

The academy offers a second chance for high school dropouts to earn graduate education diplomas and learn employment and life skills through a structured military-style resident program.

Led by academy director Chaplain (Maj.) Ron Martin-Minnich, a packed house of family members, distinguished guests, cadre and supporters watched as the graduates garnered \$15,000 in scholarships and savings bonds from local colleges, and veteran and public service organizations.

"Nothing has fulfilled me and made my life as complete as seeing the youth of this academy walk across this stage," Martin-Minnich told the audience.

"They are somebody, because God doesn't make junk," he added as the cadets roared in agreement.

A host of military and political leaders were on hand to witness the cadets' passage and to present awards. They included Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Maj. Gen. James F. Fretterd, Maryland Adjutant General; Brig. Gen. Warren I. Sumpter, assistant adjutant general, Maryland National Guard; Brig. Gen. Charles Morgan III, chief of staff, Maryland Air National Guard; Brig. Gen. Carol Briscoe, deputy adjutant general and director of finance and administration, Maryland National Guard; Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander and Col. Barbaranette Bolden, chief of staff, District of Columbia National Guard.

Also on hand were Maryland Senator Robert J. Hooper and Maryland Delegate B. Daniel Riley.

The program's special guest was Lenny Moore, a former National Football League player with the Baltimore Colts.

Fretterd said he was honored to recognize the "outstanding young men and women who overcome fear and anxiety" to successfully complete the course.

"You confronted a large dose of tough love, physical and academic demands," Fretterd said.

"You set goals and accomplished them. Never let it rest, till the good gets better and the better gets best," he added.

Fretterd recognized the academy's staff, cadre, advisors and mentors and noted the class's accomplishments which included a second place finish in the road march at the invitational drill team competitions in South Carolina in April and participation in the AIDS Run and the Aberdeen Armed Forces Day Parade. They also supported the Harford County YMCAs and helped restore the Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Baltimore.

"You have a great start in this journey called life," he told the cadets. "Good luck and God-speed."

In his keynote address, Moore

cautioned the cadets' parents to "never give up on your child."

"Around the corner could be a light that they will never see if they don't turn that corner," Moore said.

Recalling the death of his son in January, who successfully battled an addiction to drugs years before, Moore added, "every child is born with potential. There is something inside of you that is now ready to be released.

"You have developed the sight within yourselves to envision what you can become," he said. "Your potential will take you around the corner you were blind to."

Before the presentation of awards, Martin-Minnich thanked the 229th Maryland Army National Guard Band for providing the music, and Sgt. Kermit Bond and Sara Jolley for leading the graduates and staff into the ceremony.

The following graduates received individual awards from the organizations listed:

Cadet Paul Anderson, \$4,000 scholarship, Harford Community College;

Cadet Chaz Stripling, \$1,000 scholarship, Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Advisory Council;

Cadet Ronald Olajide, \$500 scholarship, Rotary Club of Towson;

Cadet Kyle Berry, \$500 scholarship, Maryland National Guard Foundation;

Cadet Sarah Hiteshaw, \$300 scholarship, Rotary Club of Middle River;

Cadet Christopher Cole, \$500 scholarship, National Guard Association;

Cadet Danielle Hohman, \$500 scholarship, Col. Vernon A. Sevier honorary award;

Cadet Jason Roland, \$500 scholarship, Harford County District No. 34;

Cadet Nathaniel Hawkins, \$200 scholarship, Harford County Family YMCA;

Cadet Jody Roles, \$250 scholarship, Maryland National Guard Family Association;

Cadet Darren Mattison, \$250 scholarship, Maryland Senator Robert J. Hooper;

Cadet Shea Ridgell, superior academic achievement, \$500 savings bond;

Cadets Paulette McKinney and Pierre-Yves Piquion, physical fitness award, \$500 savings bond;

Cadet Adrain Westfield, cadet of the cycle award, \$1,000 savings bond;

Cadets Richard Crosby and Brandon Burnette, most improved award, \$500 savings bond;

Cadet Brandon Burnette, leadership award, \$500 savings bond;

Cadets David Daniels and Monica Estrada, \$100 savings bond, the Rivera Family;

Cadets Terre Holland and Thomaze Osborne, \$100 school savings bond, Columbia Driving;

Cadet Anthony Williams, \$100 savings bond, Maryland National Guard Historical Society;

Cadets Kendra Tilghman and Keonda Washington, \$100 savings bonds, Towson United Methodist Church Women;

Cadet Tiara Williams, \$100 savings bond, Ruth E. Ferger Memorial Cancer Fund;

Cadets Michael Tucker, Thomaze Osborne, Terre Holland and Christopher Cole, \$50 savings bond, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity;

Cadets Anthony Williams and April Albanese, \$100 savings bond, Military Order of World

Wars, Department of Maryland;

Cadets Jon Webster, Shea Ridgell and Steven Belcher, \$100 savings bond, VFW Post No.10028 and Women's Army Corps Veteran Association Chapter No. 70;

Cadets Jason Roland, Terre Holland, Danielle Hohman, Adrain Westfield and Nathaniel Hawkins, \$100 savings bond, American Legion Post No. 128;

Cadets Pierre-Yves Piquion and Paulette McKinney, \$50 savings bond, Baltimore Oriole Advocates;

Cadets Michael Tucker, Deanne Williams and Anthony Williams, Military Order of Foreign Wars Cadet Leadership Award; and

Cadets Kendra Tilghman, Jody Roles, Sarah Hiteshaw, Jelani Winter, Terre Holland and Jon Webster, Silver Wing awards, Maryland Chapter of Silver Wings.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Lenny Moore, a former National Football League player with the old Baltimore Colts, tells military youth corps cadets they are number one, following his keynote address at the Maryland National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Academy commencement in the Post Theater on June 23. Col. Barbaranette Bolden, chief of staff, District of Columbia National Guard joins the applause with Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.



From left, military youth corps cadets Sarah Hiteshaw, 16 and Danielle Hohman, 17, await the awards portion of the graduation ceremony. The two received \$900 of the \$15,000 awarded to course graduates in the form of scholarships and savings bonds from local, state and federal organizations.



Col. Richard E. Young, center, Freestate ChalleNGe Academy deputy director, stands with cadets, from left, Michael Tucker, Thomaze Osborne, Terre Holland and Christopher Cole, after presenting them \$50 savings bonds from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



Maryland Senator Robert J. Hooper awards a \$250 scholarship to Cadet Darren Mattison.

Community Action Council meeting addresses APG gas pricing procedures, summer concerts, playground use

By Sheila Little
APG News

A meeting of the Community Action Council was held in the Conference Room of Garrison Headquarters, building 305, June 21. Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, presided over the meeting, which covered gas prices, summer concerts, appliance maintenance and farewells.

New services and gas prices

Steve Bielefeldt, manager of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Main Exchange, announced that several convenience stores will open in building 4311. He said an automatic teller machine has been approved and is up and running in the area of building 4311, and a shoe repair should open in the location within 30 days. A small troop store is also under consideration.

Addressing the price of gasoline on post, Bielefeldt said seven local gasoline stations within a 5-mile radius, offering the same services as are offered at the post stations, are surveyed before the price is set. ("Cash only" stations are not surveyed, because they don't take credit purchases.) When prices are particularly volatile, as is the case now, surveys are conducted every day. Otherwise, they are conducted three to four times per week. Then, the price of gas on the installation is set to reflect the lowest price found in the surrounding area. Generally, the local gasoline stations in Aberdeen offer gas at cheaper prices than in Edgewood, so Aberdeen Area gasoline is often cheaper than Edgewood Area gasoline.

Concert update

Roy Ballinger, director of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, reported that the classic Rock Concert held June 16 was a success despite the uncooperative weather. The 2001 Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert is scheduled for August 18, featuring John Michael Montgomery, Diamond Rio and Tim Rushlow. Tickets are available at 410-278-4011, for \$20 in advance, or call Ticketmaster at 1-800-551-

SEAT. The price is \$25 at the gate. Volunteers are needed and receive valuable perks by doing so. Call 410-278-4402 to volunteer.

"We continue to work on scheduling additional concerts," Ballinger said.

Youth Services playground opens in EA

Ballinger also said that use of the Edgewood Area Youth Services playground by neighborhood children when the YS is not using it, is now approved. The playground opened July 2 for children ages six through 12. A responsible adult must supervise children using the equipment if they are between the ages of six and 10. Ballinger reminds neighborhood residents that the equipment is not safe for children under the age of six. When funding becomes available, equipment will be added for younger children, who also must be under the supervision of an adult when using it. Funding for such equipment is not expected until fall, at the earliest. Residents are reminded that they should ensure that the playground equipment is not abused, and the area is kept litter-free.

Several safety issues surfaced concerning summer activities and weather. In addition to addressing thunderstorm concerns and water safety, speeding through the housing areas is a continual concern. Safety tips while on the water or during a thunderstorm will appear in upcoming issues. Speeding in the housing areas is best addressed by residents making note of the speeders or the time of day that the majority of speeding occurs, and reporting it to the military police for appropriate action.

Housing

Lt. Col. Thomas Kuchar, director of the Directorate of Public Works, said there is a backlog on fixing air conditioners. Residents are reminded that those who have proper documentation of medical conditions requiring access to air conditioning are at the top of the work order list. Residents are requested to exercise patience as DPW works diligently on the back log of air conditioning unit repairs. If residents want to install their own air conditioning window units, they must get installa-

tion approval from DPW before proceeding. Many windows in the housing areas are not built to hold window units without additional support, and electrical outlets must be checked to assure that an air conditioner does not overload electrical circuits. Call before you install.

Kuchar, who is retiring from the military, thanked all the APG personnel who have done their best to assist him in his position during the last three years, and announced that Harry Greveris will be acting director until a new director comes on board.

Marilyn Spence, engineering technician in the Family Housing Branch, said the dishwasher maintenance contract has been awarded and the contractor is working through a considerable backlog. She cautioned that the company, Urban and Suburban of Bel Air, does "strictly maintenance." The contractor will not fix plumbing problems causing the dishwasher to malfunction, and will not issue replacements for dishwashers that are irreparable. Housing may be able to replace some dishwashers, but most likely, very few.

"With the limited resources we have, we're trying to do the best we can," Spence said.

She added that those who have dishwasher difficulties should call housing directly, rather than use the work order desk.

This was the last CAC for Spidel, who leaves for an assignment in Germany following the APG Garrison Change of Command near the end of July. After reviewing APG's financial cuts over the past several years, Spidel took the opportunity to thank those who have continued to support APG throughout his 3-year assignment, and said he would continue to work the issues and pursue answers for the residents and employees of APG over the next three weeks.

"Thank you for your support, and most of all, for your enormous patience," he said.

There is no CAC meeting in July. The next meeting of the CAC will take place 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 16, in the auditorium of the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E-4810.

Army assists communities worldwide in protecting against chemical, biological attack

By William Blewett, Joanne Coale and Kelly Buckingham
ECBC

For more than 70 years, the U.S. Army's Edgewood Chemical Biological Center has been developing collective protection filter systems to protect buildings and their occupants from chemical and biological agents. ECBC has developed these filtration systems for communities and military installations in the United States and around the world, including Korea and Southwest Asia.

"Air filtration is one of three basic strategies for protecting people in buildings," said William Blewett, an ECBC expert in building protection. "High-efficiency filtration provides the highest level of protection we can achieve with current technology."

The U.S. Army standardized the first collective protection filter unit in 1932. Since then, engineers at ECBC have been assessing, certifying, testing, designing and developing collective protection systems for military and non-military customers.

"We have provided technical assistance to many government agencies in the United States and abroad on how to apply collective protection systems,"

Blewett said.

These systems include air filtration units designed to protect military facilities and public buildings such as schools, hospitals, and nursing homes.

One major collective protection program was initiated under the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program to protect schools, hospitals, and nursing homes located in proximity to eight U.S. Army chemical agent storage sites in the United States. The Army responded with assistance in providing collective protection systems which were installed or are being installed in communities near Umatilla, Ore.; Edgewood, Md.; Anniston, Ala.; Newport, Ind.; Bluegrass Army Depot, Ky., and Pine Bluff, Ark.

ECBC, located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, is the Army's principal research and development center for chemical and biological defense technology, engineering and services, and is under the auspices of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

For more information about the ECBC, visit Web site <http://www.sbcom.apgea.army.mil> or contact Jim Allingham, ECBC public affairs officer, 410-436-4347.

Army scientist invited to participate in a technical audit of Netherlands laboratory

By Kelly Buckingham
ECBC

Dr. James A. Baker, associate director of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, has been invited to participate in an upcoming audit of The Netherlands' Organization for Applied Scientific Research, TNO Prins Maurits Laboratory. Baker will be joining an independent panel of international experts in October for the week-long audit.

TNO, established by Dutch law in 1932, employs more than 5,000 people, and conducts applied scientific research for the Dutch government.

The technical program of each of the 14 institutes making up the TNO is required to be reviewed every four years by an independent panel of internationally recognized experts in the fields of investigation covered by the institute.

Located in Rijswijk, near The Hague, the principal mission of the Prins Maurits Laboratory is to support the Netherlands' armed forces by providing scientific and technical advice in areas such as protection against chemical weapons, munitions technology and weapons system and platforms technology.

Baker was invited to participate as an international expert in Chemical and Biological Defense.

"TNO is a very prestigious research organization and I am honored that they are interested in hearing my opinions on the quality of their research effort," Baker said.

Baker has been employed by the ECBC and its predecessors since in 1969 as an officer in the U.S. Army. Baker has worked as a bench scientist in physical protection technology and as Decontamination Division chief. Prior to becoming associate director, he was deputy director of the Research and Technology Directorate, responsible for the execution of the technology base program in the center.

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Legal office garners DA excellence honors



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Seven of the 15 Aberdeen Proving Ground recipients of the 2000 Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance and the 2000 Judge Advocate General's Award for Excellence in Claims, pose in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate in building 310 after receiving congratulatory commanders coins from Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander. From left, Susan Grendahl, Alene Williams, Carla Brown-Minor, Joan Calm, Brenda Taylor, Barbara Owen and Ramona Bunn. Honorees not shown include Capt. Roy Hilferty and Eric Milito, Sgt. Don Claussen, Spc. PaStephanie Williams, Katherine Williams and Anna Leanza

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

During a ceremony at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison legal practitioners received congratulations for winning two Department of the Army awards for excellence in legal assistance and claims.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, presented coins to the attorneys, legal assistants and clerks.

"We enjoy recognizing people for working hard and performing with distinction," Spidel said.

He read a letter forwarded from Maj. General Walter B. Huffman, Army Judge Advocate General,

congratulating the office on its achievement.

Recipients of the 2000 Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance included Susan Grendahl, Alene Williams, Capt. Roy Hilferty and Erik Milito, Brenda Taylor, Spc. PaStephanie Williams, Anna Leanza and Sgt. Don Claussen.

The Legal Assistance Office has won this award nine out of 11 years.

Recipients of the 2000 Judge Advocate General's Award for Excellence in Claims included Susan Grendahl, Barbara Owen, Joan Calm, Carla Brown-Minor and Ramona Bunn. This is the first time the Claims Office has won the award.

Shoultz assumes command of HST

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command from one leader to another.

Johnston bid farewell to his troops, thanking them for his "successful mission."

"You have proven that you are among the best this country has to offer," he said.

He challenged Shoultz to "continue taking care of the soldiers" and to "add your own brand of leadership to write the next great chapter of HST."

Shoultz thanked APG commanders and Johnston for the new opportunity.

"I look forward to working with you and taking HST down the road to success," Shoultz said.

Shoultz was commissioned in the Chemical Corps following his graduation from Gonzaga University. A former infantry officer with the Washington National

Guard, he previously served in the Southern European Task Force in Vicenza, Italy, with Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia, Operation Assured Response in Sierra Leone and Liberia and in the 10th Infantry (Basic Combat Training) command at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

His military education includes the Chemical Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Army Airborne Course and the Army Ranger Course.

Shoultz' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Master Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.

He is married to the former Jennifer Stepetic from Albuquerque, N.M.

Community Notes

FUNERAL SERVICE

The Maryland National Guard Freestate Challenge Academy announced the passing of Dr. Charles Webb, the academy's lead instructor, who passed away July 2 from complications following a stroke he suffered on June 15.

The funeral will be held Friday, July 6, 10 a.m., at Tarring-Cargo Funeral Home in Aberdeen.

Chaplain (Maj.) Ron Martin-Minnich will officiate.

SATURDAY JULY 7 WACVA MONTHLY MEETING

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will hold their July meeting 10:30 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Center. Following the installation of officers, an informal lunch will follow.

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 JULY 9 EFMP SOCIAL

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center will hold an Out-of-School Social for Exceptional Family Members and their families, 7 to 9 p.m.

All family members are required to bring at least one refreshment. There will be live entertainment by DJ Bugg.

To make a reservation, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, by June 28, 410-278-7474/7478.

FRIDAY JULY 13 LADIES NIGHT OUT

Top of the Bay presents "Ladies Night Out," from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Main Ballroom. Music will be provided by DJ Sir Knight.

Dress to impress - no jeans, boots, sweatsuits, sneakers or bandannas. Dress code will be enforced

A DVD player will be raffled is part of the evening's activities.

Tickets cost \$6 in advance, \$10 at the door. To purchase tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Copeland, 1-877-937-9936. You must be 25 or over and have valid identification to attend.

THURSDAY JULY 19 WARRANT OFFICERS MEETING

The Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter of the United States Warrant Officer Association will hold its next meeting on July 19, 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay. Lunch will be pay as you go.

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

FRIDAY JULY 27 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.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1 HARFORD COUNTY NIGHT AT CAMDEN YARDS

Harford County Night at Camden Yards will be celebrated Aug. 1. Anyone living and/or working in Harford County may purchase upper or lower reserve tickets for \$5.

The game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays starts at 7:05 p.m. Representatives from Harford County will throw out the first pitch and participate in pre-game ceremonies.

For information, contact the Orioles at 410-685-9800.

FRIDAY AUGUST 17 ALABAMA TO PERFORM BENEFIT CONCERT

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will host the Metris 14th Annual Benefit Concert for Cystic Fibrosis, 7:30 p.m., at the Baltimore Arena. The event will feature Country Group of the Decade, Alabama.

Tickets go on sale 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, and can be purchased from Ticketmaster, 410-481-SEAT

For more information about the benefit concert, cystic fibrosis or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, call 410-771-9000.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The APG Garrison Library received the following books on tape for your listening pleasure. Visit the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check them out.

Black Friday by James Patterson

The Cluetrain Manifesto: The End of Business as Usual by Rick Levine and others

The Divine Comedy by Dante Alighieri

Hidden in Plain View by Blair S. Walker

The Inimitable Jeeves by P. G. Wodehouse

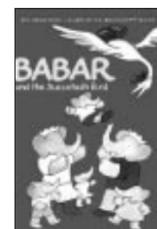
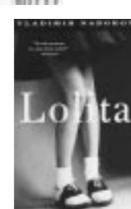
King Con by Stephen J. Cannell

Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov

Pagan Babies by Elmore Leonard

Rich Dad, Poor Dad by Robert T. Kiyosaki

Spyder Web by Tom Grace



The following children's books are also available.

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Barbar and the Succotash Bird by Laurent de Brunhoff

The City ABC Book by Zoran Milch

Estelle and Lucy by Anna Alter

The Giggler Treatment by Roddy Doyle

Henry's First-Moon Birthday by Lenore Look

Midnight Babies by Margaret Wild

Silly Little Goose! by Nancy Tafuri

The Tale of Tricky Fox by Jim Aylesworth

Two Little Trains by Margaret Wise Brown

Waffle by Christopher Raschka

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.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50

WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?

Friday, July 6, 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 7, 9 p.m.

Starring: Martin Lawrence, Danny DeVito



A billionaire catches a thief robbing his mansion. To get even with him, he takes the thief's lucky charm ring, telling the cops that it's his own ring. Deprived of his good luck charm, and faced with a future of bad luck, the thief begins wreaking revenge on the tycoon. The story becomes a battle of wills as the thief tries to get back his most treasured possession, his luck, from a man who has everything. (Rated PG-13)



SHREK (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, July 7, 7 p.m.

Animated

Narration: Cameron Diaz, John Lithgow

Hideous green monster, Shrek, sets out on a quest to find his perfect wife - an equally ugly princess, and terrifies everyone he meets during his adventure. Based on the picture book by William Steig. (Rated PG)

Tim Rushlow, Diamond Rio set to warm up the crowd for headliner John Michael Montgomery

CONCERT, from front page

at the outdoor event, which takes place rain or shine.

Rushlow is the former lead singer of the group Little Texas, which amiably broke up in 1997 after nearly a decade of success. Born at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma while his father was serving in the U.S. Air Force, Rushlow will arrive at Aberdeen Proving Ground with some familiarity with military life, and a lot of familiarity with music, from all angles.

Experienced with string and percussion instruments, Rushlow has lead singing, songwriting, and the national success of Little Texas under his belt.

Rushlow's father and three uncles formed the group Moby Dick and the Whalers while Tim was growing up, became a top regional act, and opened for Mitch Ryder and James Brown at the height of their popularity. The singer learned to play drums, bass, piano and guitar before honing the vocals skills, which resulted in his singing lead for Little Texas. After the group broke up, Rushlow had time to hone another of his musical skills, songwriting. Releasing his first solo album, TIM RUSHLOW, earlier this year, the album features several songs written by the artist, and contains many songs which will be familiar to many country fans.

"Songs to me are all snapshots," said Rushlow, who said he likes to concentrate on "real issues." Fans will see what he sees as they listen to hits such as "She Misses Him," about a devoted wife taking care of her husband stricken with Alzheimer's, "In the Meantime," about a struggling couple as they raise a family while trying for fame and success, and "American Cars," about freewheeling Friday nights, are just a few of the songs expected to be featured when Rushlow takes the stage later this summer.

Performing with Diamond Rio and John Michael Montgomery as part of the Miller Genuine Draft Concert 2001, fans can anticipate another great APG concert.

Community members and fans are urged to inquire about concert volunteer opportunities, which can offer free admission and access to some areas not open to the general public. Contact the Information Ticketing and Registration Office for more information on volunteering.

Tickets, on sale now at the discounted price of \$20 (gate price is \$25), are available through ITR, Morale, Welfare and Recreation outlets, and Ticketmaster. Call 410-278-4011/4621 for tickets and volunteer information.

TRICARE Prime enrollment enhances access for E-1 thru E-4 family members

Courtesy of TRICARE

Active duty family members of E-1 through E-4: Are you aware that enrolling in TRICARE Prime increases your access to care at a military treatment facility and reduces your potential out-of-pocket costs? Were you aware the one-year lockout provision for early TRICARE Prime dis-enrollment for you is eliminated? Did you know effective April 1, 2001, copayments (except for civilian pharmacy) were eliminated for TRICARE Prime enrollees? Read on, the news from TRICARE Management Activity regarding your health care benefit gets even better.

Beginning June 2001, sponsors of family members E-1 through E-4 who have not enrolled in TRICARE Prime will receive a letter from TMA. It will encourage them to contact or visit their nearest TRICARE service center representative to discuss their individual family members' health care needs and benefit options.

"While the vast majority of active duty family members, E-1 through E-4, have already enrolled in

TRICARE Prime, some have not. There may be exceptions, but we believe TRICARE Prime is the best option for most of these families," said Thomas F. Carrato, executive director, TMA.

Benefits of TRICARE Prime enrollment include priority access at the military treatment facility, timely access to a designated primary care manager, minimal out-of-pocket costs and no claim forms for family members to file. Family members of E-1 through E-4 sponsors can also elect to dis-enroll at any time and are not subject to the one-year lockout for early dis-enrollment.

"Our goal is to ensure that these families have the most up-to-date information available to them, so that they can make an informed decision to enroll in TRICARE Prime, or decline enrollment and continue using the TRICARE Extra/Standard benefit," Carrato

said.

After the initial mailing of the letter from TMA, the primary means of identifying these families will occur during in-processing.

"We hope to identify these families as the sponsor reports to his/her new duty assignment," said Air Force Lt. Col. Loretta Bailey, enrollment project officer, TMA.

"We will depend on the support of unit commanders, first sergeants and local installation support services who have direct contact with these families to refer non-enrolled family members, who are not identified during in-processing, to the TRICARE service center for assistance," Bailey said.

Family members who elect TRICARE Prime will complete an enrollment application. The application will document the family member's enrollment information and preferences related to selection of a primary care manager. Once enrolled, the family mem-

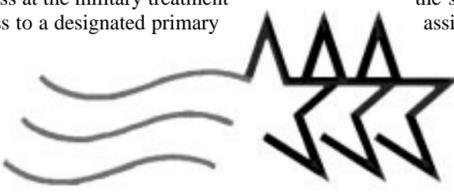
ber's enrollment is portable and can be transferred an unlimited number of times between TRICARE regions as the family relocates.

Enrollment in TRICARE Prime for individuals other than those on active duty is voluntary.

Family members retain the right to decide which of the three options – TRICARE Prime, Extra or Standard — best meet their health care needs, and may terminate their enrollment in TRICARE Prime at any time. To disenroll, the sponsor or the family member must notify their regional managed care support contractor.

"We continually seek ways to make the TRICARE benefit even better and more convenient for our beneficiaries. Enrolling our junior enlisted family members in TRICARE Prime will guarantee them priority access," said Carrato.

Additional information on TRICARE Prime enrollment is available on the Military Health System/TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil, or by contacting a local TRICARE service center representative.



DoD approves year-round enrollment in USFHP at Johns Hopkins

Courtesy of Johns Hopkins Community Physicians

Uniformed services retirees and their families may now enroll in the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan, or USFHP, at Johns Hopkins, a TRICARE Prime designated provider, at any time during the year, according to a recent

press release published by the Department of Defense.

The USFHP is a Department of Defense-sponsored health plan available to families of active duty military, retirees and their eligible family members, including those ages 65 and over. The plan provides TRICARE Prime health

care through networks of community-based civilian hospitals and physicians in seven areas of the country. In Maryland and parts of Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, the USFHP is provided through Johns Hopkins Community Physicians.

"Johns Hopkins Community Physicians is pleased that the DoD has approved continuous enrollment for the USFHP," said Robert Merz, director of Marketing and Communications for JHCP. "We have beneficiaries who want to join our plan year round and now we can actively enroll anyone

who would like to join the USFHP, anytime, including retirees age 65 and over."

According to a 2001 USFHP member survey conducted by Market Street Research, the USFHP consistently maintains a patient satisfaction rating that is significantly higher than the national average for commercial managed care plans. Eighty-two percent of USFHP members rated overall satisfaction with the plan at eight or higher on a 10-point scale, compared to 57 percent for HMOs.

Previously, eligible retired mil-

itary beneficiaries were only allowed to enroll in the popular military health plan during a one-month enrollment period each year. Family members of active duty military have always been able to enroll in USFHP at any time.

The decision to allow continuous enrollment in the USFHP for all eligible military beneficiaries was made after conducting a successful demonstration project at the USFHPs located in Boston, New York and Seattle.

"The USFHP continues to live up to the promise of providing

lifetime quality healthcare to all military beneficiaries, including those age 65 and older," said Dr. Sue Schwartz, deputy director, Government Relations for Health Affairs for The Retired Officers Association, or TROA. "It is clear that the USFHP thoroughly understands the health issues and medical needs of our uniformed service families."

For more information about the USFHP, military beneficiaries should call 1-800-808-7347 or visit Web site www.hopkins-medicine.org/usfhp.

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'Unsung heroes' recognized at retirement ceremony

RETIREMENT, from front page

who serve our Army are their memorials. And, the systems, organizations and materials that make the professional and personal life of our soldiers better are also their memorials.

"They did not enter their careers seeking material reward, they could have gone elsewhere for that. They did not enter their careers with thoughts of heroism and memorialization, but they made it possible for others to achieve that. They did not enter their careers with the thought that they would make the world safe for democracy, but they achieved that.

"Our nation's history is a history of unsung heroes. Heroes like 1st Sgt. Brodo who went to war for his nation in Saudi Arabia; or like 1st Sgt. Gray who spent three tours in Germany and one tour in Korea as part of the Army's point guards for freedom throughout the world.

"It's unsung heroes like Sgt. 1st Class Henry who sacrificed quality

time with his wife and three children to help protect those who have enjoyed the benefits of living free and unafraid of foreign domination," Stevenson said. "Or, like Mr. Coen who not only developed systems to protect our soldiers from nuclear, biological and chemical attacks, but it also established a volunteer program that uses innovative engineering to improve the lives of the disabled and the elderly.

"Or, like Mrs. Hall who has worked for the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Navy and the Army ensuring equal opportunity for all people. Or, like Mrs. Lee who has worked throughout the world as she moved and supported her husband's career while establishing a career of service of her own.

"And, last but not least, heroes such as Mrs. Wagner who doggedly worked to further her education through night classes and correspondence courses while raising a family and working full time for 30 years."

Stevenson also noted that there were some other unsung heroes – the families of the retirees "who have shared in the long hours, the times of separation, and the times of celebration."

"To our retirees," Stevenson said, "we won't say farewell because you will remain in our memories. As you go off to enjoy retirement, to work with outreach ministries, to continue to serve your communities, to work in your own business, or to become a highway patrolman, we wish you Godspeed and best of luck as you continue your journey along life's highway.

"We thank you on behalf of a grateful nation for a lifetime of service."

Military members honored were: 1st Sgt. Jorge T. Brodo Jr., Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, who received the Legion of Merit and a Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement. 1st Sgt. Kevin J. Gray, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, who received the Legion of Merit and a Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement. Sgt. 1st Class Joey D. Henry, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, who received the Meritorious Service Medal and a Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement.

Civilians receiving Certificates of Appreciation and Retirement included Robert L. Coen, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Harriet W. Hall, U.S. Army Garrison, Cardelia Lee, Edgewood Youth Center and Jean D. Wagner, Directorate of Public Works.

Spouses of the retirees received Department of the Army Certificates of Appreciation.

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AMSAA names building for late research pioneer



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Walter W. Hollis, deputy under secretary the Army, Operations Research, delivers keynote remarks in front of Golub Hall, the newly renamed headquarters of the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, during the June 18 building dedication ceremony. The hall was named for Abraham Golub, a pioneer in operations research who passed away in April 2000.

Family hails Golub legacy

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In a gesture of high praise for a former employee and mentor who passed away in April 2000, the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity renamed its headquarters building Golub Hall in honor of Abraham Golub, a "pioneer in operations research."

About 200 leaders, employees and guests gathered in front of the hall for the June 18 building dedication ceremony led by AMSAA director David J. Shaffer and attended by Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, chief of Ordnance and commander, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, Col. John R. Hills, commander 61st Ordnance Brigade and Col. Robert J. Spidel, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander.

Also in attendance were Golub's family, including his wife, Rita Golub, daughter Irene Holtz, son Mark Golub and their families.

The program's guest speaker was Walter W. Hollis, deputy under secretary of the Army, Operations Research.

Describing Golub as a "scholar, mentor and family man," Hollis said he was "patriotic in the sense that he had no fear of telling his bosses the truth."

"He was a scholar in that he never gave up researching, and a mentor to the several people he helped along the way," Hollis said.

Recalling the compassion Golub held for his family and his job, Hollis called him a balanced individual who always had the Army mission at heart.

"He was always concerned about what was best for the soldier," he said.

Abraham Golub, a WWII veteran, entered civil service as a mathematician with the Aberdeen Proving Ground Ballistics Team. From 1950 to 1953, he served as the deputy chief of Surveillance Branch of the Ballistic Research Laboratories, or BRL. Subsequent assignments included chief of the Support Weapons Evaluation Branch and assistant director of BRL for Weapons Systems Analysis.

Following the creation of the Department of the Army's Military Operations Research Branch, Golub was appointed principal assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary for Operations Research, then the scientific advisor to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development and as the technical advisor to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans.

An early advocate for cost effectiveness analysis and the study of families of weapons systems, Golub initiated the Army's quantitative analysis of wartime munitions and force requirements. He was a firm supporter of the Army's operational testing program and of the need to base analysis on data about real-world systems and operations.

Golub retired in 1976 after 35 years of federal service. The awards he earned included the Department of the Army Research and Development Award, the DA Exceptional Civilian Service Award and the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award.

Test identifies areas needing improvement

CASUALTY, from front page

The test was a joint effort between the OC&S Safety and Environmental Office; the 61st Ordnance Brigade; OC&S Directorate of Instruction; APG's Directorates of Safety, Health and Environment; Plans, Training and Mobilization; and Law Enforcement and Security; Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services.

"OC&S and APG are ready to provide the necessary care to any injured student or employee as a result of an accident in our facilities, but not of this magnitude," Katz said. "We may look at internal rehearsals within our departments. The plans and procedures are in place, but more practice will be forthcoming."

Katz explained that there are

internal regulations (standing operational procedures) in place, including the Emergency Action Plan, Hazardous Materials Program, First Aid, and the Emergency Operations Center SOP.

The exercise did not test the full capability of the system. The Emergency Operations Center was not activated, and assisting agencies from the local community were not called in as would happen in the event of an actual explosion.

For those involved, it did provide a look at what could happen. And it gave each agency an opportunity to look within their own capabilities and plans to see where improvements are needed.



Photos by E. C. STARNES

The injured lay sprawled in the training bay as instructors rush to their aid during a medical support training exercise at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.



The family of the late Abraham Golub shares their memories with friends, former co-workers and guests at the building dedication in his honor. Golub's wife, Rita Golub, center, is joined by her daughter, Irene Holtz, left and her son, Mark Golub.

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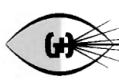


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Personal watercraft

Personal watercraft, known as jet skis, water scooters, wet cycles, and by other names, are becoming increasingly common, and so are accidents involving them.

It isn't that they are more dangerous than other types of watercraft; it's the way some people operate them, and a lack of common courtesy, that causes many of the problems.

A personal watercraft is considered a motorboat under the law, which means it must be registered, and you must abide by all the 'rules of the road' that fishing boats, ski boats, cruisers and other boats must follow.

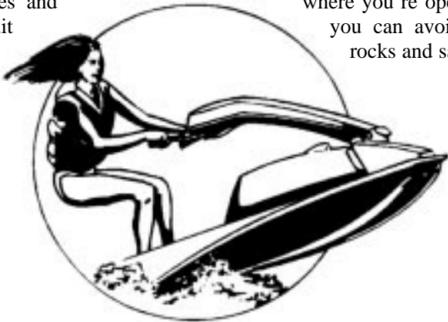
You must carry the same safety equipment required on other motorboats, including life preservers and fire extinguishers.

Although it may be simple to operate, the personal watercraft is not a child's toy. A rule of thumb is if you're not old enough to drive a car, you shouldn't be operating a personal watercraft.

Safety tips

Wear the proper safety equipment. In addition to a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket, wear eye protection to keep water spray from obscuring your vision. Tennis or deck shoes offer better control on your machine, and gloves and

a wet suit offer



(Editor's note: Courtesy of "Campaign for Safe Boating.")

protection from the elements. A whistle attached to the zipper of your life jacket is a good idea in case you need to summon help.

• Take a boating safety course. Your dealer probably knows where they're offered, and many participate in personal watercraft education programs.

• Respect the rights of others. This includes not following other boats too closely, or jumping another boat's wake, which is frightening and dangerous. Stay away from anglers and canoeists.

• Be conscious of the noise your craft makes. If you run it in a small area for a long time, the noise can be irritating.

• Keep a lookout for other boats, especially other personal watercraft. Collisions are the most common type of personal watercraft accident.

• Read the owner's manual to understand the controls and features of your personal watercraft.

• Never operate your personal watercraft without the safety lanyard attached to you. The safety lanyard cuts the engine in the event you fall, and could save you a long swim home.

• Stay out of swimming areas, away from wildlife. Never operate at night, or tow water skiers.

• Don't operate it after you've been drinking. Know the area where you're operating so you can avoid weeds, rocks and sandbars.

Recreational boating

The National Safety Council recommends that recreational boaters follow these rules:

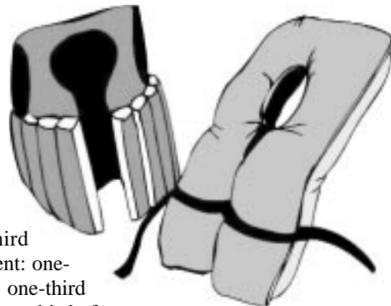
- Don't drink and boat.
- Wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device, or life jacket, as protection if you do slip overboard.
- Check the weather and water forecasts before leaving shore.
- Limit the number of passengers

in a small boat. There might be seating for four, but the capacity might be 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.



Water skiing safety



Do's of water skiing:

- Know how to swim and always wear a properly-fitted ski vest.
- Learn proper hand signals.
- Have two people in the boat - one to drive, one to watch the skier.
- Stay away from solid objects - docks, boats, rocks, etc.
- Run parallel to shore and come in slowly when landing.
- Stay away from others - fishermen, divers, swimmers, etc.

- If you fall, clasp both hands overhead to signal okay.
- Hold up ski, after falling in crowded boating area.

Don'ts of water skiing:

- Don't ski in shallow water.
- Don't wrap rope around any part of body.
- Don't ski at night.
- Don't ski in front of another boat.
- Don't tell driver of the boat to "go" till rope is taut.
- Don't overdo and become tired.
- Don't jump from the boat while it is moving.

APG announces mandatory motorcycle safety training class

By Sheila Little
APG News

In an effort to curb the number of motorcycle accidents on Army installations, operators who ride on Army posts must complete an approved motorcycle safety training course.

The course is in addition to the motorcycle license classification requirement found on the operator's driver's license.

The course is completed at no cost to APG-affiliated attendees who are active-duty military or Department of Defense civilians. Leave will not be charged, and the course fee is to be taken from unit funds.

Richard Albins, safety and occupational health manager at the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, said the Department of the Army directive issued within the last year was an answer to the number of motorcycle accidents injuring and killing military and civilian personnel.

Albins said that motorcycles" appeal to young servicemembers and civilian personnel has added to the number of serious accidents on Army installations involving post personnel.

"Motorcycles are very high-powered, high-speed vehicles, that don't offer much protection when you hit something," Albins said. "They are relatively cheap forms of transportation that are fuel efficient, fun and exciting to operate. They are also deadly."

APG personnel can receive one-day training at Harford Community College at a special training class set up for installation personnel on Aug. 19.

"The Army feels that offering additional training at no cost to operators is the best way to assure a better outcome for motorcyclists," Albins said.

The course is for the licensed motorcyclist who has been riding on a regular basis for a minimum of one year, and wishes to contin-

ue to ride on APG.

Military and Defense Department civilian personnel who attend the classes, which consist of four hours of classroom and four hours of advanced range exercises, will not be charged leave to attend, and will receive the funds to attend through their individual units. APG contractors wishing to operate motorcycles on the installation are also required to take the course but will not receive unit funds for the class. The course fee is \$50.

Interested personnel should:

- Call 1-800-638-1722 to reserve a seat and state that the training is for an individual operating a motorcycle on APG.

- Arrange to pay for the class, \$50, with their unit's government VISA card.

Class attendance requirements include wearing protective clothing including eye protection, long sleeves, long pants, full-fingered gloves, over-the-ankle footwear, and a helmet. Helmets must be Department of Transportation approved, and are subject to inspection by the instructor. Those whose helmets are not approved may borrow one from the program to complete the day-long training.

Motorcycle owners using their own vehicle for the class should be prepared to show proof of insurance, and ensure that their vehicle is prepared to pass an inspection performed by the instructor.

Attendance for all eight hours of instruction is mandatory to receive the appropriate certificate. Motorcyclists should carry proof of class completion along with their driver's license, whenever they are riding on the installation. No additional classes or requirements are anticipated for those who successfully complete the course.

For more information contact Albins, 410-306-1099.



President pushes programs for disabled



White House photo by PAUL MORSE

President George W. Bush tries out a computer at the Pentagon's Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program which helps people with disabilities work and communicate better.

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

During his visit to the Pentagon June 19, President George W. Bush highlighted initiatives that he said will help those with disabilities thrive independently, buy homes and work productively.

Federal agencies are required to use only electronics and information technology accessible to those disabled since June 25, with the implementation of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, Bush said.

Some of the effects Section 508 will have on government agencies are that all video presentations shown to government employees must be captioned for the deaf, and the content of the presentation must be posted for the blind, stated a White House Web site.

Also, in the future, if biometric fingerprinting technology is used as a method of identification, an alternative will be needed for people who are missing limbs.

"Section 508 will make the federal government a better employer," Bush said. "Roughly 120,000 federal employees with disabilities will have greater access to the tools they need to better perform their jobs."

Another initiative Bush backs is the New Freedom Initiative, which seeks funds from Congress to speed the development of new technology and get it to people with disabilities at affordable prices. Congress has also been asked to supply resources to facilities that need to become more accessible to people with disabilities, the president said.

Bush said his plans to break the barriers between Americans with disabilities and the rest of society started 11 years ago when his father, President George Bush, signed the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"When the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed in 1990, our nation made a promise that we

will no longer underestimate the abilities of Americans with disabilities," said Bush. "We will treat Americans with disabilities as people to be respected, rather than problems to be confronted."

Bush said he signed an executive order requiring full implementation of the Supreme Court's 1999 Olmstead decision, which allows persons with disabilities to receive community support and treatment instead of being institutionalized.

The Olmstead executive order is compassionate and needed, Bush said, adding that it is now the official policy of his administration.

"Americans must have the opportunity to live independently, work productively and participate fully in community life," Bush said. "Many Americans achieve this independence through home ownership, but too often the high cost of therapeutic care makes the goal of home ownership unattainable for people with disabilities."

Section 8, a low-income housing program, and the Housing and Urban Development agency are implementing a pilot program to make home ownership a reality for more Americans, Bush said, adding he is optimistic about the program.

A pilot program, which uses Section 8 housing vouchers toward home ownership, is currently underway in Denver, Colo., the Denver Business Journal reported. It is one of 14 pilot programs nationwide and the only one being used for the disabled community, the journal stated.

Loans averaging \$90,000 are also being granted in the Denver area, to people with special needs to purchase condos, townhouses and single-family homes.

Bush said the proposals that he has sent to Congress, along with the new technology being developed, should help build society's commitment to welcome all Americans as friends and neighbors.

Melanoma: A most deadly, but treatable skin cancer

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

Every hour, someone dies from the fatal skin cancer, melanoma. Although some get the disease genetically, health officials point out the best preventive measure is to avoid excessive sun exposure.

Avoiding the sun's rays is not always possible for soldiers who are training for real-world engagements, but it is the commander's responsibility to make sure his soldiers are wearing sunscreen, said Lt. Col. George Turiansky, assistant chief of Dermatology Service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington.

Melanoma is the least common of three basic skin cancers - but the most deadly, according to the American Cancer Society, and it is treated by surgically removing it. While the number of soldiers who have been medically discharged because of skin cancer is low, this year's numbers have almost surpassed the number of soldiers discharged two years ago, despite six months remaining in the year.

In 1999 there were six cases, last year there were 12, and this year five soldiers have been separated or retired from the Army after a medical board determined they were unfit for duty, said Dr. Charles Peck, senior medical adviser for U.S. Army Disability System at Walter Reed.

An estimated 51,400 new cases of melanoma will be diagnosed this year in the United States, a nine percent increase from last year, according to the American Academy of Dermatology. It's unclear if soldiers are also increasingly being diagnosed with melanoma and other skin cancers, because officials

say the Army doesn't keep a database.

During the summer months many people spend hours relaxing, playing or training during the hottest times of the day. However, people who have excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation are more at risk of being diagnosed with melanoma, Turiansky said.

"The beach is a beautiful place, but there are life-saving rules that need to be followed before going out there," Turiansky said. "You modify your lifestyle to do what's good for you and protecting yourself from the sun is good for you.

"One out of 71 Americans have a lifetime risk of developing melanoma, but I still see soldiers running in the sun without shirts and sunscreen use," Turiansky said.

Excessive exposure to the sun should be avoided between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. because that's when the rays are the strongest, Turiansky said.

Sunscreen should be applied at least 15 to 30 minutes before going outside and it should have at least a sun protection factor of 15, he said. People should wear hats and clothing that will cover their skin, he added.

Tanning beds are also unsafe, Turiansky said, because any exposure to ultraviolet light is harmful.

There are many possible reasons melanoma incidences are increasing at alarming rates. One reason, Turiansky said, is that individuals are living longer, which may possibly result in more skin diagnoses with time.

The ozone layer is thinning, and people are less protected against the ultraviolet rays, he said. Also, more people could be going to the doctor when they

notice changes on their skin. He added that public awareness of the disease has increased with media attention.

However, it is very clear to health officials that the fatal skin cancer can strike anyone.

A fair-skinned major, who was at the peak of his Army career, noticed a mole on his body that started getting larger over time. Moles and skin growth that change in size and color may be the warning signs of skin cancer, Turiansky said. The major said he had never been one to spend a lot of time in the sun, but a doctor diagnosed the mole as malignant melanoma.

Twenty years and six melanomas later, now retired Col. Ralph Churchill, spends every six months in a dermatologist's office being examined for reoccurring or new melanomas.

"It was never really determined how I got it. Some attribute it to the sun," Churchill said. "But it's something that will be a part of my life for the rest of my life, and I have to deal with it."

Caucasians are 10 times more likely to be diagnosed than other races, according to the American Academy of Dermatology. Individuals with increased chances of being diagnosed are people who have fair skin, moles, freckles, blond or red hair. The risks increase if individuals have parents, children or siblings who have had melanoma and if a personal history of prior melanoma exists.

People like Churchill who have been diagnosed once with melanoma are nine to 10 times more likely to develop another melanoma, but if the cancer is diagnosed in the early stages and confined to the upper layer of the skin it can usually be treated suc-

cessfully, Turiansky said. However, if not detected in its early stages, melanoma is a very aggressive disease and can spread to organs inside the body, which leads to metastatic disease, he said.

Metastatic disease is melanoma that has spread beyond the skin.

Surgery for patients with widespread metastasis is not an option and long-term survival is uncommon, Turiansky said.

When melanoma goes untreated it goes deeper in the skin and beyond to other organs and the prognosis gets worse, Turiansky said. This is the reason, he said, dermatologists stress the A-B-C-D rule, a way of examining existing or new moles.

The A stands for asymmetry, which means if the mole is divided in half it should be a mirror image of itself. The B is for border irregularities. The C is for color variation, which means the pigmentation is not uniform. The D is for diameter. The width is greater than six millimeters.

"I recommend that people do self-examinations in front of a long-length mirror and with a hand-held mirror to get the back and other hard to see areas," Turiansky said. Melanoma can develop anywhere there is skin or mucous membranes. Most common sites are the upper back for both men and women and the legs for women."

Turiansky said there are a number of reasons more people are being diagnosed with melanoma every year, but the best way to combat the disease is to avoid excessive ultraviolet exposure, cover the skin with sunscreen and clothing, perform self-examinations, and report any changes to a doctor.

Army forms available on the Web

By Nicholas J. Carter
Army News Service

Servicemembers can now access over 2,000 departmental forms with the click of their computer mouse.

The U.S. Army Publishing Agency has a software program on its Web site that can be downloaded by active and reserve component soldiers and Army civilians.

The program can be accessed from home or at work. The software is a major improvement in the economy and efficiency of managing Army forms, said Army officials.

"Nobody will have to buy form software again at the local units," said John Czekner, chief of publishing division, U.S. Army Publishing Agency. "They can just download the software and use it on their personal computers."

To date, 212,000 software licenses have been downloaded. The Army predicts an estimated savings of \$1.4 million for the

first year and, so far, has seen a nearly 400-percent return on investment since it became available to servicemembers, Czekner said.

Program users are able to enter and save data, print out a filled in form, and create databases, which will support generating reports.

Another benefit of the site license is that the Army will not have to manage and design a number of forms, which requires extensive resources, Czekner said.

Maybe the most important benefit to the Army is that, for the first time, the site license allows users to use digital signatures, he added. This allows forms to be approved electronically, which will help streamline the administrative process.

"Once you have that, you can start electronically transferring forms from one desk to another," said Czekner.

Users can access these forms online at USAPA's Web site, www.usapa.army.mil.

New Home Decor catalog now available in exchanges

By Fred Bluhm
AAFES Media Relations

Wake-up your home with items from the new Home Decor catalog. The catalog is full of ideas to help organize and beautify your home, plus ideas for your patio and garden. It offers 100 pages of bed and bath coordinates, table settings, home office furniture, storage solutions, window treatments, carpets, decoration accents and much more.

Look for the catalog in exchanges worldwide beginning July 9. Anyone with exchange privileges can order from this catalog until Dec. 26.

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"My baby is pulling her ear—can it be an infection?"
"Can exercise really help my diabetes?"
"I cut my finger. What are the signs of infection?"
"I just turned 40. Should I consider any health screenings?"
"My mother has Alzheimer's. Can you tell me about this disease?"
Call HCIL at 1-800-308-3518.

ABCDF seeks public comment

On June 27, the Army opened a 30-day public comment period on the draft Environmental Assessment to Evaluate On-Site Versus Off-Site Biotreatment of Hyrdolysate at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The draft EA is available for review and comment through July 27.

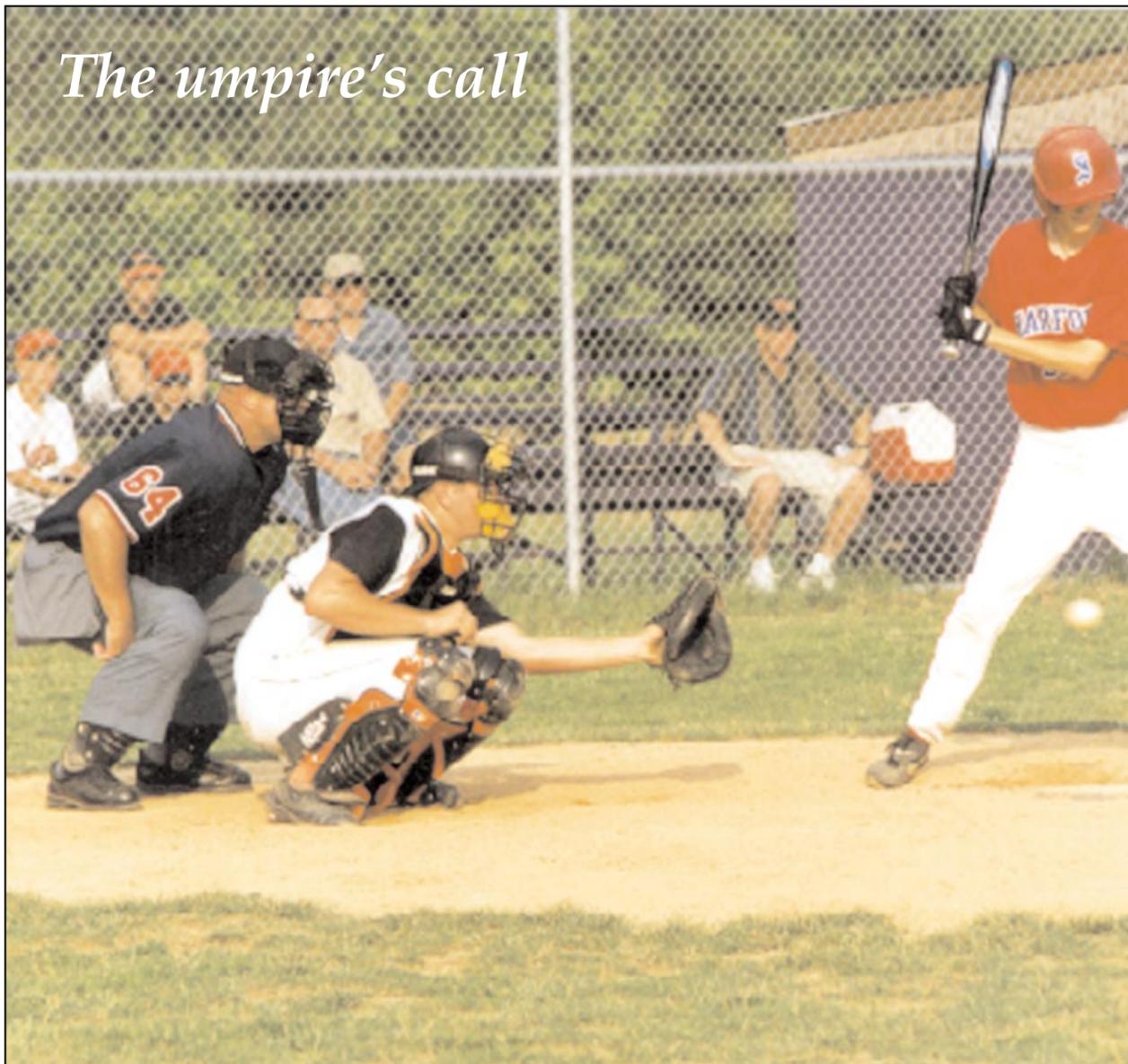
Written comments on the draft EA must be postmarked by July 27 and submitted directly to the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 1011 B Woodbridge Center Way, Edgewood, MD 20140.

For more information, call 410-676-6800.

Sports & Recreation

U.S. Army Environmental Center employee covers the bases

The umpire's call



By Melissa Plummer
AEC

As the crowd roars in anticipation, the umpire focuses and sets up for his next challenge...calling the pitch. Coaches stare wide-eyed while parents nervously pace. Every eye seems to be watching, waiting for an outcome. In a few short seconds, the umpire makes his call, "strike three, you're out."

Tom Guinivan knows what it is like to have pressure both on and off the job. Not only is he the chief of the Acquisition Branch at the U.S. Army Environmental Center, he is also an umpire for baseball leagues around Harford and neighboring counties.

In the early months of the year, January through March, Guinivan attends approximately 30 hours of training. Experienced umpires with 25-30 years in the profession review the rules of the game and the mechanics of umpiring. Guinivan belongs to two local associations: the Chesapeake Umpires Association and the North East Maryland Officials Association.

Guinivan first started umpiring five years ago when his son decided to try officiating as a part-time job with the Forest Hill Recreation Council.

"I started because I was concerned about him being out there alone with angry parents and coaches," said Guinivan. "I umpire now because I like a challenge and the teamwork of working with other umpires. When you do a game well and you work well as a team, it is very fulfilling."

Guinivan sees the benefits of his pastime off the field, as well. "Umpiring helps to develop concentration and decision making skills which are directly applicable for my job here at AEC," he said.

Guinivan currently teaches an umpire course for the Forest Hill Recreation Council, attended by approximately 40 adults and teenagers who umpire baseball and softball games. Guinivan umpires a range of leagues from 9 to 10 year olds to adult. He typically umpires two to three games a week, or approximately 100 a season.

Disagreements with coaches over a call can bring about memorable moments.

"I had a coach argue with me whether his batter was hit in the hands by the pitcher when the player was on the ground with two broken fingers," said Guinivan. "Major league baseball rules state that if you are swinging at a pitch and are hit on the hands, the ball is dead and the call is a strike. The count was 0-2 when he was hit. I called strike three and batter out. The coach argued vehemently that it was a foul ball and that the ball didn't hit his batter. The batter had to go to the hospital for treatment."

This year, Guinivan has been invited to umpire at the 2001 National American Tournament of Champions, held at Cooperstown Dreams Park in New York. During the summer months, 48 youth teams, ages 12 and under, from around the United States compete in weekly tournaments. The winners return later in the summer and strive for the title of champion. Guinivan is especially thrilled because one of his sons is participating in the tournament this year.

"I like to umpire because I get to see the sport up close and personal," said Guinivan. "I get to see people's performance and how they work under pressure. Now, I plan to umpire until my health doesn't permit it anymore. I hope that is quite a while."

Photo by MELISSA PLUMMER

Umpire Tom Guinivan, an employee at U.S. Army Environmental Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, concentrates on a pitch during a June 14 game at Joppatowne High School between the Maryland Orioles and the Harford Sox, both 17-year-old player teams from the Baltimore Metro Baseball League.

Company C 143rd enters holiday break in third place

Softball Update

The following results were reported for intramural softball for the week ending June 29.

American Division

Results
June 25
HHC 16th, 18; HHC 61st; 11
KUSAHC, 17; NCOA, 10
HHC 143rd, 9; 203rd MI, Forfeit

Schedule
July 9
(Field No. 2)
6:30 p.m., USMC vs. NCOA
7:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. HHC 61st
8:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. KUSAHC

Standings
HHC 16th 6-0
USMC 5-1
KUSAHC 4-2
NCOA 3-3
HHC 143rd 2-4
HHC 61st 1-5
203rd MI Withdrawn

National Division

Results
June 25
USMC, 9; Company B 16th, forfeit
Company C 16th, 10; Company A 16th, 3
June 26
Company E 16th, 18; Company A 16th, 1
USAF, 9; Company B 16th, forfeit
Company C 16th, 10; USMC, 9

Schedule
July 9
(Field No. 1)
6:30 p.m., USAF vs. USMC
7:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. Company C 16th

July 11
(Field No. 2)
6:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. USAF
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company C 16th

Standings
USAF 4-0
Company E 16th 4-0
Company C 16th 3-2
USMC 1-4
Company A 16th 1-4
Company B 16th Withdrawn
Edgewood Division

Results
June 25
Company A 143rd, 22; 520th TAML, 9
Company B 143rd, 15; Company C 143rd, 9
SBCCOM, 18; CHPPM, 17
June 27
Company B 143rd, 20; CHPPM, 7
Company C 143rd, 12; Company A 143rd, 3
SBCCOM, 16; 520th TAML, 3

Schedule
July 9
6:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. SBCCOM
7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. CHPPM
8:30 p.m., 520th TAML vs. Company C 143rd
July 11
6:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. 520th TAML
7:30 p.m., SBCCOM vs. Company A 143rd
8:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. Company C 143rd

Standings
SBCCOM 6-0
Company B 143rd 7-1
Company C 143rd 4-2
Company A 143rd 2-5
CHPPM 1-6
520th TAML 1-7

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With no games scheduled from July 2 to 5, intramural softball teams got a much-needed break from the hot weather of late June.

The current division leaders include Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion at 6-0 in the American Division; the U.S. Air Force Detachment and Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion, both tied for first place at 4-0 in the National Division, and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, holding a commanding 7-0 record in the Edgewood Division.

The season's second half kicks off July 9 with games in all three divisions.

In June 27 action, Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion squared off against Company A, 143rd, in the team's second meeting of the season. Company C 143rd won a lop-sided victory, 12-3, leaving Company A 143rd in fourth place with a 2-5 record.

Keeping it close for the first two innings,

Company A 143rd trailed by only 3-1 until a six-run barrage by Company C 143rd in the bottom of the third put the team up 9-1.

Three consecutive singles by Company C 143rd's Greg Gurbacki, Michael Bennett and David Ross got the inning's first run in, then a rocket to center field by Greg Becker loaded the bases up again. Adam Colbert drove in the next run with a grounder but was tagged out at first base.

With two on, Jesse Williams, lined to center, driving in Ross for a 6-1 lead. John Thorne followed Williams, dropping one in center field for a run-scoring single. An error by Company A's third baseman allowed a grounder by Company C 143rd's Bret Carlson through for a run-scoring double. Michael Taylor followed Carlson with a single, driving in the inning's final run.

"Errors are hurting us right now but we're better than our record," said Company A 143rd coach James Montgomery after the tough inning.

"We've got a long way to go, but we'll still

make the playoffs," he added after the game.

Company C 143rd coach, Michael Bennett said the team is "slowly coming together" after a 4-2 start.

"Our goal is to make the post season," he added noting many of the current players will leave prior to the season's end.

Ross, who went 3-4, is one who will graduate before the season is over. The Ohio native plays short and left center. He said he enjoys the mental aspect of the game.

"I just relax and have fun," Ross said.

"The team has a good chance of going all the way if we can overcome the turnovers," added Carlson who pitched a complete game.

Noting the team's past successes, Daniel Elliot, the unit's commander, said turnovers may challenge, but won't hurt the team.

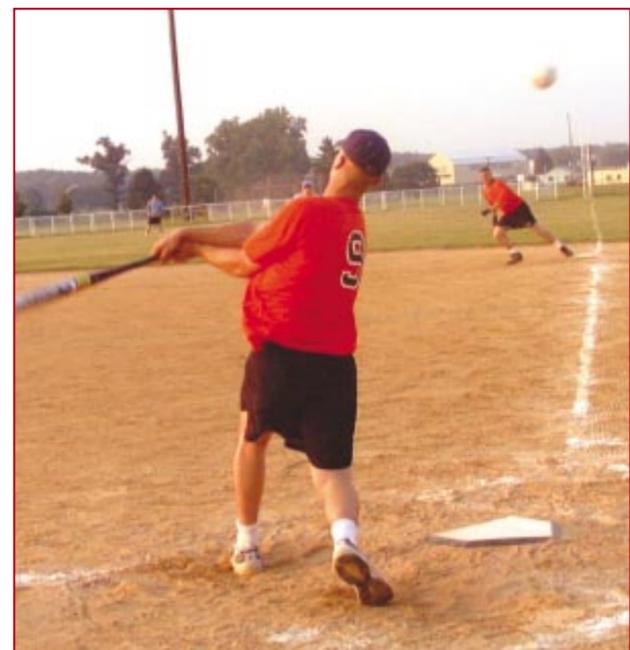
"We'll lose a lot in July but we'll just have to maintain and mold new players for the post season," Elliot said.

"We're looking forward to it."



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion's Steve Seltzer, speeds across home plate on a run-scoring double by Luis Saenz, in the top of the sixth inning. The two-run inning was the team's best as it fell to Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 12-3. Company C, 143rd catcher, Mike Schobey, 20, awaits the throw.



Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion's Nathan Beauregard sends one to right field as David Ferraro takes off from first base during the second inning of a June 27 game versus Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

Army environmental scientists win White House award

Photos courtesy of CHPPM



Left, Patricia Rippey, John Bauer, supervisor, and Beth Martin display the White House Closing the Circle Award they won as environmental scientists working at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Right, Rippey and Martin pioneered the training program for Department of Defense on buying items made from recycled materials like those shown.



By Evelyn B. Riley
CHPPM

A visit to the White House is an exciting event. Just ask two employees of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, who were invited to a ceremony held there June 12.

Pat Rippey and Beth Martin, environmental scientists with the Ground Water and Solid Waste Program, won a 2001 White House Closing the Circle Award in the Education and Outreach category, for services they provided in the areas of recycling, pollution prevention, and affirmative procurement.

John Howard Jr., the associate director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality and Defense Department, dignitaries presented the award.

Howard applauded the efforts of the award winners.

"Each of you already has done so much - as stewards and leaders - to improve the quality of life for your fellow employees, neighbors, families, and communities. With your and others' help, we have made tremendous progress - and we know we have more to do - to preserve our natural heritage, safeguard the land around us, and leave to future generations a nation of fresh air, clean water, and natural beauty."

As a job-sharing team, Rippey and Martin provide technical services to Army installations worldwide in the areas of solid waste management, environmental compliance, and environmental contamination.

Over the past 18 months, they devoted a substantial amount of time to providing training seminars to Army bases on a mandatory program that requires federal purchases to include items made with recycled materials. This "buy recycled" program is called Affirmative Procurement. They developed a training seminar to teach federal employees about the requirements and how to implement an Affirmative Procurement Program. In January 2000, they began traveling to Department of Defense facilities to teach the class, and they have conducted 25 seminars to date. This effort, along with other training tools and information provided through their Web site, was the basis for their nomination.

The team authored integrated solid waste management plans for eight Army installations and 12 pollution prevention plans.

Martin developed the proposal for a recycling program that resulted in the diversion of 1,640 tons of waste from landfills, and revenue of \$90,000 annually.

Rippey recommended recovery of building materials providing \$20,000 in cost savings and diverting 178 tons of debris from the landfill for a single demolition project. Applying this procedure for 13 other buildings slated for demolition saves the installation an estimated \$260,000 and diverts 2,314 tons of waste from disposal.

These are just a few examples of the benefits, both economic and environmental, that the Army has gained from their expertise.

CPSC, Garden Way announce recall of trimmers/mowers

By Scott Wolfson
CPSC

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Garden Way Inc., of Troy, N.Y., is recalling about 2,800 trimmers/mowers. The trimmer heads, which control the cutting cords, can split and detach, posing a serious injury risk to consumers.

Garden Way has received 38 reports of trimmer heads splitting or detaching, resulting in two reports of toe fractures and five reports of bruised feet.

The recalled trimmers/mowers were sold under the TROY-BILT and GARDEN WAY BY TROY-BILT brand names. The brand name is on a shield in front of the engine. The model and serial numbers are located on the deck behind the left wheel when viewed from the operator's position. The recalled models are the 52063 and 52064 Troy-Bilt brand and the 52067 Garden Way by Troy-Bilt brand. The serial number ranges are:

520631204884-520631207314
520631500101-520631500824

520631600101-520631604293
520641203058-520641204353
520641500101-520641500746
520641600101-520641602466
520671500101-520671503662

Garden Way dealers and retailers nationwide, including Sam's Wholesalers, Ace Hardware, and Southern States, sold these trimmers/mowers from November 2000 through May 2001 for between \$300 and \$430.

Consumers should stop using the trimmers/mowers immediately and call Garden Way toll-free at 800-282-8965 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, for a free repair kit. Consumers also can order the repair kit by logging on to the company's

Web site at www.troybilt.com. Consumers should have their serial number available when calling the company or logging on to the Web site.

To see a picture of the recalled product(s) and/or to establish a link from your Web site to view a press release on this item on CPSC's Web site, link to : <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prere/prrhtml01/01162.html>.

