

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 12, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

REO Speedwagon coming Aug. 17

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division is bringing REO Speedwagon, Night Ranger and Eddie Money to Shine Sports Field Aug. 17.

Due to security considerations, only the Route 22 gate will be open to concert-goers, who will be directed to designated parking. Those 16 and older should bring a photo ID and plan their arrival time to accommodate personal and vehicle searches.

A tailgate party with a live broadcast by radio station WOCT will be held at the designated parking area from 3 to 6 p.m. The concert staging area opens at 6 p.m.; concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets, \$25 in advance and \$35 at the gate, go on sale June 24 through Ticketmaster, 1-800-551-SEAT, or the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, 410-278-4011, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Volunteers needed for rock concert

Morale, Welfare and Recreation needs volunteers for the APG Classic Rock Concert, Aug. 17, at Shine Sports Field.

Jobs include gate workers, ticket sellers, concession workers, sponsorship assistants, warehouse workers and photographers. Licensed bus drivers and parking attendants are also needed.

Volunteers must be 18 or older and available to work from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Staff T-shirts and training will be provided.

For more information about volunteering, contact Ruth Overbay, 410-278-4402, or e-mail ruth.overbay@usag.apg.army.mil.

For general information, call 410-278-4011/4621, TTY 410-278-4110.

M.A.D. Gift Shop grand opening week, June 3 to 8

Quality gifts at affordable prices can be found at the M.A.D. Gift Shop located in the Edgewood

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Army secretary visits APG



Secretary of the Army Thomas White, right, gets a close-up look at the Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicle from Col. David Ogg, left, program manager, Brigade Combat Team, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center. The secretary spent the day touring Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations on May 30.

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground hosted a visit from Secretary of the Army Thomas White on May 30, which included a command overview by post leaders, visits to key organizations, an aerial tour of the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas, and a ride in a Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicle.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, greeted the secretary and his entourage at Edgewood Area's Weide Army Airfield.

From there, a command overview by post leaders at the SBCCOM Command Operations Center followed. White learned about SBCCOM and its role in homeland defense, the installation's facilities and organizations, and the diverse organizations that make up SBCCOM.

The overview included briefings by Doesburg, Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander Dr. John M. Ferriter, director SBCCOM operations remediation and restoration, Lt. Col. George E. Steiger, chemical biological rapid response team and Maj. Dean Costas, U.S. Army Technical

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Memorial Day 2002 reflects on sacrifices



Gladys Libertini, president of Edgewood American Legion Post 17 Ladies Auxiliary, pays her respects after placing a wreath in memory of area military veterans who died in service to the United States.

Community honors the fallen

Story and photos by
Sheila Little
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Memorial Day remembrance was held at the Edgewood American Legion Post 17, sponsored by the Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5337, Abingdon, and Edgewood's Corpus Christi Council 6188, Knights of Columbus. Despite thunder, a light rain and a move from the Edgewood Area Cemetery this year, a crowd of approximately 200 attended.

Timothy Baird, Knights of Columbus, served as master of ceremonies at the Edgewood event, welcoming Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, as guest speaker. While acknowledging the sacrifices paid by our soldiers in previous wars, Doesburg asked that U.S. soldiers participating in the war on terrorism also be remembered.

"Today our concerns are more immediate than reflective," Doesburg said. "Instead of focusing solely on past sacrifices, we also face the reality of on-going losses from our eight-month war on terrorism."

He said public support and acknowledgment is not lost on those who serve or have served.

Doesburg recalled the remarks of Secretary of the Army Thomas White, who described the flag-draped freeway overpasses and quiet crowds, which lined the roads to the cemetery,

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Commissaries offer 'party central' specialties



Assorted fruits and cold cuts decorate two party trays prepared by the APG Post Commissary produce division. Check with the commissary when planning your next event.

Cherie Huntington
Defense Commissary Agency,
Eastern Region

DeCA EASTERN REGION, VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. - Whatever the occasion, if your event involves food, think of your commissary as "party central."

Whether you're putting together a buffet reception, planning a working lunch for your whole office, grilling at home for friends or putting together a birthday bash or graduation party, check to see what your commissary can do to help you put your event together easily and economically.

Aberdeen Commissary offers meat trays with selections of ham, turkey, roast beef, salami and cheeses. Other party trays available include fruits, vegetables, cookies or pastries. Your commissary also offers made-to-order sub sandwiches for groups of all sizes.

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Preparing for a higher threat level

Sheila Little
APG News

With the increased frequency of renewed terrorist threats being issued throughout the United States, Aberdeen Proving Ground, under Force Protection Condition CHARLIE since last fall, has plans in place to effectively deal with the possibility of raising the installation's security level to FPCON DELTA.

Intelligence Division Chief Joe Kaffl, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, said the installation has no reason at the present to move to a higher security status, but reminded personnel that on Sept. 11, APG went from FPCON NORMAL to DELTA in a matter of minutes.

"We would go to DELTA following another terrorist attack or if we had hard intelligence that an attack was imminent," Kaffl said.

He stressed that employees and residents should remain vigilant regarding terrorism, and know what to do in the event that APG returns to FPCON DELTA.

"Prior planning and coordination by the garrison and all tenants is vital," Kaffl said, adding that all organizations should make sure personnel know their reporting status in the event of a change in force protection levels.

Tenant commanders should identify key personnel based on their organization's unique mission requirements.

Clearly identify those individuals who should report to work if the FPCON level is raised, identify those employees who may be required under special circumstances, and identify those who should not report until the threat level is lowered.

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Mini Mall gas station, building E-4410. Gifts include home décor items, jewelry, dolls, collectibles, figurines, clocks, swords, unique candles and holders, balloons, cards, gift bags, etc.

During grand opening week, receive 25 percent off all store merchandise purchased through June 8. During the month of June, stop in to register for a free six-piece leather luggage set or a mini-portable pool table. Drawing will be held June 30.

Visit www.madgift.com for a free gift of your choice (use code FREEGIFT10 to redeem your free gift).

For more information, call Sharon Dixon, 410-297-6899.

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(Editor's note: The store name is derived from the owner's deceased mother's initials, not to be confused with Mother's Against Drunk Driving.)

ACS offers teen parenting classes in July

The Family Advocacy Program will offer "Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP)" Teen Classes every Tuesday and Thursday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 2754, Rodman Road. STEP is offered to parents who have children ranging from 12 to 18 years old. The dates and topics are as follows:

- July 9 Understanding Yourself and Your Teenager
- July 11 Changing Your Response to Your Teen
- July 16 Communicating Respect and Encouragement
- July 18 Encouraging Cooperation and Problem Solving
- July 23 Using Consequences to Build Responsibility
- July 25 Deciding What to Do

If you are interested in registering for STEP Teen Parenting Classes, call Laura Reich, family advocacy prevention specialist at 410-278-7478 by July 3.

ACS sponsors Can Do! Kids classes

The Exceptional Family Member Program will be sponsoring "Who are Can Do! Kids?," a program that will focus on what children can do instead of what they cannot. Can Do! Kids use their abilities in whatever way is best for them in order to do the things they want. Every child can be a Can Do! Kid!

There will be four sessions, one each Monday starting June 24, 6 to 7 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 2754. The topics and dates are as follows:

- June 24 Social Skills
- July 1 Teamwork
- July 8 Life Skills
- July 15 Creative Thinking

Attendees must register by calling Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP manager at 410-278-2420.

AA community to hold yard sale

The Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground will hold its community yard sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 8 and 9. Rain date will be June 15 and 16. Participating housing areas include Patriot Village, Mobile Home Park, New Chesapeake, Bayside Village, School Street, Plumb Point Loop and Hopkins loop.

The Community Life Mayoral Program is sponsoring this year's community yard sale.

See page 8 for more details.

Army Substance Abuse Program make-up class

On June 11 at the APG Post Theater, building 3245, 8:30 to 11 a.m., the Army Substance Abuse Program will provide a final make-up training class for civilians who meet the criteria for the appropriate sensitive positions or categories of positions designated as Expanded Testing Designated Positions.

The Edgewood Area make-up training will be at the Conference Center, June 17, 8 to 10 a.m.

For more information on the program, contact Derrick Copper, Directorate of Information Management, 410-278-4810.

Bowling center hours change

The APG Bowling Center is closed on Sunday. For more information, contact Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail him at david.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil.

USAWOA meeting, June 20

The Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter of the United States Army Warrant Officer Association will meet June 20 at Top of the Bay. The meeting will be a working lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Old Baltimore Room. All warrant officers are invited to attend. For more information, contact Pete Hill or Jane Jones at 410-278-4979.

Soldier Support Center undergoes renovation

It's been a long time coming, but renovation is underway at the Janet M. Barr Soldier Support Center, building 4305. The second and third floors are being gutted to allow for completion of the exterior. While this is occurring, the elevator and staircases will be built. To accomplish this, we will close off the front entrance to the building. The contractor will fence off the work zone on the front and sides for safety concerns. Personnel will be directed to the rear of the building for entrance.

For more information, call Janet Dettwiler, 410-306-2303.

Pollution Prevention



Buying products made out of recycled materials is called affirmative procurement.

APG Pollution Prevention Program

AFAP symposium - a chance to voice concerns

APG will host the Army Family Action Plan Symposium June 12, 1 to 3:30 p.m., at Top of the Bay. Everyone is invited to attend the annual meeting, which focuses on improving the quality of life for everyone connected with APG by airing issues and finding acceptable solutions. Most issues are resolved on the local level, although those with across-the-board implications may be sent to higher headquarters for resolution.

Any questions concerning the AFAP should be directed to Dudley Laucks, Directorate of Information Management, coordinator of this year's seminar, at 410-278-7011, or e-mail dudley.laucks@usag.apg.army.mil.

Child/Youth Services Summer Program

Join the Aberdeen Area Child/Youth Services Summer Program Summer Camp Open House for registered participants June 8, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522.

Campers will embark upon a summer journey of heroism and serving the community; meet the directors, site-supervisors, counselors, administration and sports staff and a lot of new friends.

Summer Camp begins June 17.

For more information, call the APG Youth Center at 410-278-4995. (Note: Summer Camp registration will not be available at the Open House.)

CWF sponsors trip to NYC

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to New York City, July 13. The bus will depart Aberdeen Proving Ground at 6 a.m., and depart New York City at 5 p.m. The price per person is \$35, which covers transportation.

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

Re-Nu-It Center summer hours

The Re-Nu-It Centers summer hours are: Aberdeen Area, building 5413, Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; Edgewood Area, building E-5703, Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. For more information, call the AA center at 410-278-8814 or the EA center at 410-436-2398.

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 each other on a wide screen. To set up an appointment, call ACS, 410-278-2453.

Test, evaluation symposium June 11

Army Test and Evaluation Days 2002 will be held June 11 to 13, Von Braun Center, Huntsville, Ala. This year's theme is "Responding to Asymmetrical Warfare: The New Reality for Army Test and Evaluation," and will focus on test and evaluation, acquisition, modeling and simulation and industrial base issues. The keynote speaker is Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

Registration, general information, preliminary agenda, exhibitor information, hotel accommodations and points of con-

tact can be viewed at the T&E Days Web site, www.testeval-days.com.

For more information, contact Michael McFalls, 256-876-3462 or Sherry Hillely, 256-842-6715.

Employment Readiness Workshop offers summer classes

Army Community Service, Family Member Employment Readiness Program will hold Employment Readiness Workshops throughout the summer.

The workshop includes classes about Internet tools, resume pointers and other great ideas to energize your job search. Classes will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. every Monday in building 2752 Rodman Road, 2nd floor.

Scheduled classes include June 24, Information session for interview skills; July 15, Job skills workshop/Finding the perfect career; Aug. 19, Information session for interview skills and Sept. 16, Information session for resumes.

Classes are open to APG adult family members and APG civilians. To register, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669.

Manager needed at EA Thrift Shop

Applications for the position of manager are being accepted at the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop located across from the golf course on Stark Road.

Applications will be accepted Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 410-676-4733.

OSCA to hold reunion

The Ordnance Supply Control Agency reunion will be held Nov. 3 to 7 in Las Vegas.

For more information, e-mail beachcomer08@msn.com or call 941-495-9215.

KUSAHC to hold TRICARE For Life briefings

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will hold briefings for prospective TRICARE for Life participants at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater on June 6, 10 a.m. to noon. An evening briefing will be held on June 12, 6 to 8 p.m.

Building blocks to success

Army Community Service is sponsoring a series of wealth building classes to teach how to manage money, live debt free and protect income.

- June 6 The Art of Budgeting
- June 13 Banking and Checking Accounts
- June 20 Using Credit Wisely
- June 27 Saving and Investing

Classes are free and open to all civilians, active duty personnel, retirees and family members. All classes will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Army Community Service Center, building 2754, Rodman Road. Space is limited.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call Arcelio V. Alleyne, 410-278-2450. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch.

Weight Watchers at Work continues

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are continuing on post, and new participants are welcome. The program offers professional leadership, group support and a sound and safe weight control plan. To learn more about the Weight Watchers at Work Program at Aberdeen Proving Ground, call 410-278-1151.

Use both lanes

Drivers are urged to use both lanes as they approach the gates to APG's Aberdeen Area. At the barricades, motorists should alternate the right of way - allowing every other car to move into the primary entrance lane, like a zipper. This more efficient movement of traffic will speed up the process.

The provost marshal warns drivers who pull out in front of other vehicles, block traffic lanes or exhibit other aggressive tendencies, that they are driving on a federal installation and are subject to citations through the federal court system.

Make picnic reservations for 2002

Outdoor Recreation is accepting reservations from Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations for the 2002 picnic season.

Call at 410-278-4124, or visit building 2407 for reservations

Commercial Activities Hotline available

The CA telephone hotline at 410-278-7414, and CA e-mail hotline at CA.Hotline@usag.apg.army.mil, are available to provide updates and answers to your questions concerning the CA Study.

In addition, CA is now a choice on the first page of the APG Web site, www.apg.army.mil.

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ALL IN THE FAMILY



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
 Capt. Pete Conboy, left, commander Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, administers the oath of enlistment to Staff Sgt. Anthony Thomas and his wife, Sgt. Paloria Thomas, at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum on May 29. Married five years, the husband and wife team decided to renew their military vows together. Conboy said it was his first dual reenlistment. The ceremony was arranged by Sgt. 1st Class Ann Westman, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools career counselor.

Gift shop opens on EA



Sharon Dixon arranges figurines on the shelf of her new gift shop, M.A.D. Gifts and Accessories in the Edgewood Mini Mall. Visit the shop during grand opening week through June 8 for discounts on purchases.



Figurines of a high-kicking clown and a hunter and his faithful dog are just some of the home decorating collectibles to be found at M.A.D. Gifts and Accessories.

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Need a gift in a hurry? Now Edgewood Area patrons don't have far to go to find the perfect gift for that special someone.

A new shop, M.A.D. Gifts and Accessories, opened June 3 in the Edgewood Mini Mall. The shop features a variety of home decorating collectibles, jewelry, party balloons and more and is owned by Sharon Dixon, the wife of U.S. Marine Corps Detachment Staff Sgt. Alfred Dixon.

Dixon, an independent distributor, coordinated with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service to offer a gift shop service that includes catalogue orders, brochures, monthly giveaways and door prizes.

"We also have small, complimentary gifts like pens and calculators that we give just for stopping by," Dixon said.

Visitors will find a mixture of merchandise, including figurines, porcelain collectibles, decorative wall clocks, leather purses, a variety of candles and vases and alternative design sunglasses for adults and children.

"Visitors can order out of our catalogue if we don't have what they want in stock," Dixon said.

Services can also be obtained through the Web site at www.madgift.com, she added.

During its inaugural week, the shop's hours are Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Regular hours, beginning June 10, are Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.

TEDCO expands agreement with APG Science and Technology Board

Ann Marie Lisowski
MarylandTEDCO

The Maryland Technology Development Corporation announced a new memorandum of agreement with the U.S. Army Aberdeen Proving Ground Science and Technology Board June 3 and the subsequent awarding of a \$20,000 grant to Claragen, Inc. of Rockville, under the Federal Laboratory Partnership Programs.

Under this new agreement, TEDCO will serve as a link between all tenant commands at APG to commercialize technology, enhancing tech transfer initiatives and economic development.

The first recipient within the new arrangement, Claragen - a company that identifies a market for a protein to treat neonatal respiratory distress - will use the grant to produce proteins at APG.

"As a recognition of TEDCO's value with this partnership, we have expanded the role TEDCO has with our federal lab and tech transfer initiatives," said Brian

Simmons, chairman of APG's Science and Technology Board. "One of the valuable attributes of TEDCO is its ability to interact with small businesses and regional economies interested in commercializing or using Federal technology resources."

This is the fourth agreement of TEDCO's FLPP, a systematic program to open the doors and connect the state's federally funded and university research labs to Maryland entrepreneurs; thereby increasing early stage product development and strengthening Maryland's economy.

"Producing CC10 protein is important to 20,000 patients a year in the U.S. who have neonatal lung disease," said Mark Zimmer, President and CEO of Claragen. "The funding from TEDCO and the knowledge of APG's researchers will help us to continue to find ways to improve upon the production process."

The one-year agreement with APG Science & Technology Board, with one-year extensions available, states that

TEDCO will conduct outreach programs to communicate to Maryland businesses about their technology needs and to facilitate an overview process.

"By working closely with Claragen, the agreement will allow this small business to work in one of the federal labs based in Maryland and have the potential to contribute millions of dollars a year to the economy," stated Phillip Singerman, executive director of TEDCO.

TEDCO, established by the General Assembly to foster the development of a technology economy that will create and sustain businesses throughout Maryland, has programs that aid and promote state-funded incubators, federal and university laboratories to increase technology transfer and Maryland's eCommerce.

For more information on TEDCO visit www.MarylandTEDCO.org.

Entrepreneurs interested in obtaining more information about this program should call Steve Fritz, TEDCO director of Technology Transfer, at 410-715-4166.

Threat

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- Make those determinations now, update records, and inform all personnel of their status.

Employee status under FPCON DELTA

- If you do not know your status, ask your chain of command. Employees should fall into one of three categories:
 - Do not report in the event of a raise to FPCON DELTA. (This category should involve nearly 95 percent of the workforce.)
 - Report even if the installation is raised to FPCON DELTA, or
 - On call and reporting if advised by your supervisor

The third, on-call category is designed to provide flexibility for commanders to respond

with appropriate categories and numbers of personnel needed during a crisis situation.

No more than five percent of the installation workforce should be reporting during FPCON DELTA, a smaller percentage is highly encouraged.

If you are to report to APG during FPCON DELTA, in order to minimize the lineup at the gate:

- Consider carpooling with other essential personnel
- Be prepared to remain on post for the day; don't leave for lunch or to run non-essential errands
- Ask your chain of command if the organization is staggering report times, and if so, try to avoid the most popular commuting times

"Only by strictly limiting the number of personnel entering post will it be possible to efficiently conduct essential operations if the FPCON level is raised," Kaffl said.



Earn your master's degree at APG

Earn your master's degree on the weekends without leaving Aberdeen Proving Ground and without taking the Graduate Record Examination, or GRE, or Graduate Management Admission Test, or GMAT.

Central Michigan University on APG, a fully accredited school, offers a master's of science degree in administration with concentrations in public administration, human resources administration, general administration, health services administration, and information resource management.

Earn your degree in 18 to 24 months while working full-time. CMU is currently accepting applications for all concentrations.

For information, call 410-272-1532 or visit the CMU office in building 3146, Room 5.



Veterans, Boy Scouts, and family and friends gather to remember U.S. warfighters lost in service to the country. More than 200 gathered to salute America's soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in Edgewood, May 27.



Sgt. David Martinez, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), plays taps in a salute to the fallen at the Memorial Day ceremony held on the lawn of Edgewood's American Legion Post 17.

Memorial

From front page

as the first soldier to die in the War of Terrorism was laid to rest.

"It is the confidence of the American people, the public will to sustain the fight, that serves as the foundation for victory in any war, including the war on terror," White said.

Doesburg said that although the face of battle is changing, "our military remains flexible and committed to the mission."

"One million men and women made the ultimate sacrifice at the request of their nation. Their legacy will continue to live on in our memory and we honor them as we will honor those who will come after them. We must never forget the service and sacrifice, the enduring legacy of those brave souls who gave their full measure for all of us," Doesburg said.

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Salute Battery rendered a firing salute in honor of deceased veterans, and the 389th Army Band, (AMC's

Own), under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Jerry Standridge, offered patriotic selections. Sgt. David Martinez played taps.

Also participating in the Memorial Day remembrance at Edgewood was Lt. Col. Lonnie Southern, chaplain, Army National Guard; Richard Miller, VFW Post 5337 chaplain; B. Dan Riley, Maryland House of Delegates; representatives from the VFW and Legion Ladies Auxiliaries, the Corpus Christi Ladies and local Boy Scouts.

Robert Dorsey, coordinator for the day's event, thanked all who helped organize and participate in the success of this year's remembrance.

The event was one of several held in the area to remember the important contributions of all veterans, to honor the memory of those who paid for freedom with their lives, and remember those in uniform throughout the world, stationed in harm's way for the protection of our nation's citizens and ideals, and to assist others with similar beliefs.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander, represented the installation at a similar Memorial Day remembrance in Aberdeen.

Mortuary affairs schedules fall reunion

The U.S. Army Mortuary Affairs Center, Fort Lee, Va., is planning a reunion of Mortuary Affairs/Memorial Activities/Graves Registration specialists. The reunion is scheduled for Sept. 19 to 20 at Fort Lee. Persons interested in attending should call the Mortuary Affairs Center's deputy director, Doug Howard, at 804-734-3831, or write him at howardd@lee.army.mil. Due to post security requirements, visitors should plan accordingly in case of delays when entering the installation.

TRICARE while traveling

Authorization and claims for out-of-region treatment

Filing claims

Denied claims for care received out of the local area account for many of the denied or point of service claims. Failure to properly file the claim is one of the most common problems. Here are some pointers to facilitate processing claims.

TRICARE claims must be filed to the claims address for the region in which the patient lives on the date of service. For example: providers in Virginia are accustomed to filing claims to Palmetto GBA in South Carolina. If a patient from Texas gets medical care while on vacation in Virginia, the patient needs to make sure the provider mails the claim to WPS in Wisconsin, not the Palmetto address the provider normally uses. To link to a Web page with the claims address for each state and overseas area, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/claims/Wheretofile.htm>.

When giving a provider your address, make sure to provide home address, not the temporary address where visiting. A patient address on the claim that does not match the address in DEERS will prevent the claim from processing correctly. Prime and Prime Remote enrollees should always seek prior authorization before seeking care while away from home. The only exception to this rule is an emergency, which a reasonable layperson would believe endangers life, limb, or eyesight. Even in the case of an emergency, the patient or a family member should seek an authorization for treatment as soon as reasonably possible.

When calling for an authorization from outside the local area, it is usually easiest to call the toll free number (a listing of regional toll free numbers is included in this newsletter) and speak to a health care finder. Make sure to get the name of the health care finder to whom you are speaking.

It is usually a good idea to call or visit a TRICARE Service Center before traveling. They can explain pertinent local policies. (Note: Contact the local telephone company to find out how to access a toll free number from outside the United States.)

If problems are encountered with your claims, contact either a customer service representative at the TRICARE Service Center or the Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator at the nearest military treatment facility. Either can help, but it is important to seek help in a timely fashion.

Prescription medication

When outside of your TRICARE region, the following guidelines apply:

Bring along enough prescription medications to last for the entire trip. If a prescription needs to be filled while outside of the TRICARE region, pay the entire amount out of your own pocket and then seek reimbursement from TRICARE when returning home. If enrolled in Prime, a Point Of Service charge may be assessed unless you call the health care finder and obtain an authorization. When traveling within your region, pay only the copay-

ment by using a network pharmacy.

If taking a long vacation and you want to make sure not to run out of medicine while away, the National Mail-Order Pharmacy can help. A 90-day supply can be received when ordering medications through the NMOP.

For additional information and to register with the NMOP, call 1-800-903-4680.

Web sites:

- <http://www.merck-medco.com/> (for additional NMOP information)
- <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ClaimForms> (to download claim forms)

Regional Toll Free Numbers

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/main/tollfree.htm>

Northeast (1)
1-888-999-5195

Mid-Atlantic (2)
1-800-931-9501

Southeast (3)
1-800-444-5445

Gulfsouth (4)
1-800-444-5445

Heartland (5)
1-800-941-4501

Southwest (6)
1-800-406-2832

Central (7/8)
1-888-874-9378

Southern California (9)
1-800-242-6788

Golden Gate (10)
1-800-242-6788

Northwest (11)
1-800-404-2042

TRICARE Pacific
Hawaii
1-800-242-6788
WESTPAC
1-888-777-8343

Latin American & Canada
1-888-777-8343

Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands
1-888-777-8343

Europe
1-888-777-8343

(Editor's note: This information is excerpted from TRICARE Help E-Mail Service (THEMS) Newsletter, May 2002. E-Mail: TRICARE_help@amedd.army.mil.)

2002 purchase request submissions schedule

Early customer support in identifying and submitting purchase requests will assist the Robert Morris Acquisition Center's, or RMAC's, ability to meet customer needs. Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end.

The following schedule should be used for the submission of purchase requests for fiscal year 2002 and maintenance for fiscal year 2003.

Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 by May 15. There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is required that these actions be

coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 by June 15.

Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million by June 15.

Short-of-Award over \$2,500 by June 15.

Commercial Items under \$100,000 by Aug. 15.

Maintenance for fiscal year 2003 by June 15.

PD2, the Department of Defense contracting automated system, is used at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood sites. Although the RMAC purchase request

submission schedule has been increased to permit additional time to process actions through this system, year-end requirements should be submitted as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Refer questions to Joyce Roberts, APG Branch, joyce.roberts@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0869; or Cynthia Phillips, Edgewood Branch, cynthia.phillips@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-436-2554.

Commissary

From front page

In fact, the commissary has become "caterer to the military" here, handling many special events such as a recent two-day conference with 150 attendees.

"This event called for 86 special sandwiches, four large meat platters, 256 rolls, 10 large fruit trays, 189 bags of chips, 327 pastries, 378 chocolate chip cookies, eight large sheet cakes, 576 cans of soda and 553 bottles of water," said Store Director Richard Nornhold. "This is just one of numerous events we have catered for Aberdeen Proving Ground."

Special cuts or quantities of meat or poultry are available for your grilling events by simply calling ahead as you begin planning. Usually any special request can be handled with 24-48

hours notice.

Special-order cakes are always popular, and whether you need a small cake for family and friends or sheet cakes for 50 or more, call the commissary and see what they offer. The bakery can create edible photos or emblems to decorate your cake, too.

Even if you're just attending a party and need a quick gift, consider picking up a fern or flowering plant at the commissary. You also can call the store and order a gorgeous fresh fruit basket, made to order for gift giving.

Finally, no party or cookout is complete without plenty of ice, so stop by the commissary for your bagged ice needs.

Call your commissary today or check out their Web page at www.commissaries.com to see how it can serve as your personal "party central" for events large and small.

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Alex Pappas, left, of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center Material Evaluation Team, explains protection factor testing to Army Secretary Thomas White.



Dr. Jonathan Bernstein, left, robotics program manager, shows Army Secretary Thomas White an experimental unmanned vehicle at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory.



Secretary of the Army Thomas White, left, receives a briefing on the operating and support costs of the Abrams tank from Col. Don Kotchman, program manager, Abrams tank program.

Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left, Joe Lovrich, site project manager, Chemical Demilitarization, gives Army Secretary Thomas White a tour of the Edgewood Area facility.



White

From front page

Escort Unit.

In addition, the secretary met members of Army National Guard and Reserve units that have been supporting Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security forces since Sept. 11 and members of the TEU team recently returned from duty in Afghanistan.

The Secretary asked pointed questions throughout, expressing his interest in SBCCOM's technical capabilities and its role in homeland security.

"The president decides how much force is to be dedicated to support this function," he said. "We must first determine do we need it, then how do we support it."

At the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center's Berger Laboratory, Dr. James A. Baker, associate director, greeted the secretary. There, he received briefings on the homeland defense initiatives by Suzanne Milchling; Chemical Biological Center support to the Pentagon by Lt. Col. Timothy F. Moshier, and protection factor testing of protective equipment and gear.

At the Aberdeen Chemical Defense Facility, materiel evaluation team members, Kevin Kline and Alex Pappas, led a tour of the site and detailed the accelerated demilitarization process for the mustard agent stockpile.

From there, the entourage

boarded Huey helicopters for an aerial tour of the proving ground that included a flyover of the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center test sites and ranges.

A vehicle display awaited the secretary at the ATC trench warfare direct fire range where he viewed the family of medium tactical vehicles that included the Abrams and Bradley tanks and the Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicle and mobile gun system. Under the direction of Col. David Ogg, program manager Brigade Combat Team, the secretary rode in the Stryker to his final stop at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. After a robotics demonstration of unmanned vehicles conducted by Dr. Jonathan Bernstein, robotics program manager, the group moved inside for a briefing by Dr. Robert Whalen, ARL director.

When it was over, the secretary departed via Black Hawk helicopter from a nearby field thanking Doesburg and Ertwine for the informative day as he left.

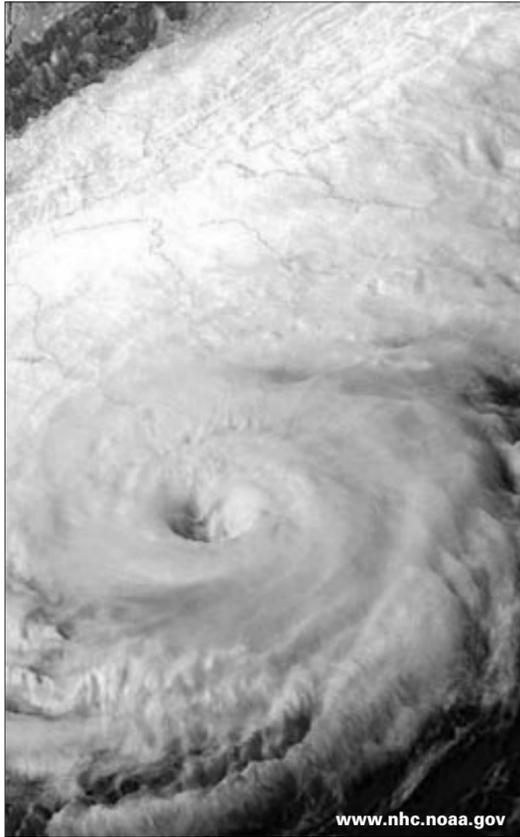
Doesburg summed up the day as "exceptional."

"It's too bad he could only visit four out of the 61 organizations we have here," Doesburg said.

"He asked the right questions and seemed satisfied with the answers," he added of the secretary. "Our organizations did themselves proud."

Personnel and vehicles from the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security escorted the motorcade throughout the day.

APG no stranger to hurricane damage



www.nhc.noaa.gov

Marguerite Towson
APG News

While it is hurricanes that historically cause the most damage to the eastern and southeastern United States (including the Gulf of Mexico) between June and November, the power of tropical storms cannot be ignored.

Storm surge flooding and high winds can affect coastal areas of the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean. While the devastation of Hurricane Andrew, which struck Florida in 1992, is unlikely here, the effects of a hurricane or tropical storm can cause significant damage. Remnants of Hurricane Agnes in 1972, and Hurricane Floyd in 1999 caused millions of dollars in damage from the impact of high winds, heavy rains, tornadoes and flooding.

Remnants of Hurricane Andrew spawned 11 tornadoes in Maryland. One of those tornadoes caused \$1 million in damages near West Friendship in Howard County.

In June 1972, personnel at Aberdeen Proving Ground set emergency procedures into place for Tropical Storm Agnes. Agnes brought an average of 8 to 10 inches of torrential rain to fall over many basins, and widespread flash flooding and major river flooding resulted.

When there was concern as to whether the Conowingo Dam could withstand the pressure of billions of gallons of water,

members of the Maryland Army National Guard and APG military personnel with county fire departments in evacuating bedridden patients at Citizens Nursing Home and Harford Memorial Hospital. After 48 hours of all gates being open, the dam withstood the pressure.

Due to severe flooding in nearby towns and on APG, the post was closed on June 22, 1972. Heavy rain and high winds caused extensive damage on post. More than one hundred trees fell and two trees toppled power lines. The Deer Creek Pumping Station was ravaged by floodwaters at the height of the storm and the pumps were rendered inoperable.

Total storm damage in Maryland and the District of Columbia was estimated at \$110 million. Many Maryland counties, including Harford and Cecil, were declared disaster areas.

The waters of the Susquehanna, released from the Conowingo Dam, left tons of mud and silt behind. APG service members, along with trucks, carriers, bulldozers and other equipment joined the residents of Port Deposit in a back-breaking clean up effort. The post also maintained constant surveillance flights over local community areas to locate displaced residents and property.

APG emergency personnel went into action once again for Tropical Storm Floyd

in September 1999.

Hurricane Floyd damaged much of the Eastern Seaboard and caused considerable flooding in Northern, Southern, and Central Maryland and on the Eastern Shore.

Damage to APG included downed trees, power lines and utility poles, some flooding and damage to a home on Hopkins Loop. Emergency shelters were set up in the APG Athletic Center and in the Edgewood Area's Hoyle Gym in anticipation of displaced personnel. Thankfully, the emergency shelters were not needed.

In Cecil County, many residents of North East and Elkton spent the night in shelters or with friends and relatives after rains turned sluggish creeks into torrents. About 100 families abandoned their homes in North East and were not allowed to return until several days later. The North East Creek ate away a portion of a Route 272 bridge, closing the road in both directions. A

(Editor's note: The following articles contributed to the development of the story above: APG News, June 28, 1972 (no writer listed), APG News, July 5, 1972, story by Eddie Dwyer and APG News, September 23, 1999, story by Yvonne Johnson and Karen Drown.)

Weathering the storm: How safe is your home?

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>,
<http://www.fema.gov/library/hurricane.htm> and *The South Florida Sun-Sentinel*

If answering "no" to many of the questions below, homeowners should consider leaving their homes and finding safer places to stay, or strengthening their homes when hurricane force winds are forecast to reach 130 mph or greater.

Roof design

Low pitched roofs are more vulnerable than steeper roofs because the same factors that make an airplane fly can help lift this roof type off the house. Is your roof pitched less than 30 degrees from horizontal?

Hip roofs seem to reflect winds better than gable

designs. Is your roof hipped?

Gables of masonry construction seem to perform better. If your roof is gabled, are the gabled ends of masonry construction?

If your roof is gabled, are the braces behind the trusses at both ends, holding them in place?

Roof bracing

What kind of surface covers your roof?

Asphalt or composite shingles:

This common roof covering may start tearing off when winds reach 60 mph. Sometimes failure occurs due to installation damage.

Clay tiles:

This roof covering a good but apt to shatter if hit by flying debris. Loose tiles can become projectiles and damage others.



Concrete flat tiles:

This roof covering does well if it is well bonded to the mortar on the roof.

Tiles that become loose can also become projectiles.

Gravel:

This roof does well if properly maintained. It should be recoated with asphalt and gravel periodically.

Wind turbines

Wind turbines on roofs can be dangerous if not capped and secured during severe winds. If you have one of these on your roof, can the turbine be removed and can the opening be capped?

Block and frame home

Is your home concrete block construction? Concrete block homes are more forgiving of poor craftsmanship. They have more strength than wood framing.

Windows and doors

Properly installed hurricane shutters or boards keep winds out of the house, which in turn, places less uplift pressure on the roof. Do you have hurricane shutters installed on your windows or plan to board up your windows?

Types of storm watches, warnings

Tropical storm watch:

Tropical storm conditions with sustained winds from 39 to 73 mph are possible in the watch area within the next 36 hours.

Tropical storm warning:

Tropical storm conditions are expected in the warning area within the next 24 hours.

Hurricane watch:

Hurricane conditions (sustained winds greater than 73 mph) are possible in the watch area within 36 hours.

Hurricane warning:

Hurricane conditions are expected in the warning area in 24 hours or less.

Exercise: Do you get enough?

Sierra Military Health Services, Inc.

Studies show that inactive people are almost twice as likely to develop heart disease than those who exercise regularly.

Daily physical activity like walking, stair climbing, gardening and yard work can help reduce the risk of heart disease.

Vigorous exercise like swimming, brisk walking and running can help improve fitness of the heart and lungs, which can provide benefits for lowering heart disease risk. These kind of activities are sometimes called "aerobic." During aerobic exercise, the body uses oxygen to produce energy needed for the activity. Aerobic exercises can condition the heart and lungs if performed at the proper intensity for at least 30 minutes, three to four times a week.

Regular physical activity provides more energy, helps in coping with stress and improves self-image. It can also increase resistance to fatigue and help you relax. At the same time, it improves the ability to fall asleep quickly and sleep well.

Exercise also tones muscles, burns off calories to help lose extra pounds and helps control appetite. To lose one pound, the body needs to burn 3,500 calories more than taken in.

Exercising too hard is not beneficial and is especially strenuous for out-of-shape, middle-aged and older people. The most common risk is injury to muscles and joints. This usually happens from exercising too hard or for too long.

To avoid injury, get a medical checkup before starting an exercise program and learn how to exercise properly. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes and drink plenty of water

before, during and after exercising.

For more information, call the 24-hour Health Care Information Line. The line is staffed by registered nurses who can help determine the non-emergency or self-care

needed in the proper setting and can provide information on health issues. Call 1-800-308-3518 anytime to speak to a nurse or to access the Health Information Library (Pin #208).

Community Notes

SATURDAY

JUNE 8

MILITARY/FIRE/POLICE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Community Recreation Division APG/MWR and the World Natural Power Lifting Federation present the 2002 Military/Fire/Police Championships, 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Athletic Center, building 3300. A \$30 sanctioned registration fee is required when registering.

For more information or to register, call Stacie Edie, 410-278-3931, or e-mail stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil by May 17.

LATINO FAMILY NIGHT

VFW Post 10028, located on 821 Old Philadelphia Road, Aberdeen, invites you to attend Latino Family Night, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Latino Family Night is a free family event (all ages welcome) that has a fiesta atmosphere filled with Spanish/Latino dancing all evening. Donations are not required but will be accepted at the door. Bring your favorite dish and CDs for the DJ. For more information, call 410-272-1218.

AT&T WIRELESS PRESENTS "SALUTE TO THE MILITARY" AT AQUARIUM

"Uncle Sam wants you" - to visit the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Military personnel and their families will receive a \$3 discount on admission and other benefits at the Aquarium as part of the first AT&T Wireless "Salute to the Military" on June 8. Throughout the family-oriented celebration, military personnel and their families will discover the Aquarium's 10,000 aquatic animals, learn about its three new dolphin calves, and enjoy free entertainment on the Aquarium pier. Some lucky military visitors will even have the chance to serve as "volunteer veterinarians" during Aquarium dolphin shows.

As part of the "Salute to the Military," the Baltimore Maritime Museum will offer military personnel half-price admission to its national historic landmarks adjacent to the Aquarium's Pier 3. To receive the special discounts, military personnel must present military I.D. at the time of their visit.

Aquarium hours for the "Salute to the Military" are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Throughout the summer months, the best time to visit is early morning. For more information, call 410-576-3800 or visit the Aquarium's Web site, www.aqua.org.

SUNDAY

JUNE 9

PIANO CONCERT

Mountain Christian Church's Insight Program invites all to attend pianist Michael Faircloth's concert in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. For directions, call 410-879-1355 or 410-877-1824.

MONDAY

JUNE 10

PIE FOR EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS

Army Community Service will sponsor the Parent Information Exchange for exceptional family members from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the ACS building 2754. This is an opportunity to share your ideas, suggestions and creativity. Call in advance if child care is needed. For more information, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP manager at 410-278-2420.

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

JUNE 10 to 15

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Christian Religious Education Department at St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, is hosting the annual Vacation Bible School program, 6:15 until 8:30 p.m. The program will include bible classes, music and crafts for ages 5 and older (adult). Refreshments will be served nightly. To register, call 410-939-2267.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Salem United Methodist Church will hold its annual rummage sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Furniture, clothes, collectibles, baby items, household items, sports equipment and more has been collected. Face painting for the kids, hot dogs, drinks and homemade baked goods will be available. Salem United Methodist Church is located at 7901 Bradshaw Road, between Route 1 and Route 7 in the Kingsville area. For more information, call Karen Holthaus at 410-638-8777.

FRIDAY

JUNE 14

APG CELEBRATES 227TH ARMY BIRTHDAY

Make reservations now for the annual Army Birthday celebration at Top of the Bay, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) and a DJ. The main menu will cost \$25 per person; a vegetarian dinner will also be provided for \$24 per person. To purchase tickets, contact your unit first sergeant. Deadline to respond is June 7.

IT CONFERENCE AT HEAT CENTER

A statewide conference for information technology professionals, "Gateway to the Future," will be held June 14, 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the HEAT Center in Aberdeen. Sponsored by Harford Community College, Maryland Association of Community Colleges, and Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, the conference will provide an inside look at what the future holds, how the industry has responded to new threats and opportunities, and how converging technologies will shape the future. The conference will also provide an update on critical issues in the information technology field and identify the needs of and resources available to IT professionals.

IBM Industry Solutions Lab's John Heidenreich will present the keynote address, "A Global Technology Outlook." Other presentations and panels will cover "The Risks and Rewards of a Wireless Future," "Emerging IT Issues," and "Disaster Recovery: The New Perspective." The \$15 registration fee includes a continental breakfast and a lunch buffet. For more information, call 410-638-2576 or e-mail pmarcomi@harford.edu.

SATURDAY

JUNE 15

AN EVENING OF WINE AND JAZZ

The Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace at the Lockhouse will sponsor the 10th annual Evening of Wine and Jazz at the Havre de Grace Community Center, 7 to 11

p.m., featuring entertainment by the Gentlemen of Jazz. There will be line and silent auctions (some antiques), light refreshments, beverages, desserts, a \$500 savings bond raffle from Harford Bank and door prizes.

Tickets cost \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Funds will benefit the Lockhouse. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-5780 or 410-272-0819.

FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY

JUNE 21 to 23

CWF WEEKEND GETAWAY TO CAPE MAY

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a weekend getaway to Cape May, N.J. Lodging at the Grand Hotel provides ocean view rooms, an inside pool and jacuzzi, and easy access to the boardwalk, beach restaurants and shopping.

The prices are \$315 for a single; \$176 per person for double occupancy; and \$138 per person for triple occupancy. These prices include transportation and hotel accommodations. For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

SATURDAY

JUNE 22

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit VFW Post 8185 will be held at the Port Deposit VFW Post 8185, Route 222, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks, and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

SUNDAY

JUNE 30

GOSPEL CONCERT

The APG Gospel Service Choir and many other local church choirs from Harford County will be featured in a gospel concert at 5 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Chapel. The theme of this old-time gospel celebration is "Taking It Back To The Old Land Mark." For more information, call Clarence Weaver at 410-272-6583 or Regina Mack at 410-273-5306.

FRIDAY

JULY 12

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City will be held at the Chesapeake City Fire Hall (2nd floor) 215 Lock Street, Chesapeake City at 6 p.m.; bingo starts at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Lori, 410-287-0827, or Carol, 410-885-5060.

FRIDAY

JULY 19

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department 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. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Judy Hinch, 410-272-7585, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 10

CWF SHOPPING AT POTOMAC MILLS

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a shopping trip to Potomac Mills for \$20 per person, which includes charter bus transportation. The bus will depart Aberdeen Proving Ground at 8 a.m. and depart Potomac Mills at 4 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

AUGUST 23

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Aberdeen Police Association 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. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Judy Hinch, 410-272-7585, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 7

CWF SPONSORS HOT AIR BALLOON FLYING

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to go flying in a hot air balloon for \$199 per person, which includes charter bus transportation to Lancaster, Pa., and flying for one hour. The flight begins at 6 p.m.

Reservations can be made through June 20. Seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$50 deposit per person is required upon reservation. For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

LIBRARY STORYTIME

Storytime for preschool children is presented every other week throughout the summer, in the Edgewood Area on Tuesday and the Aberdeen Area on Wednesday. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their children in to hear stories, songs, and fingerplays appropriate for 2 to 5 year olds.



Storytime starts at 9:45 a.m. and lasts 20 to 30 minutes. No advance registration is required at this time.

The EA library is located in building E-4405 and the AA library is in building 3320. For more information, call Bill Todd at 278-3417.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard

LIFE OR SOMETHING LIKE IT

Friday, June 7, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 8, 7 p.m.

Starring: Angelina Jolie, Edward Burns



What's the most important thing in life? Is it love or is it your career? Is it work or is it your family? Lanie must ponder these questions after a street psychic tells her that she will die in seven days. (Rated PG-13)



JASON X

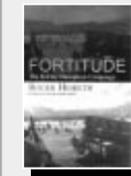
Saturday, June 8, 9 p.m.

Starring: Kane Hodder, Lexa Doig

In the future, Earth is no longer inhabitable. Humans, having nowhere else to go, have colonized outer space. When a colony receives two cryogenically frozen bodies, they defrost them only to discover that one of the bodies turns out to be Jason Voorhees, a psychotic historical mass murderer. (Rated R)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The APG Garrison Library has books on D-Day and the subsequent battles in Europe.



Fortitude: the D-Day deception campaign by Roger Hesketh

D-Day: June 6, 1944, the Normandy Landings by Richard Collier

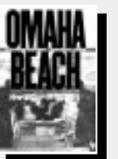
Retreat to the Reich: the German defeat in France, 1944 by Samuel Mitcham



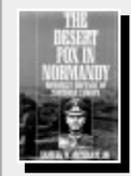
Six Armies in Normandy by John Keegan

Omaha Beach: a flawed victory by Adrian Lewis

Patton's Gap: an account of the Battle of Normandy 1944 by Richard Rohmer

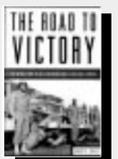


Disaster at D-Day: the Germans defeat the Allies, June 1944 by Peter Tsouras



The Desert Fox in Normandy: Rommel's defense of Fortress Europe by Samuel Mitcham

The Road to Victory: the untold story of race and World War II's Red Ball Express by David Colley



Men at Arnheim by Geoffrey Powell

You can receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically. Contact the library at 410-278-4991 for details.

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.

The Edgewood Area library is open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

EA, AA YARD SALES

EA, AA COMMUNITIES TO HOLD YARD SALES

The Aberdeen Area of APG will hold a Community Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, and Sunday, June 9. Rain date will be Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16. Participating housing areas include Patriot Village, Mobile Home Park, New Chesapeake, Bayside Village, School Street, Plumb Point Loop and Hopkins Loop.

The Edgewood Area of APG will hold a Community Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23. Rain date will be Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30. Participating housing areas include Everette Road, Deer Run, Grant Court, Skippers Point, Clearview Drive, Chevron Drive and Austin Road.

All family housing residents are invited to participate. The Community Life Mayoral Program is sponsoring the yard sales.

The following yard sale guidelines apply:

- All family housing residents are eligible to participate. Set up your items in front of your house.
- Signs announcing the sale may be erected in the immediate vicinity only on day of the sale.
- Signs will not be affixed to traffic signs, utility poles, trees, lamp poles, or fences. Signs should be placed on a wooden stake and placed in the ground.
- Signs will be removed at the end of the sale, and residents are responsible for policing their area.

(Note: At the end of the sale, Aberdeen Area residents may donate any remaining items to the AA Thrift Shop by placing them in the drop box just outside building 2458.)

For more information on the Community Yard Sale, call 410-306-2011.



"Rolling Thunder" veterans leave Arlington National Cemetery and cross Memorial Bridge into Washington, D.C.

Record number of vets 'roll' to D.C. for Memorial Day

Story and photo by
Dennis Ryan
Army News Service

Rolling Thunder's "Ride to the Wall" on Memorial Day weekend attracted more than 100,000 bikers to the north parking lot of the Pentagon, May 26.

Only 2,500 riders took part in the event when it began in 1988 to remember the prisoners of war who were still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

While many of the attendees are still grappling with memories of the conflict in Southeast Asia, the present war against terrorism competed with the past in many minds.

Milo Gordon, 58, of Colby, Wis., a mental health counselor for Vietnam veterans, on his eighth ride to the wall, led almost 400 riders from California to Washington.

"A lot more people, a lot more support, a lot more people on the side of the road [this year]" Gordon said. "I think 9-11 had something to do with it. It reminded a lot of people of the cost of freedom."

Master Sgt. Joseph Krisanits, 53, started his Army service at Fort Dix, N.J., in 1966 and after returning to active duty in 1983, is

one of the last non-coms serving to see duty in Vietnam.

"I want to be the last one," Krisanits said, "After a couple of more years as an E-8, I'd like a shot at E-9."

Now stationed at Fort Dix again, Krisanits took part in a New Jersey Rolling Thunder rally two weeks after 9-11, 20 miles from the World Trade Center.

"That was emotional," Krisanits said. "We had 17 to 20,000 bikes."

Richard "Bear" Ohms, 53, a millwright from Freemont, Ohio came to Washington for Memorial Day for the seventh time, with only one other rider, Larry Cutshall.

"Something pulls me back," Ohms said. "It's my way of showing respect for my comrades, who didn't make it back. Every guy whose name is on the wall would love to be here."

Amelia Matthews, 56, of Gaithersburg, Md., was one of the few female Vietnam veterans to ride Sunday. She served with Naval Intelligence in 1966.

"It's my first ride," Matthews said. "It's wonderful. All of us need to show our solidarity right now."

Col. Nguyen Kim Ban of the

Republic of Vietnam Air Force spent more than 17 years in prison after the fall of South Vietnam. The Fairfax resident was at the Pentagon to show support for American vets and to rally people.

"I came here because veterans were slighted," Kim Ban said. "Our mission has not been accomplished. The United States of America is being threatened and we, American and [Vietnamese] veterans, have the responsibility to defend our country because we will lose everything when we lose our country."

Cindy Rheinkeimer, 37, of Milford, Ohio lost her father Richard Sanders in Vietnam in 1967.

"He was a medic in the 9th Infantry," she said. "I was three."

Rheinkeimer is part of a group of children who lost their dads in the war called "Sons and Daughters in Touch."

"One hundred to 150 of us are going to Vietnam as a group," she said. "Our theme is, 'In honor, peace and understanding.' I don't remember my dad, so my involvement is a way to have contact with my dad."

(Editor's note: Dennis Ryan is a staff writer for the Pentagon newspaper.)

Army game to debut this summer

Heike Hasenauer
Army News Service

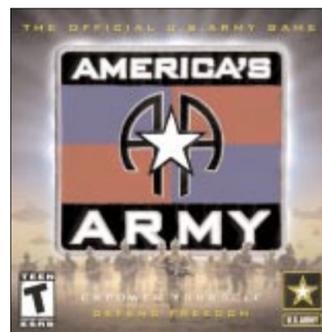
Starting in July, kids, as well as adults, will have the opportunity to play a realistic, interactive computer game that will take them on a virtual tour inside the Army.

"America's Army," to be distributed free of charge on the Web at americasarmy.com, will allow players to "experience" everything from the enlistment process at a recruiting station, to jumping out of a C-130 aircraft during an airborne operation and retrieving stolen Stinger missiles from enemy forces, said Lt. Col. George Juntiff, the Army Game project's operations officer.

The Army's intent is not only to enhance kids' - and adults' - video-game-playing experiences and spark interest in the Army as a potential career, but to reintroduce the Army to the population at large, said Paul Boyce, an Army spokesman at the Pentagon.

The idea for an Army game originated at the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis at the

U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., as a recruiting tool for the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Reserve Affairs two years ago, said Maj. Christopher Chambers, deputy director of the Army Game Project.



The estimated \$8 million game - developed by computer scientists and master's degree program personnel from the joint services at the Naval Postgraduate School's Modeling Virtual Environments and Simulation Institute, or MOVES, in Monterey, Calif., - will evolve over five years to cover all of the Army's military occupational specialties, said Professor Michael Zyda, MOVES institute director.

The game, which is actually a two-part CD, one called "Soldiers," the other "Army Operations," currently includes 20 combat-arms MOSs, Zyda said.

In the "Army Operations" portion of the game, players can enter any of 20 infantry-squad-related

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Nail care

June 12, 6 to 8 p.m. for \$45. Must register by June 7. For more information, contact Stacie Edie at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil.



Beginner, intermediate tennis class

June 8 at the APG Athletic Center. Must register by June 6. Beginners start at 9 a.m. and intermediates start at 1p.m. Cost is \$25. For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Mystery contests at APG Bowling Center

Visit the APG Bowling Center June 1 through Aug. 31, and each paying customer will receive an entry form for the drawing of a mystery prize.

Also, get your weekly clues to help guess the mystery trip destination by visiting www.armymwr.com to participate in the Mystery Trip Contest. First drawing will be June 8.

For more information, contact Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or david.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil.

Lunch and bowl

June 6, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the APG Bowling Center. Cost is \$10 per week. Must register by June 6. For more information, contact Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail her at chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

All you can bowl

Bowl the entire month of June, Monday thru Friday, 1 to 6 p.m. for just \$7 per lane per hour. For more information, contact Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail him at dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil.

Friday night basketball league

June 14, 6:30 p.m. at the APG Athletic Center. Cost is \$400 per team. Must register by June 7. For more information, contact Stacie Edie at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil.

Cruising on the River

June 19, 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on the Lantern Queen, a Mississippi-style river boat, in Havre de Grace. Cost is \$30. Must purchase tickets by June 6. For more information, contact Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail her at chris.lock-

hart@usag.apg.army.mil.

Summer solstice cruise

June 21, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. on the Lantern Queen, a Mississippi-style river boat, in Havre de Grace. Cost is \$50 per couple or \$30 a person



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Must purchase tickets by June 6. For more information, contact Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail her at chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

Lifeguarding class

First class is June 14, 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$175. Must be at least 15 and register by June 7. For more information, contact Stacie Edie at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil.

Chesapeake Bay fishing

This trip is being rescheduled for a later date this summer. For more information, contact Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929 or e-mail donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil.

PERSCOM goes online with new Web page

Army News Service

Users logging on to the Personnel Command home page, www.perscom.army.mil, will now see a new look.

"Step one is to provide our users with a better organized and more user-friendly site," said Col. Chuck Triplett, PERSCOM chief information officer.

The front page maintains popular links to promotions and school lists, Army Knowledge online, Assignment Satisfaction Key and Official Military Personnel File. The big change is in how the pages are organized Triplett added.

"It's like reading a newspaper," Triplett said. "We want the most important information to be up front and above the fold. We know the Army depends on PERSCOM to have promotion and school information available at all times."

The page is broken down into officer, enlisted, and soldier, family and veteran information.

Officers can browse directly into branch newsletters, career field designation, Colonels division, evaluations, schools and training. Enlisted surfers similarly can find newsletters, drill sergeant information, evaluations and promotions, recruiting information, and schools and training.

Soldier, family and veterans information will link to information such as PERSCOM's awards and casualty branches, Army education, personnel records and retiree services.

Some of the improvements to the site are better search features, a PERSCOM guide for visitors and newcomers, and an A to Z listing, officials said.

All of the links into PERSCOM directorates remain unchanged for the present, PERSCOM officials said. They have established a work group to continue to improve the Web site and said future versions will incorporate features such as a MyPERSCOM feature which will allow soldiers to customize and access personnel information in a way that best meets their needs.

In addition, the TAGD Online site for the adjutant general has been redesigned. It can be accessed through PERSCOM Online by clicking on The Adjutant General Directorate or at www.perscom.army.mil/tagd/index.htm.

(Editor's note: Information provided by PERSCOM public affairs.)

Softball update



The following results are posted for the pre-season tournament and scheduled games for intramural softball.

The season kicked off June 3 and will end with a post season tournament for the post championship in August.

Results

May 22

KUSAHC, 15; Company C, 16th, 2

May 23

HHC 61st, 10; HHC 1/115th, 7

KUSAHC, 13; Company E, 16th, 8

HHC 16th, 17; HHC 143rd, 3

May 28

HST 13; HHC 61st, 8

HHC 16th, 17; KUSAHC, 3

Championship

HHC 16th, 27; HST, 20

American Division

Schedule

June 10

6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. HHC 61st

7:30 p.m., HST vs. HHC 16th

8:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. NCOA

June 12

6:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 61st

7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. KUSAHC

8:30 p.m., HST vs. HHC 143rd

Edgewood Division

Schedule

June 10

6:30 p.m., TEU vs. Company B, 143rd

7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. Company A

143rd

June 12

6:30 p.m., SBCCOM vs. Company C, 143rd

7:30 p.m., Company B, 143rd vs. Company A

143rd

National Division

Schedule

June 11

6:30 p.m., HHC 1115th vs. Company B, 16th

7:30 p.m., Company E, 16th vs. Company C,

16th

8:30 p.m., Company A, 16th vs. USMC

Games

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scenarios, said "Operations"-CD producer Professor Michael Capps.

Real-life imagery of weapons, equipment and terrain have been coupled with an emphasis on training, Capps said.

"We want players to have a good time, but we want them to know, too, that when a soldier enlists in the Army, he's not simply taken to the top of a tower and told to jump. Training prepares him for whatever job he's expected to do."

In the "Soldiers" CD, players choose one of four existing soldiers as their game piece or create their own soldier, said NPS Professor John Hiles, who designed the "Soldiers"

portion of the game.

The pre-selected characters possess both good and not-so-good-character traits, Hiles said.

"Players are given six resources and seven values to choose from as they make decisions that guide the character," Hiles said.

Recently showcased at one of the largest annual expositions for the computer-game industry, the Electronics Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles, Calif., "America's Army," was favorably received by representatives from some of the foremost gaming companies in the world, Army officials said.

They estimate one million of the double-CD game will be distributed to a target audience of 13- to 44-year-olds nationwide.

(Editor's note: Heike Hasenauer is a staff writer for Soldier's magazine. For more in-depth coverage, look for her



Soccer season arrives at APG

Youth soccer registration

Aberdeen Area: Evening registration will be held at the Youth Center, building 2522, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., June 11 and 17. Daytime registration will be held at building 2752, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through June 14, by appointment only. For more information, call Amie at 410-278-7571 or e-mail her at amie.przygoda@usag.apg.army.mil.

Edgewood Area: Evening registration will be held at the Youth Center, building E-1902, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., June 11 and 17. Daytime registration will be held June 12, and 19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Boys and girls ages 4 to 14 are eligible to register. Ages under 8 and under 10 will play on seven-player teams; and ages under 12 and under 15 will play on 11 player teams. Age is determined as of July 31, 2002. Fees: \$15 CYS yearly fee \$35 league

\$25 clinic ages 4 & 5

Soccer clinic

The APG Soccer clinic is for boys and girls ages 4 & 5. Children must be 4 by July 31, 2002. Practices will be held one day a week and games will be held on Saturdays beginning Sept. 7, 2002. The soccer clinic will play 5 players per team with a minimum of seven players per team and a maximum of nine. Two will be on the bench at all times.

Volunteer coaches needed

Both youth centers need volunteer coaches. All coaches will be certified through New York Soccer Coaches of America on July 25, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in building 2752. Each coach must successfully complete the required background checks as required by CYS and abide by the Youth Center's coaching job descriptions. Anyone interested in coaching youth soccer at APG should contact Bill Kegley at 410-306-2297, or e-mail him at william.kegley@usag.apg.army.mil.

LEAVE DONATION

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

Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)
Janet H. Brezinski (surgery)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)
Tammy Budkey
Jane E. Calahan (surgery)
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)
Geraldine S. Cragg
Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)
Rene de Pontbriand

Tricia Lin Dietz
Fred Dill
Joseph R. Dugan
Messina Enderlein
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)
Denise M. Fox (maternity leave)
Joyce C Green
Gerald P. Gulden
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)
Fern L. Hitchcock (surgery)
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasitosis, fibromyalgia condition)
Nina M. Holley
Beverly A Higgins (surgery)
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)

Wayne A. Jaynes
Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)
Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)
Beverly King (caring for husband)
William Klein
Nicole L. Klein (broken ankle)
Carrie L. Lambert
Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)
Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)
Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye

surgery)
Geraldine Martin (surgery)
William B. McLean (kidney failure)
Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Stacy Miller (maternity)
Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)
John E. Mogan (surgery)
Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Karen S Pense
Mary E. Pettitway
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Angela L. Reeves (maternity leave)

Michael Reynolds
Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Denise Robinson (maternity)
Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Jennifer W. Sekowski
Sherry Schaffer
Lena Shelton
Motoko Stahl
Debra S. Stark (surgery)
Rachel Swearingen
Hilary P. Talbot
Alison Tichenor (surgery)
Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)

Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)
Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Beverly A. Werner (surgery)
Michael R. Willard
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
Wanda L. Waldon (surgery)
*Colleen Waller
Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877. (*An asterisk indicates employees working at the APG office of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. Call Susan Goldberg, 301-394-1080, regarding ARL employees.)

Mitchell House celebrates APG history



Colorful wooden duck carvings were one of the many attractions for visitors to the Mitchell House during the National Historic Preservation Week open house in May.



Red raspberry spread, orange marmalade, lemon curd and cinnamon jumble cookies were some of the Victorian-era treats that awaited visitors to the open house.



Susquehanna Museum Curator Ellsworth Shank discusses the pictorial history of Quarters 1.

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In celebration of National Historic Preservation Week, the Mitchell House, building 5650, hosted an open house for history lovers and the curious.

Operated by the Directorate of Safety Health and Environment, Cultural Resources, the building, also known as the Victorian House, is located near the Maryland Boulevard gate on Ruggles Golf Course.

The Mitchell House, as the Aberdeen Proving Ground garrison museum, tries to relate the history of the post, said Mark Gallihue, Directorate of Public Works.

"The museum houses artifacts and displays relating to three periods," Gallihue added, "the colonial, 19th Century and post history that starts in 1918."

Visitors to the May 15 open house were treated to delicious Victorian refreshments that included apple-oatmeal, peanut butter and cinnamon jumble cookies, apple jacks and double almond scones with orange marmalade and red raspberry spread. There also was a New Orleans-style fruit punch with fresh strawberry and orange slices.

Visitors and historians took in the many exhibits while commenting on the post's history and their dedication to its preservation.

Ellsworth Shank, curator of the Susquehanna Museum, said his interests lie in the Old Baltimore artifacts as he viewed the arrowheads, ceramic bowls, glassware and architectural pieces on display in the glass cases near the museum's lobby.

"Most people don't realize how rich in history this area is," Shank said as he took in photos of the restoration of the then 172-year old Pool Island lighthouse.

Other artifacts gathered from the Old Baltimore site on APG included iron tools, bits and bridles, nails, buckles, farming tools, pipe stems and hand-blown glass fragments.

The architectural display included photographs and drawings of the different structural phases of Quarters 1.

Other displays included a taxidermy collection of wild game native to the proving ground and woodcarvings of wild ducks.

Gallihue said the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command contributed to the open house, loaning a photographic history of the Edgewood Area. The display, "Edgewood Arsenal in the Early Years," depicted female civilians at work on typewriters, in laboratories, in medicine and assembling gas masks. There were photos of civilian personnel training with gas masks for chemical attacks and of the "old Army" which horses, and chemical, mortar and gunnery drills.

Another visitor, David Strawbridge, a test director with the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, said he was interested in obtaining old postcards and photographs of the installation, adding that Gallihue and the Mitchell House staff had been assisting him in his search.

"When I heard about the open house I made it a point to come out," Strawbridge said.

Diana Jackson, Army Community Service, Army Family Team Building, said she and friends Kim Hogge and Anne Todd were intrigued by what the museum had to offer.

"You can really learn a lot about the installation," Jackson said, adding that a future AFTB class may be in the works.

The Mitchell House museum is free and open to the public. Contact Gallihue at 410-278-6756 for information about museum hours and services.

Asian Pacific luncheon celebrates 'Unity in Freedom'

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community were treated to an afternoon of music, dance and culture during the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon at Top of the Bay on May 22.

Hosted by Brian Simmons, deputy commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, the program featured a keynote address by U.S. Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega of American Samoa.

Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, DTC commander, greeted the congressman, noting that the 2002 theme, 'Unity in Freedom,' signifies the contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans in American society.

"This broad culture has in common a long list of distinguished contributions to our country," Ertwine said, adding that Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki is of Asian-Pacific decent.

"Asian-Pacific Americans have accomplished noteworthy achievements in military and public service, the arts and culture," he added.

Entertainment included music and dance. Kas Nakamura and Paki Allen performed two native Hawaiian dances and led volunteers in a dance called "On Waikiki Beach."

The group 'Island Pride' who included Eti Tufuga, Stacey McGinnis, Pita Tauette and Camilla Gisa, also performed in colorful dresses and grass skirts.

Congressman Faleomavaega and Staff Sgt. Manu Tufuga, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, joined all dancers on the floor in a Tauluga or last dance.

Faleomavaega said it was a pleasure to come to APG and

share facts about Asian-Pacific heritage.

He said that although there are only 13 million Asian-Pacific Americans in the U.S., two-thirds of the world population is of Asian-Pacific descent.

"Also, much of our trade and commerce is in the Asian-Pacific region," he said.

He listed Asian-Pacific achievers such as Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis, figure skaters Kristie Yamaguchi and Michelle Kwan, tennis pro Michael Chang and football player Junior Seau.

"Seau is one of about 40 Samoans in the National Football League," he said. "The fact that Tiger Woods' mother is from Thailand means we claim him also," he added.

Recalling the incarceration of Americans of Japanese descent during World War II, Faleomavaega said he would be remiss not to mention Japanese Americans.

"Their history shows they served this country valiantly during the war," he said. He recalled the accomplishments of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, a Japanese unit that earned more than 18,000 individual awards during the war.

"Among them were 9,000 Purple Hearts and more than 500 Silver Stars but only one Medal of Honor," he said, "but after further review, 19 were added."

He said Americans must continue to be vigilant in guarding against another occurrence like the Japanese incarceration.

"It is crucial to our nation's health and vitality that we ask ourselves how long we will endure the attitude of those who think minorities are lesser Americans," he said.

"The America I see is a brilliant rainbow of distinct colors of people who are trying to

find a just and equitable place in our society," he added.

Recalling the famous "I Have a Dream" speech of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Faleomavaega said he too dreamed of a world in which people would be judged by the content of their character instead of the color of their skin.

"In my humble opinion, this is what America is all about," he said.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, thanked Faleomavaega for his remarks and DTC personnel for the "momentous occasion."

Sgt. 1st Class Deffie Robertson, DTC equal opportunity advisor, and the program coordinator, expressed his appreciation to DTC, Sgt. 1st Class Shelton Torbert, Garrison equal opportunity advisor, and other support elements for assisting in this, his first APG observance.

"I think it went well. Everyone seemed to enjoy it," Robertson said.

He added that he would like to see more people made aware of the EO realm and its importance to the community.

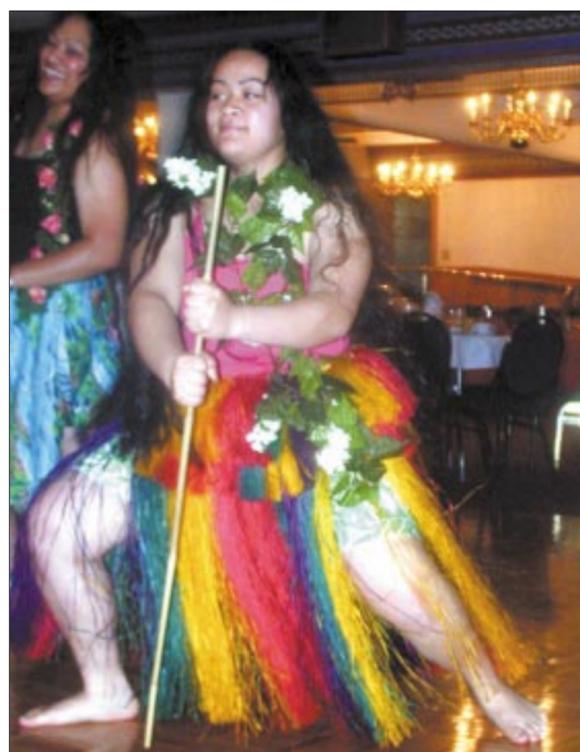
"Whether civilian or military, EO solves problems," Robertson said.

Asian Pacific countries

- India
- Kazakhstan
- Socialist Republic of Vietnam
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka
- Laos
- Japan
- Myanmar
- Indonesia
- South Korea
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Palau
- Nepal
- Samoa
- Thailand
- Taiwan



Above, a colorful display of Korean artwork, garments and photographs is one of several displays set up for the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month luncheon at Top of the Bay.



Left, with a flowing grass skirt and flowers, Camilla Gisa, a private with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, performs a Hawaiian dance with the group, Island Pride.