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Post Shorts

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 6, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb

APG community yard sales set for June

The Community Life Mayoral Program will sponsor Aberdeen Proving Ground community yard sales in June.

The Aberdeen Area dates are June 2 and 3, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with rain dates of June 9 and 10. If there are any good items left over from the sales, the AA Thrift Shop will pick them up as a donation. Call 410-272-8572.

The Edgewood Area dates are June 16 and 17, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with rain dates of June 23 and 24.

Yard sale signs cannot be attached to poles, signs or trees on post. Free-standing signs are acceptable, and residents are responsible for removing them after the sale.

For more information, call 410-306-2011.

PIE presents "Be Fair to Yourself"

The Parent Information Exchange is presenting "Be Fair to Yourself" for Exceptional Family Members on Monday, June 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 2754. Please call in advance if child care is needed because space is limited. For more information, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFM program coordinator, 410-278-7474/7478.

Army birthday dinner, dance

The Army's 226th birthday will be celebrated at Top of the Bay June 15, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will provide entertainment. Cost of a ticket is \$25 for a chicken/roast beef menu or \$24 for a vegetarian meal. Contact unit first sergeants for tickets or Headquarters Support Troop, 410-278-3000. Tickets should be purchased no later than June 6.

Garrison closes for Organization Day, June 20

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An Armed Forces Day to remember

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

It began with the passion of heated competition, peaked with the colors of glorious pageantry, mellowed with the sounds of pleasing melodies and topped off by the dynamics of thunder and fire.

Such was the assortment of events that made up the Aberdeen Proving Ground community's Armed Forces Day celebration.

A morning fun run, an afternoon parade, an evening concert with howitzer accompaniment and a spectacular fireworks display marked the community's annual day of honoring America's military, past and present.

5K Fun Run/Walk

The festivities began with the traditional five-kilometer Fun Run/Walk beginning at APG's Fanshaw Field. About 150 participants gathered for the event, which was hosted by the staffs of the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area athletic centers.

Marni Allison, director of the APG sports office, thanked the run's sponsor, Golden Corral restaurant, for providing T-shirts and financial backing for the run.

"Golden Corral chips in every year to help make this day a suc-

cess for all involved," Allison said.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, fired the starter pistol to start the run. All manner of participants — runners, walkers, some on scooters and some pushing baby strollers — passed through the starting gate on the route that would take them down Raritan Avenue, around Boothby Hill Road and Susquehanna Avenue, then back to the starting gate.

Helped by road guards and a police escort of officers from the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, all participants finished safely though winded for their efforts.

Pvt. Erin Goodman, Company C 16th Ordnance Battalion, clocked the best time at 18 minutes 42 seconds.

Goodman said he felt good about his first-place finish.

"I knew I had a chance but I was worried the first sergeant would beat me," Goodman said.

Company C 1st Sgt. Robert Bartholomew, along with Company C commander Capt. Martin Griffith and Drill Sgt. (Staff Sgt.) Eric Pelt led 15 runners from the unit who volunteered to take up the challenge.

"No-pressure events like this help bolster soldier's confidence

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Bill Allison and daughters Margaret, 6, left, and Kate, 3, get comfortable on the curb as they await the start of the Armed Forces Day Parade in Aberdeen. Hundreds turned out to watch the fourth annual event hosted by Aberdeen Proving Ground and city of Aberdeen.

Federal Executive Board recognizes outstanding federal service

By Sheila Little
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground was well-represented at the 34th Annual Baltimore In Federal Career Awards Program Baltimore Federal Executive Board awards luncheon, with installation employees receiving eight of the 16 top awards, a third of the runners up or silver awards, and nearly a quarter of the bronze prizes awarded.

Held at Martin's West in Baltimore May 4, the annual luncheon and awards ceremony honored federal employees who exemplify outstanding government service.

Employees from the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center received five gold awards, with one gold each going to representatives from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, and the U.S. Army Garrison Directorate of Public Works. Additionally, APG employees received 22 silver awards and 30 bronze prizes in recognition of outstanding federal service.

Patricia A. Kazlo

Receiving the gold award for Outstanding Supervisor (Grades 13 and above), Patricia A. Kazlo of ATC, is credited with supervising two A-76 teams and the Resource Management Team, in addition to serving as quasi-supervisor for nearly 450 ATC employees involved in the A-76 study. In the various positions she is credited with encouraging testers to think like manpower personnel, instilling the importance of the job at hand, and mentoring employ-

ees through the study. Kazlo conducted monthly briefings and question and answer sessions, and successfully conveyed the importance of effective management of limited institutional funding. The nomination describes her as "a natural leader who pioneers change."

Receiving silver in the same category were Russel L. Childress, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, and William P. Yaekel, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity. Those receiving bronze were Robert Q. Eldringhoff, DPW, Lt. Col. Thomas M. Friendak, U. S. Army Environmental Center, John D. Knapstein, MRICD, and Dr. Coleen D. Weese, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Richard A. Kreiss

Named the gold recipient for Outstanding Supervisor (Grades 12 and below) was Richard A. Kreiss of ATC. Under his leadership as supervisor of the Logistics Team, personnel were able to support an increased workload with fewer assigned personnel. His nomination reads, "he has a deep pervasive desire to provide customers with more than they expect and for less cost than they thought was required." He is credited with being instrumental in a seamless transition into a Most Efficient Organization award as a result of the implementation of an A-76 study. Kreiss is described as "a catalyst in making vastly improved modes of operation a reality."

Maj. Lisa A. Forsyth, CHPPM, received a silver award and James R. Cann, OC&S, and Carolyn A. Lamp, DPW,

were bronze recipients.

Lyndell Barber

Named Outstanding Supervisor in Trades and Crafts was Lyndell Barber, Garrison DPW. A high voltage electrician supervisor at APG, he is credited with enabling personnel to successfully trouble shoot and eliminate problems within substations and the distribution system, resulting in a 90 percent reduction in unscheduled power interruptions in the Edgewood Area. His nomination reads, "He demands consistent work from his employees while understanding the importance of maintaining high morale." Barber is credited with supporting continuing education, resulting in a highly skilled workforce.

Joseph McDeshen Jr., ATC, received a silver award.

Walter Andrefsky

Named Outstanding Para-professional - Technical, Scientific and Program Support was Walter Andrefsky, a ballistic measurement technician at ATC. Andrefsky is credited with helping improve response and safety for soldiers and seamen, air passengers, and bomb squad personnel through performing unique measurements used by aircraft and ship engineers and designers. His bio-mechanical measurements of the response of human simulators to bullet and explosive impacts are used in the development of new surgical techniques. Andrefsky is described in his nomination as "a rare individual who diligently applies himself to any task until it is completed to the most rigor-

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FAPAC chair hails Asian-Pacific American heritage



Photo by RALPH BROTH

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, center, leads dancers from the Filipino American Association of the Upper Chesapeake in a traditional dance during the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon at Top of the Bay. From left front, Paz Sapasap, Posadas, Amy Nieto, left rear, Lucy Jeresano, Victor Beato and Mar Nieto.

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community received samplings of a diverse cultural heritage consisting of many languages, ethnicities and religions during the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon held at Top of the Bay on May 23.

The swish of native skirts and the cracking of coconuts highlighted the afternoon's entertainment preceding a keynote address by guest speaker Mirza J. Maroof, chairman of the Federal Asian-Pacific American Council, or FAPAC.

Hosted by Staff Sgt. Angelito Tuazon, equal opportunity representative, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, the program got underway with the singing of the national anthem by members of the Filipino American Association of the Upper Chesapeake.

After the invocation by

Chaplain (Col.) Phillip D. Kalyanapu, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, welcomed guests to the annual event.

Noting the program's theme, "Emerging Together," Ertwine acknowledged the importance of "recognizing and celebrating Asian-Pacific contributions."

"We celebrate by focusing on diversity, cultural enrichment and contributions toward economic prosperity," Ertwine said.

Guests feasted on beef broccoli, chicken stir fry, shrimp fried rice, steamed rice and desserts as they took in a coconut demonstration by Peter LeonGuerrero, an intelligence officer with the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security. LeonGuerrero demonstrated the art of grinding and slicing coconuts that he learned as a child while growing up on the island of Guam.

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Pollution Prevention



Recycling paper reduces water use by 60 percent, energy by 70 percent and cuts pollution in half.
-Federal Energy Management Program

Operations Center 410-278-4500.

Playmorning at the chapel

Army Community Service provides 'Playmorning' every Wednesday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Chapel, Conference Room 4. This is a weekly playgroup for parents and their children under age 6 to network and have fun. There is no charge. For more information, contact Diana Hayes, program coordinator, 410-278-7474/7478.

2001 Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert

John Michael Montgomery, Diamond Rio and Tim Rushlow will headline the Aug. 18 concert.

Tickets will go on sale following the June 16 Classic Rock Concert. STYX, KANSAS and Survivor headline that event, and tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster and MWR facilities on post.

Both of these events are major fund raisers for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation program with funds and going back into soldier programs for APG.

Ozone Action Days forecast on the web

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

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

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

Bingo at AA Rec Center every Wednesday

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, has bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The packet includes a \$500 game, a \$500 special and a progressive jackpot that is at 52 numbers for \$1,100.

Specials are three for \$1, packets are \$7 and jackpots are \$2.50. There are two 70/30 split specials.

The snack bar is open before and during bingo for your refreshment needs.

For more information, call 410-278-2621.

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EA Ed Center seeks volunteers

The Education Center in the Edgewood Area is looking for a volunteer receptionist to help with the day-to-day office operations. Some duties include directing phone calls, filing, providing general information to visitors and assisting with special projects.

All of the volunteer hours accumulated, training received and skills acquired are documented and can be used to advantage when filling out future job applications.

Anyone interested in learning more about this position should contact Dori Lawton, education specialist, at 410-278-3515, or Alice Surette, volunteer coordinator, at 410-278-5469.

International students need host families

Global Friendships, Inc. is looking to place students from France or Spain with Harford County families interested in sharing their homes

and cultural experiences for two to three weeks at a time during the school year. If you want to take advantage of this opportunity to share your Army family with these young students, contact Laurie Kramer, Harford coordinator, 410-838-4341.

BIG membership drive during June

Blacks in Government is having their annual membership drive during the month of June. The regular meeting will be held at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326, 5:30 p.m. on June 13.

For more information, call Betty Willard, 410-272-1660.

KUSAHC offers class

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.

MDNG celebrates centennial of 5th Regiment Armory, military ball

The Maryland National Guard will host the Centennial Celebration of the Fifth Regiment Armory and the annual military ball on Saturday, June 2, 4 p.m. to midnight, at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore.

Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend will be the guest speaker.

The centennial event marks the groundbreaking for this historic landmark, which has served not only as a hub of military activity in Baltimore City, but also the site of innumerable community events. Its history reflects the military and socio-economic heritage of the Baltimore area.

A concert by the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus will highlight the centennial celebration, while the opening ceremony for the military ball will feature a walk through history, replete with historical skits.

The armory was the site of activation for the National Guard during both World War I and World War II. It is the venue for numerous community events, such as ethnic festivals, corporate and civic receptions, and the Maryland National Guard Scholastic Games.

For more information contact Lt. Barbara Maher, Public Affairs Officer, at 410-576-6179 or 410-259-1207 or via E-mail at barbara.maher@md.ngb.army.mil.

Carpool drivers needed

Drivers are needed to join an existing carpool that meets at White Marsh Mall. Hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Only nonsmokers will be considered. Contact Charles Stumpf, stumpfcl@arl.army.mil, or 410-278-2914.

Edgewood aquanauts summer swim team

The Edgewood aquanauts summer swim team offers a great opportunity to improve swimming skills and have some fun.

To register or for more information, call Dodie Tinsdale, 410-538-3407 or Lorie McDuffie, 410-272-0434.

ACS offers free resume class

The Army Community Service Employment Assistance Program will offer a free resume writing class taught by an instructor from Harford Community College on Thursday, June 21, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Classroom and computer based program instruction will be taught at the ACS Career Focus Center, building 2752, Rodman Rd. (located behind the Family Housing Office). Limited seating is available. To register, contact Marilyn Howard, employment assistance program manager, at 410-278-9669.

International Orphan's Camp Program

If you have room in your house for a child between the age of 5 and 11 from Saturday, July 7 to Sunday, Aug. 6, or if you have room in your heart for one of these older children forever, consider our summer camp program.

The International Orphan's Camp Program is looking for host families and prospective adoptive families for these children for the summer 2001 program and beyond. Families are needed for children from Kazakhstan for this summer.

If you are interested, call Judy Williams, 410-569-8927.

AMSC enrollment deadline nears

The deadline to enroll in the next Sustaining Base Leadership and Management course is June 5 for both the resident and non-resident programs.

The college-level resident course begins Sept. 17 at the Army Management Staff College, Fort Belvoir, Va. The non-resident course begins Aug. 21. Both programs are specifically designed to educate civilian and military personnel who will become the future leaders of the sustaining base, AMSC officials said.

Civilians in grades GS-12 to 14 may apply on line. GS-11s and 15s may apply by exception, AMSC officials said. They added that majors and lieutenant colonels can request attendance through their branch managers.

On-line applications must be approved by supervisors and reach headquarters, Department of the Army by June 5, officials said.

For more information, the AMSC Web address is www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil.

Join Spesutie Island Boat Activity

The Spesutie Island Boat Activity is accepting applications for the 2001 season. Interested personnel must be authorized to participate in Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. Eligible personnel include all active duty military, military retirees, APG civilians, retired APG civilians, civilian contractors (with ID cards) and Baltimore District Corps of Engineer employees. Proofs of insurance and registration are required.

Cost for keeping a boat is \$10 per foot for moorings, \$7 per foot for parking lot storage, and \$6.50 per foot for 'ramp-only' access.

If you are interested in joining, stop by building 36, or call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

Army T&E Days Conference 2001

The annual Army Test and Evaluation Days Conference will be held July 10 to 12 at the Von Braun Center, Huntsville, Ala.

The conference registration form, golf registration form, and hotel information is posted to Web site www.testevaldays.com. Continue to view the Web site for updates regarding the agenda, short courses, and other information pertinent to the conference.

Post Office seeking custodial help

Part-time custodial help is wanted at APG Post Offices. A total of 11 hours would be split between the Aberdeen Area Post Office (eight) and Edgewood Area Post Office (three).

Call the Postmaster for more information or to apply at 410-278-7967.

Exton and Youth Services hold summer golf camp

Exton Golf Course, in conjunction with Aberdeen Proving Ground's Youth Services, will hold a six-week golf camp June 26 through Aug. 8, Tuesday and Thursday of each week, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The fee is \$40 per child.

Registration closes June 4. Priority for this program goes to children of (1) military, (2) Department of Defense, and (3) all others (public) personnel.

The camp is open to children ages 7 to 18. Registration forms are available at Exton Golf Course from 7 a.m. to closing. Waivers of liability will be required from each parent for their child to attend.

This program will fill very fast. The golf course has a limited number of golf clubs for children, so please try to obtain clubs that will fit your child. Small children should not use adult clubs. They are too heavy for the child and often create bad habits.

For further information, contact Gene Harris or Lillian Deel, 410-436-2213.

AA chapel sponsors stress management class

A Christian Approach to Stress and Worry is a lunchtime gathering using prayer and the Bible to find out how to handle stress, worry and anxiety in our lives God's way. The class uses a topical, interactive approach to stress management.

All military and civilian personnel at APG are invited to attend each Thursday, 12 to 12:50 p.m., at the Aberdeen Chapel in classroom No. 3. Bring yourself and lunch; Bibles are provided.

Facilitators are Ivan Mehosky and Bruce Erdner. For more information, call 410-278-4333.

Local amusement park tickets available at ITR

Information, Ticketing and Registration Office has tickets available for the National Aquarium, Maryland Science Center, Hershey Park and Paramount's Kings Dominion. All other park tickets will become available closer to their park's opening dates.

As a reminder, tickets for Colonial Williamsburg are special order (just like the Disney Passes). Call 410-278-4011/4612 or stop by building 3326.

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GATE OPERATIONS



Gate operations in Edgewood change

Effective June 1, the 24-hour open gate in Edgewood will be the Route 24 gate. "Although somewhat less convenient to residents of Skippers Point and Grant Court, it is the best entrance for the Edgewood Area," said Col. Robert J. Spidel, garrison and deputy installation commander. Open hours for the Wise Road and Magnolia gates will be 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Army recognizes contractors for quality performance

By Kelly Buckingham
ECBC

The U.S. Army recognized six contractors who have demonstrated outstanding quality practices at a ceremony May 11, in the Conference Center at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The Contractor Performance Certification Program (CP)2, sponsored by the U.S. Army Materiel Command, is conducted for those contractors performing or planning on performing work for the U.S. Army.

The contractors recognized, Quicksilver Analytics, Inc., ILC Dover, Mid-West Research Institute, Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute, Geomet Technologies, Inc., and the Chemical Analysis Team at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, provide services to the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

During the ceremony, a memorandum of agreement of certification with SBCCOM was signed.

In his opening remarks, Maj. Gen. John Doesburg, commander of

SBCCOM and APG, stated, "We look for world class partners and support to help us deliver what is necessary for those young warfighters who are out there to accomplish their mission. The (CP)2 Program helps us to identify those partners."

The certification, known as (CP)2 2000, is a process that is modeled after the customer satisfaction, commitment to continuous improvement, and good practices outlined in the globally recognized International Organization for Standardization's (ISO) 9000 Series of Quality Standards.

Participation in the (CP)2 2000 program is voluntary and available to any contractor who does business or anticipates business with the Army, and is recognized by AMC and any AMC major subordinate command, such as SBCCOM.

The purpose of the program is to encourage improvement for Army programs, enhance the cooperative effort between government and contractors, and to recognize contractors who demonstrate quality work.

"The (CP)2 Program looked like a good thing when we got into it, became a better thing, and now it is the only way to do business," said Rod Hudson, owner of Quicksilver Analytics, Inc., based in Abingdon.

"We have used the (CP)2 2000 Program in all areas of business," said Dr. Ted Prociv, President of Geomet Technologies, Inc. "The most important contributions the program has made to our company are measurement and focus."

Benefits to joining the program include reduction or elimination of First Article Test requirements, reduction or elimination of inspection/tests, and reduced government oversight and reporting requirements.

For more information about the ceremony or the (CP)2 2000 program, visit <http://www.sbccom.apgea.army.mil> or contact the ECBC Public Affairs Office, at 410-436-4347.

Contractor steam cleans cars leaving Europe

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, April 11) — U.S. servicemembers based in Europe are getting a break when they ship their vehicles back home. They now have their vehicles steam cleaned at no charge by American Auto Logistics, Inc., the prime contractor for the global privately owned vehicle shipment program and it's subcontractor, Transcar.

The cleaning program, which began April 2, assists servicemembers in meeting stringent shipping requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The stringent inspections are designed to reduce the possibility of transmitting non-native insects and disease to the United States. For a vehicle to pass inspection, steam cleaning is necessary to remove dirt and debris from inaccessible areas of the vehicle's undercarriage.

In essence, the contractor is accepting responsibility for shipping vehicles that pass the Department of Agriculture requirements, said Bill Antonelli, vice president of American Auto Logistics.

The cleaning process will save servicemembers the frustrations of a failed inspection along with commercial cleaning costs that vary from \$80 to \$150 per vehicle,

he said.

"This is a tremendous cost savings to the servicemember," said Antonelli. "We are delighted to expand our contract's range to include this service."

An estimated 17,000 servicemember vehicles return annually from Europe.

"Collectively, we will save servicemembers \$1.5 million annually," Antonelli said.

Servicemembers must still turn in a clean vehicle at the service centers, to include a vacuumed interior.

American Auto Logistics plans to conduct the cleaning and inspection of the majority of servicemember vehicles at the port of Bremerhaven, Germany.

The firm will consolidate vehicles shipped from 13 centers in Germany, Belgium and Northern Italy.

"At 10 other sites in the United Kingdom, Turkey, Spain and Italy, vehicles will be cleaned and inspected at the service centers themselves at contractor expense," said Antonelli.

In the past, Department of Agriculture rejection rates for vehicles without professional cleaning have been as high as 96 percent at the Schweinfurt Vehicle Processing Center in Germany,

officials said.

"We are eliminating the wasted time, frustration and cost for servicemembers," said Antonelli.

The cleaning process American Auto Logistics performs is not related to the foot-and-mouth disease reported among farm animals in some portions of Europe, officials said.

In addition, Transcar performs an additional disinfectant process over and above the initial cleaning to ensure the Department of Agriculture requirements for foot-and-mouth disease are satisfied. This all takes place prior to any vehicle departing Europe.

Col. Nonie Cabana, deputy chief of staff for Passenger & Personal Property, Military Traffic Management Command, welcomed the new policy.

"This is truly a quality of life initiative," said Cabana. "This supports individual servicemembers in a critical area. This is top support for the Department of Defense servicemembers."

American Auto Logistics ships an estimated 75,000 vehicles every year for the MTMC.

(Editor's note: Information from a MTMC news release.)

Overseas car conversion can be costly

Americans in Europe should beware of foreign car dealers who claim they can convert cars to U.S. standards. The Navy Wire Service reports that the Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency only accept work done and covered under warranty by expert companies in the United States. These agencies do not recognize the work of overseas companies or individuals.

Fines, extra bonds, and storage fees will ensue if you try to import a vehicle "converted" overseas. A simple computer check of the vehicle identification number is all U.S. Customs needs to detect these fraudulent imports. Also, trying to recoup the money you paid the dealer is not going to be easy. It is nearly always cheaper for personnel moving stateside to sell their foreign-specification cars abroad and buy replacements later.

For more information on shipping foreign vehicles, obtain the "Importing a Car" pamphlet from a military customs office or visit the military customs Web site at <http://www.hqusareur.army.mil>

Free money for college

Courtesy of MilitaryReport.com

Military.com's education service has a listing of \$300 million in scholarship funds.

All personnel in the military community, including family members, are encouraged to search the scholarship database. In addition to the scholarship search available, the educational services also provide comprehensive and updated information on educational benefits, such as the G.I. Bill, Veterans Educational Assistance Program and Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program.

To access these education services, visit: <http://www.military.com/Careers/Education/0,11754,112,00.html>.

MTMC Web site provides moving information

Courtesy of MilitaryReport.com

The American Forces Press service reports that the Military Traffic Management Command's Web site provides detailed and easy-to-read help for service members, movers and transportation personnel. The Web site provides essential information about moving everything from household goods to privately owned vehicles, boats, mobile homes and pets.

It also contains links to other Web sites where users can get forms, information from finance and the per diem office for every branch of the service, including the Coast Guard.

The new site has nine listings — latest updates, domestic advisory, international advisory, personal property, carrier approval, non-temporary storage, privately owned vehicles, personal property shipments information and a personal property consignment instruction guide.

For more information, visit the MTMC Web site at <http://www.mtmc.army.mil/>.

Handy pamphlets are available in .pdf format at the following Web sites: http://www.usapa.army.mil/pdf/p55_2.pdf <http://www.mtmc.army.mil/property/POV/POVPAM.PDF>.

The POV tracking system is at <http://www.whereismypov.com/>. Key the order number, social security number, and last name into the Web site to access the tracking system..

Study suggests fixes for officer retention

By Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

Revised officer evaluations, basic training for new lieutenants and resident schooling for all majors, are just three of the recommendations in the results released May 25 of a panel study that could revamp officer development.

The Army Training and Leader Development Panel study is a “frank self-analysis” of problems facing the officer corps, according to officials.

Resulting changes will be part of Army transformation, said the study’s directors. They stressed that people, not new vehicles, are the most important part of that transformation.

“The good news is that we, the Army, stopped to look at ourselves,” said Brig. Gen. John Schmader, one of the officers heading up the ATLDP at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Not many organizations have the confidence to take this kind of hard look at themselves, he said, and uncover “their own warts.”

“We uncovered some issues on training leadership development and we’re going to do something about it,” said Schmader, the assistant deputy chief of staff for training at TRADOC (West). He and Brig. Gen. David Huntoon, deputy commandant of the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, said the report is extremely candid. And they said, through the report, the Army chief of staff will have an increased understanding of junior officers concerns.

Many junior officers said the Army was not fulfilling their expectations to lead soldiers. So the study recommends lieutenants spend more time as platoon leaders and only serve in brigade-and-below positions.

Many captains and majors said they did not perceive a reasonable assurance of a future in the Army. So the study recommends revising

Officer Evaluation Reports.

The report indicated that many officers perceive that OERs have sometimes been based on position, rather than performance. One example was brigade commanders giving preference in their senior rating blocking to company commanders - thus leaving little hope to other staff captains.

The study polled the attitudes of 13,500 leaders - both active and reserve-component - from 61 different installations. Surveys, focus groups, personal interviews and independent research were used to compile the data.

The study identified a “band of tolerance,” a term that junior officers use to determine whether the Army is living up to their expectations. Many officers reported that they don’t mind working long hours, training all night, deploying and making sacrifices, as long as the Army lives up to its part of the bargain — such as well-being for families and a fair shake at advancement.

Army “culture” is out of balance, according to the study. It identifies “friction” between beliefs and practices.

“We started tying everything back into the Army culture,” Schmader said, including operations tempo and how it affects families.

“We discovered there is a big difference between the perceptions of senior leaders and young people,” Schmader said. “In one part of the study we asked senior leaders ‘why are young officers staying or getting out of the Army?’ What they said was 180 degrees from what the young kids said.”

“It’s a wake-up call for all of us,” Schmader added.

Study recommendations include: allowing more time for officer professional development, less external requirements on unit training schedules and less time preparing for peacekeeping operations.

The study recommends that units focus on their war-time mission until 90 days before deploying to places like Bosnia and Kosovo, Schmader said. He said only the corps commander would be able to switch training from war-time tasks to those of a stability and support operation.

The study recommends that a number of training manuals such as 25-100 and 25-101 be updated. It also recommends that AR 600-3, focusing on officer personnel management, be rewritten.

One of the recommendations of the study is to provide a basic training course for all new lieutenants before they go to their branch school. The “Basic Officer Leader Course” is now being tested at Fort Benning, Ga. New lieutenants of all branches would attend the seven-week course in basic soldier and leadership skills before going to their branch school.

In order to “level the playing field” for promotion to lieutenant colonel, the study recommends that all majors attend an Intermediate Level Education course—similar to today’s Command and General Staff Officer Course at the Command and General Staff Officer College. In the past, only about half of the active-duty majors had the chance to attend CGSOC. Huntoon said that was perceived as a factor in determining promotions.

“The panel recommends eliminating the CGSOC selection board,” Huntoon said.

In order to expand the CGSOC capacity to handle all majors, he said additional sites would be identified for CGSOC, along with the Total Army School System and correspondence course options.

A number of the lieutenant colonels and colonels included in the study said they did not feel “valued for their experience and expertise.”

“Officers want to know they’re value-added,” Schmader said, adding that in the final analysis, that’s what a major part of retention is all

Encroachment, environmental issues impact training

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

Encroachment, a growing list of endangered species and harsher interpretations of environmental statutes are impacting the use of Army training ranges, and consequently, military readiness.

Maj. Gen. R. L. Van Antwerp, the Army’s assistant chief of staff for installation management, made that observation during a statement to members of the Senate Armed Forces Committee.

While stating that the Army was not seeking relief from environmental laws, the general did ask for congressional support of Army programs and plans that could lessen the impact these

issues have on the use of training ranges.

“We ask that you recognize the unique role of the Army and our sister services within the Department of Defense,” Van Antwerp said. “We carry out our training, not for profit or gain, but to ensure the readiness of our force. That readiness is critical to our ability to perform the missions assigned to us and to do so efficiently and with a minimum of casualties.”

Encroachment refers to the urban development of areas immediately surrounding military installations. Many posts were established decades ago in rural areas. As suburbia’s sprawl bumps

up against these posts, civilian complaints of the dust, smoke and noise caused by maneuver, live-fire exercises and flights by military aircraft usually increase, officials said.

In a few cases, this has caused installations to limit the hours when or where training can occur to ease community relations with annoyed civilian neighbors.

In addition, encroachment has severely scaled down the size of wildlife habitats surrounding Army bases—making many training ranges “islands of biodiversity” no longer found outside the front gate, according Van Antwerp. Federal regulations protecting an increasing list of endan-

gered plant and animal life living among those islands has limited the use of many training ranges, he said. There are currently 153 federally listed endangered species making their homes among 94 Army installations.

“The effects of these encroachment factors are intensified by well-organized communities committed to the elimination of the military’s impact on them,” Van Antwerp told the committee. “The effectiveness of these communities is enhanced by a system of environmental regulation that allows for discretionary enforcement and citizen’s authority to challenge regulatory decisions, resulting in pressure on regulators to interpret environmental requirements most conservatively to avoid speculative effects or risk litigation.”

The general gave Fort Hood, Texas, as an example where encroachment issues and environmental compliance has affected the Army’s use of its ranges and training areas. Due to noise restrictions and requirements to protect a number of endangered species and more than 2,400 archeological and culturally significant sites, only about 17 per-

cent of Fort Hood’s 185,000 acres of training lands are available without restrictions throughout the year.

While the Army has an obligation to meet other federal agencies regulations, it also has the requirement to train soldiers as realistically as possible, Van Antwerp said. That means maintaining two-way lines of communication between agencies to understand each side’s positions to lessen the chance of arbitrary decisions, he said.

To balance the demands of environmental compliance and encroachment with the training needs of the Army, a Sustainable Range Management program is currently being implemented, Van Antwerp said. The program will seek to maintain the most current and best information on environmental compliance and integrate that information in the daily management of training ranges at more than 400 Army installations.

Another encroachment initiative the Army continues to pursue is partnering with conservation groups to buy land for wildlife areas just outside installation fence lines to create buffers against urban development.

Fort Bragg has been successful in this area by partnering with The Nature Conservancy.

On Cape Cod, the Environmental Protection Agency rendered a decision to cease all live-fire training at the Massachusetts Military Reservation in 1997 due to high levels of lead in the soil. The Army then implemented the use of “green” environmentally-safe ammunition. This allowed the MMR small-arms ranges to reopen.

Other initiatives to combat environmental and encroachment issues across the Army include designing small-arms ranges to minimize erosion, employing shock-absorbing concrete to provide reusable backstops and using dust-control technologies on tank trails and helicopter hover pads, according to the testimony.

“The Army is not seeking to avoid any responsibilities it has to the people of the United States,” Van Antwerp said. “We are not seeking relief from compliance with environmental statutes. We will continue to do our best to ensure that our practices do not endanger the health or well-being of any American.”

In memoriam Todd Williams

On Tuesday, May 22, Todd Williams lost his life to what is believed was a heart attack while playing basketball at the Hoyle Gym. He was 28.

Williams arrived at Aberdeen Proving Ground as a young soldier seven and a half years ago. After completing his commitment with the Army, he continued his career as an employee for the U.S. Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Throughout his time here Todd made many friends through work, sports teams, and leisure activities. Todd never went unnoticed, he was a great friend to everyone and will be missed.

As a result of this unexpected loss, a memorial fund has been set up at the Freedom of Maryland Federal Credit Union to assist Todd’s family and loved ones with any extraneous costs that may affect them. Send donations to: Memorial for Todd Williams, c/o Eleanor Gordon, Account# 45283-00, Freedom of Maryland Federal Credit Union, Blackhawk and Hoadley Roads, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010.

Community celebrates heroes past, present

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and lead to a more cohesive unit," Bartholomew said.

After the run, participants gathered outside the athletic center for refreshments and door prizes that were donated by local businesses.

Most said they participated for the sheer pleasure of testing their endurance.

Leonard Morgan, a 65-year old from Riverside finished in 21 minutes, 26 seconds. The senior runner and military retiree was running in his fifth Armed Forces Day race.

"I come out for the fun of it. It's more like a social event than a contest," Morgan said, adding that he also ran in five Boston Marathons.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas and his 10-year old son Patrick went the entire route on scooters. Patrick came in about three minutes ahead of his dad.

"This is the first time he beat me," Posadas said. "I'll never hear the end of it."

Another senior runner, 63-year old Lou Teletski, a civilian employee with the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command said he runs to stay healthy.

"I quit smoking in 1994," Teletski said. "I figured I better do something to stay in shape."

Several families participated in the run. Bill Lese, a contractor with the U.S. Army Environmental Center, ran with his daughter Leeann, 9. Lese pushed his youngest daughter Angel, 2 in a stroller while his father, Bill Sr., pushed Angel's twin brother, Billy. They stopped the strollers near the finish line to let the toddlers cross on foot.

Leeann Lese said the family enjoyed their energetic outing together. "This was my first 5K," the breathless youngster puffed. "It was fun even if I am a little numb from it."

Even visitors to the post got in on the fun. Capt. Isaac Spragg ran with his son, Jacob, 10 and his former Officers Basic Course classmates, Capts. Michelle Dhunjashah from Fort Jackson, S.C., and Lauren Birnbaum from Fort Meade, Md.

"We really did it to give Jacob moral support," Birnbaum said.

"He really wanted to do well and he did," Dhunjashah added. "We all did."

Door prizes for the Fun Run/Walk were contributed by Target, McDonald's, Harford National Bank, Dominoes Pizza and the Lion's Club.

Patriotic parade

Hundreds of onlookers lined West Bel Air Avenue in Aberdeen to watch the grandest Armed Forces Day parade in recent memory.

Military vehicles, weaponry and troops blended with civilian marching bands and veterans organizations in a splendid array of colors and pageantry for the flag-waving crowd.

Capt. Jim McMahan from radio station WAMD and Bob Silcox from APG Garrison's Plans and Operations Division gave commentary as each group passed the viewing stand that was filled with civilian and military dignitaries.

Leading the way was Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, the parade's Grand Marshal.

Scheduled to depart APG for an assignment in Germany in July, Spidel said that serving as Grand Marshal was a "bittersweet honor".

"This was my third parade and it's kind of sad although it was the biggest and best by far," Spidel said.

"Aberdeen looks forward to this day every year," added Aberdeen Mayor Doug Wilson, who also participated in his fourth morning Fun Run.

"An awful lot of people worked hard to put this together and we relish the relationship we have with the civilian community," added Silcox. "We hope to see bigger and better things in the future."

Music, howitzers and fireworks

An estimated crowd of 400 people relaxed on Aberdeen High School's front lawn as the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) performed

it's Armed Forces Day Concert.

The band closed out the day's festivities with patriotic and popular tunes highlighted by the playing of the "1812 Overture" with Howitzer accompaniment from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 16th Ordnance Battalion Salute Battery, led by Sgt. 1st Class Carl Melvin.

Aberdeen Mayor Douglas Wilson welcomed guests and introduced Brig. Gen. Dean Ertwine, commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command.

Noting that this year marked the nation's 51st Armed Forces Day celebration, Ertwine said it was the installation's privilege to join forces in a musical tribute to servicemembers everywhere.

"Our armed forces are still made up of outstanding young men and women who are resilient, tough and ready to go into harms way to preserve our way of life," Ertwine said.

He encouraged listeners to thank all current and former servicemembers for their contributions then introduced the evening's hosts, Chief Warrant Officer Jerry Standridge, the band's director and his wife, Diane, the evening's narrator.

The band performed patriotic melodies such as John Phillip Souza's "On to Victory," and "Coming Home from the Sea," the Navy Hymn by James Horner.

Popular tunes included "Are You Gonna Go My Way" and "Drive" performed by the Rock Band, and "Spain" and "Night and Day" performed by the Stage Band.

Members of the Aberdeen High School Choir lent their voices to five songs, including "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" the theme from the Walt Disney film "The Lion King," the "1812 Overture," and "Hymn to the Fallen," the solemn theme from the movie "Saving Private Ryan."

Immediately following the concert the crowd was treated to a spectacular fireworks display that lit up the sky, culminating the daylong tribute to America's Armed Forces, past and present.

Five steps to safer health care

Patient safety is one of the nation's most pressing health care challenges.

A recent report by the Institute of Medicine estimates that as many as 44,000 to 98,000 people die in U.S. hospitals each year as the result of lapses in patient safety.

The information below developed by federal agencies in the Quality Interagency Coordination, or QuIC Task Force, in partnership with other health care purchasers and providers tells what you can do to get safer health care.

The QuIC and its public- and private-sector partners are all working together to make the U.S. health care system safer for patients and the public.

Here are five things that the consumer can do to get safer health care:

1. Ask questions. Speak up if you have questions or concerns. Choose a doctor who you feel comfortable talking to about your health and treatment. Take a relative or friend with you if this will help you ask questions and understand the answers. It's okay to ask questions and to expect answers you can understand.
2. Know your medications. Keep a list of all the medicines you take. Tell your doctor and pharmacist about the medicines that you take, including over-the-counter medicines such as aspirin, ibuprofen, and dietary supplements like vitamins and herbals. Tell them about any drug allergies you have. Ask the pharmacist about side effects and what foods or other things to avoid while taking the medicine. When you get your medicine, read the label, including warnings. Make sure it is what your doctor ordered, and you know how to use it. If the medicine looks different than you expected, ask the pharmacist about it.
3. Understand tests and procedures. Make sure you get the results of any test or procedure. Ask your doctor or nurse when and how you will get the results of tests or procedures. If you do not get them when expected-in person, on the phone, or in the mail-don't assume the results are fine. Call your doctor and ask for them. Ask what the results mean for your care.
4. Discuss your choices. Talk with your doctor and health care team about your options if you need hospital care. If you have more than one hospital to choose from, ask your doctor which one has the best care and results for your condition. Hospitals do a good job of treating a wide range of problems.

However, for some procedures (such as heart bypass surgery), research shows results often are better at hospitals doing a lot of these procedures.

Also, before you leave the hospital, be sure to ask about follow-up care, and be sure you understand the instructions.

5. Understand your surgery. Make sure you understand what will happen if you need surgery. Ask your doctor and surgeon:

- Who will take charge of my care while I'm in the hospital?
- Exactly what will you be doing?
- How long will it take?
- What will happen after the surgery?
- How can I expect to feel during recovery?

Tell the surgeon, anesthesiologist, and nurses if you have allergies or have ever had a bad reaction to anesthesia. Make sure you, your doctor, and your surgeon all agree on exactly what will be done during the operation.

(Editors note: Information courtesy of the TRICARE Web site, <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tma/safety.htm>.)

Armed Forces Day 2001

Fun run on post



Photos by LAMONT HARBISON

Runners take off at the crack of the starting pistol in front of Fanshaw Field during the Armed Forces Day 5-Kilometer Fun Run/Walk sponsored by the Aberdeen Proving Ground sports office and Golden Corral Restaurant. About 150 participants, young and old, running, walking and riding participated.



Runners make haste at the start of the annual Armed Forces Day 5-kilometer Fun Run/Walk at Fanshaw Field.



The winner, Pvt. Erin Goodman, Company C 16th Ordnance Battalion, approaches the finish line well ahead of the pack to clock an 18 minute 42 second finish.

Parade in Aberdeen

The U. S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 143rd Ordnance Battalion color guard leads the 2001 Armed Forces Day Parade down Aberdeen's West Bel Air Avenue.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Left, the Aberdeen High School Marching Band struts proudly as it closes out the parade festivities.



Right, resplendent in red and black, the Edgewood High School Marching Band marks its first appearance in the Armed Forces Day Parade.



Baltimore's Marching Ravens band gives a New Orleans-style finish to a song as it exits the Armed Forces Day Parade.



The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) marches in, led by Chief Warrant Officer Jerry Standridge, far left front, and drum major Staff Sgt. James Gilbertson, center.



Flags bearing the logo of the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens football team billow in the wind as members of Baltimore's Marching Ravens entertain the crowd.

A day for family, fun, exercise and entertainment

Equipment on parade



Photo by PAT KNAPP

APG's Soldier of the Year, Spc. Joshua Vincill, passes through in a helmet-shaped float from APG Garrison's Directorate of Information Management.



Photo by PAT KNAPP

The U.S. Air Force Detachment's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Staff Sgt. Richard Worthington, approaches the review stand in a High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle followed by a Tank Balloon provided by APG Garrison's Directorate of Information Management and supported by soldiers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 16th Ordnance Battalion.



Photo by PAT KNAPP

An M-113 Mechanized Smoke Generator System from the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center rolls down West Bel Air Avenue in Aberdeen.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
A HMMWV from Program Manager Smoke Obscurants pulls a trailer containing an M-58 motorized Smoke Generator System.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Members of the 203rd Technical Intelligence Battalion ride a Soviet-made scout and reconnaissance vehicle.



Photo by PAT KNAPP

Onlookers watch as a Super DUKW, a WWII-era vehicle provided by the Blue and Gray Military Vehicle Trust, rolls by. The vehicle was used on- and off-road and in the water to transport personnel, equipment and supplies in the war zone.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

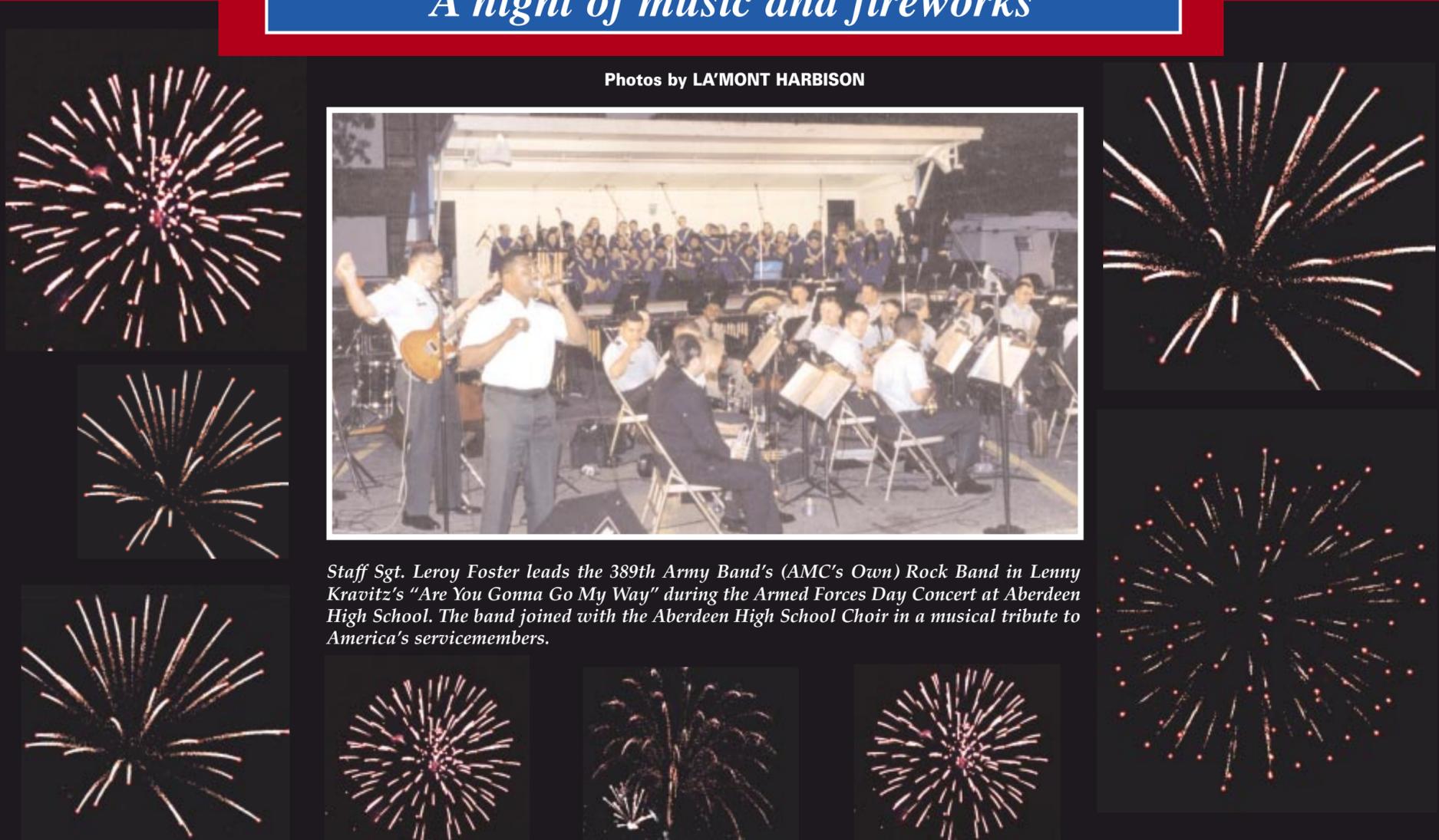
The parade Grand Marshal, Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, rides in on a WWII-era M-2 Half Track vehicle provided by the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center. This was the final APG Armed Forces Day event for Spidel who departs for Germany in July.

A night of music and fireworks

Photos by LA'MONT HARBISON



Staff Sgt. Leroy Foster leads the 389th Army Band's (AMC's Own) Rock Band in Lenny Kravitz's "Are You Gonna Go My Way" during the Armed Forces Day Concert at Aberdeen High School. The band joined with the Aberdeen High School Choir in a musical tribute to America's servicemembers.



Community Notes

FRIDAY 1 JUNE BASKET BINGO

The Meadowvale Elementary School Parents and Teachers Association is sponsoring Basket Bingo at the Elk's Lodge, Route 40, Havre de Grace, 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks, and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets are \$5.

For tickets, call Meg at 410-939-5048.

YOUTH JOY NIGHT

The St. James A.M.E. Youth Choir, 615-617 Green Street, Havre de Grace, presents Youth Joy Night, June 1, at 7 p.m. The theme for the evening is "Create in me a new heart."

SATURDAY JUNE 2 WACVA MONTHLY MEETING

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will hold their next meeting 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center.

All women who have served or are serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Army Corps, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to attend. Also welcome, as associate members, are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

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

SUNDAY JUNE 3 YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT

The St. James A.M.E. Youth Choir, 615-617 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will be in concert June 3, at 4 p.m. The choir

members are celebrating their 12th anniversary.

FRIDAY JUNE 8 PLAY BASKET BINGO, SUPPORT APGYOUTH

The School Age Services Support Group is sponsoring Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. All bingo prizes will be Longaberger® baskets.

Tickets are \$10 and includes admission, 20 games and chances to win door prizes.

To purchase tickets, contact Tina Nierwienski, 410-278-1934, Cheryl Miller, 410-278-9424, or Sue Rumbaugh, 410-436-7485. Tickets will also be available at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522, and the Child Development Center, building 2485. Seating will be limited to ticket holders only. At-the-door ticket sales are not guaranteed.

Refreshments and baked goods will be available.

(Note: Longaberger® and other basket and collection names are property of the Longaberger® company. This fundraiser is in no way connected with, nor is it approved or sponsored by the Longaberger® company.)

SATURDAY JUNE 15 BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, will hold a Longaberger® Basket Bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per ticket (three paper cards); extra cards are available at \$5 per set. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The fundraiser benefits the Harford Choral Society.

To purchase tickets, call Joanne, 410-939-9642, or Arlene Raymond and Phyllis Gilbert, 410-273-7332.

SATURDAY JUNE 16 FUNDRAISER AT LOCK HOUSE

The Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House is sponsoring an evening of "Wine and Jazz" 7 to 11 p.m. at the Havre de Grace Community Center, on Lagaret Drive. This is our ninth annual wine and jazz fundraiser. Music will be by "The Gentlemen of Jazz" for your listening or dancing pleasure. There will also be a special guest appearance by Mickey Light of Baltimore, performing "Sounds of Sinatra."

Gourmet light refreshments will be served with wine and other beverages. There will also be a live auction, a silent auction, a raffle, and door prizes, to benefit the museum.

Special auction items include a chair from the old Bayou Hotel, hand painted by one of our local artists, four Ravens tickets with parking, a hull or model of a ship by Martin Hoover, a sculpture of a decoy carver by Jackie Hoover, a 1920s walnut child's desk, an antique silk beaded scarf and many other items.

The raffle prize is a \$500 bond, and the door prizes are two Longaberger® baskets filled with some exciting and delicious items. To order raffle tickets call 410-939-4010, 410-939-2352 or 410-272-3017.

For tickets to fundraiser, call 410-939-4297 or 410-939-5780. Cost is \$25 or \$30 if purchased at the door.

SUNDAY JUNE 17 A FATHER'S DAY JAZZ SPECIAL

A special Father's Day jazz performance featuring "X-TET" will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Aberdeen. Tickets cost \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door. A free buffet

will be served. For tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Copeland, 1-877-937-9936.

MONDAY JUNE 18-25 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, is conducting a Vacation Bible School, June 18 to 25, 6:15 p.m. until 9 p.m. The program will offer Bible study, music, arts and crafts. Light snacks will be served each night. Classes for all age groups.

SATURDAY JULY 7 WACVA MONTHLY MEETING

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

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

SUNDAY JUNE 24 WOMEN'S DAY OBSERVANCE

Ames United Methodist Church will hold their Women In White Service at 10:30 a.m. in Edgewood Hall at Harford Community College. The guest minister will be Reverend Cynthia Woods from 3rd Street Church of God, Washington.

Contact Vicky Wright, 410-273-2099, or Debra Levy, 410-638-0648 for additional information.

SATURDAY JUNE 30 WACVA BAKE SALE

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Maryland Free State Chapter No. 70 will hold a bake sale at the Aberdeen Proving Ground PX, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will fund ongoing projects to help women veterans of Maryland.

For more information, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040.

FRIDAY AUGUST 17 CYSTIC FIBROSIS ANNUAL BENEFIT

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 will go on sale 10 a.m. on 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.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50



ONE NIGHT AT MCCOOL'S

Friday, June 1, 7 p.m.
Starring: Liv Tyler, Matt Dillon

It all started one night at McCool's. Three unsuspecting men and one woman with a dream are brought together. Before the night was over, she had become all the three men could think about: she moved in on one, made the other forget his (living) wife, and made the third forget his (dead) wife. She was more trouble than these three men were worth. . . and what she wanted was bigger than all of them put together. (Rated R)

CROCODILE DUNDEE IN LOS ANGELES

Saturday, June 2, 7 p.m.
Starring: Paul Hogan, Linda Kozlowski



The first movie took Mick to New York City, the second movie brought Mick and Sue back to the Outback, and now in the third film, Mick and Sue are headed to Hollywood to investigate the mystery of a murder that leads to a movie studio... (Rated PG)



ALONG CAME A SPIDER

Saturday, June 2, 9 p.m.
(FREE ADMISSION)

Starring: Morgan Freeman, Monica Potter

A congressman's daughter under Secret Service protection is kidnapped from a private school by an insider who calls Det. Alex Cross, sucking him into the case even though he's recovering from the loss of his partner. (Rated R)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Garrison Library has new books for your reading pleasure. Visit either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check them out.

Empire Falls by Richard Russo

Good in Bed by Jennifer Weiner

The Hearing by John T. Lescroart

The House of Light by Joyce Carol Thomas

The Living Blood by Tananarive Due

No One Thinks of Greenland by John Griesemer

Priestess of Avalon by Marion Zimmer Bradley

Sticks & Scones by Diane Mott Davidson

The Syndrome by John Case

Warlock by Wilbur Smith

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

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

OC&S LIBRARY

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

Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys by J. R. Davis

Business Writing for Dummies by Sheryl Lindsell-Roberts

Brassey's Book of Camouflage by Dr. J. F. Borsarello

Cover Letters for Dummies by Joyce Lain Kennedy

The Confederate Order of Battle, Volume 1 by F. Ray Sibley Jr.

Combat Operations/Stemming the Tide/May 1965 to October 1966 by John M. Carland

The United States Marine Corps in the Civil War/The Second Year by David M. Sullivan

Eyes of Artillery by Edgar F. Raines Jr.

When There's No Mechanic, 127 Important Things to Know About Your Car by Jim Gaston

FINANCIAL TIP

Set aside money for emergencies

Set aside money for unexpected emergencies, such as deployments, emergency leave, car repairs, or extra medical and dental expenses. Just because it's unexpected doesn't mean it has to be a financial emergency.

Hint: Most people don't plan to fail, they fail to plan.

For more information on these or other financial topics, call Tricia Jewitt, Army Community Service, 410-278-4372.

MWR TRAVEL WEBSITES

Reservations made easy using the Internet

For anyone thinking about that summer vacation or holiday travel, here are some Web sites to visit for leisure travel planning:

www.offdutytravel.com
www.satovacations.com
www.travelocity.com
www.expedia.com
www.priceline.com
www.air-fare.com
www.bestfares.com
www.cheapflights.com
www.alaskaair.com
www.americawest.com
www.aa.com
www.bahamasair.com
www.flycontinental.com
www.delta-air.com
www.hawaiianair.com

www.klm.nl
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APG FEB award winners take gold, silver, bronze



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Patricia A. Kazlo
Outstanding Supervisor (Grades 13 and above), U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center



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Richard A. Kreiss
Outstanding Supervisor (Grades 12 and below), U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center



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Lyndell Barber
Outstanding Supervisor in Trades and Crafts, Garrison Directorate of Public Works



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Walter Andrefsky
Outstanding Para-professional (Technical, Scientific, and Program Support), U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center



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Cynthia A. McMullen
Outstanding Para-professional - Administrative Management and Specialist, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command



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Sandra Loukata
Outstanding Clerical, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense



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David W. Glenn
Community Service, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center



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Abdul H. Kazi
Distinguished Public Service Career, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center

FEB AWARDS, from front page

ous standards of qualitative excellence."

Staff. Sgt. Eugene Browne, OC&S, received a silver award, and Patrick E. Malone, DPW, received a bronze award in the category.

Cynthia A. McMullen

Cynthia A. McMullen, a senior program analyst for the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command was named the gold award winner in the Outstanding Para-professional-Administrative Management and Specialist category. McMullen is credited with successfully managing in excess of \$100 million in technical projects with multiple funding sources, and participating in command-level studies supporting the technology mission.

Stella M. Woosley, ATC, received a silver award. Bronze winners were Patricia D. Edwards, AEC, Rosalie Holland, MRICD, Karlyn A. Hughes, CHPPM, and Lisa A. Weismiller, DPW.

Sandra Loukata

Sandra Loukata, secretary to the chief of the Drug Assessment Division, MRICD, received the gold in the Outstanding Clerical category. Loukata is credited with developing a computerized division task log to track suspenses and assist personnel in meeting deadlines, and, under her initiative, for developing an Internet web site for the division. Loukata has also created a monthly web-based research newsletter to inform institute scientists and technicians of the ongoing research being conducted at MRICD. Her nomination reads that she is "not afraid to undertake tasks that are above and beyond what is required of her," and "always embraces the opportunity to excel in new things with an open mind and with great anticipation."

Tamika D. Atkins, Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, was a silver award winner. Linda M. Bennett, DTC, Barbara G. Hillstrom, CHPPM, Katherine L. Marron, DPW, Linda M. Swann, AMSAA, Phyllis R. Tremper, AEC, and Barbara M. White, ATC,

received bronze awards.

David W. Glenn

David W. Glenn, a management analyst for ATC, received the gold award in the Community Service category. Recognized for his contributions to his church and community through participation in school activities including serving as President of the Parent Teacher Association, participating as a Little League coach and on the organization's board of directors, serving his church and church board through trustee service, Glenn, along with this family, has been recognized for "tireless commitment and dedication to the community." Co-chair of a program with the Baltimore Oriole Advocates which assists underprivileged children in developing countries, Glenn serves at home and abroad. For more than two years, Glenn spearheaded fundraisers to help meet medical costs for one of his little league ball players. The city of Havre De Grace recognized Glenn for "dedicating his life to serving the community," and he and his family have been named Harford County's Most Outstanding Family.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Mark E. Gengenback, OC&S, Joyce M. Landbeck, ATC, and David A. Mial, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, received silver awards. Charlotte V. Evering, AMSAA, received a bronze award.

Abdul H. Kazi

Dr. Abdul H. Kazi, director of the Army Pulse Radiation Facility, ATC, received a gold award in the Distinguished Public Service Career category. Kazi retired in March after 34 years of federal service devoted to providing realistic nuclear radiation effects testing on military systems prior to fielding ensuring that superior weaponry was adequately developed and tested prior to fielding. His nomination states "his performance is a legacy that even today benefits test customers throughout the Department of Defense and the entire federal service."

Additional silver and bronze recipients list-

ed by category include:

Outstanding Professional - Technical, Scientific, and Program Support

Silver awardees were James A. Matts, Firing Tables and Aeroballistics Branch, Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, William W. Newton, ATC, and Dale R. Shires, U.S. Army Research Laboratory. Bronze recipients were Charles A. DePase, DPW, Steven P. Getlein, AEC, Judith S. Harris, CHPPM, William J. McLay, PMCD, William E. Marshall, Jr., DTC, and Eric A. Wehde, AMSAA.

Outstanding Professional - Administrative Management and Specialist

Silver awardees were Louise J. Dyson, PMCD, Paul A. Marone, APG Garrison Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, M. Barbara Schmidt, AEC, and Karen J. Zeto, ATC. Bronze winners were Linda J. Davidson, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, Larry E. Main, OC&S, and Sue Ellen Robinson, MRICD.

Outstanding Trades and Crafts

Bobby H. Graybeal, ATC, received a silver award, and James Tolbert, DPW, received a bronze award.

Equal Employment Opportunity Service

Johnny L. Graham, AMSAA, received a bronze award.

Rookie of the Year-Professional

Silver awardees were Seth R. Graybill, ATC, Joseph B. Kelly, AMSAA, and Dr. Akbar S. Khan, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command. Lynwood Turlington, OC&S, was a bronze award recipient.

Rookie of the Year-Para-professional

William A. Nori III, ATC, received a silver award.

Rookie of the Year - Trades and Crafts

James Fielder, ATC, received a silver award.

(Editor's note: Pat Little, MRICD, contributed to this article.)

Practical rules for lawn mower safety

- Before you mow, clear the yard of rocks, sticks, toys or anything else the mower might pick up and fling.
- After rain or heavy dew, wait for grass to dry before mowing. Wet grass may clog the chute or make you slip.
- If the chute clogs, shut off the motor, wait for the blade to stop turning, then clear it with a stick. Never clear a chute with your hands.
- On hills, mow across the face of the slope with a walk-behind mower so your feet won't slip under the blades.
- With a riding mower, mow up and down the slope so you're less likely to tip over.
- Never leave a running mower unattended and always clear all people, especially children, and pets from the area being mowed.
- Fill the tank before starting the job. Never refuel a hot mower.

Dress for safety:

- Wear heavy-duty shoes with nonslip soles (never mow in bare feet or sandals).
- Wear long slacks to protect legs.
- Avoid loose clothing that could get caught in machinery.
- Eye and hearing protection must be worn when mowing.

McDuffie brothers excelling in different directions -- singer, scholar



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left, Justin and Matthew McDuffie give a smile and a hug outside the Aberdeen Area Youth Center. Matthew, 11, has been awarded a Carson Scholars Fund college scholarship and Justin, 8, has been accepted to the Maryland State Boychoir. The Roye-Williams Elementary School students are the children of Lt. Col. Don and Lorie McDuffie, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

By Yvonne Johnson

APG News

For many active families in the Aberdeen Proving Ground community, daily life includes rushing to and from scout meetings, dance rehearsals, music lessons, sporting events and other extracurricular activities.

For one set of APG parents, thanks to their aspiring offspring, the pace just picked up.

Two Roye-Williams Elementary School brothers have achieved distinct honors that will keep their parents busy for years to come.

Matthew McDuffie, 11, has been selected for a Carson Scholars Fund college scholarship due to a 3.75 grade point average and an essay he submitted to the fund for consideration.

His brother Justin, 8, has been accepted to the Maryland State Boychoir as a member of the Resident Choir which meets weekly to develop the voice and the ability to read music.

The boys are the sons of Lt. Col. Don and Lorie McDuffie, a scientist with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, and a substitute teacher, respectively.

Matthew McDuffie, whose award-winning essay focused on community service, said he chose to write about his church for the 150-word project.

"I volunteer as an acolyte and help with children's church," the fifth-grader said adding that his whole family looks forward to the Sunday Protestant service at the Aberdeen Area Chapel.

Describing himself as "athletic" and "responsible," he said he was surprised to learn he won the scholarship.

"I hoped I would but I really didn't anticipate it," McDuffie said, adding that when he took the notification letter to school, his classmates threw a party in his honor.

Lorie McDuffie, who substitutes at Roye-Williams, said she was proud of how his efforts have been rewarded.

"He worked so hard on that essay," she said. "Getting it down to 150 words was his biggest challenge."

Matthew said he feels good about his accomplishment. With social studies as his favorite subject, he said what motivates him is his desire for good grades.

"Every kid wants good grades. Some just don't do what it takes to get them," he said.

The would-be professional athlete said he prays before every endeavor and after every accomplishment. He thanked his parents and his academic advisors for their encouragement and support. To aspiring young academicians, he offered the following: "To be successful, just keep trying. Never give up," McDuffie said. "Support is number one, but the rest is up to you."

Matthew's younger brother, Justin, 8, a second-grader at Roye-Williams, is looking forward to beginning voice and music lessons with the Maryland State Boychoir.

Described by his mom as having "loved singing almost before he could talk," Matthew admitted he liked just about every kind of music.

"I like everything but hard rock and rap," Justin McDuffie said, adding that his favorite performer is Country and Western star, Charlie Pride.

Though both McDuffie brothers take piano lessons and music classes, Justin decided to challenge himself after seeing a poster advertising the Maryland choir. After applying and performing well at the audition, he was accepted and now looks forward to learning "as much as I can about music."

"Music just touches me in my heart," he said. "I love to sing."

Hoping for a career as a professional singer, he added that his biggest ambition is to be "a good dad like my dad."

"Never give up on your dreams," the 8-year old offered. "Do what you have to do to make them come true."

The Carson Scholars Fund gives college grants to students, as early as the fourth grade, who have outstanding academic records and are role models for other students. The fund holds each student scholarship grant in trust until the recipient enrolls in a four-year institution of higher learning. Winners who maintain a high level of academic performance may apply for additional scholarships from the Carson Fund. For more information, check the Web site: www.carsonsfund.org.

Boys enter the Maryland State Boychoir as members of the Resident Choir, which meets Saturday mornings for a training program designed to develop the singing voice and the ability to read music. Boys who evidence sufficient ability, maturity, and musical knowledge advance to the Concert Choir, where they will perform at functions and continue music reading and vocal techniques. The most accomplished singers may advance to the Tour Choir, which has a greater number of performance opportunities. They are expected to learn difficult music in a short period. Some teenage members are also part of the Changed Voice Choir, which has its own separate rehearsals and repertoire.

For more information, check the Web site: www.marylandboychoir.org.

NASA executive promotes education, tolerance

ASIAN LUNCHEON, from front page

As volunteers from the audience tried their hand at grinding and slicing, LeonGuerrero explained that, "preparing coconuts is an island tradition."

"My father would send us out to grind coconuts right after school," he said, adding that the plant is used for a variety of dishes and candies.

Following the meal, dancers from the Filipino American Association of the Upper Chesapeake performed two dances, one that involved hopping over two bamboo poles as they were being clapped together in time to the music. Led by retired Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, a native Filipino, volunteers hopped, skipped and tripped over the ankle-high poles as they did their best to master the dance.

With the entertainment over, Arthur Kaff, attorney-advisor for DTC introduced the guest speaker.

Kaff said Maroof is serving a two-year term as a loaned executive from the National Aeronautic Space Agency on an Intergovernmental Personnel Act Mobility Program that helps strengthen the management capabilities of federal agencies.

When not attending White House briefings or advising presidential appointees, Maroof is visiting military installations and federal offices worldwide lending his expertise to equal opportunity programs and issues.

A space utilization program manager for the Management Operations Directorate at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Maroof is one of the founding members of the Asian-Pacific American employee association at the Federal Aviation Administration headquarters in Washington. He holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Bombay in India and a master's degree in business and public administration from South Eastern University in Washington.

Maroof thanked APG equal opportunity advisors, Sgt. 1st Class Herbert Johnson, DTC, and Staff Sgt. Angelito Tuazon, the program's master of ceremonies, for inviting him to address the APG com-

munity.

Calling himself an "ordinary person who deplors discrimination," he affirmed his commitment to furthering FAPAC's goals of education and tolerance.

"FAPAC programs help in establishing standards and resolving problems," Maroof said. "It is our job to educate people. By working together we can help change America."

One needed change is the elimination of the "perpetual foreigner syndrome," he added. "To teach people that we come in different shapes, shades and sizes but that we are all Americans."

"We are made uncomfortable when we are constantly asked where we are from," Maroof said. "I tell people I'm from Maryland but they always insist on knowing where I'm really from."

Noting that FAPAC is a national organization, he described it as similar in structure to and sharing some of the same goals as Blacks in Government and Federally Employed Women.

"Awakening and education is a priority for all of us and it is the best way to battle discrimination," Maroof said in closing.

In appreciation of Maroof's comments, Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, presented him with a plaque and a commander's coin.

"We thank you for those very effective words," Spidel said, adding that the "diversity of attendees in the audience today says a lot about APG."

He also congratulated LeonGuerrero, the dancers, Johnson and Tuazon for a "superb job."

Calling the event his "final observance as APG's garrison commander," Spidel offered a special thank you to the APG garrison equal opportunity advisor Sgt. 1st Class Shelton Torbert.

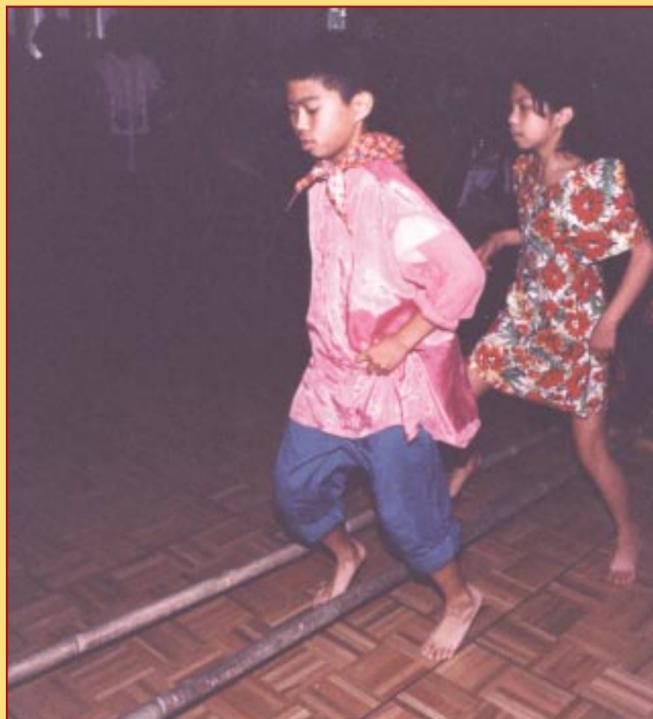
"He's been my right hand man the last two years," Spidel said. "I want to take this time to thank him for making things happen today and in the past."



Photos by RALPH BROTH

Above, Lucy Jeresano smiles as she leads a dance during the entertainment portion of the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon held May 23 at Top of the Bay.

Left, Peter LeonGuerrero, an intelligence officer with the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, demonstrates the art of cutting coconuts that he learned as a child growing up in Guam. Right, Marc Nieto, 14, and Melanie Nieto, 13, perform a bamboo dance. Several guests joined the dancers in the challenging dance.



Mirza J. Maroof, chairman of the Federal Asian-Pacific American Council, was the guest speaker.



Tina Jeresano, 15, and Melanie Nieto, 13, open the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon with the singing of the national anthem.

Notable Asian-Pacific Americans

- Gen. Eric Shinseki**
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
- Doris Matsui**
Deputy Assistant to the President/Deputy Director of Public Liaison, The White House
- Honorable Yvonne Lee**
Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
- Robert C. Nakasone**
President/CEO, Toys "R" Us, Inc.
- Jerry Yang**
CEO, Yahoo! Inc.
- Sant S. Chatwal**
President, Hampshire Hotels & Resorts
- Connie Chung**
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- Ann Curry**
News anchor (NBC)
- Michael Kim**
News anchor (ESPN)
- Deepak Chopra**
Medical doctor, author
- Mayi Lin**
Artist
- Vera Wang**
Fashion designer
- Yo-Yo Ma**
Cellist, Boston Symphony Orchestra
- Tamlyn Tomita**
Actress
- Brook Mahealani Lee**
Miss Universe 1997
- Tiger Woods**
Professional golfer
- Junior Seau**
Professional football player
- Michael Chang**
Professional tennis player
- Michelle Kwan**
Olympic ice skater
- Kristi Yamaguchi**
Olympic ice skater

Volunteering is a way of life for Army first sergeant

By Sheila Little
APG News

The APG Volunteer of the Month for May is 1st. Sgt. Jesus Perez. The 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory first sergeant shares his volunteer spirit with his unit, installation-based service groups, and the outlying community, while performing his military duties, holding down a part-time job, and devoting time to his family.

The Chevron Drive resident and his wife Marcey, and sons Jesse, 11, and Joseph, 8, moved to the area two years ago. Perez wasted no time in getting immersed in the community.

Volunteering at Edgewood Elementary School, he has chaperoned field trips and participated in Parent Teacher Association events and fund-raisers including assisting with ice cream socials, organizing and setting up the school carnival, participating in a field day, and volunteering at the school book fairs.

Col. Clyde Hoskins, commander of TAML, said the unit first sergeant takes an interest in all the soldiers, setting a great example by doing an excellent military job and going out of his way to help every individual in the unit.

"He's first on the scene for all the soldiers," Hoskins said. "He's available anytime anybody is in need."

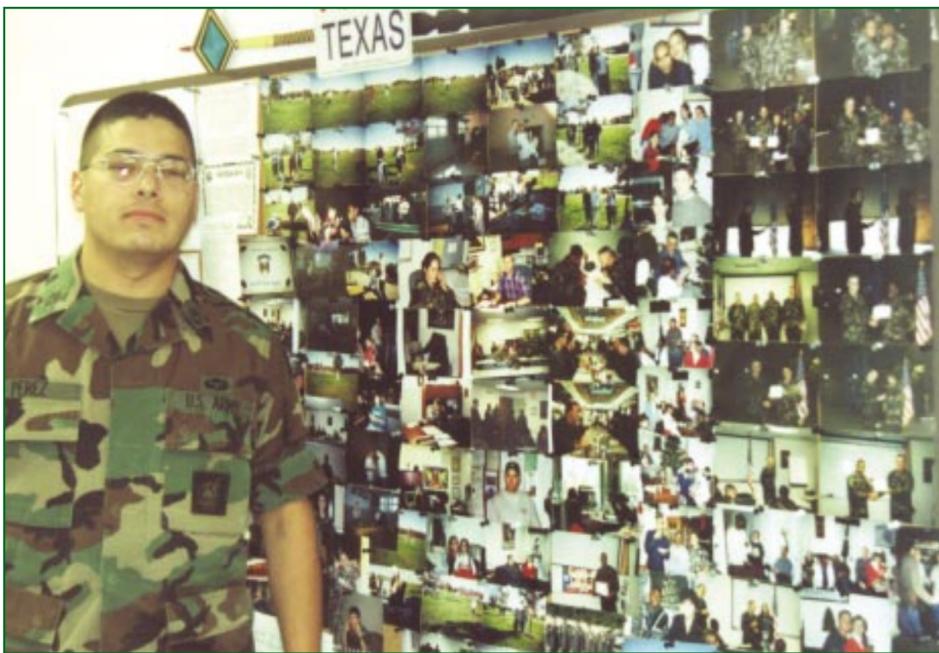


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1st. Sgt. Jesus Perez, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, stands beside his office bulletin board which holds pictures of soldiers and their families participating in support activities at TAML. In addition to assisting in set up and encouraging participation in special events, Perez often acts as unit photographer.

Hoskins said that Perez offers advice and organizes and participates in unit fund-raisers, and the Perez family welcomes each new soldier, offering newcomers tips over dinner in their home. Perez and his wife also host a Thanksgiving social in an effort to make each soldier and their fami-

ly feel at home both in the unit and at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Jeanette Hoskins, wife of the commander, said she nominated Perez because "he's dependable, helpful, and willing to do anything."

She said that he helps with family support activities whether

he is available to attend the event or not. Supporting the TAML Family Readiness Group, he volunteers his services as a driver for trips, collects supplies for parties, and spearheads all fund-raisers.

"He knew he wouldn't be in town for the unit Easter party, but he helped with the planning and

buying of supplies. Then he and his wife Marcey made up four Easter baskets filled with candy for soldiers and gave them to the unit to use in our Easter drawing," she said.

Spec. Tony John, a former TAML soldier now with the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, said Perez was very helpful to his family after he and his wife arrived at APG for their first duty assignment.

Interested in becoming foster parents, the couple had recently finished the required training, but were told by foster care officials that their quarters were not large enough to participate in the program.

"I was getting nowhere and mentioned it to the first sergeant," John said. "He worked with me and family housing, and within a few months I was in larger quarters."

John said that although he and his family do not currently have a foster child, through the efforts of Perez, the family has served as foster parents to two little girls within the last year.

In addition to unit activities and school volunteering, Perez is involved in American Heart Association fund-raisers, blood drives for the American Red Cross, helping solicit donors for the bone marrow registry, and

helping at the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop.

Marcey Perez, manager of the thrift store and another busy community volunteer, said her husband helps her at the shop whenever he can. Moving furniture and making minor repairs to electrical appliances that come into the shop, Perez also joins her in sorting and pricing items, at times volunteering up to 12 hours a week.

"He helps a ton and puts in many hours," Marcey said.

She added that in addition to helping organizations and charitable causes, Perez offers neighborly kindnesses in their housing area, such as mowing grass or doing other yardwork for the wives of soldiers who are away on assignment.

"I'm very thankful that he has a desire to help soldiers and families," she said, adding that his volunteerism sets a good example for their sons.

"He's a good man, a good soldier, a good father, and a good example to others," she said.

To become an APG volunteer, contact Installation Volunteer Coordinator Alice Surette, 410-278-5469.

Scouts collaborate for APG beautification

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With spring cleanup and Ordnance Week both occurring in May, Aberdeen Proving Ground always receives a good sprucing up. In addition to the usual "facelift," troops from Boy Scout Troop 429 added two post-enhancing projects for visitors and inhabitants of the APG community.

Beginning in late March, Buck Tanner, a seventh-grader from Good Shepherd Catholic School, led the construction of a new sidewalk leading from the Post Theater parking lot to Fanshaw Field.

The scouts spent two weekends raking gravel, laying wire mesh and smoothing concrete for the path that organizers said was designed to improve access to the field for visitors during the Ordnance Week review ceremony. Tanner spent more than 700 hours planning and coordinating the project with the garrison's Directorate of Public Works and the Re-Nu It Center, which provided the tools and raw materials for the job.

He said the experience was a "lesson in leadership" that he won't soon forget.

"Preparation is the toughest part but it's also the key to carrying something like this off successfully," Tanner said.

He added that the actual execution went smoothly thanks to the hours he spent calculating man-hours, work assignments and time constraints.

"I learned that good leaders plan ahead," Tanner said. "Planning is the key. The work was the easy part."

"We couldn't have accomplished this without the support of our troop leaders and post organizations," he added.

In early April, another prospective Eagle Scout, J.J. Buckingham, also from Good Shepherd, led a cleanup and renovation of the Woodpecker Point picnic area.

Under Buckingham's guidance, the troop replaced worn picnic tables, benches and broken swings, spread fresh sand and wood chips in play areas, cleared brush and limbs away from the shoreline and repainted the Woodpecker Point entrance sign.

Noting that DPW also provided materials for the cleanup, Buckingham said everyone involved benefited from the experience.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left, Sean Hannon, Chris Reddish, J.J. Buckingham and Buck Tanner, members of Boy Scout Troop 429, spread gravel for a sidewalk that will improve pedestrian access to Fanshaw Field. Tanner led the community service project that is a requirement for advancement to Eagle Scout.

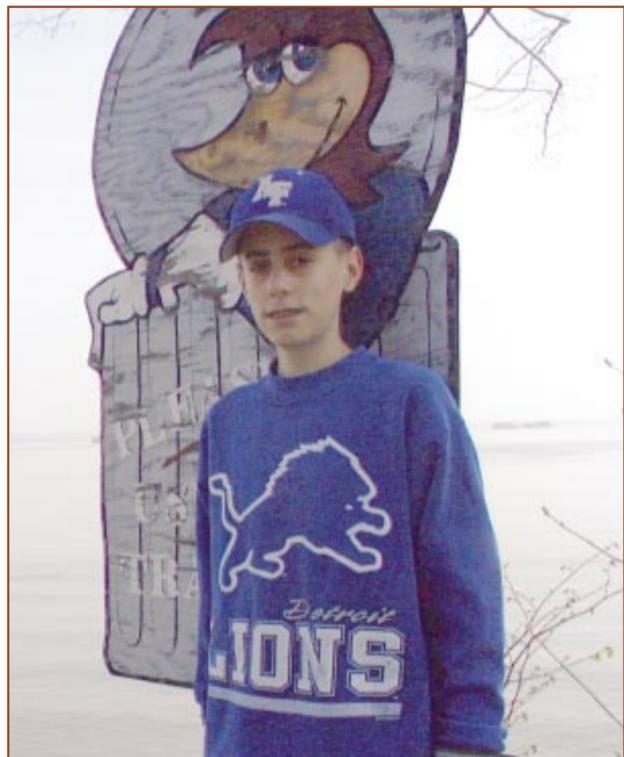
"We helped DPW, the community and ourselves," Buckingham said adding that he enjoyed helping improve the area where he and his family spend a lot of time.

"We found out attendance dropped off here and I thought it might be because of its condition," Buckingham said. "I thought it would be a good idea to make the place look better so people will come back."

Like Tanner, he agreed that scouting has helped him grow and mature.

"It's taught me about leadership and responsibility. I'll be a better adult for it," Buckingham said.

Buckingham and Tanner hope to receive their promotions to Eagle Scout during the annual jamboree in June.



J.J. Buckingham stands by a Woodpecker Point sign prior to its repainting. Buckingham led a cleanup of the scenic picnic area that included replacing worn tables and benches, spreading fresh sand and wood chips in play areas and clearing the shoreline as his Eagle Scout community service project.

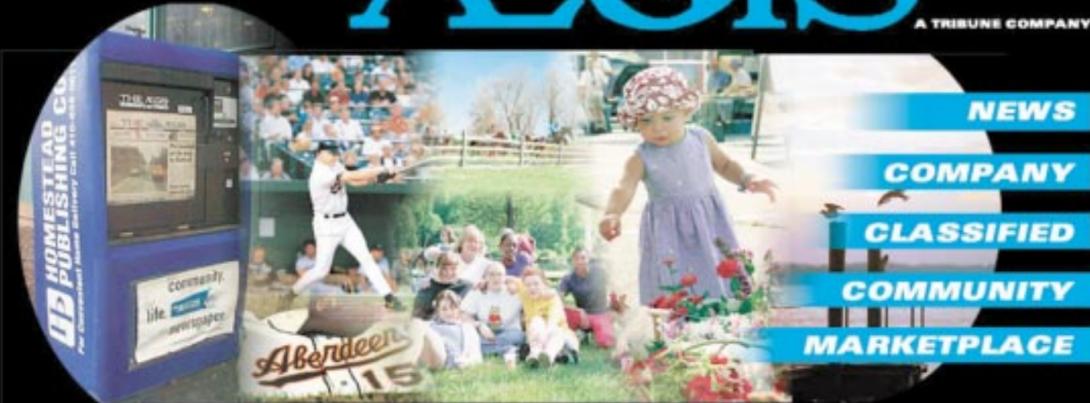
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