

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Jan. 9 is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Pass/ID Section hours of operation

Effective immediately, the Edgewood Area Pass/ID Section, building E-4420, will be open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday only. This is due to the decrease in the number of personnel being serviced in the Edgewood Area.

Refuse, tree pickup over holidays

The ONLY pickup date for Christmas trees for all Aberdeen Proving Ground housing areas will be Monday, Jan. 7.

For more information, contact Chris Barwick, 410-306-2349.

Post Commissary holiday hours

The post Commissary will be open on:

Thursday, Jan. 3, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 4, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Post Commissary will resume normal operating hours on Jan. 6.

VTC unites military family members

Army Community Service has set up a free video teleconference (VTC) available for military families to get in touch with their deployed loved ones. The VTC is located at ACS, building 2754, Rodman Road. Families will be able to see and talk on a wide screen. To set up an appointment, call ACS, 410-278-3137/7474.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield service visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground Jan. 8, building 305, room B-14 (lower level) from 9 to 11:30 a.m. to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will no longer be available in the Edgewood Area.

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

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OC&S troops move out smartly for Exodus

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

"As usual, we came together as a team and made it happen." So said Capt. Christopher Metz, commander of Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, as he summed up the smooth transition of more than 700 soldiers through Baltimore/Washington International Airport enroute to their Exodus leave.

The annual troop movement, that many compare to an actual deployment, takes place every holiday season as the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools sends its advanced individual training students home for the holidays.

The Uniformed Services Office, USO Gateway Lounge, supports the move each year, offering soldiers a place to relax as they await their flights.

The 143rd Ordnance Battalion, led by Lt. Col. Tony Grant and Command Sgt. Maj. Sam Brinson, managed the 2001 Exodus.

"This movement went extremely well," Grant said, noting that 61st Ordnance Brigade commander, Col. John R. Hills, began coordinating efforts in August. He said every aspect of the move is planned and briefed before OC&S commanders to ensure a smooth and safe execution.

"We're responsible for the safe movement of hundreds of young soldiers," Grant said. "We are reaping the benefits of good planning and coordination."

Approximately 10 noncommissioned officers, Exodus controllers, were stationed throughout the airport to assist soldiers and ensure they made their flights on time.

Manning the main control point in the International Terminal was Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Peterson, Sgt. Terri Jackson-Cyrus and Pfc. Seniti Lotulelei, all from Headquarters and Headquarters 143rd. Peterson said soldiers signed in upon arrival and were checked against a combined manifest that contained the flight information of every soldier.

"This allows us to monitor the soldiers' status, ensure all are present and handle any last-minute problems," Peterson said.

He added that all controllers would remain in place 12 to 14 hours until the last soldier departed.

Inside the USO lounge, Brinson and unit first sergeants kept watch over the troops. Brinson agreed that the early-morning endeavor was proceeding smoothly.

"So far there have been no mishaps. It's better than last year," Brinson said. "The 143rd made it happen for the whole brigade."

Also on hand were three Washington Redskin cheerleaders who signed autographs and posed for pictures. Two volunteers from American Legion Post 22 in Towson, Dan Donnelly, dressed as Santa Claus, and his wife Elaine, brought dozens of snack-filled bags to distribute to the soldier-travelers, and there were candy bars from the Pascal Senior Center in Glen Burnie

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Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Lt. Col. Tony Grant, left, issues the Oath of Reenlistment to Sgt. 1st Class William Frye in the USO foyer during 2001 Exodus. USO personnel said it was the first such event in the facility's history.



Pvt. Katherine Meaux, Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion, catches 40 winks in the USO International Gateway Lounge while awaiting a flight to Orlando, Fla. Meaux is resting with a stuffed animal she brought for her nephew.

TRICARE dental costs to rise Feb. 1

Courtesy of United Concordia, Inc.

TRICARE Dental Program, or TDP, members will notice a slight increase in their monthly premiums beginning January 2002. The new rates are effective on Feb. 1; however, since premiums are collected one month in advance, TDP members will notice the change with their January 2002 billing statement, payroll allotment or deduction.

Effective Feb. 1, TDP premiums will increase by about 3.5 percent or a little less than the annual increase in the dental services component of the Consumer Price Index.

The new monthly premium rate for active duty family members and members of the Selected Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve (Special Mobilization Category) and family members of reservists who are on active duty for more than 30 consecutive days is \$7.90 for a single enrollment and \$19.74 for a family enrollment. Members of the Individual Ready Reserve (Other than Special Mobilization Category) and their family members and the family members of the Selected Reserve will pay a new monthly rate of \$19.75 for a single enrollment and \$49.36 for a family enrollment. (See chart below for monthly premium rates applicable to each type of enrollee).

"Since the government will continue to pay

60 percent of the total monthly premium for most categories of TDP enrollees, the actual increase for the majority of TDP members will be fairly small - 27 cents a month for a single enrollment and 66 cents a month for a family enrollment," said Tom Harbold, senior vice president for the TDP at United Concordia Companies, Inc.

While the TDP premium increases are due primarily to increases in the cost of dental services, part of the increase is the result of enhancing the general anesthesia benefit. Effective Feb. 1, the requirement that general anesthesia be performed by a provider other than the surgeon, assistant surgeon or treating doctor, is eliminated.

United Concordia Companies, Inc. administered the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan, or TFMDFP, from February 1996 through January 2001. In February 2001, the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program and the TFMDFP were combined to create the TDP. United Concordia was selected by the Department of Defense to administer the TDP. For information, contact the United Concordia Web site at <http://www.ucci.com/tdp/tdp.html>, or call 1-888-622-2256.

Changes coming soon on uniform policy

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

More than 10 changes in the Army's uniform policy are currently being staffed for an update of Army Regulation 670-1.

Items being revised include hair, nails, contacts, cell phones, pagers, bloused boots, headgear, "camelbacks", desert battle-dress-uniform insignia, regimental distinctive insignia, physical fitness and maternity uniform wear, the explosive ordnance detachment badge and the black mess uniform.

Other items that will not undergo a policy change will have their wording changed to give a clearer picture of what the policy is, said Master Sgt. Kittie Messman, the uniform policy noncommissioned officer at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Items that will be re-worded include those governing tattoos and body piercing, identification bracelets, civilian bags, and uniform policy based on religious practices.

Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, was last revised in 1992, but in order to keep up with the pace of changing times the regulation is periodically reviewed.

"The regulation has to change with time," Messman said. "If not we'll still be wearing uniforms from the Civil War."

Until the revised regulation is signed by the Secretary of the

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APG families enjoy first ACS holiday party



Tristan Windsor, 11, gets a candy cane painted on her left cheek by Sgt. Humberto Vasquez. Windsor is the daughter of 2nd Lt. Don Windsor, Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

If the holidays bring out the best in people then the staff of Aberdeen Proving Ground's first Army Community Service Holiday Party were certainly at theirs.

The party, held in the post Recreation Center on Dec. 17, afforded families the chance to celebrate the holiday season with their neighbors and friends. It included games, face painting, refreshments and complimentary photographs with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

"The staff came up with the idea, we encouraged them and it just took off," said Celestine Beckett, ACS supervisor.

"They thought it would be good for families and for those

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2001: Before and after

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In many ways, 2001 really was a good year. Although the events of Sept. 11 will leave an awful stain on it, a lot of good things really did happen.

There is no denying, however, that the first year of the new millennium delivered more than we bargained for. It launched us into uncharted territory with a war on terrorism and an uncertain future facing the men and women of our armed forces.

Years from now, we will probably look back on this year in two contexts: before

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MCSC shares cooking secrets

The APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club has put together a community cookbook with more than 280 recipes. This collection has been tried and tasted by service-members all over the world. A special section features recipes from active duty personnel in every branch of the military.

The cookbook will be available for purchase on payday weekends at the PX and commissary and at the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop. It sells for \$8 and all proceeds will benefit the local community. You can also purchase the cookbook by calling Angie Salamy at 410-272-6712. She will deliver to your office on post.

Kirk offers classes

The following classes will be held in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12), located on the first floor at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Room A-12. For more information and to register for classes, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Evening tobacco cessation: Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Pre registration is required. All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend.

"Healthy Eating" weight control: Class is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m., Jan. 24. All TRICARE beneficiaries with a desire to learn more about healthy eating, parents and sponsors of children with healthy eating concerns, are invited to attend.

Diabetes education: Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29. All TRICARE-enrolled individuals with diabetes or parents or sponsors of a diabetic are invited to attend. Classes are taught by a certified diabetic educator and registered dietician.

Take care of yourself: The Take Care of Yourself class will be held the first and third Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m. to noon. 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. To sign up for this class, call 410-278-1725.

Register now for UMUC spring courses

Registration is now taking place for the University of Maryland University College Spring 2002 semester, which begins Jan. 28. On-site classes offered at Aberdeen Proving Ground include BMGT 364, Management and Organization Theory; COMM 390, Writing for Managers; IFSM 300, Information Systems in Organizations; CMST 385, Internet: A Practical Guide; and EXCL 301, Learning Analysis and Planning. Additional classes are available through the instructional television and distance education formats.

For more assistance or to register, visit the APG office of UMUC in building 3146, or call 410-272-8269 and 410-278-4632.

Killington offers armed forces reduced rate lift tickets

This season, members of the U.S. Armed Forces can ski or ride Killington/Pico for \$35 a day with the new Armed Forces Card. The card allows active duty, reserve, National Guard, or retired members of the U.S. armed forces to purchase a lift ticket at any ticket window any day Sunday through Friday, non-holiday, at the reduced rate simply by presenting the card and a valid military ID.

"We have created a number of money saving programs this season for various market segments," said Mike Clifford, bulk ticket coordinator. "This card provides exceptional value for members of the armed forces who ski and snowboard. As with any new program, it will be interesting to see how the card is received. So far we have received many requests for card order forms and information from individuals stationed throughout the Eastern United States. We're very excited about the warm reception thus far and hope these service men and women will take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy the exceptional skiing and riding at Killington and Pico."

There is a one-time \$10 fee for each card, when ordered in advance through a base recreation or MWR/ITT office or the Killington Group Sales office. To get a card order form, members of the Armed Forces are asked to contact the recreation or MWR/ITT departments at their current duty station.

The fee is \$25 if the card is purchased online or at Killington. To receive a card order form from Killington, contact Mike

Clifford at 802-422-6957, mclifford@killington.com or Barry Speare at 802-422-6132, bspeare@killington.com. Cards purchased online or in person at the resort, may be picked up at the Killington Edge Center in the Snowshed Base Lodge from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

For more information, visit Killington's Web site at www.killington.com.

Pollution Prevention

The most effective thing you can do to prevent pollution is consume less

APG Pollution Prevention Program, Environmentally Preferable Product and Affirmative Procurement Policy

Soldier Show audition deadline extended to Jan. 15

The deadline for audition submissions for the 2002 U.S. Army Soldier Show is quickly approaching. The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center's Entertainment Division staff has received many inquiries, but very few actual audition packages.

The events of Sept. 11 tasked units heavily and soldiers may have not had time to complete their input. Therefore, while the official deadline was Dec. 31, Army Entertainment Division officials have extended a grace period until Jan. 15, to accommodate soldiers who need extra time to get their submissions together and mailed.

In 2001, this Army Morale, Welfare, and Recreation program entertained more than 110,000 people in a highly successful season that brought military audiences a much-needed 90 minutes of escape to music and fantasy following 9-11.

The 2002 season marks the 19th year of the modern Soldier Show, a tradition of "entertainment for the soldier, by the soldier" established during World War I. The U.S. Army Soldier Show is an opportunity for talented soldiers to represent their units, installations and the United States Army in a show of unity, artistry, teamwork and a testament to American resilience.

For audition how-to information and a sample letter of release, visit the Army Entertainment Division Web page at www.armyentertainment.net. Queries may be directed to Victor M. Hurtado, artistic director, U.S. Army Soldier Show, at victor.hurtado@cfsc.army.mil

Scholarships, scholarships and more scholarships

In today's world of increasing college costs, funding for college education is becoming more and more of a challenge for many families. Scholarships and other financial aid is available, but often unused simply because students and parents do not know that it exists or where to apply.

Thirty college scholarship resources are available for outstanding students of military and civilian personnel at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Many of the scholarship applications are online and the deadline for submitting the application is usually January through March.

To pick up a college scholarship resource packet or a Secondary Education Transition Study-Parent Guidebook, contact Ivan Mehosky, director, Youth Education Support Services, 410-278-2857, cell phone, 410-322-0181, fax 410-278-4658 or e-mail, Ivan.Mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil.

TSP open season approaches

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

Employees are now required to contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian, or ABC-C, at 1-877-276-9287 or www.abc.army.mil to enroll in TSP or change the amount of their contribution. Employees must also contact the TSP Office at 1-504-255-8777 or www.tsp.gov if they wish to change their fund allocation. Personal Identification Numbers are required for both ABC-C and TSP. Employees who wish to change the way their current balance is invested must request a TSP Interfund Transfer. Interfund transfers can be made by calling the TSP office, using the Web site, or completing a TSP-50.

For more information, contact your servicing personnel

assistant, Aberdeen Proving Ground CPAC.

Weight Watchers at Work

Lunchtime Weight Watchers classes are continuing on post and new participants are welcome. To learn more about the Weight Watchers at Work Program at APG, call 410-278-1151.

Army Band requests

Requests for the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) should be submitted to Staff Sgt. Kay Reynolds, 410-278-7953. Requests should be submitted a minimum of 60 days in advance of an event.

EOC changes phone numbers

The Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground Emergency Operations Center is now under the direct control of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment/Fire Department.

The new telephone numbers for the EOC are 410-278-3182 and 410-278-3183.

The old 410-278-4500, 410-278-5225, and 410-278-5226 will remain with the S3 Operations Office assigned to the Directorate of Installation Operations.

AFTB back at APG

Army Family Team Building is a program that stresses military mission readiness and family readiness. The mission is to educate and train all of America's Army. AFTB shares knowledge, skills and behaviors designed to prepare Army families to cope successfully with today's military. Diana Jackson, the AFTB program manager, will schedule courses that focus on adapting to military life, accepting challenges, managing change and developing life skills.

For information on classes, briefings and volunteer opportunities, contact Diane Jackson, 410-278-7474.

TRICARE recipients urged to save receipts

TRICARE officials remind all beneficiaries that some of the programs called for in the National Defense Authorization Act went into effect on Oct. 1, but some programs are scheduled to be phased in over time. For this reason, beneficiaries are advised to save all receipts and other information related to claims for all services and benefits received since Oct. 30, 2000, until notification has been received that all programs have been put into practice. One such program is the reduction of the catastrophic cap from \$7,500 to \$3,000 and coverage for school-required physicals for dependents under age 11. Keep in mind that physicals required to play sports are not a covered benefit. Having documentation available will ease the reimbursement process from the health services contractor, Sierra Military Health Services, Inc. Information on the latest TRICARE benefits and when they take effect can be found on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil.

Also, you can contact Sierra Military Health Services at your nearest TRICARE Service Center or talk with a Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator at a military treatment facility.

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CPOC Web site updated

The new Telegraph is now available on the Civilian Personnel Operations Center homepage <http://cpolrhp.army.mil/ner/telegraph/tele1001/tellyframe.htm>.

EA library hours change

The Edgewood Area library is **only** open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Re-Nu-It centers announce winter hours

Winter hours for the Aberdeen Re Nu It Center are 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The Edgewood center is open the same hours on Wednesday and Friday.

Register now for HCC's spring credit classes

Registration is currently underway for Spring 2002 credit courses at Harford Community College's Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, building 3146 Raritan Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and alternate Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, call 410-272-2338 or 410-278-0516.

Students may also register at the HCC Student Center Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Spring classes begin on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Students who register through Dec. 17 will be billed, with payment due on Jan. 10.

For more information about registering for spring credit courses at HCC, call the Registration and Records Office at 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222.

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Reflections

*2001 has been quite a year.
 One filled with happiness.
 One filled with fear.
 Fear of the things of which
 We know not.
 Fear of the things
 We've been brought.
 Life has changed for all of us.
 We now live in wonder,
 Asking who we can trust.
 We should be thankful
 For what we still know.
 Love of family and friends*

*Comforting places to go.
 This year no material gifts
 Will I bestow,
 However, I'd like each of
 You to know -
 I love you all.
 I know I'm blessed.
 There's always someone
 Who has much less.
 Look around you and see,
 Take a moment to reflect.
 We're all very fortunate.
 May we never forget.*

Diana Lewis

(Editor's note: Diana Lewis, a government employee for almost 25 years, works as a sign maker in the Public/Command Information Division, Directorate of Information Management. Her works have been published through the International Library of Poetry. She wrote this poem for friends and family for the holidays.)

2001

From front page

and after Sept. 11.

With that thought in mind, APG News looks back at the stories that touched the community, in good ways and in bad, before and after.

January 2001

Barbara Davies is named January Volunteer of the Month.

Officer Joseph L. Davis III is named Police Officer of the Year for the year 2000.

SBCCOM receives Hammer Award for Domestic Preparedness from the National Partnership for Reinventing Government.

520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory names Sgt. Ophelia L. Begay and Spc. Robert L. Spencer non-commissioned officer and soldier of the year, respectively.

Harford County District Court Judge Angela Evans speaks at the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Prayer Breakfast at Top of the Bay.

APG fans turn purple with glee as the Baltimore Ravens beat the New York Giants 34-7 to win Super Bowl XXXV.

February 2001

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic nurses celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps.

U.S. Marine Corps Pvt. Anthony D'Aquino wins \$1,000 in Burger King's instant winner contest.

U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command's Aviation Detachment at Phillips Army Airfield receives the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Army Accident Prevention Award of Excellence.

U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Brig. Gen. David Hicks speaks at the National Prayer Luncheon at Top of the Bay.

APG food inspector, Spc. Duc Thach is named Soldier of the Year for the North Atlantic Region Medical Command.

The TRICARE service office formerly located in the Higher Education and Applied Technology Center, relocates to KUSAHC.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade wins the post intramural basketball championship over Company C 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 104-80.

March 2001

Intramural Racquetball honors go to 2nd Lt. Michael Coronado, Men's Open; Sgt. 1st Class Blas Rueda, Men's Seniors; Lt. Col. Bob Buckingham, Men's Masters; Rick Stevenson, civilian; Pvt. Patricia Jarrell, military women and Tracey Biggs, civilian women.

APG School Age Services receives full accreditation by the National School Age Care Alliance.

Boy Scout Jake Rennebaum, the son of Lt. Col. Rick Rennebaum advances to the rank of Eagle Scout during a ceremony at the Edgewood Area Gunpowder Club.

Harford County school superintendent Jacqueline Haas speaks at the Women's History Month Luncheon at Top of the Bay.

Aberdeen Area Re-Nu-It Center suffers an estimated \$50,000 in damage during a March 28 fire.

Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, 16th Ordnance Battalion retires, Command Sgt. Maj. David M. Bashford assumes command of the battalion.

April 2001

A partnership signing ceremony at Top of the Bay unites APG with the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada from Reston, Va.

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security police academy graduates its first all active-duty class of 14 soldiers.

Connie Kerr is named APG garrison secretary of the year.

Two Baltimore men convicted of poaching yellow perch in Aberdeen Proving Ground waters receive one year of probation, fines, and

other restrictions in U.S. District Court.

Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Youth Centers name Heidi Greenleaf and Cassandra Lampkin APG Youths of the Quarter.

Volunteers of the year are named at the annual Volunteer Recognition ceremony. They are: Sgt. 1st Class Robert Holloway, military; Donna Dease, family member; Frank McCullough, retiree; Judy Hannon, civilian and Jeffrey Sexton, youth.

Brig. Gen. Russell Eggers, deputy commanding general for mobilization and training, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, retires from the Army during a retirement ceremony on Fanshaw Field.

The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment wins the annual Deadlift Competition at Hoyle Gym. Company A 16th Ordnance Battalion takes second place.

Building 507 suffers a partial roof collapse after several weeks of continued weakening and settlement. The directorates of Public Works, Safety Health and Environment and Logistics oversee the cleanup and reoccupation.

May 2001

Maryland Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend addresses the annual Law Day luncheon held at Top of the Bay.

Baltimore Dr. Kenneth Zierler, the first Allied officer to enter the Langenstein-Zwieberg Concentration Camp near Langenstein, Germany, gives the keynote address at the Days of Remembrance Commemorative Program on May 3.

APG's DLES commemorates National Police Officers Memorial Day 2001 with a proclamation by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and SBCCOM.

Twelve individuals are inducted into Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame.

Historical inductees include Brig. Gen. Thomas K. Vincent, Col. Harry M. Downer, Capt. George T. Balch and Dr. Alexander C. Charters. Contemporary inductees (all are retired) are: Brig. Gens. Richard Allen and Robert P. McFarlin, Fred R. Dearborn, Command Sgts. Maj. Richard C. Eagan and John L. Hoffman, Chief Warrant Officer Cecil E. Hutson, Lt. Col. Sarah R. Radin, and Timothy C. Zello.

Artist Don Stivers unveils "Service on the Line," the second painting of his Ordnance Corps series, during the Ordnance Week festivities on May 8.

Sprinkles Dessert Café opens on APG.

Herb Egbert, a physical scientist in the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command's Directorate for Test and Technology is named Army winner of the Honorary Defense Standardization Program Achievement Award for 2000.

DTC is awarded the Chester A. Troy Sr. Employer of the Year award from the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment wins the post intramural volleyball championship.

Terry Zarzecki, U.S. Army Environmental Center wins the Edgewood Area Fitness Center's Health and Fitness Day Fun Run/Walk.

A Fun Run, a parade and a concert by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) highlight the APG community's Armed

Forces Day celebration.

Chairman of the Federal Asian-Pacific American Council, Mirza J. Maroof is the guest speaker at APG's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month luncheon.

1st Sgt. Jesus Perez, 520th TAML, is the May Volunteer of the Month.

APG provost marshal, Maj. Darrell Andrews, departs APG for Fort Rucker, Ala.

APG'S 2001 servicemembers of the year are honored at the Harford County Chamber of Commerce military appreciation luncheon. They are: Staff Sgt. Christina H. Hays and Spec. Joshua W. Vincill, APG noncommissioned officer and soldier of the year; Staff Sgt. Gustavo Diaz, Army Drill Sergeant of the Year; Staff Sgt. Donald McCasland, Army Instructor of the Year; Sgt. Shawn Przygoda, U.S. Marine Corps NCO of the Year; Staff Sgt. Richard M. Worthington, U.S. Air Force NCO of the Year and Tech. Sgt. Daniel Kwiatkowski, U.S. Air Force Instructor of the Year.

APG garrison resumes monthly retirement ceremonies. May retirees include Sgts. 1st Class Lawrence W. Davis, KUSAHC; Herman B. Goodrich, 208th Military Intelligence Battalion; Larry W. Simpson, Noncommissioned Officer Academy and Steven Wojtowicz; Audrey Raunig, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center and Lloyd D. Matthews, Elaine Holbrook and Glenn J. Holderman from APG Garrison.

The installation Army Emergency Relief campaign surpasses its goal, netting \$42,455 in contributions.

APG employees receive eight of the top 16 awards at the 24th Annual Baltimore Federal Career Awards. They are: Patricia A. Kazlo, ATC; Richard A. Kreiss, ATC; Lyndell Barber, APG garrison; Maj. Lisa A. Forsyth and Walter Andrefsky, CHPPM; Joseph McDeshen Jr., ATC; Cynthia A. McMullen, DTC; Sandra Loukata, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense; David W. Glenn, ATC; Abdul H. Kazi, ATC. Twenty-three others received silver and bronze awards in the categories of Technical, Scientific and Program Support, Administrative Management, Trades and Crafts, Equal Employment Opportunity Service, and rookies of the year in professional, para-professional and trades and crafts.

June 2001

APG welcomes the new Army transformation that promotes responsiveness to the challenges of the 21st Century. The black beret becomes the standard wear in the Army active and reserve components on June 14, the Army's 224th birthday. APG units gather on Fanshaw Field to usher in the beret during the Army Birthday Review and Transformation Ceremony.

Lt. Gen. Roy E. Beauchamp, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, is the guest speaker at the Army Birthday Ball at Top of the Bay.

Thomas E. White becomes the 18th Secretary of the Army.

The Route 24 gate in the Edgewood Area becomes the 24-hour open gate with the Wise Road gate open 4 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Col. Ronald L. Shippee assumes command of the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory from Col. Clyde B.

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From left, Lt. Col. Larry Robinson, SBCCOM chaplain and Col. Edward Newing, SBCCOM chief of staff, pose in their black berets following the June 14 Army Birthday Review and Transformation Ceremony on Fanshaw Field.



Maj. Clifton Johnston, left, then commander of Headquarters Support Troop and Col. Robert J. Spidel, then commander of APG garrison, observe the Partnership Signing linking APG to the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and German Brig. Gen. Hans-George Atzinger.

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Hoskins during a June 12 ceremony on McBride Parade Field. Col. C. William Fox Jr., 44th Medical Brigade Command, U.S. Armed Forces Command is the reviewing officer.

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Robert Buckingham and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Whitwell, CHPPM, are named Optometrist and Junior Optometrist of the Year by the Armed Forces Optometry Society.

A Classic Rock Concert featuring STYX, KANSAS and Survivor draws more than 4,000 fans to Shine Sports Field. The installation garnered \$47,000 for Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities.

Two contract construction workers are injured when a crane topples over at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. Both men, one with a broken right leg and the other with injuries to his arm, were treated and released from the Upper Chesapeake Medical Campus.

Retirees for the month of June are 1st Sgt. Jorge T. Brodo Jr., Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade; 1st Sgt. Kevin Gray, HHC 16th Ordnance Battalion; Sgt. 1st Class Joey D. Henry, HHC 143rd Ordnance Battalion; Robert L. Coen, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Harriet W. Hall and Jean D. Wagner, APG Garrison and Cardelia Lee, Edgewood Youth Center.

The U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity renames its headquarters building Golub Hall in honor of Abraham Golub, former deputy chief of the Ballistics Research Laboratories, who died in April 2000.

Pat Rippey and Beth Martin, environmental scientists with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, or CHPPM, are invited to the White House to receive the 2001 White House Closing Circle Award for recycling, pollution prevention and affirmative procurement.

Capt. Hugh D. Shoultz assumes command of the USAGAPG Headquarters Support Troop from Maj. Clifton R. Johnston who is headed to the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Fifteen legal office employees receive the 2000 Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance and the 2000 Judge Advocate General's Award for Excellence in Claims. They are Capts. Roy Hilferty and Eric Milito, Sgt. Don Claussen, Spc. PaStephanie Williams and Susan Grendahl, Alene Williams, Carla Brown-Minor, Joan Calm, Brenda Taylor, Barbara Owen, Ramona Bunn, Katherine Williams and Anna Leanza.

Dr. James A. Baker, associate director of the

Edgewood Chemical Biological Center is invited to participate in the audit of the Netherlands' Organization for Applied Scientific Research. Baker was invited to participate as an international expert in chemical and biological defense.

Intramural tennis championships, held June 26, net four top winners: David Smith, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, men's open; Bridgette Sealy, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, women's; David Snyder, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, men's masters; and Matthew Patton, USMC, men's seniors.

Personnel from the DLES's Wildlife, Marine and Environmental Law Enforcement Division recover the body of a drowned boater who disappeared in the waters near the Edgewood Area. The Baltimore County man had no apparent ties to APG.

July 2001

U.S. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski tours the Lauderick Creek Chemical Warfare Materiel Removal Area, the ECBC and the site of the future Advanced Chemical Laboratory.

APG breaks ground for the new, one-of-a-kind Munitions Assessment and Processing System facility on the Edgewood Area.

Lt. Col. Anthony T. Grant assumes command of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion from Lt. Col. Francis R. Merritt who becomes the 61st Ordnance Brigade executive officer.

Col. Mary K. Brown assumes command of the ATC from Col. Andrew G. Ellis.

Lt. Col. George D. Lecakes assumes command of the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit from Lt. Col. Brian S. Lindamood.

Col. Mardi U. Mark assumes command of U.S. Army Garrison, APG from Col. Robert J. Spidel during a change of command ceremony that included soldiers from the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada.

Douglas J. Bazemore, an engineering technician with CHPPM, receives a Purple Heart for injuries he received in Vietnam 35 years ago.

Col. Kone Brugh, assistant commandant, OC&S, hosts a remembrance ceremony of the 48th anniversary of the signing of the Korean War armistice agreement at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum.

APG honors its July retirees during an Ordnance Circle ceremony. The July retirees are Col. Thomas W. Resau, Lt. Col. Thomas P. Kuchar, Lt. Col. Bernard C. Hughes, Air Force Master Sgt. John E. Siefer Jr. and Ned. L. Suratt.

The recipients of the Defense Commissary Agency Scholarship for Military Children program are Kathryn Payne, daughter of retired Lt. Col. Joseph and Diane Payne of Abingdon and Jennifer Leslie, daughter of Roger and Navy Reserve Chief Petty Officer Sherri Leslie of Newark, Del.

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Billy Greer of Kansas strums the tune of "Dust in the Wind."



Tommy Shaw of STYX delivers high strumming for fans who braved the rain and mud for the June 16 Classic Rock Concert.



Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, center, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, looks on as Col. Mardi U. Mark, left, is congratulated by outgoing APG Garrison commander Col. Robert J. Spidel during the garrison change of command ceremony in July.

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August 2001

The U.S. Army Environmental Center softball team wins the Civilian Welfare Fund softball championship, defeating the Physical Protection Directorate's PPD 2 twice, 16-11; 17-8.

Scientists from the SBCCOM's Edgewood Chemical Biological Center complete the WILDCAT demonstrator, or Warning and Identification Lidar Detector for Countering Agent Threats, a laser-based system that detects airborne chemical agents in aerosol and vapor forms up to 20 kilometers or more.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade wins the intramural golf championship over Headquarters Support Troop during the Ruggles Golf Course tournament.

Keith Katz, environmental program manager for the OC&S receives the Exceptional Civilian Service Award for "reinventing the concept of environmental compliance at OC&S."

Lt. Col. David D. Krieger assumes command of KUSAHC from Col. Walter E. Egerton who moves on to CHPPM.

Barnes and Noble in Bel Air hosts a book signing for Ivan P. Mehosky, youth development specialist, Army Community Service, and author of "The Story of a Soldier," a book detailing the life of Mehosky's father, retired Col. Edward S. Mehosky, also on sale in the Ordnance Museum gift shop.

APG's Federal Women's Program names outstanding women and organizations during a Women's Equality Day ceremony on Aug. 22. The honorees are Jane Krowlewski, AMSAA, Woman of the Year; Robert J. York, AEC, Supervisor of the Year and MRICD, was named Activity Most Supportive of Federal Women's Programs.

Retirees for the month of August are Dr. Walter B. Sturek Sr., U.S. Army Research Laboratory and Mary J. Baker, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment.

The six-act Dreamchaser Tour draws nearly 4,000 fans to APG. Fans enjoy headliner Jessica Simpson and Plus One, Youngstown, Toya, Eden's Crush and local favorites, Erica Martinez and the Double Vision Dancers.

The last remaining World War II veteran employee at APG, Marvin R. Hohenstein, retires from SBCCOM after 32 years of service.

The Education Division hosts the Annual College Fair drawing more than 200 to APG.

SBCCOM wins the intramural softball championship. 1st Sgt. Robert DeFebbo leads the team.

September 2001

APG elevates security after unnamed terrorists crash four hijacked passenger planes into the New York World Trade Center, or WTC, the Pentagon, and a Pennsylvania field.

The Federal Aviation Administration grounds all domestic flights, diverting international flights to Canada. U.S. installations worldwide are placed on Threat-Condition level Delta, the highest alert status. Long lines build at the installation's gates as DLES personnel scrutinize every vehicle and its occupants seeking entry to the post.

In the coming days, the Aberdeen Gate on the Aberdeen Area and the Magnolia Gate on the Edgewood Area are closed indefinitely. Taxis are prohibited from entering the installation and those not in possession of a government-issued identification card must be signed in by authorized personnel.

Security personnel detect no immediate threat to APG said provost marshal Rob Krauer.

Both WTC towers collapse within two hours of the attacks and more than 4,000 are presumed dead or missing, including more than 400 firefighters,

police officers and medical personnel. At the Pentagon, initial numbers show more than 200 dead or unaccounted for.

More than 1,100 APG servicemembers and employees come together on Sept. 14 for the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance initiated by President George W. Bush in response to the Sept. 11 attacks.

APG chaplains lead services in the Aberdeen and Edgewood area chapels.

The APG Installation Safety Division sends 679 respirators and 3,500 filters to recovery workers at ground zero, the site of the WTC collapse.

Personnel from CHPPM visit the Pentagon to perform industrial hygiene sampling to evaluate damage to occupied areas and characterize the potential risk to Department of Defense personnel.

Weekend gate operations change on Sept. 24. The Maryland Boulevard (Tank Row) gate in the Aberdeen Area and the Route 24 gate in the Edgewood Area offer the only 24-hour access to the installation. The remaining gates close each weekend.

Garrison commander, Col. Mardi U. Mark holds a town hall meeting to address post security, community concerns and issues in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Area veterans hold a symbolic reenlistment ceremony, retaking the Oath of Enlistment at the Armed Forces Recruiting Station in Bel Air on Sept. 19.

The Department of Defense issues a new civilian medal to parallel the Purple Heart. The Defense of Freedom medal will honor Department of Defense civilians injured or killed in the line of duty.

Bishop Francis X. Roque, vicar for Veterans Affairs of the Archdiocese for the Military Services speaks at the 61st Ordnance Brigade prayer breakfast on Sept. 26.

The Pentagon updates its casualty list to 125 dead or missing and 80 injured. It also releases the list of names of military personnel, DoD civilians and contractors confirmed killed or missing.

The APG Hunting Program for fall 2001/winter 2002 is cancelled due to increased force protection requirements. Monies paid for hunting permits are refunded.

For the second year in a row, Sgt. 1st Class Lester Daniels, HHC 16th Ordnance Battalion helps the All Army Men's softball team to a gold medal at the Armed Forces Men's Softball Tournament at Fort Hood, Texas.

KUSAHC employee, Dave Bish, health systems specialist, is inducted into the U.S. Martial Arts Association Hall of Fame and named Master Instructor of the Year during ceremonies in Tulsa, Okla.

Retirees for the month of September are Vincent Cannaliato Jr., SBCCOM; Russel L. Childress Jr., OC&S; Robert M. Silcox, USAGAPG; Caledonia L. Henry, ARL; Gary J. Hermann, SBCCOM; Agnes E. Minor, DTC; Charles R. Stumpf, ARL; Treva Austin, DTC; Shirley Bradley, DTC; Ronald O. Hagy, SBCCOM and Melvin Guidry, DPW.

October 2001

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign kicks off with a command goal of

\$300,000. Wayne Doyel, CFC chair, spearheads the project.

Yolanda Maldonado-Echevarria, Department of the Army director of the Hispanic Employment Program, is the guest speaker at the Hispanic Heritage Month observance hosted by the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense at the Edgewood Area Conference Center.

Juan D. Lopez, chief of staff of the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive, is the guest speaker at the Hispanic Heritage Month program hosted by CHPPM.

APG firefighters Andre Fournier and George Hollenbaugh participate in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Tribute in Emmitsburg, Md., on Oct. 7. President George W. Bush is the guest speaker. Later that morning, U.S. and British forces begin air strikes on Afghanistan in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Harford County marks the first anniversary of the terrorist attack on the U.S.S. Cole with a wreath-laying ceremony at the grave of Joshua L. Parlett, a Navy engine fireman from Churchville who was killed in the attack. Aberdeen's American Legion Post 128 conducts the ceremony.

Republic of Korea Maj. Gen. Jin Ha Hwang presents 26 Korean War Service Medals to area veterans during the Korean War Veteran's Commemorative Dinner at the Richlin Ballroom on Oct. 18.

Taxicabs are again permitted on the installation under new, tighter restrictions.

Area retirees take in the post's services, military benefits and a meal in the dining facility during Retiree Appreciation Day on Oct. 13.

Maj. Michael Wallman, APG chapel resource manager, gives the keynote address during the garrison Prayer Breakfast on Oct. 11.

Gen. John G. Coburn, outgoing commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command is honored by a regimental review by OC&S. Coburn retires with 39 years of service.

The APG Committee for the Disabled sponsors a disability awareness luncheon with guests, Greg Smith, syndicated radio talk show host, and Dancing Wheels, a modern dance company that uses dancers with and without disabilities.

Dr. Ajit Banerjee, SBCCOM, wins the Maryland State Senior Olympics Tennis Championship.

Col. Mardi U. Mark briefs garrison employees on the reopening of the Commercial Activities Study, or A-76.

November 2001

A brush fire ignited by weapons testing in a secure area of APG erupts into a multi-acre fire that burns for more than a week, scorching more than 1,500 acres.

Col. Mardi U. Mark is the guest speaker at the city of Aberdeen's annual Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Park.

Due to heightened security, the Harford County Job Fair is held at the Richlin Ballroom instead of on post. More than 600 people attended the fair hosted by 56 employers and APG's Army Community

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Retired Maj. Arnett Powers salutes as the honor guard posts the colors during a Korean War memorial dinner at the Richlin Ballroom.



Military police Staff Sgt. Barry Lewis directs a bomb-sniffing canine through a vehicle near the Route 22 gate on Sept. 11 shortly after the Department of Defense elevated the protective posture at U.S. installations worldwide.

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Changes

From front page

Army, Messman said, the regulation last updated in 1992 is still in effect.

A new policy regarding cell phones and pagers is one addition to the regulation that was generated by technology, Messman said.

Under the upcoming regulation only one electronic device will be authorized for wear on the uniform in the performance of official duties. The device may be either a cell phone or pager - not both. The device must be black in color and may not exceed 4-by-2-by-1 inches. Devices that do not comply with these criteria may not be worn on the uniform and must be carried in the hand, bag or in some other carrying container.

At one time, cell phones and pagers were only common practice for people in the medical field, but now the Army has downsized, and people are doing more than one job at the same time, said Lt. Col. Margaret Flott, chief of the Human Factors and Policy Division for DCSPER. Soldiers have to be able to go out and do their jobs without being tied to their desk, she said.

As the principal advisor for changes to the uniform policy, Messman said the changes that are being

staffed came from recommendations.

"We depend a lot on leadership in the field," Messman said. "They know the young soldiers of today. I get their input on when it's time to consider something that wasn't allowed before, or when something starts becoming a distraction and needs to be addressed."

The policy change authorizing braids and cornrows is an example of items that were once seen as inappropriate in the workplace, but are now considered conservative and business-like, Messman said. And the policy clarification that prohibits two-toned manicured nails is an example of a growing trend that has no place in the work area, she added.

People usually have the hardest time accepting the grooming policies, Messman said. "We don't want to rob people of their individuality," Messman said. "But the Army has never professed to be a leader in fashion. Our goal is to create a conservative, professional image and some of the more trendy styles will not accomplish that goal."

Highlights of changes

Hair care

Dreadlocks are prohibited for all soldiers. Prohibited hair dye colors include purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright fire-engine red, and neon colors.

Applied colors must look natural on the individual soldier. Women are authorized to wear braids and cornrows; baldness is authorized for males, either natural or shaved.

Nail care

Males are not authorized to wear nail polish and they must keep nails trimmed to the tip of the finger.

Females must keep nails trimmed no longer than 1/4 inch, as measured from the fingertip. Two-tone or multi-tone manicures and nail designs are prohibited. Prohibited nail polish colors include bright fire-engine red, khaki or camouflage, purple, gold, blue, black, white, and neon colors.

Contact lenses

Tinted or colored contacts, and contacts that change the shape of the iris are prohibited, as they are not medically required.

The only contacts authorized are opaque lenses (when prescribed for eye injuries) and clear corrective vision lenses.

Cell phones, pagers

One electronic device is authorized for wear on the uniform, in the performance of official duties. The device may be either a cell phone or pager - not both. The device must be black in color and may not exceed 4-by-2-by-1 inches.

Devices that do not comply with these criteria may not be worn on the uniform and must be carried in the hand, in a bag, or in some other carrying container.

Bloused boots

Soldiers will not blouse boots any lower than the third eyelet from the top of the boot.

Headgear

Males are exempt from wearing headgear to evening social events (after retreat). Black beret:

The Army flash is the only flash authorized, unless authorization for distinctive flashes was granted (i.e., OPFOR) before June 14, 2001.

Commanders may authorize the use of a camouflage hydration system (commonly called "camelbacks") for field duty or on work details.

Soldiers will not use these devices in a garrison environment, unless directed by the commander.

Sew-on insignia

Sew-on insignia is now authorized for the desert BDUs; colors are khaki and spice brown combinations.

Soldiers may wear the same insignia and awards as are worn on the woodland camouflage battle dress uniform.

Pregnant soldiers should wear the PT uniform until the uniform becomes too small or uncomfortable. At that time, pregnant soldiers may wear civilian equivalent workout attire. Leaders will not require soldiers to purchase larger PT uniforms to accommodate pregnancy.

Wear of the RDI on the AG 415 class B shirt is optional.

The category of the EOD Badge is changed from group 5 to group 3.

The wear-out date for the black mess uniform is Sept. 30, 2003.

(Editor's note: Last portion of article copied from DCSPER information paper.)

Party

From front page

who may be separated from loved ones during the holidays." She said staff members solicited donations and sponsors to hold the event that drew more than 300 parents and children from the post and surrounding areas.

"It's a great way to show people who we are and what we do," Beckett said.

Staff members in red Santa hats manned the event booths that included a ring toss, face painting and hoola-hoops.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison commander, welcomed the crowd, assuring the children that Santa was on the way.

"His reindeer are warmed up and he's on the access control roster," Mark told the children. "Have a safe and happy holiday."

As they joined in the fun or simply sat back and watched their children play, parents agreed that the party was a good thing for the community.

"There's lots of room and activities and it's in a safe environment," said Tammy Whited as she and her daughter Ashley Bonar, 11, checked out brochures at the informa-

tion table manned by Diana Hayes, parent and child together program coordinator.

"Everyone seems more interested in what ACS is all about," Hayes said. "Even the children are asking questions."

"This is outstanding. They should have it every year," Staff Sgt. Allen Gibbs said as he watched his daughter, Ayana, 4, twirl a hula-hoop.

A Company A 16th Ordnance Battalion drill sergeant, Gibbs added that the outing was a nice break for his family.

"You can get caught up in the holiday rush and forget it's all about the kids," he said.

Debbie Henly, a housing office counselor who brought her son, Tyliak Walls, 6, said they were pleasantly surprised with all the party had to offer.

"We weren't sure what to expect but it's better than we thought," she said as her son tried his skills at the ring toss.

Also "pleasantly surprised" were 2nd Lt. Don Windsor and his family. Along with his wife, Denise, daughter Tristan, 11 and son Aaron, 5, Windsor is at APG on temporary duty at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Officer Basic Course.

"We're from the Fort Bragg area and this really improved Christmas for our family," he said.

"This is great for the kids," Denise Windsor said, adding that they worried about the children having a good Christmas away from home. "This really makes it special for them," she said.

Eighteen soldiers from the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Class No. 07-02 augmented the ACS staff, manning booths and helping with the setup, breakdown and cleanup operation.

Sgt. Sebastian Wyatt, class leader, said the class volunteered as a part of its community service project.

"We graduate in two days, but when we heard about it, we agreed that we couldn't pass up this opportunity to do something for the community," Wyatt said.

The highlight of the evening was the much-anticipated arrival of Santa, who, accompanied by Mrs. Clause, posed for pictures with every family who wanted one.

"We'll have the photos ready for them to pick up in two days," Beckett said adding that they plan to make the party an annual event.

"The turnout was wonderful and we've gotten great comments," she said. "Helping soldiers and families is what we're all about."



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON
Tyliak Walls, 9, tests his throwing skills at the ring toss as Santa's helpers, Sgt. Steve Picard, kneeling and Sgt. Sebastian Wyatt, right, cheer him on. Soldiers from the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course augmented the holiday party staff.



Avniel Jackson, 19 months, seems more interested in getting back to mom than sitting in Santa's lap. Avniel is the son of Sgt. Revell Jackson, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

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Update on 2002 Defense Authorization Bill

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House Armed Services Committee Chairman Bob Stump has announced that conferees have reached agreement on the conference report to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (S. 1438).

The report is said to accomplish three goals: support U.S. military personnel through improved pay and benefits, restore U.S. military readiness, and boost efforts to defend the American homeland from terrorism and ballistic missile attack.

The report provides the largest single-year increase to defense spending since the early 1980s. It boosts funding for programs to combat terrorism and defeat weapons of mass destruction, provides a significant military pay raise, substantially increases critical readiness accounts, and revitalizes efforts to research tomorrow's weapons and equipment even while providing the weapons and equipment the U.S. military needs today.

For more on this report and the proposed pay and benefits changes, see http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=2002_Report.htm.

PREVIEW! CLASSIFIED

ATC supports hunger relief efforts

Gurvis Davis
ATC

Aberdeen Test Center, or ATC, is participating in the Maryland Food Bank's 2001 Harvest for the Hungry food drive through March 2, demonstrating ATC's dedication to performing community outreach through participation in the food drive. The ATC theme for the food drive is "excellence in community giving-breaking the hunger cycle."

Col. Mary Brown, ATC commander, kicked off the drive by making introductory remarks at a recent meeting of ATC's staff and employees.

"The annual Harvest for the Hungry Food Drive is sponsored by the Baltimore Federal Executive Board, the same group that sponsors the Central Maryland Combined Federal Campaign in addition to the many other key programs and activities. This is Aberdeen Test Center's second year supporting the program and again Barbara White and Gurvis Davis have volunteered their time to make this food drive a success. I appreciate their efforts and the support of other ATC employees with this important program."

Food collected during the campaign will be

distributed to more than 900 local food pantries, soup kitchens, and emergency shelters throughout Maryland, excluding Prince Georges and Montgomery counties, which are serviced by the Capital Area Community Food Bank. The charities give the food free of charge to the homeless, unemployed, low-income individuals, children, and the families they serve.

Suggested non-perishable food item donations include canned meats, canned soups, rice and rice cakes, peanut butter, juices, baking mixes, instant potatoes, canned or dry milk, hot or cold cereal, canned fruit, dried beans and canned tuna or salmon. Toiletry items such as soap, shampoo, and lotions are also recommended. There is a restriction on glass containers.

ATC's key persons have received early support from the ATC workforce. The donation boxes are filling up quickly and the giving spirit is evident among the employees.

Anyone can donate.

For more information regarding the food drive or to make a donation, call Davis at 410-278-9617 or White at 410-278-4592.



Photo by DANA FRITTS

Left, Barbara White, co-chair of Aberdeen Test Center's Harvest for the Hungry Campaign and Col. Mary K. Brown, ATC commander, turn over some of the items collected at ATC to Charlie Deal, driver for the Bel Army Emergency Food Pantry Harvest for the Hungry. Donations will be accepted through March 2.

Authorized exception to dual compensation laws

Current appropriated and nonappropriated fund, or NAF, employees are eligible to keep their full-time position and also be employed as an NAF flexible employee for the following hard-to-fill positions:

- Aerobic Instructor, NF-1712-02
- Bartender, NA-7405-03
- Cook, NA-7404-04/05/06/08
- Custodial Worker (trainee), NA-3566-01
- Custodial Worker, NA-3566-02
- Custodial Worker (leader), NL-3566-02
- Food Service Worker, NA-7408-01/02/03/04
- Gardener, NA-5003-04
- Gardener (tractor operator), NA-5003-06
- Operations Assistant (night manager), NF-1101-01/02
- Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01
- Waiter (Trainee), NA-7420-02
- Waiter, NA-7420-03

To apply, applicant must complete a DA form 3433 (NAF application for employment) for each vacancy announcement for which they desire consideration.

Completed applications can be brought or mailed to: NAF Personnel, Building 305, 2201 Aberdeen boulevard, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5001 or faxed to 410-278-0684. NAF vacancy announcements and applications can be reviewed at www.apg.army.mil. To print a copy, select garrison, then civilian personnel, then job opportunities and then nonappropriated funds.

Please note: the approved exception authority expires Nov. 20 and pertains only to the specific positions listed above. For more information, call 410-278-8993.

Army to realign, cut weapons to fund warfighting

Joe Burlas
Army News Service,

The Army will soon move to realign the Department of the Army headquarters staff and cut a number of weapons systems from the drawing board in order to better support Transformation and the warfighting force, according to the Army's top civilian leader.

Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White made those observations during an Association of the U.S. Army symposium held in Washington Nov. 8 to 9.

"Being at war is no excuse for not implementing business reform — we should not assume that we're going to be granted an unlimited budget as a result of 11 September," White said. "The reality is that we're under fiscal constraints as a consequence of the enormous investment our nation is making in recovering from the attacks and pursuing the war against terrorism. Thus, transformation of our business practices cannot wait, and we're going to start at the top."

White, a retired Army brigadier general and former chief executive officer of a Fortune 500 company, directed a task force last June to examine all functions of the Army and Secretariat staffs. The goal was to make realignment recommendations that reduce redundancy, maximize the use of technology and incorporate other successful better business practices from the corporate world.

"No successful corporate headquarters in the

world today is organized the way we are in Headquarters, Department of the Army," White said when he initiated the staff review last summer. "We currently have two separate staffs, often performing some of the same or similar functions."

The recommendations are now in, but the Army will wait until Senate Armed Services Committee leaders and select budget representatives are briefed before releasing the results. However, White did say that the recommendations will allow the Army to move realigned military manpower slots from HQDA "to the tooth end of our warfighting capabilities" when incorporated.

The Army expects to complete the HQDA realignment by next spring, he said.

Two additional realignments are planned: one for the Army's field operating agencies and another for its major military commands.

The Army will recommend the elimination of a number of weapons systems under development, including the fire-and-forget Tube-launched, Optically tracked, Wire-guided missile system, in order to fund higher priority programs, White told reporters during the AUSA symposium. A list of those systems will not be available until it clears the Senate Armed Services Committee, according to Army officials.

"We have made difficult choices to focus the money where we think it needs to be," White said.

New online Military Benefits Handbook available

Courtesy of Military.com

Military.com has recently published an online handbook with easy-to-understand explanations about military benefits. The handbook provides information for active duty, Guard/Reserve, Veterans, and Retired personnel on military benefits such as the GI Bill, TRICARE, Pay & Benefits, Insurance and VA home loans. The guide is a free resource for Military.com members. Those who are not members can access the guide by joining Military.com. Membership is free. To access the guide, go to: <http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView/MainMessage.htm?ESRC=mr.nl>.

Don't delay — update DEERS today

Courtesy of TRICARE

Did you know that you or a family member could lose medical benefits if you do not update your information on the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System, or DEERS?

DEERS stores medical benefit data for military personnel, retirees, and eligible family members. Servicemembers and retirees are the sponsors for their family members' medical benefits and are responsible for the accuracy of the DEERS information. Correct, up-to-date DEERS information is essential, since this data define your medical benefits.

When an eligible family member receives a uniformed services identification and privilege card, or ID card, that information is deposited in DEERS. However, the sponsor must ensure the information is correct. If you marry or re-marry, move, have a new baby, have a child that becomes an adult, you must make sure that DEERS data reflect those changes, as well as any others. If you marry but neglect to register your spouse in DEERS, that person is not eligible for medical benefits until the sponsor updates the information. If you move but don't submit the current address of each family member to DEERS, your family may not receive essential messages regarding medical benefits, such as information about the mail-order pharmacy (and TRICARE For Life program).

If you forget to register a newborn in DEERS, after 365 days the child is not eligible for medical benefits until you complete the registration.

In addition, newborns can lose eligibility for TRICARE Prime medical coverage after

120 days. In this case, you must enroll the child in TRICARE Prime, as well as register the child in DEERS.

How to update DEERS

Making changes to DEERS is easy to do. You can make changes through your military support office, the same office that assists you with your ID card.

If you are making changes, it's a good idea to take documentation with you, such as a marriage certificate or birth certificate.

You can locate your nearest military support office at the RAPIDS Site Locator on the Web at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl>

/. (Call ahead for hours of operation, and for instructions if you are updating a record for someone who is housebound.)

To make address changes or to verify data online, log on to the Defense Manpower Data Center Web site at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/wg/owa/webguard.login?app=I=9012&rule=02>.

Changes could not be easier to make, so do not delay. Update DEERS today.

Other ways to update your DEERS address:

- Call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) Telephone Center at 800-538-9552. The best time to call the

Telephone Center is between 0900 - 1500 (Pacific Time) Wednesday through Friday to avoid delays.

- Fax address changes to 831-655-8317.

• Mail the change information to the DSO, ATTN: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA, 93955-6771.

For additional questions regarding your DEERS record, call the DSO Telephone Center at 800-538-9552. The hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Pacific Time) Monday through Friday (excluding federal holidays).

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Community Notes

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 5
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 Story, 410-272-5040 or visit Web site www.wacva.com.

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 12
GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held at the school, 810 Aikens Avenue, Perryville, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5. For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

ATOAST TO THE LADIES

A "Toast To The Ladies" will be held for ages 30 and over from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. at the Colonel's Choice, Aberdeen. Proper ID and dress is required; no jeans, boots, bandannas, sweats or sneakers. There is a \$100 prize for the best-dressed female. Tickets cost \$6 for ladies, \$7 for men, and \$10 at the door. Music will be provided by DJ Sir Knight. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Copeland, 877-937-9936.

**MONDAY
JANUARY 14
PWOC DINNER**

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is hosting a potluck dinner and program 6 p.m. in the Chapel social hall. To begin the New Year we will be offering the program, "We're So Different; Praise the Lord," facilitated by PWOC President, Nancy Brugh.

Considering we're all part of the human race, it's amazing that we're so different. Our God-given uniqueness can be a stumbling block in our interpersonal relationships if they're not understood and appreciated. By completing a simple self evaluation based on the Myers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator, you will discover your personality type and be able to better understand, accept and delight in the differences in the personalities all around you. Come out and join PWOC for an evening of fun and fellowship. For more information, call the chapel at 410-278-4333.

**TUESDAY
JANUARY 15
ITALIAN SPECIALTY MEAL**

The annual Italian Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.70 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

Italian specialty meal menu includes minestrone soup, spaghetti w/meat sauce, lasagna, vegetable lasagna, chicken cacciatore, baked Italian sausage, ravioli, pizza, meatball subs, noodles w/pesto sauce, rissole potatoes, seasoned corn/broccoli parmesan, pasta salads/fruit salad, toasted garlic bread, assorted pastries and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information call Edward Parylo, or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1399/1393/1398

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 16
MLK JR. PRAYER BREAKFAST**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Prayer Breakfast will be held 7:30 to 9:30

a.m., at Top of the Bay, building 30. The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Medicine is sponsoring the event. The guest speaker is Kurt L. Schmoke, former mayor of Baltimore City.

Cost of a breakfast ticket is \$7 and can be purchased by calling Sgt. 1st Class Shelton Torbert, 410-278-1534.

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 17
WARRANT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the Old Baltimore Room at Top of the Bay on the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. For more information, contact Chief Warrants Pete Hill or Jane Jones at 410-278-4979.

**FRIDAY
JANUARY 18
ROYE-WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY PTA BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Roye-Williams Elementary PTA will be held at the Elks Lodge, Route 40, Havre de Grace, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5. For tickets, call the Roye Williams Elementary School, 410-273-5536, or Vicki Simpson, 410-272-6935. In case of inclement weather, listen to local radio and television stations for the Harford County School system. Snow date is Friday, Jan. 25.

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 26
MCSC INDOORYARD SALE**

The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will sponsor an indoor yard sale, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Cost is \$10 per table. If you need to make room for the new toys and clothes received during the holidays, this will be the perfect solution. If you do not want to sponsor your own table, consider donating your items to the MCSC. They will arrange a pick-up of your items. For more information, call Angie Salamy, 410-272-6712, or Julie Koob, 410-297-6630.

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 1
HARFORD CHORAL SOCIETY BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Harford Choral Society will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5. For tickets, call Jackie Keleman, 410-838-8062.

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 15
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Halls Crossroads Elementary will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks, and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Voretta Santos, 410-272-4471.

**FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY
MARCH 1 TO 3
CWF SPONSORS SKITRIP**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a ski trip, March 1 to 3. Lodging will be at the Ramada Inn, in Somerset, Pa., which includes a pool, jacuzzi, game room, lounge and restaurant. Transportation and four "all-you-can-eat" meals are included, along with a welcome reception, Pajama Dance Party, free shuttle service to Seven Springs, and 12 hours of open bar. Other optional activities include snow boarding, snow tubing, roller skating, shopping and bowling.

The price per person is as follows: \$235 per person based on two in a room, \$225 per person based on three in a room, and \$205 per person based on four in a room. A \$50 per person deposit is due by Jan. 3. Lift tickets cost \$38 per person for one day and \$75 per person for two days and include a free ski lesson.

Call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever for reservations or more information at 410-278-4603/4771.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50
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SPY GAME
Friday, Jan. 4, 7 p.m.
Starring: Robert Redford, Brad Pitt

A veteran CIA agent, Nathan Muir, is on the verge of retirement when he learns that his former partner, Tom Bishop, is being held on espionage charges in Beijing after attempting to free a Chinese prisoner. Though Muir's loyalty and determination have faded significantly over the years, he insists on going to Bishop's aid.

MONSTERS, INC.

Saturday, Jan. 5, 1 p.m.
Starring: Billy Crystal, John Goodman



Since children are considered a threat to monsters, it is absolutely forbidden for anything from the human world to cross over into the monster world - even a stray sock alerts a task force. But one night after work, Sulley accidentally lets in a little girl.

HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Jan. 5, 7 p.m.
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Sean Biggerstaff



Harry Potter has learned to live with his bullying Uncle Vernon, his callous Aunt Petunia and the constant whining of greedy, spoiled cousin Dudley. He's

even learned to live with sleeping in the cupboard under the stairs. Even the impending arrival of his 11th birthday offers no excitement for Harry. This year, however, is different. He learns that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. Harry embarks on the adventure of a lifetime, he is invited to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. At Hogwarts, he finds the home and the family he has never had.

THE WASH

Saturday, Jan. 5, 9 p.m.
Starring: Dr. Dre, Snoopy Dogg

With the rent due and his car booted, Sean has to come up with some cash. He gets a job busting suds down at the local car wash. The first order of business is impressing Mr. Washington, the owner of The Wash. But, first there are bigger things to worry about - the menacing phone calls from a disgruntled employee, and figuring out how to get money to pay off the kidnapers who've snatched Mr. Washington.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Begin the New Year with a few laughs. The following fugitives from Zanyville, who are guaranteed to produce a few smiles on a cold winter's night, are currently hiding out on the APG Library shelves:

The Confederacy of Dunces, by John Kennedy Toole

Tracey Takes On, by Tracey Ullman

Apologizing to Dogs, by Joe Coomer

Kids Say the Darndest Things, by Bill Cosby

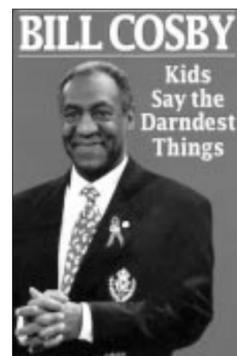
The Book of Guys, by Garrison Keillor

Sein Language, by Jerry Seinfeld

The Bear Went Over the Mountain, by William Kotzwinkle

The Funnies, by J. Robert Lennon

Shoot!, by Jay Cronley



New at the library, sign up for the library's E-mail service, receive listings of new library materials at home/office and reserve items electronically.

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Edgewood Area library is only open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

LEAVE DONATION

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

Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	(surgery)	failure)	Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)	Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)	Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	John C. Houck	Stacy Miller (maternity)	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)	Sherry Schaffer
Tammy Budkey	Wayne A. Jaynes	John E. Mogan (surgery)	Lena Shelton
Jane E. Calahan (surgery)	Evelyn K. Johnson	Vincent L. Mohr (knee replacement)	Motoko Stahl
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	Shirley A. Murphy (terminal illness)	Debra S. Stark (surgery)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)	Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)	Rachel Swearingen
Geraldine S. Cragg	Jennifer Keetley (maternity)	Suaquita R Perry (maternity leave)	Alison Tichenor (surgery)
Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)	Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)
Rene de Pontbriand	William Klein	Karen S Pense	Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)
Tricia Lin Dietz	Nicole L. Klein (broken ankle)	Mary E. Pettitway	Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Fred Dill	Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)	Michael R. Willard
Joseph R. Dugan	Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)	Angela L. Reeves (maternity leave)	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Messina Enderlein	Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)	Michael Reynolds	Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)	William B. McLean (kidney	Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)	Wanda L. Waldon (surgery)
Denise M. Fox (maternity leave)		Denise Robinson (maternity)	Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)
Susan G. Grendahl (maternity)			
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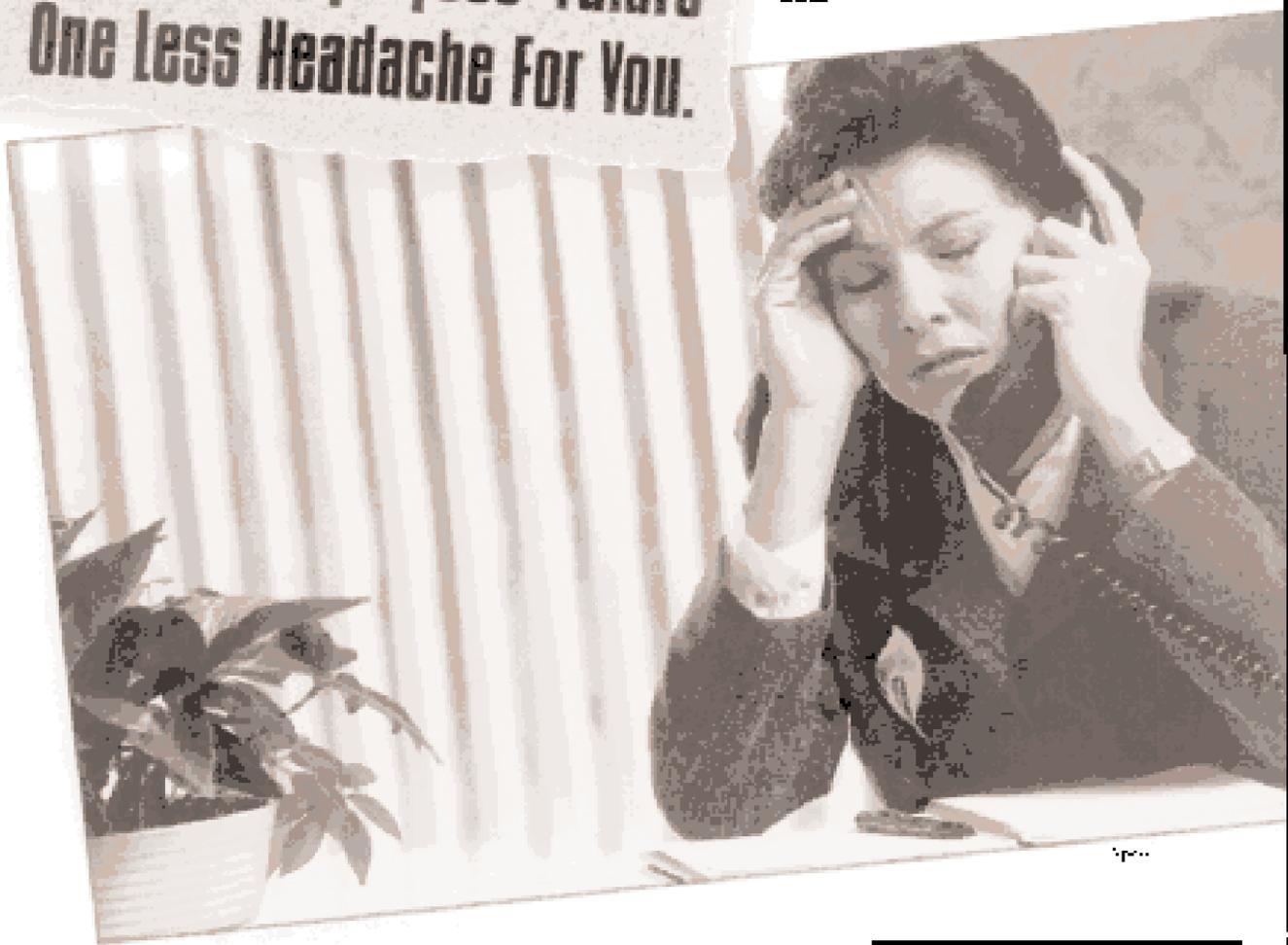
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Service.

The 2001 Army Soldier Show plays to two packed houses on Nov. 12 and 13 at the Post Theater.

The U.S. Air Force Detachment holds its first Prayer Breakfast. Ernest B. Vermont, father of Maj. Ernest Vermont, HHC 61st Ordnance Brigade chaplain, is the guest speaker.

West Point chaplain Col. Scott McCrystal speaks at the 16th Ordnance Battalion Prayer Breakfast held Nov. 14.

The 7th annual Native-American Heritage Month Luncheon showcases tradition, culture and dance. Keith Colston, Native-American cultural director for the Baltimore American Indian Center is the guest speaker.

During a ceremony at the Post Recreation Center, 36 APG soldiers and Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security personnel are awarded German marksmanship badges and 31 soldiers receive the Troop Duty Proficiency Badge from German Brig. Gen. Hans-George Atzinger. Fourteen German soldiers earn American marksmanship badges after a day of weapons qualification supervised by DLE&S personnel.

Drill Sergeant Garnett Brown coaches Company C 16th Ordnance Battalion to the intramural soccer post championship.

Under the coaching of Joe Jefferson, HHC 16th Ordnance Battalion wins its fourth consecutive intramural flag football post championship.

December 2001

President George W. Bush declares Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, a holiday for federal employees.

Child and Youth services completes its inaugural Youth of the Quarter program. Cassandra A. Lampkin and Heidi A. Greenleaf are the Youths of the Year for the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas.

The Youths of the Quarter are Brandon D. Beverley of Aberdeen and Tyshuna M. Bolton from Edgewood.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, deploy-

ment and mobilization manager, ACS, leads the opening of the Family Assistance Center, a system of support services that addresses the needs of personnel and family members during deployments, evacuations and natural disasters.

Bulldozers break ground for the new River Lodge in the Edgewood Area. The lodging facility is scheduled for completion in mid-summer 2002.

The Aberdeen Area Youth Center's under-10 girls soccer team, the Lazars, win the Eastern Southern Soccer League championship with a win over the Havre de Grace Comets, 1-0.

During a Dec. 8 ceremony at the Edgewood Area Gunpowder Club, Capt. Matthew Timbario, 224th Aviation unit commander, receives the Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medals go to Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Jones, Staff Sgt. Wayne Parker and Spc. Joseph Eichelberger for supporting Operation Noble Eagle efforts at the Pentagon following the Sept. 11 attack.

Dr. Raymond A. Mackay, SBCCOM's Edgewood Chemical Biological Center receives the Maryland Chemist Award for 2001 from the Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society during a ceremony at Johns Hopkins University on Dec. 12.

The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment wins its second consecutive Commander's Cup trophy, beating out runner-up Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign concludes on APG, exceeding its \$300,000 goal with total pledged funds of \$383,159.50.

Les Brownlee is sworn in as the Under Secretary of the Army during a Pentagon ceremony led by Thomas E. White, secretary of the Army.

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense welcomes scientists from 14 different laboratories, industry, academia and government, to the Edgewood Area for a mission-associated Toxicogenomics Conference.

Army Community Service announces the return of Army Family Team Building, a program that trains Army families to cope with today's military.



From left, Air Force Airman Charles Givens, U.S. Air Force Detachment and Marine Cpl. David Hibler, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment evaluate a dining facility display during the annual Most Festive Dining Facility Competition. Building E-4225 in the Edgewood Area won best overall facility for 2001.



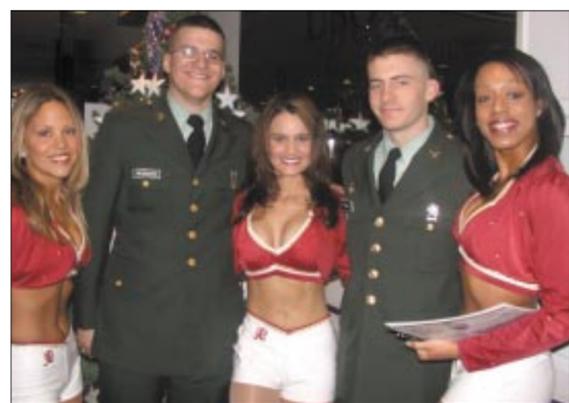
A grim reminder, the remnants of the South Tower wall and part of building five at ground zero in Manhattan. Members of the Civilian Welfare Fund-sponsored trip to New York City on Nov. 24 took time to visit the now infamous site.



Flags, banners and wreaths adorn the monument at Veterans Park in Aberdeen following the Veteran's Day Ceremony on Nov. 11.



From left, Sgts. 1st Class William Frye and Dwayne Peterson, Sgt. Terri Jackson-Cyrus and Pfc. Seniti Lotulelei check an entry on the combined manifest listing at the main control point. They supervised the signing in of soldiers on Exodus leave and monitored their status until the last departure.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON
Two Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers are happy to pose with three Washington Redskins cheerleaders who came to the USO to greet soldiers departing on Exodus leave. From left, Emily Clark, Pvt. Adam Skidmore, Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion, Nikki Colea, Pvt. Nicholas Russell, Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion and Cybill Murray.



A plate of patriotic candy bars sits on the snack bar of the USO International Gateway Lounge at BWI Airport. Members of the Pascal Senior Center in Glen Burnie, Md., designed and created the wrappings for soldiers departing on Exodus.

Exodus

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that were wrapped in patriotic covers.

"They designed the covers themselves and added sentiments to the back of each one," noted USO volunteer Marian Reis a member of the center. "It's just our way of saying thank you to our military."

USO director Adrienne Trout said that with 700 additional troops arriving from Fort Lee, Va., Exodus was the busiest day of the year for the activity.

"Thanks to our volunteers and the organizers at APG, we can handle it," Trout said. "It's our pleasure to help out as much as we can."

In a break from the standard Exodus, the bat-

alion held a reenlistment ceremony in the USO foyer. The battalion commander administered the reenlistment oath to Sgt. 1st Class William Frye, an 18-year veteran, before a group of soldiers and USO staff members as the two stood between the U.S. and battalion flags. Frye, an OC&S instructor and Exodus controller, said he chose the site because of Exodus and because of the services the USO has provided him and his family over the years.

"Wherever we traveled, we could always go to a USO to escape the hustle and bustle of the airport," Frye said. He added that he was grateful to the battalion commander for agreeing to the reenlistment site and to the USO for hosting it.

"It was definitely different," Sgt. 1st Class Venesia Denson said of the ceremony. "The challenge was to hold a ceremony while sup-

porting our soldiers, which is our first priority," she added, noting that the commander waited until most soldiers were gone and all problems were handled before the ceremony began.

Grant thanked the battalion cadre, USO personnel and members of the chaplaincy who came to see the soldiers off.

"This is an example of how you can accomplish something when teams work together," Grant said.

Many of the soldiers agreed.

Pvt. Adam Skidmore, Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion said he thought Exodus was a "brilliant idea. We've gotten great assistance from our drill sergeants," Skidmore said. "I don't know what we would have done without them."

Pvt. Nicholas Russell, Company B, 143rd, said that although he brought his ticket through

a commercial travel agency, he was impressed with the facilities and assistance soldiers were afforded.

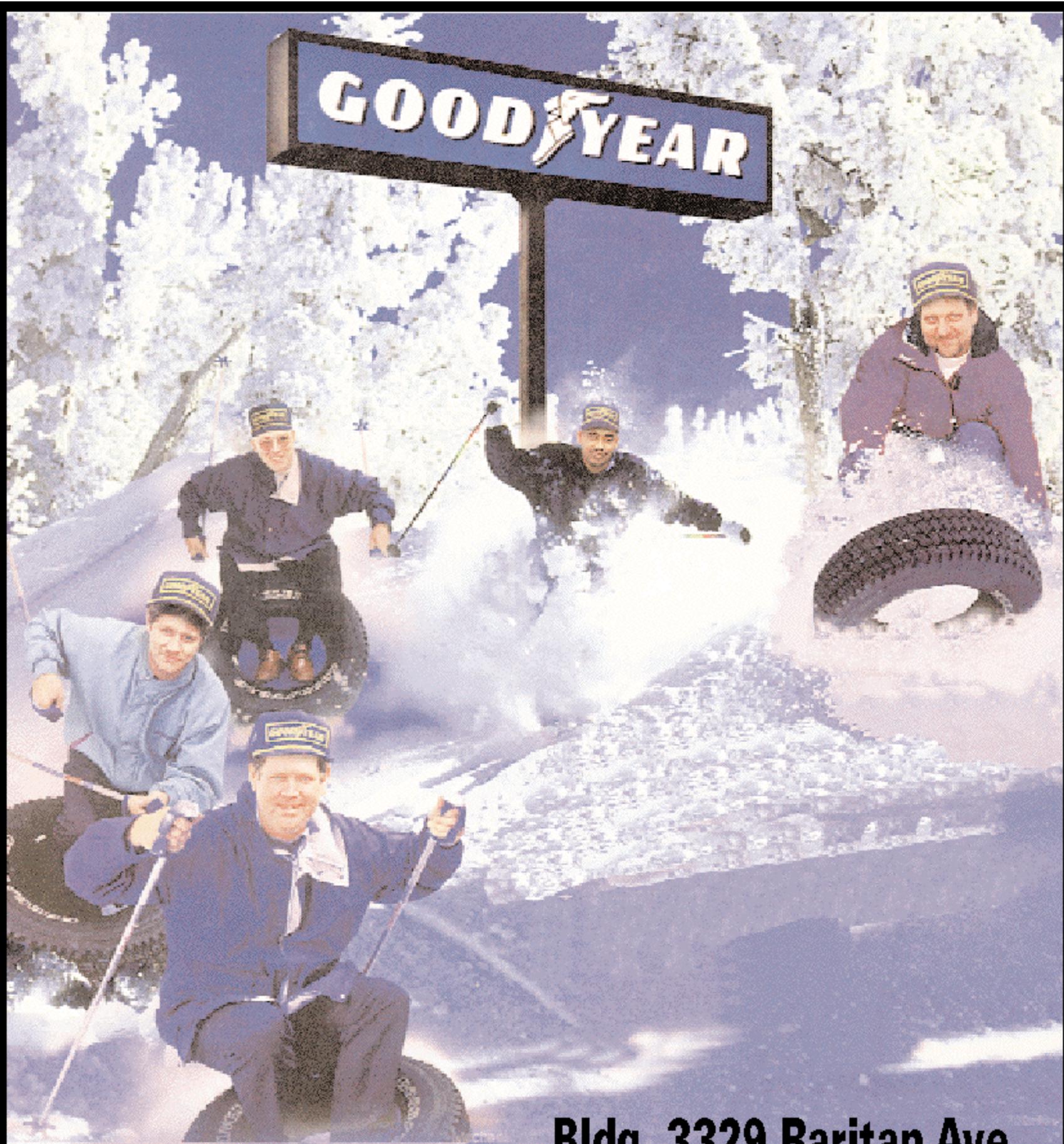
"This is a great place," Russell said of the lounge. "We didn't know what to expect. It's a pleasant surprise."

Pvt. Katherine Meaux, awaiting a 5:55 p.m. flight to Orlando, Fla., had trouble staying awake after the early morning bus ride to the airport. She said she was impressed with how well the "massive" endeavor went off.

"This had to have been a challenge to organize," the Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion soldier said.

"Because of our cadre, it went as smooth as silk."

Personnel from Carlson-Wagonlit were also on hand to assist controllers throughout the morning.



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