

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Nov. 27, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Holiday refuse pickup

Refuse pickup on Nov. 26 and recycle pickup on Nov. 27 will be done as normal.

The contractor will pickup Thursday's refuse and recyclables on Wednesday.

The Nov. 29 refuse schedule will be done as normal.

The only date for Christmas tree pickup in the housing areas is Jan. 6.

Town Hall meeting announced

The next quarterly APG Town Hall meeting will take place 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dec. 3, at the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command Conference Center, building E-4810. The event is open to the entire APG community.

For those who are unable to attend, the meeting will be broadcast on Channel 3.

Questions for the commander may be submitted in advance by calling Linda Holloway, 410-306-4520, or may be sent electronically to linda.holloway@usag.apg.army.mil. A telephone line will be available during the meeting, 410-436-7849.

ASAP holiday open house

Everyone is invited to attend the Army Substance Abuse Program's holiday open house, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at their new location, building 2477. Information on safe holiday celebrations, Designated Driver Program, Lights on For Life Celebration and other important substance abuse prevention initiatives will be available. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 410-278-3784/3137.

DOIM VISD Audio-visual Section relocates

The Directorate of Information Management, Visual Information Services Division, audio-visual section has relocated to the lower level of building 324. Formerly housed in building 3512, the section is responsible for televising historic events and ceremonies. Training and public relations videos are also produced using state of the art, non-linear editors and

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Aberdeen ceremony stresses the meaning of Veterans Day



Cecelia Kief, Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary, escorted by Robert Hanson, American Legion Post 128, places a wreath in memory of fallen service members at the Aberdeen Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10028 celebration on Veterans Day.

Story and photo by
Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

Aberdeen Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10028, Fitzgerald-Moore Catholic War Veterans Post 1841 and Bernard L. Tobin American Legion Post 128, joined forces to celebrate Veterans Day, Nov. 11 at Post 10028, at 11 a.m.

Master of ceremonies, Lt. Col. William Conlon, U.S. Army VFW Post 10028, American Legion Post 128, opened the ceremony by noting the meaning of a Veterans Day celebration.

"We honor veterans for their patriotism, love of their country and oneness to serve and sacrifice for the common good," Conlon said.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground, took the podium as the guest speaker.

Doesburg spoke of the importance of the ceremony.

"A day like today, whether it is raining or the sun is shining, very cold or very warm, is a day for all of us to reflect on, probably one of the most important days that our nation honors because it recognizes those who provide us the capability to live the way we do. We have a country who has the best economy, who has a

military second to none and has a democracy that in fact provides for each and everyone of us," Doesburg said.

He also said that a special day, such as Veterans Day should happen once a month, rather than once a year, because if it were not for the veterans, this country would not be where they are today.

"Our veterans are the ones who gave us this country, they are the ones who protected our freedom and they deserve everything that this nation can give them," Doesburg said.

He told a story of how he went to visit a group of eighth grade students and asked them three questions: how many of them knew a veteran, why do you think they are veterans and if they knew what wars they fought in?

Only two-thirds of the class could even say they knew what a veteran was, most responding "someone that served our country."

Not surprised by the responses of the students, Doesburg encouraged them to get to know a veteran, with the hopes of being able to answer those questions in the future.

He also recommended that veterans take the time to talk to the youths about their experiences.

"The next time you have an opportunity and you see a veteran, talk to them, ask them about

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'It was the best Soldier Show ever'

Story and photos by
Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

"I haven't heard voices better than this and I haven't seen a show better this," said Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground, about the 2002 Army Soldier Show held Nov. 1 and 2 at the Post Theater on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The show opened with a big screen television appearance by Gen. Robert

Décor, commanding general, U.S., Army Community & Family Support Center, introducing the theme for this years show, "Freedom is not just a word."

"The show is a reflection of the training, will and spirit that the soldiers in the Army represent on and off stage," Décor said. "Their training, will and spirit seen in their eyes and the love of their country, is what makes them the most focal fighting force in the world. You see the same spirit reflected in the eyes of our Soldiers Show cast."

He thanked the audience for attending the show and assured them that they were in for a treat.

"Thanks for taking a moment to be entertained by highly talented soldiers. With our nation at war, we dedicate our 2002 Soldier Show to freedom. Many of our soldiers are in harms way and our hearts are with them. But freedom will prevail, our soldiers will see to it," Décor said.

He gave special thanks to the sponsors of the Army Soldier Show, First Command Financial Planning and the Army National Guard, for their contin-

uing support.

Freedom is what the soldiers expressed in their dynamic performances in front of an audience of nearly 400 soldiers, retirees, civilians, family and friends.

The performers' musical talent, ability to represent the Army in appearance, level of physical fitness and military bearing determined their eligibility to participate in the show.

The mood of freedom graced the stage for the opening act as the soldiers prepared for the ultimate performance

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Installation watch card

Awareness is key! Everyone is a sensor.

Do observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.
- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.
- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.
- Unusual phone calls, messages, or e-mails.
- Unusual contacts on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

Do not:

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.
- Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
- Discuss force protection measures, capabilities, or posture.
- Disclose any information related to unit deployments.

Report any suspicious activity immediately to APG Police:

Aberdeen Area 410-306-2222
Edgewood Area 410-436-2222

Your call may save lives!



During the opening act of the 2002 Soldier Show, the cast performs the show's theme, "Freedom." It's not just a word, but a way of life. The theme honors great Americans who pulled together during and after Sept. 11, turning ordinary citizens into heroes.

Construction begins soon to upgrade intersections



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

On Aberdeen Proving Ground, a vehicle exiting Aberdeen Boulevard merges into the northbound lanes of Maryland Boulevard headed toward Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Work is scheduled to begin in late November or early December to bring the traffic controls at these two intersections up to date and in line with what motorists should already be familiar with in similar circumstances off post.

DIO

A study by the Military Traffic Management Command found the existing traffic pattern at the intersections of Aberdeen Boulevard at Maryland Boulevard, and Harford Boulevard and Maryland Boulevard at High Point Road unusual and not in keeping with standard patterns encountered outside the installations gates.

The Directorate of Installation Operations contracted to bring the traffic controls at these two intersections up to date and in line with what motorists should already be familiar with in similar circumstances off post.

According to DIO officials, work is scheduled to start in late November or early December.

"The plan is to decrease conflicts and delays, and increase the safety of commuters," said Harry Greveris, deputy director, DIO.

Traffic engineering is being provided by the Military Traffic Management Command, the Maryland State Highway Administration, and engineering consultants Street Traffic Studies, Ltd.

Construction will include new poles, mast arms, cables, signal heads, controllers, signs, and video detector cameras in both intersections.

Changes include:

- Shifting the stop bars further back at westbound Aberdeen Boulevard
- Fixing the pedestrian signal push button operation, signal display and installing signs
- Shifting the northbound Maryland Boulevard lanes approaching Aberdeen Boulevard over to left. (The through lane will match the single lane exiting from the ramp.)
- Removing the yield sign at the end of the island on

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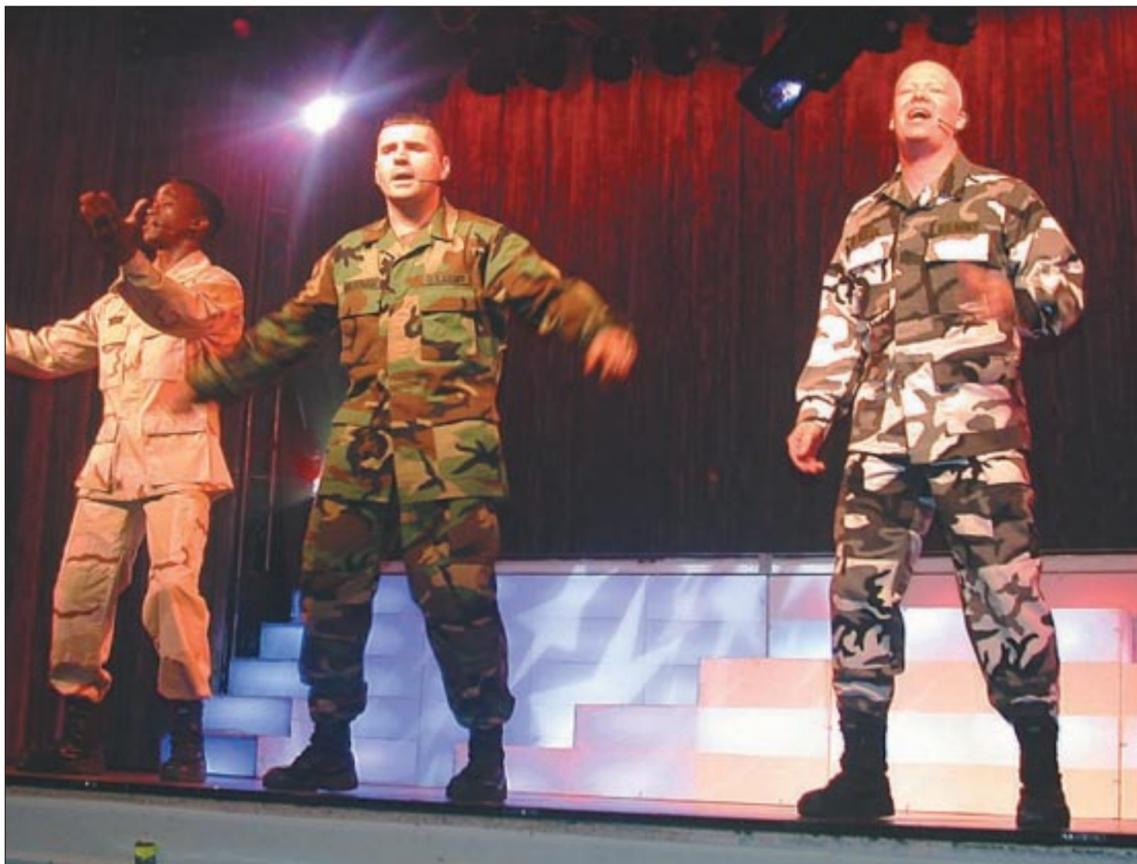
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From left, Spc. Tryce Fink, Fort Bliss, Texas; Sgt. Kathy Heidecker, Fort Eustis, Va.; and Army Reserve Lt. Col. Ann Marie Gordon, Portland, Ore., perform "Some Days You've Gotta Dance" by the Dixie Chicks.



From left, Staff Sgt. Q.P. Bean, Fort Gordon, Ga., Sgt. Rodney Watts, Fort Campbell, Ky., and Sgt. Albert Latuch III, Fort Riley, Kan., perform "Only In America" by Brooks and Dunn.



Sgt. Diana Bond, Fort Sill, Okla., and Sgt. Rodney Watts, Fort Campbell, Ky., perform duets, "Bring On The Rain" by Jo De Messina and "I'm Already There" by Lone Star.

Show

From front page

of the 2002 theme, "Freedom Is Not Just A word."

Musical selections were taken from every genre of music on MTV's chart play list.

The soldiers performed music that included, but was not limited to, Garth Brooks greatest in Country, Ushers' smooth tones of Hip-Hop, Mary J. Blidge's sultry sounds of rhythm and blues, a soaring performance of Moulin Rouge portraying Christina Aguilera, Lil Kim and Mya, and more.

The choreography of Maurice Johnson served to enhance the captivating performances of all soldiers.

The show's success was due to the hard work and dedication of the cast, staff and crew, who made it all possible.

Soldiers, civilians, children, family and friends, praised the performances after the show.

"Wonderful. Best show I've ever seen; best voices I've ever heard," said Lewis Glow from Top of the Bay.

In addition to the local attendees, friends and family members of soldiers and civilians came from miles away to see the performance and said they will certainly return next year.

"We loved it. It was very entertaining. This is the second time I've been here and I will come back next year," said Nancy Brooks from Lancaster, Pa.

Many cast members said that it was an honor to be a part of this production.

"I tell you it's one of the best things I've ever done. We are here to uplift the soldiers in their moods and I feel honored to be able to do that. It's a great thing," said Sgt. Mari Koontz, 527 Military Police Company, Giessen, Germany.

Another first time performer, Lt. Col. Ann Marie

Gordon, Army Reserve, 364th Civil Affairs BDE, Portland Ore., said, "It's a great show. I've had the opportunity to sit in the audience and watch soldiers perform and they are very talented. This is my first show and I'm enjoying it a lot."

Gordon plans to pursue a career in the music industry after her military career ends.

"I do perform outside of the Soldier Show. I do the national anthem and Tina Turner a lot. I'm hoping to do something with this when I get out of the military," Gordon said.

At the conclusion of the 2002 Army Soldier Show, Gordon expressed her gratitude in returning to APG for the Soldier Show. She said it was truly an honor to be back where she once served.

"I'm happy to be back to Aberdeen Proving Ground. I was here as a lieutenant and a captain, and I am a subordinate officer by trade. So it's great to be back," Gordon said.

She presented a plaque of appreciation to Doesburg on behalf of the cast, staff and crew.

Command Sgt. Major James Barkley, SBCCOM, assisted Doesburg in presenting a plaque of appreciation and a coin to each soldier performer.

Doesburg went on to say how much freedom means to the United States.

"I'd like to present a plaque in appreciation of everything you've meant to us, what the word freedom means to us, but more importantly, what you've done for us," Doesburg said.

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TERRORISM CASUALTY REMEMBERED



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
 Leroy Parlett of Churchville weeps at the grave of his son, Joshua Parlett, during the 2001 memorial ceremony marking the first anniversary of the bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen. Those believed responsible for the attack were killed earlier this month by a CIA fired drone missile in the Yemeni Desert.

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digital video cameras. Public address support is also available. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on a uniform compressed work schedule. The office is closed every other Friday. To submit a work request, visit www.apg.army.mil and click on the Consolidated Service Desk link. For additional information call 410-278-2268.

CFC extends contribution period

The Combined Federal Campaign has been extended until Nov. 29.

Contributions are at 68 percent or \$222,268.

This is an opportunity to look deep into your hearts to give a little help to the people that are in need.

WACVA 114T sells cookbooks

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Chesapeake Beacon Chapter 114T is selling cookbooks for \$12.50 to offset expenses for their holiday charities for local veterans' hospitals. To purchase a book, call Wanda Story at 410-272-5040, or e-mail okiegirlmd@aol.com.

AA Thrift Shop offers charitable contributions

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop is currently considering requests for charitable contributions. Submit nomination request including the name of the organization, the reason for the request, and a point of contact with phone number where that person can be reached during the business day, to the Thrift Shop no later than Nov. 27. Send requests to APG Thrift Shop, Bldg. 2458, Attn: LouAnn Conway, APG, MD 21005.

FEHB Open Season ends Dec. 9

The 2002 Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Open Season runs through Dec. 9. During this period, employees can elect a new health benefits provider.

Changes made during the open season will be effective Jan. 12, and the new premiums will be reflected in paychecks the week of Feb. 3.

Since there are many changes coming for calendar year 2003, employees should take a few minutes to review the information at www.opm.gov/insure to determine if their health plan is changing for next year. If the

current plan is changing coverage or terminating participation in the plan, this open season is the only opportunity to elect health benefits coverage for calendar year 2003.

For more FEHB information, visit <https://www.abc.army.mil> and www.opm.gov/insure.

Child care openings

Immediate openings exist for

parents in need of child care services on post. Meals are provided.

For more information, call Nikki Searle, family child care certified representative, 410-273-1620.

Take a moment to say "thanks"

It just takes a minute to visit the Department of Defense

Web page <http://www.defend-america.mil/nmam.html> to add your name to a brief message thanking the men and women of the U.S. military services for defending our freedom.

The compiled list of names will be sent out to soldiers, sailors and airmen at the end of the month.

Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive begins

Deer Creek Archery, 3021 Churchville Road in Churchville, is an official Marine Corps Toys For Tots collection location. One new toy could mean the difference between a smile and just

another day of disappointment to a needy child.

Now through Dec. 22, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Pro-Shop Monday and Thursday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday

and Friday, noon to 9 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For directions or further information, visit Web site at www.deercreekarchery.com or call 410-734-9554.

Full-time cop is part-time airman



Photo courtesy of CAPT. ERICK STONE
Aberdeen Proving Ground police Capt. Erick Stone, stands near a C-130 aircraft, one of many he flies on missions as a loadmaster with the Delaware Air National Guard when not running the APG Police Academy.

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Instead of relaxing after a tough week of work, police Capt. Erick Stone, commander of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Academy, spends his off time flying missions for the Delaware Air National Guard.

And, not just any missions either. Stone has been to numerous undisclosed locations several times since Sept. 11, 2001 as a C-130 loadmaster transporting supplies and troops in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

A former special forces radio operator for four years, Stone spent six years in the Marines and 11 with the Air National Guard while pursuing a law enforcement career, first with the

Philadelphia Police Department, then at APG, where he developed the APG Police Academy.

In addition to Enduring Freedom, Stone has participated in nearly every military operation since Operation Desert Shield/Storm to include operations Desert Fox, Provide Comfort, Restore Hope, Joint Endeavor, and Joint Guard.

Although he is not permitted to go into detail about his missions, Stone said there are not many continents he has not visited.

"I haven't been to China or India, but I can usually watch the news and know where I'm headed next," he said. "This is more than a part time weekend thing. People are surprised to learn that," he added.

Stone has lifted Marines out of Somalia, been shot at in Bosnia, was in Sarajevo during the market place bombing and has flown relief missions to Rwanda and South America in support of relief efforts following Hurricane Mitch.

He said he has been called up more frequently since 9-11 and that the missions he flies may last hours, days or weeks.

More than just a cargo plane, the C-130 is a tactical aircraft that may go in under fire, Stone said.

"When a C-5 goes in the area, it is already cleared. It's not necessarily the same for us," he said.

Under Stone's direction the APG Police Academy was awarded national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The three-year accreditation places the academy in the top echelon of law enforcement activities.

"Our goal is to become a regional, and eventually, national training center," Stone said. "We are already past what I envisioned for us at this point."

Stone's decorations include the Aerial and Navy Achievement medals, the Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with three Mobilization devices, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Southwest Asia and Kosovo Service medals. He has also earned the Master Aircrew and Master Parachutist badges.

Soldier mom moves from WAC to Desert Storm

Sheila Little

Special correspondent

The background, life experience, and face of the U. S. war fighter has evolved over the years. At no time was this more apparent than in late 1990 and 1991, during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Television viewers watched men say goodbye to their families and sweethearts and march off to war; but they also saw women in uniform embracing husbands and children, as they too left for the war zone. This is the story of one such soldier.

Joining the military was a gutsy thing for a female to do back in 1975. The military was recovering from a long, drawn out war, Vietnam veterans were returning to unfriendly communities, and the new, volunteer Army initiative was just getting off the ground.

It was the year Yvonne Johnson, APG News staff writer, at age 19, joined the Army, determined to make the military a career.

Johnson, who made up her mind to join at age 15, while a high school freshman, saw several advantages to military service such as entering an exciting career field, satisfying an itch for travel, and obtaining education benefits through the GI Bill.

"The travel bug bit me and I was just not ready to go to college back then," Johnson said. "Seeing new places and meeting new people really appealed to me, so I signed up as soon as my knee recovered," she said.

Johnson entered the Women's Army Corps in March 1975. The Corps was discontinued and became a part of the regular Army in 1978. From 1975 until her war time deployment to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Storm/Shield in 1990, the Long Island, N.Y. native lived out her dream of broadening her horizons with new

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Message from the chaplain

Ramadan, Hanukkah, Christmas - November and December 2002

Col. Larry D. Robinson
SBCCOM

Over the next two months millions of Muslims, Jews, and Christians will observe their most significant religious holidays — Ramadan, Hanukkah and Christmas, respectively. They are the most sacred of days for all who practice those faiths.

Ramadan is the Islamic holy month, the time during which the prophet Mohammed received the first of the revelations that make up the Koran, the holy book of Islam. To venerate Mohammed, Muslims refrain from eating and drinking from morning until night during Ramadan. Muslims will celebrate the first day of Ramadan on Nov. 6.

Hanukkah is an eight-day holiday commemorating a great victory over the Syrian-Greeks. According to the Talmud, Judaism's religious

law, when the priests were ready to light the temple menorah they could find only one jug of oil that was fit to use. This was only enough for one day, but it lasted for eight days. Thus, Hanukkah is eight days long. The Jewish community will celebrate the first day of Hanukkah on Nov. 30.

Christianity's holy book, the Bible, teaches followers that Jesus is the son of God, a fundamental principle of Christian religions. Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus on Dec. 25.

Islam, Judaism and Christianity have contributed immeasurably to shaping our lives, our values as a nation and the world in which we live.

During these high holy days it is important that we respect and try to understand the needs and beliefs of those participating in the celebrations, regardless of our personal beliefs.



Man on the street

How have veterans affected your life?



Betty Kennedy

Vendor, Post Exchange

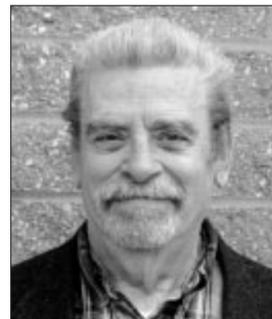
"He [my husband] used to go to the Veterans Day service every year but he's sick now so he just stays home and thinks of the veterans and gets very sad about this time of the year. He was in World War II and the Korean War. He gets really depressed especially on Veterans Day, that's when it hits him."



Sgt. Thomas Vincent

Battery E, 11th Field Artillery

"It's affected my life in many different ways because I am from a reserve unit but I have been activated because of security problems we're having. But I also know I have a commitment that I signed up for. I enjoy everything I do here and look forward to continuing to do it."



Donald Winter

Vendor, Post Exchange

"Some of the veterans of World War II were my brothers' friends and spent quite a lot of time at our house during the holidays. It means a lot to me, they are friends and relatives. I was called to active duty during the Korean War and when I got out that made me a veteran!"



Rosalind Strickland

Chief, Education Division

"We work with the soldiers while they are on active duty and then once they leave. The Army Education Center is a place that can assist veterans with educational needs and their benefits. That means a lot to them and to us."



Michael AHL

Vendor, Post Exchange

"I'm a veteran from the Marine Corps. I just appreciate the job they are doing for me, the country. I know what these young guys are headed for and how their families are affected. I think people now a days are a little bit more aware than they were back when we were around."



Martha Stumm

Retiree spouse

"I am very sentimental about Veterans Day. I have good memories of when we were at war. Our freedom is so important and so many people take it for granted, I don't. I'm really blessed to be an American and have such good protection."

Recruit the Recruiter Team to visit

The Recruit the Recruiter Team from Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Knox, Ky., will visit APG on Dec. 5 to brief all sergeants through sergeants first class on the challenges, benefits and qualifications of recruiting duty. Briefings will be held 11 a.m. at the Post Theater, building 3245, and at 3 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Theater, building E-4810.

Attendance by all non-commissioned officers is encouraged. Spouses may also attend. The briefing in no way obligates service member for recruiting duty and a personal interview following the briefing will determine qualifications.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Stanley Edwards or Sgt. 1st Class Ann Westman, 410-278-2769.

Traffic

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Maryland Boulevard. (The ramp from westbound Aberdeen Boulevard to northbound Maryland Boulevard will be one lane.)

- Widening the turning lane from northbound Maryland Boulevard onto Harford Boulevard at High Point Road, and paving, striping and new roadway markings.

- Replacing non-standard traffic control devices in and around these intersections to meet state and MTMC requirements.

The contractor will maintain traffic through these intersections during construction.

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, traffic police will be monitoring the situation.

The approaching winter weather may prolong construction time.

"Motorists should be on the look out for changes," Greveris said.

Veterans

From front page

their service to their country, ask them about the wars they fought in. They'll probably tell you because you're very young but they probably won't tell me. Hopefully one of these days, one of those eighth grade students will talk to one of you and hopefully you will talk with them about what it means to serve this great nation of ours," Doesburg said.

He recognized the various medals of different conflicts and branches of the service that were present for the Veterans Day Celebration.

He said that medals were represented from World War II, Korea and even Desert Storm.

"It's truly amazing where you've all been, what you've done and what you mean to this great country of ours," Doesburg said.

Veterans Day holds significant meaning to Doesburg because his father served in World War II and Korea.

Although that part of his father's life and career was important to his father, it was a part of his life that he chose not to talk about.

"Veterans are important to me because my dad was in the military and served in World War II and Korea but it was not something that he would talk about. It was important to him but not something he would share," Doesburg said.

Doesburg said that when he was promoted to brigadier general, instead of thanking everyone who helped him in his career, he read the award citations that belonged to his father.

He said that this was how he learned of his father's service as well as being able to share that which his father would not speak on.

"I was able to get a hold of his award citations and instead

of saying thanks to everyone who helped me in my career, the only thing I did was read his awards citations. It was that important to me, to at least let him know that I knew of his service and what he had done for his country," Doesburg said.

The ceremony included posting of the colors by Bernard L. Tobin American Legion Post 128 and Aberdeen Memorial Post 10028 VFW, and the singing of the national anthem by Barbra Spittler.

Conlon recognized the members of Aberdeen City

"The next time you have an opportunity and you see a veteran, talk to them, ask them about their service to their country, ask them about the wars they fought in."

*Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg
commander, U.S. Army
Soldier and Chemical
Biological Chemical
Command and APG*

Council and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance followed by the invocation by Army National Guard Lt. Col. Ronald Martin-Minnich, chaplain and director, Maryland Freestate Challenge Academy.

Myra Fender, president of Aberdeen City Council, greeted the veterans, family and friends with the welcoming address.

"As a representative of the citizens of Aberdeen and on behalf of the city council, I welcome you to this veterans day service. A service to honor

those who have given so much and affected the course of history for all of us," Fender said.

She concluded her welcome with a thanks to the veterans, encouraging listeners not to take those of the past, present and future for granted.

"Today we are thankful to those veterans, both living and dead, who went as hard as they could, who dared to put their lives in personal jeopardy in the pursuit of an ideal. We pledge that we will not become so taken with ourselves so consumed by the moment, that we forget the meaning of their patriotism. We do not take their sacrifices for granted but in these turbulent times, look to them as heroes to be emulated," Fender said.

Conlon introduced the organization commanders, Kenneth M. Bero, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10028, Milton Feliberty, Catholic War Veterans Post 1841 and Jeffrey Deel American Legion Post 128.

Near the end of the celebration, wreaths were placed in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice by Zoe Wilson, Gold Star Mother; in memory of departed comrades by Ceclia Kief, Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary; placing of the wreaths for the past by Sam H. Washington Jr., Senior Vice Commander, VFW Post 10028; Patricia Hopkins, president, VFW Auxiliary Post 10028; present veterans by Jeffrey Deel, commander, American Legion Post 128; Ann Brown, president, American Legion Auxiliary Post 128; and future by Milton Feliberty, commander, Catholic War Veterans Post 1841, and Elizabeth Kruger, president, Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary Post 1841.

Martin-Minnich closed with the benediction, and lunch was served at VFW post 10028.

RAB meeting to be held Dec 5

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its next monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting Dec 5, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

The topics will include updates on the O-Field Study Area and the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Fact of the Week



Marylanders generate more than six pounds of trash per person per day.

- Maryland Department of the Environment, Recycling Division

Community Notes

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21 SAR DINNER

The Colonel Aquila Hall Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, will host their Annual Chapter Dinner, 6:30 p.m., at the Main Street Tower Restaurant (the former Red Fox Restaurant) on Main Street, Bel Air. Guest speaker will be Ed Heasley, a curator at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, who will speak on the "Weapons of the Revolutionary War."

The organization is "declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include that intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or scarifications during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people."

Monthly meetings are held at Hays House Museum, 324 Kenmore Avenue, Bel Air.

For more information about joining SAR, call Andrew Calwell, chapter president, 410-889-6545, e-mail jacalwell@msn.com; William Smithson, vice president, 410-836-3433, e-mail wsmithson@erols.com; or James Hixon, public relations, 410-378-4427, e-mail hprincipio@aol.com.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22 VFW HOSTS INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

VFW Post 6054 will host International Night, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. featuring Reggae, Calypso, Soca and Salsa music and dance. A donation of \$5 will be accepted at the door. For more information, call Suzette or Keith at 410-977-0916.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23 RWES CRAFT FAIR

Roye-Williams Elementary School is having a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To reserve a table and/or space, call Melissa Daniels at 410-273-5536. Tables cost \$10; spaces cost \$10. If you reserve both, receive \$5 off.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Christian Education Department of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Service at 5:30 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. Walter Henry and the congregation of Wrights A.M.E. Church, Elkton. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26 APG THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICES

The Aberdeen and Edgewood chapels will conduct simultaneous Thanksgiving Worship Services, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

This will be an opportunity for the communities to worship together before the Thanksgiving break, and for the chapels to offer thanks for our many blessings. For more information, call 410-278-4333/4593.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28 THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

The annual Thanksgiving Day meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 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 \$5.25 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 \$4.55 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

Meal includes turkey noodle soup, shrimp cocktail, roast turkey, baked ham, prime rib of beef with au jus, corn bread dressing, savory bread dressing, mashed potatoes with giblet gravy, candied yams, corn, green peas with mushrooms, assorted salad bar, potato salad, macaroni salad, waldorf salad, brown and serve rolls, pumpkin pies, pecan pies, fruit pies, fresh fruit, hard candy, mixed nuts, soft serve ice cream and assorted beverages including egg nog.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

Authorized attire for service members is Class A, Class B or optional Dress Blue Uniform or Battle Dress Uniform, if the military personnel are on essential duty status. Military personnel are not required to be in uniform unless directed by their commander. Casual civilian wear includes, but is not limited to, for men, blazer, sport coat, dress trousers, designer jeans with sport coat or sweater with tie; and for women, dress, pant suit, skirt with blouse and jacket, designer jeans, blouse and sweater or jacket.

Inappropriate or unauthorized attire consists of all military issue physical training gear, civilian jogging suits and gym clothes. For more information call Edward Parylo, or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1399/1393/1398.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6 COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Cost of admission is \$8. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7 VFW HOSTS REMEMBRANCE BANQUET, DANCE

VFW Post 8185, 520 Susquehanna River Road, Post Deposit, will host a banquet and dance honoring veterans of Pearl Harbor, Philippines, Pacific Theater, Korea and Indochina/Vietnam. Social hours begins at 5 p.m., ceremonies at 6 p.m., banquet at 7 p.m. and dancing begins at 8 p.m. and continues to midnight. Music will be provided by the Rythm Doctors, a 17-piece Big Band. A contribution of \$30 (\$15 is tax deductible to a war veterans organization) is being accepted.

For more information, call 410-642-9297.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10 BAND HOSTS HOLIDAY CONCERT

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will host a free holiday concert at 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater. However, all attendees must have a ticket to gain entrance to the concert. For tickets, call Charles Browngard, Aberdeen High School choir director, 410-273-5500, or the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) at 410-278-4380 or e-mail Bryan.Simson@usag.apg.army.mil by Dec. 5. Provide your name and mailing address so that the tickets can be mailed.

Those 16 and older should bring a photo ID and plan their arrival time to accommodate personal and vehicle searches.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13 CWF TRIP TO DINNER THEATER

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater, departing the Aberdeen Area at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$49 per person, which includes charter bus transportation, dinner and the holiday show, The Sound of Christmas

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

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

The No Child Left Behind Act signed into law by President George W. Bush on January 8, 2002, established Reading First as a number one priority as a new, high-quality evidence-based program for the students of America. Reading First is the foundation of all education reform in this country. Without good reading skills, children cannot be successful in school or in life.

Find out how to play an important part in helping your child develop a love for reading and a framework for success by visiting the Harford County Public School's Web site at: www.co.ha.md.us/harford_schools. Click on 'MSDE-No Child Left Behind', then click on to the U.S. Department of Education's:

"No Child Left Behind"
"Reading First"
"Early Reading First"

AVAILABLE READING

The following booklets are available at the School Liaison/Youth Education Services Office, building 2752, Room 200: "Put Reading First-A Parent Guide (Preschool Through Grade 3)" and "Homework Tips for Parents (English and Spanish)."

PARTNERING WITH SCHOOLS

Organizations or individuals who are interested in or currently partnering with schools should contact Ivan Mehosky, School Liaison/Youth Education Services at 410-278-2857 or 410-322-0181 or e-mail him at ivan.mehosky@usag-apg.army.mil. A separate e-mail will be forthcoming announcing a meeting date and other information.

MOVIES

The Post Theater will be closed Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 30 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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



ABANDON

Friday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m.
Starring: Katie Holmes, Benjamin Bratt

Catherine must deal with the two year old disappearance of her boyfriend Embry, when detective Handler begins an investigation. She is haunted by memories of Embry, and is torn as Handler uncovers new evidence that may link his disappearance to another student from the college campus. (Rated PG-13)

BARBERSHOP (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Nov. 23, 7 p.m.
Starring: Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer



Calvin has inherited the barbershop from his father, but always thought it was a waste of time. After selling it to a loan shark, he begins to see the business as something more. (Rated R)

UNDISPUTED

Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 p.m.
Starring: Wesley Snipes, Ving Rhames



In the world of boxing, there's only one prize that matters, the title of undisputed champion. At Sweet Water Prison, the world heavyweight champion is about to meet his match. One man fighting for his honor, another fighting for his future, only one will emerge from the ring undisputed. (Rated R)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The APG Garrison Library has the following books for your reading pleasure:

The APG Garrison Library has added the following new books to the children's and young adult collection:



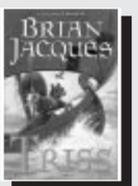
The Ghost of Fossil Glen by Cynthia DeFelice

Sixth-grader Allie Nichols is a fossil hunter, and her hobby takes her to some dangerous places. Fossil Glen is an unforgettable place where Allie sharpens her climbing skills and has a first encounter with a ghost. When the encounters continue, Allie senses that the ghost is asking for help in solving a murder that took place four years earlier in the same Fossil Glen.



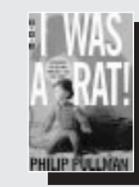
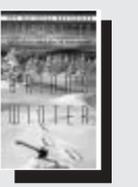
Double Fudge by Judy Blume

Triss (15th in the "Redwall" series) by Brian Jacques



Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

Brian's Winter (sequel to The Hatchet) by Gary Paulsen



I was a Rat! by Philip Pullman

The Hostile Hospital (8th in the "Series of Unfortunate Events") by Lemony Snicket



Amber was Brave, Essie was Smart by Vera B. Williams

To receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically, call the library at 410-278-4991.

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.

OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School library has a portion of its holdings on the FirstSearch database.

Users no longer have to search the old card catalog to find the title of books held by the library. This database can only be accessed through computers located in the OMMS library, which is in the basement of building 3071.

The hours are Monday and Friday, noon to 4:15 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. For more information, call 410-278-4991.

EDGEWOOD AMERICAN LEGION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Edgewood American Legion Service Post #17, 415 Edgewood Road, in Edgewood, has scheduled the following events:

SUNDAYS

Enjoy Sunday breakfast from 9 a.m. until noon for \$2.75. Breakfast includes two eggs with choice of bacon, ham, sausage or scrapple and toast. Coffee, juice or milk costs \$.50 per glass.

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY LUNCH AT THE LEGION

Everyone is welcome to eat lunch at the Legion from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch specials cost \$3.95; regular menus also are available.

FRIDAY AND SUNDAY BINGO

Bingo begins at 6:50 p.m. and includes regular games and jackpots.

NIGHTLY

DINNER AT THE LEGION

Dinner is available every evening from 5 until 8 p.m. to include shrimp, oysters, hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, pork chops, roast beef, ham, potatoes, vegetables, a variety of soups, crab cakes, veal, pepper steaks, country steaks, cheese steaks, meatloaf, wing dings, French fries,

egg salad, chicken salad and tuna salad. Ask about daily specials.

For more information, call 410-676-1147 or 410-679-1832.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14 FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE

The American Legion Family Christmas Dinner and Dance will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. Members of the Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion and guests are invited to attend. Tickets cost \$10 per person. To purchase tickets or request information, call 410-676-1147 or 410-679-1832.

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 31 NEWYEAR'S EVE ALL-NIGHT BINGO

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 6 p.m. There is a \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot. Cost is \$25 per person and includes 50 plus games with all of the specials, and a buffet dinner of roast beef, turkey, ham, cheese, chicken wings, meatballs, crab cakes, baked beans, salads, scalloped potatoes, crab soup, cake, rolls, sodas, chips and pretzels.

Rental car agreement changes again

Susan G. Grendahl
OSJA

In a news article entitled "Rental Vehicle Damage...Who Pays?" published by the *APG News* June 27, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate stated that the Military Traffic Management Command government car rental agreement was renegotiated effective Nov. 1, 2001. Under that agreement, rental car companies were no longer responsible for damage to a rental car if the government employee was simply negligent.

The MTMC agreement was changed for the second time in 12 months. Under the new agreement, rental car agencies will be responsible for damage to a rental car if the government employee, while acting within the scope of his or her duties, was simply negligent and caused the accident.

In part, the new rental car agreement states, "Notwithstanding the provisions of any company vehicle rental agreement executed by the government renter pursuant to this agreement, the company hereby assumes and shall bear the entire risk of loss of or damage to the rented vehicles (including costs of towing, administrative costs, loss of use, and replacements), from any and every cause whatsoever, including without limitation, casualty, collision, fire, upset, malicious mischief, vandalism, tire damage, falling objects, overhead damage, glass breakage, strike, civil commotion, theft and mysterious disappearance."

However, the company will not be responsible for loss or damage if any of the following factors are present:

- Obtaining the vehicle through fraud or misrepresentation, or the damage or loss is caused intentionally by an authorized driver. (*This is a new change.*)
- Operation of the vehicle by a driver who is under the influence of intoxicants or any prohibited drugs.
- Use of the vehicle for any illegal purpose.
- Use of the vehicle in pushing or towing another vehicle.
- Use or permitting the vehicle to carry passengers or property for hire.
- Operation of the vehicle in live artillery fire exercises, or used in training for tactical maneuvers.
- Operation of the vehicle in a test, race or contest.
- Operation of the vehicle by a person other than an authorized driver.
- Operation across international boundaries unless specifically authorized at the time of rental.
- Theft of the rented vehicle and the renter cannot produce the vehicle keys, unless the renter can show the keys were stolen through theft or robbery. (*This is a new change.*)
- Operation of the vehicle off paved, graded, state or professionally maintained roads, or driveways, except when the company has agreed to this in writing beforehand.

Other changes

If the loss or damage to the rental car is due to an exception stated above, the company will submit its bills directly to the renter's agency to the attention of the renter at the official duty address. If the agency denies

liability on the basis that the renter or other authorized driver was not operating the vehicle within scope of employment or for an official purpose at the time of the loss, the company may handle the matter directly with the renter. Claims for damage to a vehicle will not include amounts for administrative costs, loss of use or replacements.

Persons authorized to operate vehicles rented under the new agreement include the renter, and without additional charge, the renter's fellow employees while acting within the scope of their employment duties. Such additional drivers need not be listed on the rental agreement. However, the government employee must be at least 18 years old, properly licensed and on official business.

Companies will be apprised of the fact that, in many states, driver's licenses issued to military personnel do not expire as long as they remain in military service, as so stated on the license, and such licenses will be accepted regardless of the date of issuance or expiration.

Government employees should immediately contact the rental car agency in the event of an accident, obtain a police report for the company if one is available, and fill out a company accident report when requested to do so. The company will advise the renter that under some state laws failure to report an accident may result in the employee being charged with cost of repairs to the rented vehicle.

For more information on rental cars and the new changes to the MTMC agreement, call the APG Claims Office at 410 278-1591.



Courtesy of AEC
Sgt. 1st Class Marcos Gallegos, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, shows Edgewood Elementary School children a high-tech high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle equipped with a smoke machine used to obscure an enemy's view and an infrared monitor.

AEC sponsors Military Awareness Day at Edgewood Elementary School

AEC

Some children at Edgewood Elementary put on battle gear Nov. 8. Others got into a high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle and learned how to cook an MRE (meal ready to eat).

But they weren't getting ready for a fight, they were enjoying Military Awareness Day, organized by the U.S. Army Environmental Center, which has a partnership with the school.

A small army of military vehicles, soldiers, veterans and

civilian Army employees arrived at the school to share their knowledge of the military and share the meaning of Veterans Day.

Inside the school's auditorium, children circulated among several displays and demonstrations.

They saw a color guard, tried on gas masks, learned about Army survival equipment, experienced a moving chemical detection system, watched an Army video and visited with veterans.

Outside they got up close to large military

machines like an amphibious vehicle and a high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle.

Participants and volunteers from Aberdeen Proving Ground and the surrounding community made the event possible.

Contributors included the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Bel Air, the 16th Ordnance Battalion, American Legion Post 17 and AEC.

Family Child Care has much to offer

Penny Branham
FCC

For years, soldiers and Department of Defense civilians have looked to the "rainbow" as a sign of quality child care in a small group setting.

The U.S. Army Family Child Care Program has updated their logo to include the program's mission and its affiliation with the Army Child and Youth Services. Providers at Aberdeen Proving Ground have been displaying the new logo proudly in the front window of the certified quarters.

The providers and their homes are certified by the U.S. Army and meet the requirements as outlined by Child & Youth Services.

Family Child Care is the care of

choice for families looking for small group care, with the warmth and nurturing of home. We currently have 30 active homes in the Aberdeen Area and five homes in the Edgewood Area.

It offers flexible hours, mainstreamed special needs care, PT care, hourly care, before and after school care, extended hours care, and 24-hour care for mission related exercises. Subsidy assistance is also available for families in fee Categories I, II and III.

If you would be interested in becoming a certified Family Child Care Provider, or are interested in the available vacancies, call 410-278-8720/9832/7477.



Edgewood CB Center hosts Discovery Day for employees

Timothy Lavery
ECBC

The leadership of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center held a day of tours and demonstrations exclusively for its employees as a way of expressing thanks for the continued efforts of the workforce, Oct. 23.

Known as Discovery Day, the daylong event allowed personnel within the organization to learn about other mission areas within ECBC.

Over the past year, ECBC has conducted numerous tours for visiting dignitaries ranging from Secretary of the Army

Thomas White to Maryland Sen. Barbara Mikulski.

By offering that same VIP treatment to ECBC personnel, Discovery Day recognized ECBC employees as responsible for the Center's well-deserved reputation for excellence and expertise in the chemical and biological defense of this nation.

"This day has been an opportunity to tour a sampling of the many extraordinary projects underway here at ECBC," said ECBC Technical Director Jim Zarzycki. "Many of our capabilities demonstrated have already played a piv-

otal role in our nation's homeland defense."

Discovery Day is part of ECBC's ongoing anniversary celebration, marking 85 years of providing chemical and biological solutions in defense of our nation. Previous events saluting ECBC employees included the Federal Women's Program ceremony in August, the Past Women of ECBC event—marking the contributions of women to the organization from its beginning to today—and Intern Day, which recognized ECBC's newest employees.

Bowling standings

Wednesday Night Mixed

Week of Nov. 13

High Men's Series Scratch

Stuart Thacker, 636
Tim Anderson, 573

Women's High Series Scratch

Ann Thacker, 546
Barbara Thibault, 498

Men's High Game Scratch:

Stuart Thacker, 240
Tim Anderson, 209

Women's High Game Scratch

Annie Rosario, 195
Ann Thacker/Barbara Thibault, 192

Thursday National Guard Mixed

Week of Nov. 14

Men's High Series Scratch (for season with handicap)

Mike Murphy, 497
Phillip Murphy, 748
Frank Mitchell, 489
Cal Adams, 730
Joe Montanez, 482
Joe Montanez, 698

Men's High Game Scratch (for season with handicap)

Hayward Hulick, 211
Bill Morton, 276
Mike/Frank, 191
Cal Adams, 276
Jeff Finkle, 184
Joe Montanez, 265

Women's High Series Scratch (for season with handicap)

Shirley Ethridge, 495
Lucy Montanez, 816
Barbara Adams, 474
Shelly Burmeister, 718
Shelly Burmeister, 460
Netty Kerner, 705

Women's High Game Scratch (for season with handicap)

Sally Leonetti, 196
Lucy Montanez, 293
Shirley Young, 184
Shelly Burmeister, 289
Stacey Ethridge, 181
Lynn Sims, 289

Thursday Lunch League

Week of Nov. 14

Men's High Series

Scratch (for season with handicap)

Bob/Kevin, 339
Bob Dowding, 481
Parimal Patel, 315
Dave Spagnuolo, 447
Dave Spagnuolo, 289
Parimal Patel, 445

Men's High Game Scratch (for season with handicap)

Kevin Dougherty, 186
Bob Dowding, 258
Parimal Patel, 182
Parimal Patel, 245
Bob Dowding, 167
Dave Spagnuolo, 227

Women's High Series Scratch (for season with handicap)

Dawn Gardner, 398
Dawn Gardner, 492
Sue Spagnuolo, 313
Ronda Taylor, 455
Sue Spagnuolo, 437

Women's High Game Scratch (for season with handicap)

Dawn Gardner, 190/208
Dawn Gardner, 255
Sue Spagnuolo, 165
Sue Spagnuolo, 227

Saturday Youth League - upcoming stars

Week of Nov. 9

Girl's High Scratch Game (for season with handicap)

Elizabeth Kempton, 51
Elizabeth Kempton, 210
Natalie Hanlon, 19
Natalie Hanlon, 206

Girl's High Scratch Series (for season with handicap)

Elizabeth Kempton, 109
Elizabeth Kempton, 594
Natalie Hanlon, 35
Natalie Hanlon, 583

Saturday Youth League - Rising Stars

Week of Nov. 9

Boy's High Series (for season with handicap)

Dauvon McCormick, 296
Eric White, 656
James Ables, 291
James Ables, 647
Eric White, 270
Deric Page, 641

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James Ables, 129

Deric Page, 234

Dauvon McCormick, 115

James Ables, 232

Johnathon Pace, 109

John Keegan, 230

Girl's High Series Scratch (for season with handicap)

Jessell Cons, 310

Jessell Cons, 651

Magan Pace, 301

Amanda Anderson, 599

Amanda Anderson, 220

Megan Pace, 595

Girl's High Game Scratch (for season with handicap)

Jessell Cons, 122

Jessell Cons, 227

Megan Pace, 111

Amanda Anderson, 216

Amanda Anderson, 102

Magan Pace, 212

Saturday Youth League - Shooting Stars

Week of Nov. 9

Boy's High Series Scratch (for season with handicap)

Ethan Knack, 529

Chad Milton, 757

Corey Yonce, 433

Curtis Swauger, 726

Chad Milton, 431

Ethan Knack, 678

Boy's High Game Scratch (for season with handicap)

Ethan Knack, 203

Chad Milton, 277

Corey Yonce, 182

Curtis Swauger, 275

Chad Milton, 175

Corey Yonce, 262

Girl's High Series Scratch (for season with handicap)

Ashley Taylor, 500

Ashley Taylor, 686

Stephanie McCaslin, 380

Heather Miller, 615

Heather Miller, 325

Stephanie McCaslin, 614

Girl's High Game Scratch (for season with handicap)

Ashley Taylor, 193

Ashley Taylor, 255

Stephanie McCaslin, 136

Jessica Authur, 230

Heather Miller, 111

Heather/Stephanie, 222



Morale, Recreation & Welfare

Thanksgiving holiday schedule for MWR activities

Directorate of Community and Family Activities
Community and Recreation Division

Activity	Thursday 28 Nov 02	Friday 29 Nov 02	Saturday 30 Nov 02	Sunday 01 Dec 02
Arts & Crafts AA Arts & Crafts EA	Closed Closed	Closed 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed
APG Athletic Center	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Automotive Crafts	Closed	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Bowling Center	Closed	5 to 11 p.m.	1 to 11 p.m.	Closed
Equipment Resource Center	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Exton Golf Course	Closed	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Health & Fitness Center AA Health & Fitness Center EA	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed
Hoyle Gymnasium	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
MWR Registration	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Library AA Library EA	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed
Recreation Center AA Snack Bar	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 3 to 11 p.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 12 to 11:30 p.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 12 to 11:30 p.m.	12 to 6 p.m. 12 to 5:30 p.m.
Stark Recreation Center EA Snack Bar	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 5 to 11 p.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 5 to 11 p.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 12:30 to 5 p.m.
Ruggles Golf Course	Closed	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Golf Cup

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Are you being short with your short game?

A show of hands, how many golfers spend 50 percent or more of practice time on the short game? Okay, it's hard to raise your hand while reading the newspaper.

When talking about a par round of golf, ideally it includes 36 full shots and 36 putts. Thirty-six full shots, one to reach green on par three holes, two to reach the green on par four holes, and three to reach the green on par four

holes. Thirty-six putts, two per green when reached in regulation.

I know that most of us do not play golf this way let alone shoot par. However, if shooting 90 with 30 putts in the round, this represents 33 percent of the strokes-putting only, no chipping counted.

I will ask the question with this math, how many golfers spend 33 percent or more of practice time on the short game?

Most golfers only spend time on the practice putting green for the few minutes waiting for the group in front to get out of the way on the first hole. To see golf scores drop significantly

faster, spend 50 percent OR MORE of practice time on the putting green and in the short game practice area.

Drills to improve the short game:

- Place six balls in a circle around the hole and try to make all six without missing.

- Select a straight three-foot putt and try to make 10 in a row without missing. If missed, start over. When 10 is reached, back up to 5 feet from the hole. This can also be done at home on a short carpet into a glass.

- In the bunker, select a relatively simple shot, begin hitting shots toward a selected flag, and repeat this until one is made. This sounds

simple, but commit to not stopping until one is made and see how easy it is.

- Do the same thing from a fairway or rough position; again don't stop until one is made.

Two things may result after trying the above drills, more consistent short shots and lower scores.

E-mail your golf questions to tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil or drop them off in writing to either Exton Golf Course in the Edgewood Area, or Ruggles Golf Course in the Aberdeen Area.

Wishing everyone long and straight shots.

Programs, events and activities

Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot

Play in this turkey shoot and you could win a free turkey just in time for the holidays.

Event will be held Nov. 23 at Ruggles Golf course and is a four player, Captains Choice Scramble. Cost for the tournament is \$25 for annual patrons, \$35 for authorized personnel (DoD, retirees), and \$40 for the general public.

Register by Nov. 21 at Ruggles Golf Course or ITR/MWR Registration.

For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or e-mail him at tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil

Army vs. Navy Game

Join MWR for one of the greatest rivalries in college football, West Point versus the Naval Academy. Game will take place at the Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford,

N.J., Dec. 7. A bus will depart the Aberdeen Shopping Center at 8 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. The tickets cost \$83 and must be purchased by Nov. 27 at ITR/MWR Registration.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Sunday Afternoon Cosmic Bowling League

Enjoy black lights, glow in the dark pins, great music, fun, excitement and handicapped competition bowling. League starts on Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. in the APG Bowling Center.

Cost for the league is \$10 per week.

Register by Nov. 24 at ITR/MWR Registration, you must be at least 18 years of age.

For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

Seated massage therapy

Seated massage therapy for stress reduction, acupressure and relaxation is available every Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, and the EA Fitness Center, building E-4210, for \$15 for 15-minute minimum, and \$5 increments. Nationally certified massage therapists can design the ideal combination of techniques for the perfect therapeutic experience.

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be accepted based on availability. To set-up an appointment in the AA area, call 410-278-3404/2621, or call 410-436-7134 to set-up an appointment in the EA area. Visit the AA Recreation Center 9 to 5 p.m. or ITR/Central Registration, building 3326, or call 410-278-4907. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Arts & Crafts classes

Edgewood Arts & Crafts (building E-4440)

For more information, call Holly Shisler at 410-436-2153 or e-mail her at holly.shisler@usag.apg.army.mil.

Ceramics

Dec. 14 and Jan. 11
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
\$15 including supplies

Woodshop Orientation

Dec. 7 and Jan. 4
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
\$5

Framing

Nov. 21, Dec. 19 and Jan. 30.
5 to 9 p.m.
\$25 plus supplies

Aberdeen Area Arts & Crafts (building 2407)

For more information, call Debbie Brooks-Harris, 410-278-4207 or e-mail debbie.brooks-harris@usag.apg.army.mil.

Framing

Nov. 2, Dec. 7 and Jan. 4.
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
\$25 plus supplies

CFW hosts trip to Las Vegas

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to Las Vegas at New York, New York Hotel/Casino, Feb. 9 to 12. The price per person is \$499 based on double-occupancy, \$475 based on triple occupancy, and \$459 based on quad-occupancy. Price includes roundtrip airfare from BWI, hotel, taxes, transfers, and bell-

man gratuity.

A \$100 per person deposit is due upon reservation. Seats will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis but no later than Nov. 21.

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

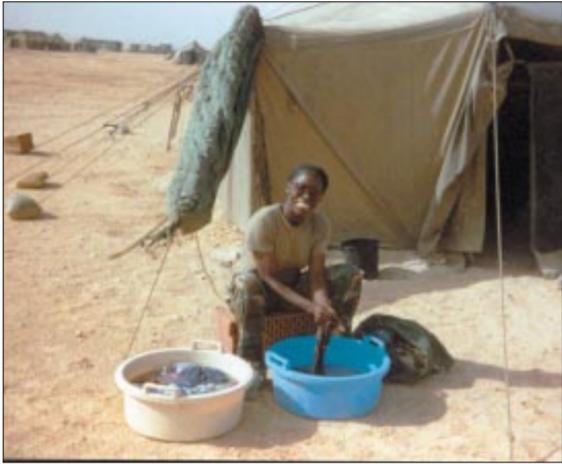


Photo courtesy of YVONNE JOHNSON

Yvonne Johnson tends to her laundry in the Saudi Arabian desert during the Gulf War. Johnson served as a supply sergeant with the 317th Maintenance Company out of Nuremberg, Germany, from December 1990 to May 1991.

Soldier mom

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people and places.

Johnson said things were not rosy, initially.

In the post Vietnam era, many male soldiers were considered undisciplined and unruly and crimes against females were frequent. In addition, females were not always welcome in units that had previously been male only. Although circumstances were not always pleasant, Johnson said the majority of her experiences were positive.

A single parent, with two sons, Takeen and Tyree, Johnson had the additional role of balancing motherhood with soldiering.

She said she took it all in stride with the help of supportive family and friends.

"Being a single mother is tough, but being a single mom while supporting a rapid deployment unit is an incredible challenge," Johnson said.

She credits time management, a good Noncommissioned Officer support channel and strong organizational backing with enabling her to balance it all. She added that the military encourages all three, and requires soldiers to have updated family care plans in place at all times.

"You hope you never need one, but you have to be prepared," Johnson said. "Time may be too short to prepare once the balloon goes up. You owe it to your family to be ready."

Johnson's sons were five and eight when the family, then stationed in Nuremberg, Germany, found themselves separated because of war. The maintenance supply sergeant, like thousands of others, was surprised when it was announced that the entire VII Corps, already forward deployed, would be further deployed to Saudi Arabia. Right away, she put her family care plan to the work.

Johnson's twin sister, Eva, was an Army civilian working in Stuttgart. With her sister as the designated guardian of her children, and less than a month to prepare her squad, vehicles, supplies and equipment for movement to the desert, Johnson put her plan to action, sending her sons to live with their aunt, as she tackled 12 to 16-hour days.

"We got the word the first week of November," Johnson said. "Thanksgiving Day we spent in the cold, pouring rain, loading our vehicles on a railhead for shipment to ports in Belgium."

In early December they departed for the desert.

A member of the 317th Maintenance Company, 71st Maintenance Battalion, the unit supported the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment and the 1st Armored Division (Forward) in Saudi Arabia and Iraq from December 1990 to May 1991.

"That was the hardest thing I ever had to do, saying goodbye to my boys and putting a happy face on it," Johnson said.

"They took it really well. I told them they were going on an adventure, and I was too."

While in the desert Johnson's platoon kept busy tracking repair parts, recovering broken wheel and track vehicles, and interchanging parts to keep as many vehicles as possible in working order.

Johnson said she remembers the desert not for its heat but for the cold and rains that

come during the winter months.

"You never think of the desert as being cold or rainy but it got incredibly cold and it seemed like it rained for weeks without stopping, which just made it worse," Johnson said.

After the cease fire, desert life improved, as hot meals were more frequent and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service boosted morale by building huge recreation facilities that offered a variety of services.

Johnson said that overall, the experience wasn't too bad, but she really missed her family.

She said she wrote to the boys quite a bit, but didn't call home much, because she couldn't remain composed when she heard the voices of her young sons.

Returning home May 5, 1991, Johnson said that she was thankful that the boys

readjusted so well.

In 1994, while assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., Johnson took the early retirement at 19 years of service, to finish her college education.

In 1998 she received a bachelor's degree in communication arts from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.

She has been at her present position as staff writer with the *APG News* since April, 1999.

She also is the editor for the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association Free State Chapter 70 Aberdeen newsletter and for the WACVA national newsletter, *The CHANNEL*.

Johnson said that she is proud to be an Army veteran and feels that her service, during times of peace and times of war, have added wealth to her life experience.

"It was an honor to serve," she said.