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Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 7, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



APG News and Public Affairs relocated

The APG News and the entire Garrison Public Affairs Office are now located in building 2201 in the Aberdeen Area (adjacent to the U.S. Post Office). This includes the content element of WAPG Channel 3. Telephone and facsimile numbers and email addresses remain the same.

Visit Mitchell House May 9

Cultural Resources is hosting an Open House for National Historic Preservation Week at the Mitchell House, building 5650, across from Maryland Boulevard Park on Friday, May 9 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Victorian era refreshments will be provided. For more information call Mark Gallihue, DSHE, 410-278-6756.

Ride Your Bike To Work Day

Harford County will sponsor the first Ride Your Bike to Work Day Rally from 7 to 9 a.m. at 220 South Main Street, Bel Air, on May 2. The goals of this event are to increase the awareness of the health benefits of cycling, to reduce traffic congestion and improve the environment.

Every civilian employee and soldier is encouraged to participate.

A bicycle rodeo will also be held for younger riders from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ma and Pa Trail, Williams Street, Bel Air, on May 3. The rodeo will provide tools for safe bicycling. **See SHORTS, page 4**

ACS honors military spouses

Army Community Services is hosting a luncheon to honor military spouses May 9, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ACS, building 2754. Military spouses of all services, retired, and active duty are invited to attend. Respond by calling 410-278-9669 or 7572.

APG organizations deliver Earth Day message to community

Story and photos by **Yvonne Johnson**
APG News

As the country observed Earth Day, April 19, several Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations joined in with the Harford County annual celebration at Swan Harbor Farm in Havre de Grace.

Representatives from the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, the Garrison Directorate of Safety Health and Environment and the Chemical Materials Agency, formerly the Program Manager for Chemical Defense, or PMCD, greeted hundreds of visitors, offering information about the installation's earth-friendly practices.

In addition, soldiers from Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion served as greeters and directed traffic.

At the Chemical Materials Agency display, Craig Campbell, senior public affairs officer for URS Coleman, assisted by Barry Napp and Karen Drewen, led informative chats on current operations involving the destruction of the Edgewood Area stockpile.

"We're basically informing people about the process," Drewen said, adding that listeners also could watch a video demonstrating the process.

"It's a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week operation until all 1,800 containers are removed," Campbell said of the destruction process.

The display included a sign-up list for the PMCD mailing list, seedlings, pamphlets and posters of the completed clean-up operation on Johnston Atoll in the South Pacific.

"APG will be the first stockpile cleaned in the

continental United States," Campbell said, adding that the project is expected to finish in October.

Eva Hymes of Edgewood, looked on as Campbell used a jar of molasses, to demonstrate the consistency of the mustard agent.

Hymes said it was her first Earth Day celebration.

"I've never been able to get out here before," Hymes said. "Everything I've seen has been so interesting."

Karen Jobs, DSHE program assistant spent the day showing youths an Enviroscope display that demonstrates where drinking water comes from. Several youths took turns spraying the simulated countryside with water while Amy Orsini, General Physics contractor, guided youths in making Earth Day bracelets. The display included complimentary pens and pamphlets.

The ATC display included a "Do It For the Flag" video for youths to watch as they used crayons to color in Earth Day greeting cards under the watchful gaze of Susan Hagan, ATC public affairs officer.

"The video offers a command overview of ATC," Hagan said.

Ellen Billingslea of Norrisville said that after her family's first visit to the celebration last year, she made it a point to come out again.

"We loved it last year and we're enjoying it this year," Billingslea said as she watched her daughter Sarah, 6, color a greeting card.

"It's a great setting, and everyone goes out of

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Erik Klug, 13, of Bel Air, holds a colorful eastern king snake at the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway display run by Bob Chase during the Harford County Earth Day celebration at Swan Harbor Farm. Harford County joined APG in the day-long celebration.

NAF recognizes its finest

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Non-Appropriated Fund announced the recipients of its outstanding performance awards during the annual Employee of the Year Ceremony at Top of the Bay April 2.

Roy Ballinger, director of Civilian and Family Activities, led the ceremony that included remarks from Col. Mardi U. Mark, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander.

Noting that NAF employees consistently excel in supporting installation operations, Ballinger said, "We are here to

recognize those individuals who performed outstandingly last year."

Mark added that Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Army Lodging and the restaurant fund generated more than \$11 million for fiscal year 2002.

"Some people have no idea who NAF employees are or where you work," Mark said, "But our accomplishments are a direct result of your knowledge, commitment and enthusiasm. If you were singled out today, you deserve it."

The Employee of the Year awards were distributed in four categories -administrative, trades and crafts, para-professional, and supervisory.

Jean Fuddy, NAF human resources officer, said the selection process takes three or four months from nomination to presentation.

"A panel of judges includes personnel with knowledge of NAF functions yet don't know the nominees," Fuddy said, adding that personnel from the Civilian Personnel Operations Center served as judges.

She added that the nominees are presented to the panel anonymously and the panel is unaware of the winner.

"Winners are determined by point totals that are tallied after the judging is

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Watch card

- Do observe and report:**
- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.
 - Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.
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 - Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
 - Discuss force protection measures, capabilities, or posture.
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Edgewood Area 410-436-2222
Off post in Maryland, call 1-800-492-TIPS (8477)
The call may save lives.

Installation chaplains lend warmth to Sunrise Service

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

A chilly, yet sun-filled, morning that held the promise of warmth found dozens of worshippers at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Easter Sunrise Service at the Edgewood Area's McBride Parade Field.

With APG commander Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg and deputy installation commander Col. Mardi U. Mark in attendance, worshippers shared in the joy of Easter in song and scripture, guided by Maj. Lee Vermont, APG Garrison chaplain.

The program included music by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) Brass Quintet, and choral selections from APG's Gospel and Protestant Choirs and from the Northeast Civilian

Personnel Operations Center Choir.

The installation chaplains sustained the mood of the gathering with scripture readings from Maj. Tony Montague, 61st Ordnance Brigade chaplain, and Maj. Bill Liptrot, chaplain resource manager.

Lt. Col. Ron Smith, chaplain of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, offered a pastoral prayer in which he gave thanks and praise for the life and death of Christ and asked God to "restore order to a disorganized world."

"As always, we pray for our nation and our Army," Smith said.

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Maryland's First Lady reads to APG children



In the back, Anthony Kenion, from left front, Janari Lee, Philip Irving, Joshua Ostrowski and Jadya McKinney, pre-schoolers, give Kendel Ehrlich their undivided attention as she reads "Elmer the Patchwork Elephant."

Story and photos by **Sonya P. Reynolds**
APG News

In honor of the 'Month of the Military Child,' Kendel Ehrlich, wife of Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., visited the Aberdeen Proving Ground Aberdeen Area Child Development Center to read storybooks to toddlers and pre-schoolers on April 17.

Darlene Merry Ford, assistant director of the center, said the reading was suggested and arranged by the center's Parent Child Care Association because they wanted to include community leaders in the celebration.

Ehrlich selected the book, "Elmer the Patchwork Elephant," by Robyn Newton and Naomi Clements, because she said it is one of her 3-year-old son's favorite books.

The children interacted by asking questions and pointing to the pictures in the book.

Darlene Merry Ford, assistant director of the center, said Ehrlich's reading session was one of five other guest readers that included Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander; Regina Dannenfelser, chief, Child and Youth Services Division; and other CDC staff members.

She added that there were many other activities planned for the celebration as well.

"The Aberdeen Area Child Development Center celebrates this month by planning a variety of special events for all children attending the center," Ford said.

She said events included color week, visiting the dental clinic.

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WACVA donates athletic equipment to deploying troops

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

A desire to support service members deploying from Aberdeen Proving Ground for Operation Iraqi Freedom, resulted in the donation of more than \$400 dollars in athletic equipment to the 400th Military Police Battalion, an Army Reserve unit from Fort Meade, Maryland.

Members of the Women's Army Corps Veteran's Association, Free State Chapter 70, in Aberdeen donated the items that included volleyball, soccer, badminton and croquet sets, basketballs, Frisbees, dumbbells, boxing gloves and head protectors, to the unit after contacting the Morale, Welfare and Recreation noncommissioned officer, Sgt. Jeff Brooks, who provided a list of items the unit needed.

WACVA officers presented the equipment to the unit during an informal ceremony, April 24.

"I can't believe how much they gave us," Brooks said as he and his fellow soldiers inventoried the equipment.

"This is great."

"We were just packing up the final shipment of MWR equipment," added Sgt. 1st Class Sharon Releford. "They will really appreciate all of this when it gets there."

Chapter president Sheila Smith, accompanied by 1st vice president Connie Murphy, 2nd vice president Judy Fortier and Sgt. 1st Class Diane Kennedy, a chapter member from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, made the presentation.

"We're proud to have our chapter participate in anything that supports our troops," Smith said.

She added that the chapter allocated the funds, and then contacted the unit to find out what it needed.

"Since so many groups are supporting our troops, we didn't want to go out and buy a bunch of stuff they already had," Smith said.

"This was a feel-good project for them and for us," Kennedy added.

"Supporting the military, veterans and active duty, is what we're all about."



Members of Aberdeen's Chapter 70, Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association and the Maryland Army Reserve 400th Military Police Battalion pose with more than \$400 in Morale, Welfare and Recreation equipment the group donated to the unit. From left front, kneeling, Pfc. Alainia Spann, and Spcs. Erron Latimore and Indira Castillo. Standing, from left, Sgt. 1st Class Diane Kennedy, Judy Fortier, Sgt. Olusola Ayoodugbesan, Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Dinkens, Spc. Jon Oliver, Connie Murphy, Sgt. Jeff Brooks, Staff Sgt. Errick Goodman, Staff Sgt. Theodore Thornton, Sheila Smith, Sgt. 1st Class Sharon Releford, Spc. Treno Denson, Staff Sgt. Leslie Bratcher and Sgt. Sharon Newman.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Goodies for the troops

Members of the Mobilization Assistance Team Operations, responsible for the movement of nearly 1,000 soldiers through APG to Operation Iraqi Freedom, pose with nearly 200 boxes of "goodies" for troops and a "thank you" poster to Joppatowne High School for the huge donation.

From left to right, Master Sgt. Timothy Evans, operations non-commissioned officer; Capt. John Wagner, battle captain; Lt. Col. Joe Weihs, MATOPS chief; Maj. Ron Watson, deputy MATOPS chief;

Master Sgt. Marvin Smith, NCO in charge, and Sgt. 1st Class Humberto Meza, logistics NCO.

Weihs, an environmental engineer with the U.S. Army Environmental Center was called to active-duty for 18 months. He took over the operation April 1 from the previous team.

Weihs said the team plans to distribute the sundries to deploying units.

"Getting these goodies to the soldiers is our number one priority," Weihs said.

Local school children show support of troops

Suzanne Wills
Special contributor

Anyone visiting Roye-Williams Elementary School will see the patriotic spirit, pride, and support of the military displayed on trees, in classrooms, and employees and students donning yellow ribbons in support of the troops and red, white, and blue ribbons to show their patriotism and pride for the military.

With many of the students, employees, and volunteers of the school being military, RWES has felt the impact of the recent deployment of soldiers from Aberdeen Proving

Ground.

"The school has come together at this very difficult time to not only support the troops, but each other as well," said Elizabeth Goodwin, an instructional assistant at the school (and a military spouse for over 20 years).

Goodwin and Amy Cattrano, the school guidance counselor, have joined together to start a support group for the students who have family members deployed.

Recently, several of the students from the support group showed their patriotism, love, and support by tying yellow

ribbons on trees in front of the school. Although the support group is just getting started, Goodwin has many plans for the children.

"The children in the group will keep daily journals so when the deployed family member returns they can reconnect and catch-up," Goodwin said.

The children with deployed family members are not the only students who are showing their support of the troops.

Students throughout the school are donating money for the school to purchase care packages from the USO to send to the troops deployed to the Middle East, and students will write letters and draw pictures that will be sent to parents whose units have deployed.

RWES is asking those parents to distribute the letters and drawings among the troops, letting them know how proud the students of RWES are of the job they are doing.

"It is great to see a school come together and show their support for the troops and love of their country while showing love and support for one another," Goodwin said.



Photo by MELISSA DANIELS

Beth Goodwin and students from the Roye Williams Elementary School student support group decorate a tree outside the school to show their support for deployed troops.

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'DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN'



Photo by SPC. ROBERT WOODWARD, 101st Airborne Division

Lt. Gen. William Wallace speaks to the soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Baghdad, exhorting them to stay vigilant as Operation Iraqi Freedom transitions into a peace-keeping and humanitarian stage. "Don't let your guard down," Wallace said. "Show the people of this country the proper respect, but be careful. There's still a bunch of knuckleheads running around." He went on to praise the troops for giving "back to the Iraqi people the society and culture what is rightfully theirs."

Men of the Chapel perform Living Last Supper

Story and photo by
Frank Palmisano III
Special contributor

In the tradition of Easter Week observances, the Protestant Men of the Chapel created and performed a commemoration event they called the Living Last Supper on April 17.

The Last Supper was a pivotal event in history that marked the beginning of a chain of events that led to the death of Jesus and, as Christians believe, the resurrection.

Based primarily on the Gospel of Mark, the event has been a mainstay in the community since 1989. It was performed on Holy Thursday, because that is the time when Christians traditionally observe Jesus' last meal with his chosen followers.

According to Col. Paul Meredith, commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade and post coordinator of the Officers' Christian Fellowship, "We are trying to portray the thoughts that would be going through the minds of the disciples as they are at the table of Jesus. It gives us a chance to look into the minds of these disciples."

The job of creating a believable setting went to Michael Layman, director of the performance and master of ceremonies.

"We chose the moment when Jesus said,

'One of you will betray me,'" Layman said. "We tried to reenact how the Apostles would have reacted to this."

In keeping with this theme, Laymen and others selected Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper" painting as the template upon which the group would improvise.

As the Apostles lined up according to da Vinci's painting, each of them was given a moment to say something about the situations that led him to follow Jesus and accept him as the Christ.

Asked why such a reenactment was important, Laymen commented that putting on such performances is essential to the bigger picture.

"Since 9-11, we've seen an increase in spirituality across the country. Soldiers need to have some form of spirituality available to them. If we can spread it this way it might make things easier for them," Laymen said.

"One of the things that is central to all of this is the idea of having communion."

Communion" means fellowship among those of like faith; an important practice given the conflict in the Middle East and the many troubles that continue to build in the world at a staggering rate, Meredith noted.

"We call it a Living Last Supper because it is a true representation of what took place at the



The ensemble of the Living Last Supper mimes Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting while bringing to life in dramatic detail how each of the Apostles might have reacted to Jesus' fateful words, "One of you will betray me."

Last Supper," said Joe Williams, who played James the brother of John in the event.

The story of Jesus' last night with his Apostles continues to exert great influence over Christians today.

The performance had all the emotional underpinnings of a good drama.

At its conclusion, the PMOC actors received warm applause from the many who attended. Among the attendees were Israel Salghao and his family.

"It really clarified for me exactly the way it played out," said Teresa Salghao, who agreed that the event was as informative as it was entertaining.

Israel Jr. said that Matthew was his favorite character. When asked why, he confidently replied, "Because he's my Sunday School teacher."

All agreed the Living Last Supper enriched their knowledge and gave a visual dimension to what they were accustomed to processing through the written word

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Col. Larry Robinson, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, installation chaplain, summed up the message with a reading from the New Testament's book of John, adding that the message Jesus issued to the disciples more than 2,000 years ago still applies today.

The program's guest speaker was Tom Bisset, president of the Christian radio station WRBS in Baltimore.

Bisset delivered a message of renewing faith by overcoming doubt. Comparing himself to the disciple Thomas, who is most often referred to as Doubting Thomas, as he questioned the resurrection of Christ, Bisset said that he, like Thomas, had to struggle with his faith.

"I never doubted until my teens when I began testing the cultural baggage of my faith," Bisset said, adding that his faith "began crumbling under the rational approach of higher learning."

Eventually, through research, he said he was brought back to a full appreciation, specifically strengthened by the resurrec-

tion.

He cited the historical accounts of Jesus' death, noting that "the fact remains that on the third day the tomb was empty and the body was gone."

"With seven separate incidents of sightings, in a court of law, this would be enough to win the case," Bisset said.

He added that he was named after his uncle Thomas who was a twin like Doubting Thomas.

"I felt like I was his twin," Bisset said of the disciple. "I thank God that he did not reject me (for doubting)."

He encouraged the gathering to embrace doubters, quoting Tennyson who wrote, "There is more faith in honest doubting than in half the creeds of church."

"On this resurrection morning, I rejoice to say that the ultimate meaning can be found in the words, 'I am the resurrection and the light. He that believes in me shall never die,'" Bisset said.

In closing, he asked all to "continue to pray for our troops overseas."

Vermont thanked all involved with the program, then delivered the benediction, with a final plea, "Go in peace, share the Lord and love one another."



Hoppin' helpin'

Photo by BEVERLY HARTGROVE
The Easter bunny gives Sian Moshier, left, a hand during the Family Child Care Great Easter Egg Hunt near the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, April 15. Haley Johnson, FCC provider, coordinated the event in which parents, children and staff members picnicked on the lawn before hunting down and recovering 1,100 Easter eggs.

Changes required of PCMS cardholders

Diane Schnieder
SBCCOM

The Purchase Card Management System was modified on April 17 and requires two new changes for cardholders.

The "Vendor Information" section, immediately below the Source Vendor Name field, will have two additional fields that the cardholder must complete for each PCMS order.

The first field, Source Vendor Business Size, will default to "No Selection." The cardholder must select one of the business sizes—large, small or OCONUS. If unaware of the Business Size, the vendor can provide this information when calling for pricing or to place an order.

The second field, Source Vendor Geographic Location, will also default to "No Selection." The cardholder must select a geographic location—Cecil County; Harford County, Baltimore County, Other Maryland or Outside Maryland.

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clinging for the youth of Harford County. Police officers from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Bel Air, Harford County and the State of Maryland also will participate.

For more information, call Stephen Smith, Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning, 410-638-3103 or e-mail rideshare@co.ha.md.us; Robert Maddox, Maryland Department of the Environment, 410-537-3223, or send an e-mail message to Maddox@mde.state.md.us; Katherine Shriver, Baltimore Metropolitan Council, 410-732-0500, or e-mail kshriver@baltometro.org; or Peter Olson, One Less Car, 410-360-6755, or e-mail pete@oneless-car.org.

Veterinary clinics during May

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will hold clinics during May.

All clinic visits are by appointment only on May 6, 8, 15, 20, 22, 28, and 30 from 9 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. and on May 12 and 16 from 9 a.m. to noon.

On May 17 walk-in clinic (no appointment necessary) for shots and minor grooming will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

For safety, no children under 12 are permitted in the clinic and all pets must be on a leash or in a carrier.

To schedule an appointment, call 410-278-3911 or 4604.

Lonestar concert slated for Sept. 12

Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting country western band Lonestar, with special guest Trace Adkins at this year's summer concert, Sept. 12.

In conjunction with Armed

Forces Day, May 17, concert tickets will be sold at a one-day only special sale price of \$15 at Ripken Stadium and at the Truckload Sale in front of the Commissary.

Tickets go on sale May 19 at \$20 per person in advance, and \$25 at the gate. Tickets can be purchased from the Hoyle Fitness Center, MWR Registration in building 3326, Ticketmaster, or at the MWR Web site www.apg.mwr.com.

For more information, call Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing director, 410-278-4497.

DTC hosts Asian-Pacific event

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command will sponsor the annual Asian-Pacific Heritage celebration May 13 at Top of the Bay, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The theme is "Salute to Freedom," with guest speaker Samuel Mok, a chief financial officer for the U.S. Department of Labor. The free event will include samples of food catered by Aberdeen's Country Buffet and entertainment by Meki's Tamure and Sei Oriana Polynesian dancers.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Arbel Connor, 410-278-2529, or Sgts. 1st Class Duffie Robertson, 410-278-1053, Rodney Yelder, 410-278-5598, Peggy McCormick, 410-278-9146, or Thomas Serino, 410-278-1534.

APG Transportation Office hours

The APG Transportation Office located in building 4302, Boothby Hill Road, will be open Monday through Thursday, 7 to 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 to 4 p.m., and from 12:15 to 4 p.m. on Fridays, except on alternate RDO Fridays when the office will

close at 3 p.m.

The telephone number for HHG Inbound Transportation is 410-278-2992, the telephone number for HHG Outbound Transportation is 410-278-3897/4084 and the telephone number for Passenger Travel is 410-278-3858/5695.

The Administrative Offices and TC-ACCIS Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday (closed on alternate Fridays). The phone number for the Transportation Officer is 410-278-3896 and for the administrative assistant is 410-278-5384.

TC-ACCIS is available to all units.

FCC holds book fair

Family Child Care is sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair through May 2 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902. There will be books for all ages.

On May 3, the Book Fair will be held 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the FCC Spring Fling Activity at Edgewood Youth Services.

Child & Youth Services will benefit by adding new books to our libraries. Clifford, the dog, may make an appearance. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call Beverly Hartgrove, 410-278-9832.

Hours for Badge/ID and Vehicle Registration offices

The hours for all services for the Badge/ID and Vehicle Registration offices at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 12:30 to 4 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m.

On Fridays following payday and all federal holidays,

the offices will be closed.

For more information, call 410-306-2381.

Online resource for Operation Iraqi Freedom

An online reference for frequently asked questions about Operation Iraqi Freedom, to include supporting soldiers, mail, family related issues and locating soldiers is at <http://www.army.mil/operations/iraq/faq.html>.

ASAP offers training materials

The Army Substance Abuse Program has updated training materials in video, pamphlet, booklet and CD format. Topics include alcohol, heroin, cocaine, Ecstasy, and more.

Training materials can be used in meeting the mandatory four hours of military training and the three hours of required training for all civilians.

Anyone with questions about preparing for a class should call Troy Denson, Prevention coordinator, 410-278-3137.

KUSAHC offers Take Care of Yourself Class

Classes are held on the first and third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All patients enrolled in TRI-CARE Prime are eligible to attend. The purpose of the class is to teach patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and when to see a doctor.

The classes will be conducted by a Registered Nurse using the Take Care of Yourself handbook that was given to each patient enrolling in TRI-CARE Prime.

At the end of each class

Medication Cards will be given out which will allow patients to pick up specific over-the-counter medications without a prescription.

This class and pharmacy privilege is limited to TRI-CARE Prime patients only. To sign up for the class, call 410-278-1964.

CWF hosts trip to Broadway

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip on May 17 to see "Gypsy" on Broadway. This show is a revival of the 1959 musical based upon the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee. Prior to the show, there will be time for shopping and lunch.

The price is \$120 per person, which includes charter bus transportation and ticket for the show.

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

Federal Trade Commission Military Sentinel project

Information from the Federal Trade Commission about its Military Sentinel complaint database is available at <http://www.consumer.gov/military/>. The complaint database is specially designed to accommodate the needs of military personnel and their families.

The previous link to the reprintable Military Sentinel article did not work correctly because the group that wrote it changed the article's location on its Web site.

The correct link is <http://www.napsnet.com/safety/56766.html>.

APG Telephone Directory update

The Directorate of

Information Management is currently validating the Garrison and Tenant information in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Telephone Directory.

The purpose of this validation is to ensure that the Emergency Response System (911) has electronic access to accurate information.

DOIM representatives will be calling individual numbers to verify that the name, building, floor, and room number on record for the circuit are correct.

The Caller ID feature on telephones will display "APG TELE MGMT" for these authorized information requests.

For more information, call Janet Brown, 410-306-1315.

Free medical billing class

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will offer a free Medical Billing class, 1 to 4 p.m. every Monday, through May 12, in the Army Community Service Classroom.

The class provides a fundamental understanding of medical insurance billing and the life cycle of an insurance claim in relation to the physician's practice.

Attendees must attend ALL sessions to get a certificate of completion from Harford Community College.

Topics include: introduction to claims, preparation and submission, overview of major insurance carriers, insurance and accounts receivable management, overview of the use of information systems in the reimbursement process.

The class is open to all military family members with valid I.D. cards.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, Employment Readiness Manager, ACS, building 2754, 410-278-9669/7474.

Anyone interested must register at the ACS building.

ACS hosts Waiting Families Support Group

Army Community Service is sponsoring Waiting Families Support Group for family members whose sponsors are on extended temporary duty or on an unaccompanied tour stateside or overseas.

The support group will meet the fourth Monday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 2754, Rodman Road.

The next meeting is April 28. To arrange for child-care, call in advance, space is limited.

For more information, call Cheryl Harris, relocation assistant, at 410-278-7474.

Weight Watchers at Work Program 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.

Fact of the Week



Over 800 million pounds of pesticides are used annually in the United States. This is equivalent to approximately four pounds of pesticides per American per year.

- Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides

Sports

Volleyball update

The APG Sports Office reported the following results for intramural volleyball.

Aberdeen Division Results

April 21
Company B 16th defeated Company A 16th, 21-12, 21-14
HHC 16th defeated 1/246th, 21-19, 16-21, 15-8
Company E 16th forfeited to NCOA

April 22
HHC 16th defeated Company C 16th, 19-21, 12-16, 15-13
NCOA defeated 1/246th, 21-12, 21-16
USMC defeated USAF, 21-7, 21-14

April 23
USAF defeated Company A 16th, 21-0, 21-0
USMC defeated HHC 16th, 25-23, 27-25
Company E 16th forfeited to Company B 16th

April 24
Company A Co 16th defeated Company C 16th, 21-7, 21-9
NCOA defeated Company B 16th, 21-9, 17-21, 15-13
Company E 16th forfeited to 1/246th

Schedule

May 5
6:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. Company A 16th
7:30 p.m., 1/246th vs. USMC
8:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. HHC 16th

May 12
6:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. Company C 16th
7:30 p.m., 1/246th vs. Company A 16th
8:30 p.m., USAF vs. Company C 16th

May 13
6:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. USMC
7:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. Company C 16th

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

Standings

NCOA	9-1
Company B 16th	6-4
Company C 16th	5-3
1/246th	3-5
HHC 16th	3-5
USAF	3-6
Company E 16th	0-8
Company A 16th	3-7



Edgewood Division Results

April 21
MRICD defeated CHPPM, 21-14, 21-12
HHC 143 defeated Company C 143rd, 21-9, 18-21, 15-13
MRICD #2 defeated Company B 143rd, 21-13, 21-11
April 16
MRICD defeated

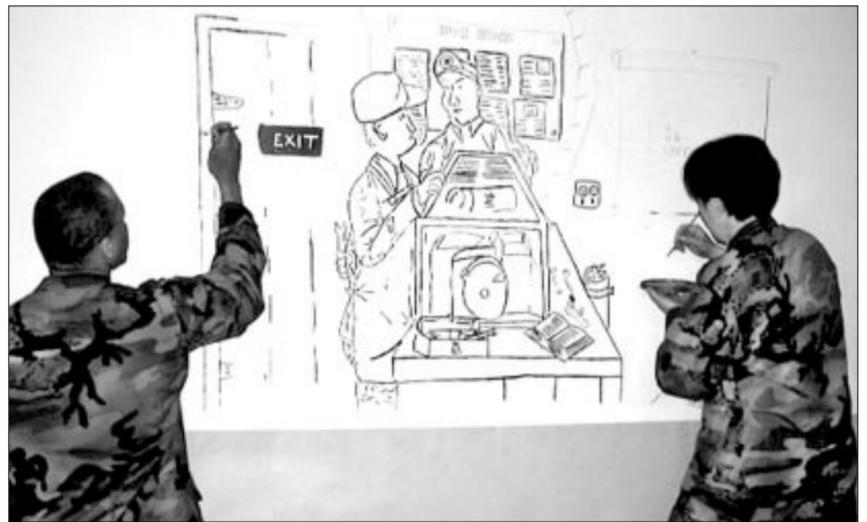
HHC 143rd, 22-24, 22-20, 15-11
Company A 143rd defeated Company B Co 143rd, 21-11, 21-9
MRICD #2 defeated Company C 143rd, 21-10, 21-10

Schedule

May 5
6:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. CHPPM
7:30 p.m., MRICD vs. Company C 143rd
8:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. MRICD #2
May 7
6:30 p.m., MRICD #2 vs. MRICD
7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. Company C
8:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. CHPPM

Standings

MRICD	6-1
MRICD #2	5-0
CHPPM	5-2
HHC 143rd	3-3
Company B 143rd	1-7
Company A 143rd	2-3
Company C 143rd	0-6



Spc. Joshua Anderson, left, and Pvt. Shamarie Mitts, Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, add color to a sketch of two soldiers servicing a generator during a project to spruce up the training area in building 5202 for soldiers enrolled in the 2k/5k generator course.

OMMS soldiers create their own legacy

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

A group of soldiers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School have been spending their evenings with paintbrushes in a project to improve the training environment for themselves and for those who will follow.

Under the leadership of Sgt. 1st Class Diane Kennedy, soldier from Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, enrolled in the school's generator maintenance course in building 5202 have added colorful murals with ordnance themes to the walls of the formerly dilapidated interior of the building.

Kennedy said she got the idea after moving into the building and noting its careworn state.

"I wanted a better environment for the soldiers," Kennedy said. "This project motivates them to do something positive with their spare time."

Kennedy said the soldiers, all volunteers, work three days a week on the murals with paint and brushes she purchased.

"The process is simple," Kennedy added. "One soldier draws the pictures, we project it on the wall and the soldiers do the rest, first tracing it in pencil, then filling it in with paint."

For their efforts, volunteers will receive a Certificate of Achievement from the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Keegan, Kennedy said.

The painters include Pvts. Rashid Williams, Caire Johnson, Mohamed Azeez, Shamarie Mitts, Carl Evans, and Spcs. Joshua Anderson and Jose Navario. They agreed that they enjoyed leaving their mark for future trainees to enjoy.

"At first I decided to tag along for something to do," Johnson said. "Now, it feels good that we're leaving something behind."

Williams, who "dabbles in art," said he was eager to help.

"It's satisfying to look back on knowing it took a team effort," he said.

Anderson, who is headed to Fort Hood, Texas, added that he volunteered because Kennedy "made it sound good."

"She's a great motivator," Anderson said. "She gives us a lot of good information we can use later in our careers. We were happy to do this for her and for ourselves."

"The best part was relaxing with friends and doing something worthwhile," added Mitts. "It's nice to leave something behind we can come back and point to as something we did."

Not confined to the walls of the training area, murals depicting soldiers at work on generators, the battalion motto, "Train to Maintain," and various military equipment decorate the walls throughout the work areas and in the break room Kennedy set up that includes research materials for the soldiers.

She thanked the Company C commander and drill sergeants for allowing the soldiers time for the project.

"It's been slow going but they've enjoyed the thought of leaving something behind," Kennedy said, adding that the soldier's enthusiasm "turned a chore into an enjoyable undertaking."

"Soldiers deserve the best environment we can offer, whether it's the workplace or the barracks," Kennedy said. "Everyone who trains here in the future will appreciate their efforts."



Amy Orsini, a contractor with the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, explains the working of an Enviroscape display to Tyler Maughan, 8, during the Harford County Earth Day 2003 celebration at Swan Harbor Farm April 19.

Earth Day

From front page

their way to make sure the children learn something.”

The Earth Day 2003 celebration at Swan Harbor Farm included earth-friendly exhibits and displays, plant sales, a nature

walk, shoreline clean up and a ceremonial tree planting.

Earth Day is an international event demonstrating concern and mobilizing support for the environment. The event is the largest grassroots movement in U.S. history and sparked the first major pieces of environmental legislation – the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act.

Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations unite with Harford County every year to bring an earth-friendly message to the community.

AFAP looking for suggestions

Fred Posadas
ACS

Anyone with suggestion on improving the well-being at Aberdeen Proving Ground should submit them for consideration at the APG Army Family Action Plan Symposium.

This year's symposium will be held June 9 to 11 at Top of the Bay, building 30. (This is a

change from prior week's publication due to chapel renovations occurring at the same time.)

The symposium is held to identify well-being issues, which will become the APG Army Family Action Plan XVIII.

This plan serves as the management tool for implementing initiatives identified at the

symposium. The purpose of the plan is to define soldier, civilian, family member and retiree concerns, determine actions, and assign agencies to resolve the issues.

Many problems that surface during the symposium are local in nature and are resolved at the installation. Others, deemed to serve the Army as a whole are forwarded to the U.S. Army Materiel Command and then on to the Department of the Army for consideration at the Army Family Action Plan Planning Conference.

Some issues are low cost with a high payoff and receive immediate action while other initiatives have a high cost and need to be studied to determine the specifics for implementation.

To be really effective, the AFAP needs community input. Opinions need to be expressed

on actions to improve the welfare and morale of America's Army family.

Topics to address could include medical, dental, commissary, AAFES, housing, youth, education, employment, safety and relocation.

To describe suggestions, the following questions must be answered in submission to the AFP:

What is the problem?
Why is it a problem?
What is the solution?

All suggestions must have name and telephone number in order to be considered. Send them to building 2754, Room #208, ATTN: AFAP Coordinator, or FAX 410-306-2293 no later than May 19.

Anyone wishing to participate in the symposium or would like more information on the AFAP process should call 410-278-2453.

Spring flowers arrive May 5

Housing area residents may pick up flowers from the Aberdeen Area Re-Nu-It Center, building 5413, Boothby Hill Road, beginning May 5, Tuesday thru

Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Each quarters will be issued a half flat of flowers.

For more information, call Patricia Mitchell, 410-278-8814.

Community Notes

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard. To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.



THE CORE

Friday, May 9, 7 p.m.
Starring: Aaron Eckhart, Hilary Swank

Geophysicist Dr. Keyes discovers that an unknown force is causing the earth's magnetic field to rapidly deteriorate. The atmosphere is coming apart at the seams with catastrophic consequences. Keyes, along with a team of the world's most gifted scientists travel into the earth's core to detonate a device that will reactivate the core. (Rated PG-13)

PIGLET'S BIG MOVIE (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, May 10, 7 p.m.
Starring: Animated

Piglet gets that inferior feeling when his friends begin a "honey harvest" and he is told that he's too small to help. When Piglet disappears, the others use his scrapbook as a map to try to find him. In the process they discover that this "very small animal" has been a big hero in a lot of ways. (Rated G)



GANGS OF NEW YORK

May 10, 9 p.m.
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis

New York City in 1863 is a young city with a raging desire for a better life. As the Nation's own survival is being tested by the on-going Civil War, a vast and dangerous underworld is born in the crime-ridden streets. Here, a fatherless son searches for honor, vengeance and the courage to remake his life. (Rated R)

FRIDAY MAY 2

BASKET BINGO

American Legion Post 194, 336 E. Main St., Rising Sun, is sponsoring a basket bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for 20 games. Proceeds will benefit Boy Scout Troop 28.

For more information call 410-658-3915, or e-mail basketbingors@aol.com.

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; cash bar and no lessons.

For more information, call 410-272-8318.

SATURDAY MAY 3

IRONBIRDS FAN FEST

The Aberdeen IronBirds will hold a free celebration at Ripken Stadium, "Iron Fever 2003 Fan Festival," from noon to 4 p.m. Bill Ripken, 12-year major league veteran and co-owner of the IronBirds, will sign autographs. Activities include live entertainment by "Tribe of Ben," a Beer Garden, a baseball card and sports

memorabilia expo, "Quickball" on the field, national anthem audition sign-ups, speed pitch, stadium tours, caricaturists, face painting, bounce houses, racing the bases, coloring stations and more. The event is also the official release of the IronBirds' new "IB" logo and batting practice cap. Concession stands will be open for lunch, WXCX 103.7 FM will be broadcasting live from the event, and Orioles fans can watch the 'Birds' take on the Kansas City Royals live on Ripken Stadium's video board at 1:35 p.m. For more information, call the IronBirds at 410-297-9292, or visit www.ironbirdsbaseball.com or www.ripkenbaseball.com.

WACVA ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

The Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, Chesapeake Beacon Chapter 114T, will sponsor the 61st WAC Anniversary Luncheon, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Four Points Sheraton, Aberdeen.

Guest speaker will be Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison commander, APG. Entertainment will be provided by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) Woodwind Quintet. Cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person. Reservations must be made not later than April 23.

For more information or to make reservations, call Wanda Story, 410-272-5040.

SUNDAY

MAY 4

WAR OF 1812 RE-ENACTMENT AT HAVRE DE GRACE

The Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace ("The Lock House") will hold the annual re-enactment of the British attack on Havre de Grace in the War of 1812. Camp will open at 10 a.m.

Activities include a cannon demonstration and firing, a lecture by Chris George, the British attack on Havre de Grace, the Star Spangled Banner Flag demonstration, lecture by Vince Vaise, a "Fracas at Rodgers Tavern" and the British plunder of houses on Green Street. The encampment will be open to visitors at 5 p.m. Free admission.

For more information, call Jeff Miller, 410-939-1873; Charles Hiner, 410-939-9928, or the Susquehanna Museum at 410-939-5780.

MONDAY

MAY 5

MARITIME LECTURE

The Havre de Grace Maritime Museum is offering a free lecture at 7 p.m. entitled "Where have all the Skipjacks gone?" Joe Irr, member of Board of Directors of the Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy and the Skipjack Martha Lewis, will present the history of skipjacks on the Chesapeake and their unique role in harvesting the bay. Refreshments will be served. Donations are welcome.

For further information call 410-939-4800.

WEDNESDAY

MAY 7

DAV BEL AIR CHAPTER 30

The Disabled American Veterans Bel Air Chapter 30 will meet at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Harford Post #39 (upper hall) at 500 Conowingo Rd., Bel Air. There is plenty of parking space and a large hall with refreshments for sale downstairs. For more information, call 410-838-8325 or 410-879-0861.

SATURDAY

MAY 10

ANNUAL MOTHER-DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

The Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon sponsored by the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel is from 10 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for the luncheon, but participants are asked to bring a side dish to compliment the main course. Drinks and desserts will be provided. There will also be entertainment and a guest speaker.

For a reservation, call Paula Roland at 410-273-9230 or sign the reservations list in the foyer of the AA Chapel.

SPRING FLING

Pastor Cheryl Hill of the Faith Partnership Council and members of Neighbors Interested in the Community of Edgewood, or N. I. C. E., invite members of the community to take part in The Annual Spring Fling - Nickel Day, noon to 4 p.m., Lake Serene, Edgewood. Rain date is May 31.

To participate as an exhibitor, call Robin Rossbach, 410-638-3333 or e-mail rarossbach@co.ha.md.us. For more information, call Cheryl Hill, 410-767-8896.

OMMS LIBRARY

The Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School Library's new operating hours are Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, noon to 8:45 p.m. and Friday, noon to 4:30 p.m.

LUNCHTIME LECTURE SERIES

"The Art and Science of Troubleshooting II"

A lecture to discuss the process of reasoning, acquisition and application of knowledge and problem solving methods used in fault diagnosis will be presented May 7, 11:45 a. m. to 12:30 p.m. at the OMMS library, building 3071, lower level. The alternate date is May 21.

Guest lecturer is Tracy Reeve of SmartFix Corporation.

This lecture will be of value for individuals studying for ASE certification.

Attendees will receive a training certificate.

To make a reservation, call

410-278-4991 or visit the library.

"Diagnostic Expert System for the AGT-1500 Gas Turbine Engine"

A lecture to discuss the features and capabilities of the Turbine Engine Diagnostic Program for the Abrams tank will be presented May 14, 11:45 a. m. to 12:30 p.m. at the OMMS library, building 3071, lower level. The alternate date is May 28.

Guest lecturer is Tracy Reeve of SmartFix Corporation.

This lecture will be of value for individuals studying for ASE certification.

Attendees will receive a training certificate.

To make a reservation, call 410-278-4991 or visit the library.

The library is located in the basement of building 3071.

For more information, call 410-278-4991.

MWR Morale, Recreation & Welfare

Activities

Outdoor Rec Expo

Outdoor Recreation is having an expo on May 5, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., in front of the Equipment Recourse Center, building 2407. Come out to see what ODR has to offer and see what is in season for rent. There will be demonstrations and personnel on hand to answer questions.

The Expo will also be on display at the Edgewood Youth Services building E-1902, May 3 during the Child and Youth Services Spring Fling from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Kenny Singleton at 410-278-4124 or e-mail kenny.singleton@usag.apg.army.mil.

Golf school for beginners

This four-week series of classes takes the intimidation out of the game for first-time golfers. Every aspect of golf will be covered from the correct stance, grip, clubs and etiquette, to the swing. The first class will be held on May 3 at Ruggles Golf Course, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., but subsequent classes will be one hour. Cost is \$55. Register by April 25.

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

Introduction to irons

This one-hour class will help golfers understand irons and find out the best time to use them. Grip and stance work

will be discussed. Class will be held on May 10 at Ruggles Golf Course from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$15. Register by May 2.

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

Women's golf league

This 'women only' league includes two-woman teams playing nine holes every week. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the season. The league meets every Thursday starting May 14 at Ruggles Golf Course. Cost is \$10 to register. Golders must pay a weekly green fees. Register by May 7.

For more information, contact Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929 or e-mail donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil.

Golf conditioning training

This four-week class will emphasize cardiovascular, strength, and core training for the golfer. First class will be May 6 at Aberdeen Area Fitness Center from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$45.

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

AA and EA swim lessons

This series of 10 swimming lessons will make swimmers (and non-swimmers) more comfortable in the water. A swim-

ming test will be administered to all students the first day to determine level of ability.

Classes start on July 14 at the Shore Pool in Aberdeen and at the Bayside Pool in Edgewood. Teens (13 to 18 years) swim from 8 to 9 a.m., youths (6 to 12 years) swim from 9 to 10 a.m., and children (3 to 5 years) swim from 10 to 11 a.m.

Cost is \$25 for each child and \$20 for each additional child. Active duty members should register by May 31; all others between June 1 and July 14.

For more information, contact Ed Dela Cruz at 410-278-4124 or e-mail ed.delacruz@usag.apg.army.mil.

Disney tickets

Disney tickets will not be sold at MWR Registration May 2 to 9 due to MWR employees attending the Military Conference. Anyone needing to purchase tickets for that week should do so before May 2.

Library access

APG Library now has their card catalog available online. Go to www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html to check it out. This catalog contains all information from EA and the AA libraries. For more information, contact Dan Norum at 410-278-3417 or e-mail dan.norum@usag.apg.army.mil.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

A few of the new books available at the APG MWR Libraries are:



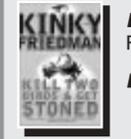
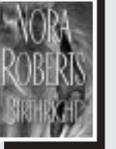
Bannerman's Ghosts by John R. Maxim.

The residents of Westport have no idea that a select group of their neighbors, the bartender, gardener, and antiques dealer were among the world's most accomplished assassins, an association known as 'Bannerman's People'.



Screwball by David Ferrell

Birthright by Nora Roberts



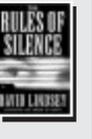
Kill Two Birds and Get Stoned by Kinky Friedman

Best Friends by Thomas Berger



Between Sisters by Kristin Hannah

The Rules of Silence by David Lindsey



Money for Nothing by Donald Westlake



To receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically, call the library at 410-278-3417.

Child Youth Services presents Passport to Adventure

Child and Youth Services is sponsoring a Spring Fling, Passport to Adventure, May 3, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., at the Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902.

Parents and children of all ages are invited to join the free festivities.

There will be music, entertainment and free give aways. Activities include arts and crafts, 50-yard dash, relay races, Punt, Pass and Kick Competition, a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog.

In addition, there will be a helicopter landing, the "Nothing Up My Sleeve" clown with free balloon sculptures, face painting, bounce house and more.

Enjoy free hot dogs, chips, popcorn and lemonade. Door prizes will be given away every half hour but participant must be present to win. Program displays and registration information will be available.

For more information, call Outreach Services at 410-278-7479.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

APG HOME SCHOOL NETWORK GROUP

A networking and resource sharing group for parents currently home schooling their children or interested in starting the process is now being formed for the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas under the School Liaison/Youth Education Support Services Office, building 2752.

Anyone interested should contact Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S RESOURCES

School is winding down and finals are right around the corner. But, there is still time to get those grades up. For help with math try the homework tutor at www.tutor.com/maryland, everyday from 2 p.m. to 12 a.m., for grades four through 12th.

Harford Branches include Aberdeen, 21 Franklin Street, Aberdeen, 21001 and Edgewood, 629 Edgewood Road, Edgewood, 21040. Dial 410-638-3151 to contact any branch

of Harford County Public Library.

Reading Lists: Visit the nearest branch library and pick up a copy of a reading list for children, an excellent tool for improving reading skills during the summer months (grades one thru five).

'Headlines & Happenings,' a quarterly newsletter that lists events, activities, resources, programs, classes—something for the whole family, is available at the nearest library.

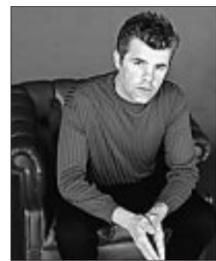
APG LIBRARY RESOURCES

The APG Post libraries has a host of resources that can assist families and students, grades Kindergarten thru 12. Current resources and programs include computer workstations, photocopier, Web based catalog, reference books, juvenile fiction and nonfiction books, and a twice monthly Children's Storytime Program, every Tuesday at 9:45 a.m. in Edgewood and Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. in Aberdeen. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

Lonestar concert slated for Sept. 12

Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting country western band Lonestar, with special guest Trace Adkins at this year's summer concert on Sept. 12.

In conjunction with Armed Forces Day, concert tickets will be sold on a one-day only special sale of \$15 on May 17 at Ripken Stadium and



Richie McDonald of Lonestar

at the Truckload Sale in front of the Commissary. Tickets go on sale May 19 at \$20 per person in advance, and \$25 at the gate. Tickets can be purchased from the Hoyle Fitness Center, MWR Registration in building 3326, Ticketmaster, or at the MWR Web site www.apg.mwr.com. For more information, call Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing director, 410-278-4497.

2003 Armed Forces Day Poster contest

The Armed Forces Day Committee offers children of all ages to submit poster designs for the 2003 Armed Forces Day event. The Armed Forces Day Committee will judge posters and prizes will be awarded for the top three designs from each age group - elementary, middle and high school. All entries will be on display at Ripken Stadium May 17 during the Armed Forces Day event. Winners will be publicly announced and recognized during the ceremonies.

Contest rules

Each student may submit as many designs as they wish. This year's theme is "A Force for Freedom."

- Design should be created on an 8-1/2" x 11" piece of plain white paper.
- Any medium (crayon, color pencil, chalk, paint, etc.) may be used.
- The design should be colorful and reflect the theme "A Force for Freedom."
- Computer generated graphics are not desired. Designs should be done by hand.
- All posters must be submitted by May 9. Submit entry to child's school office.
- Each design should be labeled with name, age, phone number, grade and school attending. This information must be placed on the back of the design and not visible from the front.

Failure to follow the contest guidelines as listed above may result in disqualification of the child's entry.

For more information, call Darlene Ostroski, Aberdeen City Hall, 410-297-4212, or e-mail her at dostroski@aberdeen-md.org.

Cut-off dates for submitting purchase requests

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Contracting of the Army Contracting Agency has established the fiscal year 2003 cut-offs for submitting purchase requests.

Customer support in identifying and submitting purchase requests by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the Directorate of Contracting 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 FY 2003 and maintenance for FY 2004:

- Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 - May 15*
- Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 - June 15
- Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million - June 15
- Short-of-Award over \$2,500 - June 15
- Commercial Items under \$100,000 - Aug. 15
- Maintenance for FY 03 - June 15

* There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

The Defense Department contracting automated system, PD2, is used at APG. Although the submission schedule has been increased to permit additional time to process actions through this system, requestors are advised to submit their year-end requirements 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, Contracting Division, joyce.roberts@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0869.

More specific questions should be referred as follows:

Facilities Branch - repair, alteration, construction, sale and removal of excess real property, services for base

operations functions (including, but not limited to, utilities privatization, custodial, refuse, underground utilities locating, etc.), equipment-in-place, and facilities - call or e-mail Martha Mitchem at martha.mitchem@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-2362.

Services Branch - general and specialized services for mission support; range testing of vehicles, equipment, ammunition; lease, rental, and maintenance of equipment; full food services; environmental services; equipment-in-place, and other base operations services - call or e-mail Shirley Kelly at shirley.kelly@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0854.

Technology Branch - ADP equipment; word processing equipment; software; general, specialized, and test equipment; instrumentation; supplies; and, ADP maintenance and services - call or e-mail Ginny Corona at ginny.corona@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0883.

The cutoff dates are also displayed on the Directorate of Contracting Web site at

<http://www.apg.army.mil/aca/> under "Announcements, News, and Notes."

Preparing purchase requests in PRweb

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Bill Barniea, National Account Manager for NEC/Mitsubishi, shows off his company's latest LCD flat screen technology at the 2003 Spring Information Technology Products and Services Expo April 24. NEC was only one of the big-name vendors who had a presence at this year's show.

Information technology flexes its muscle

Story and photo by **Frank Palmisano III**
Special contributor

The 2003 Spring Information Technology Products and Services Expo took center stage April 24 at Top of the Bay.

Hosted by the APG Garrison's Directorate of Information Management and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command Corporate Information Office, and produced by Federal Direct Access Expositions, the event showcased a wide variety of available technology, product support, and nonprofit organizations all with a common interest in extending their services to the APG community.

"When the concept was presented years ago, it was decided that we would have two shows a year at the Edgewood and Aberdeen Areas to bring as much technology to APG, so employees could have a forum in one four-hour event to see the people they deal with on a daily basis," said Christopher Zukowski, systems

analyst at SBCCOM and one of the coordinators of the event.

But just four years ago, the show was doomed to failure. That all changed when Federal Direct Access came onboard. Donna Flemister, SBCCOM, attributes increased interest in the show to their direct involvement.

"It's all about maintaining good show management and relationships with vendors," she said.

Besides overseeing the show, Flemister is responsible for marketing the show through on-base distribution, direct mail, e-mail, telephone calls, and both newspaper and television spots.

The show's popularity has increased so much that five vendors who had been wait listed had to be turned away, an unprecedented move according to Flemister.

Vendors have not been slow to realize the perks that accompany this event. With Federal Direct Access doing most of the set up, power supplying, and much of the promotional legwork, even the most amateur vendor need only to

show up to make new contacts.

Nevertheless, Flemister says, "The vendors are still encouraged to promote themselves."

Unlike the much larger FOSE information technology show, the annual event at APG allows for much smaller vendors to highlight their capabilities who might not otherwise have an opportunity at the three-day event in Baltimore.

The list of companies on hand was as recognizable as it was extensive. Names like Gateway, Panasonic, IBM, NEC, Sharp Electronics, and Sun Microsystems were among those represented. Many provided demonstrations or had continuous visual displays running, and each table was manned by one or more company representative armed with sales pitches about their services and products.

"We are working to get the most modern technology here at APG and into the IT arena," said Susan Suppa, DOIM information technologist and coordinator for the event.

LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency);

and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should contact Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, to complete a termination form.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)
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Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)
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Patricia D. Choate
Sharon Gary (care for family member)
Patty Gibson
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Fern L. Hitchcock (surgery)
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Beverly King (caring for husband)

William Klein
Anita L. Koller (care for husband)
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Karen S. Pense
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For information about donating annual leave, call Ronda McKinney at 410-278-8988 or fax 410-278-7652.



Charles Chislum, a toddler at the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center, plays with the petals on the flowers. He gave the bouquet to Kendel Ehrlich showing appreciation for her visit to the center in honor of Month of the Military Child.

Child

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ic, a special cooking project, static displays of helicopters, fire trucks and ambulance and visits by other military and community agencies.

"The list of fun and special activities goes on an on," Ford added.

She said that the list of activi-

ties concludes with a potluck.

"The 'Month of the Military Child' festivities ends with a family potluck that is a melting pot of culture and cuisine," Ford said. "This is an effort to team the local community and the military community."

Ehrlich wears many hats aside from being the wife of a public figure. She's not only a mother but a campaigner, attorney, activist for civic and charitable causes and has established her own identity as

Maryland's First lady.

Ehrlich said she loves working with children.

"I love children and I will continue to come out and participate in events like this," Ehrlich said.

Ford said other guests were invited to read in their native languages at an earlier date.

"Mrs. Judith Vazquez read to the children in Spanish and Mrs. Claudia Mann read in German," Ford said.

Army News

Civilian ATLDP recommendations move forward

Joe Burlas

Army News Service

Creating a Civilian Advisory Board to be an advocate for today's more than 270,000 plus Army civilian workers will help level the training and leader development playing field with the uniformed component of the Army, according to one finding of a recent study.

The Army Training and Leader Development Panel Civilian study, released March 13th, mirrored earlier panels that examined the Army culture, and training and leader development views of the officer, warrant officer and NCO corps during the past two years.

The studies were conducted as part of Army Transformation in order to shape the Army's workforce for future requirements, officials said. The civilian study was the last planned ATLDP, yet work continues to resolve issues identified from all the studies.

"We knew going in what most of the issues were concerning civilian training and leader development — the study just confirmed them and provided us with the necessary data to validate the need for change," said Maureen Viall, Civilian ATLDP study director.

Through the use of written and online surveys, focus groups, and one-on-one interviews with Army civilians, garrison commanders, General Officers and Senior Executive Service members, the panel got feedback from over 40,000 respondents.

Viall said the study confirmed that Army civilians were aware that the Army is undergoing profound change as it transforms into the future Objective Force and that they didn't want to be left behind. What that means, she said, is that the future civilian workforce needs to be multi-skilled, multi-faceted - not tied

down to doing just one job under a civil service position classification system that is more than 50 years old.

Most general officer and SES respondents agreed that the current education system is inadequate to develop civilian leaders capable of managing the change Transformation requires.

The study confirmed there are no sequential civilian leader development plans like soldiers have. In fact, only 45 of 444 employees in study focus groups could name a specific leader development course offered to civilians — 223 of the group were unaware of any core leader development courses. However, 80 percent of the respondents who had attended a leader development course indicated such courses were beneficial.

Another issue from the study is the failure of many civilian supervisors and managers to attend required leader development courses. Reasons for failure to attend include low command priority for civilian training, lack of time due to mission requirements, lack of money and no consequences for failing to attend mandatory courses or any meaningful recognition for attending.

Training opportunities, whether for professional or leader development, vary widely from major command to major command, according to respondents. The issue here is that most civilian training is currently funded out of each MACOM budget. A few exceptions to that rule include centrally funded leadership training at the Center for Army Leadership and the Army Management Staff College.

"It is a case of the haves versus the have nots," Viall said. "There are generally more training opportunities in better funded MACOMS than in the poorer ones."

Respondents used words like "meaningful, challenging, inter-

esting, exciting, fun and rewarding" to describe their jobs. Almost 90 percent said they plan to make the Army a career, with only 2 percent stating they planned to leave Army service before retirement. More than 70 percent said they would recommend working for the Army to others.

However, many respondents said they would like more recognition for being productive members of the Army team.

Like the earlier studies that looked at the uniformed side of the Army, the civilian study found that Army civilians' commitment to the Army is not perceived as being reciprocated by the Army; performance evaluations and counseling are inadequate; and current education and career development models are lacking.

Following work by an implementation process action team, which met April 15-17, the Army is currently considering a number of study recommendations. Those recommendations also include: creating a Civilian Education System that mirrors those of the NCO, Warrant and Officer Corps; placing civilian leader development responsibilities — including funding — under one Army organization; increasing formal developmental assignment, self-development and mentoring opportunities; and establishing an Army Civilian Creed.

The recommended Civilian Advisory Board comprised of Senior Executive Service members and General Officers serving on a rotating basis would help implement other approved recommendations, with the board president acting as a civilian workforce advocate to the Army chief of staff.

The panel's findings are posted on the Army Homepage at <http://www.army.mil/features/ATLDP/CIV/default.htm>.

SMA visits Afghanistan forward bases

Master Sgt. Pam Smith
BAGRAM, Afghanistan

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley visited soldiers from Coalition Task Force 82 and special operations soldiers at forward operating bases in Afghanistan April 22 to thank them for their hard work and to address any concerns the soldiers had.

In Asadabad, SMA Tilley visited the medical center, fired off mortar rounds and drove an old Soviet tank.

After a few quick instructions, Tilley dropped a shell into the firing tube and managed a direct hit on a target on a mountain surrounding the Asadabad base camp.

Tilley grimaced as he watched CTF82 medics dress burns and wounds on young children's bodies. He thanked the medics for the critical job they perform and encouraged them to stay motivated.

Tilley then joined Sgt. 1st Class Touw and Staff Sgt. Lester Kinney, who gave him a brief refresher on controlling the Soviet tank. Tilley, whose military occupational specialty is armor, quickly started the tank and drove it around the compound.

At the Kabul Military Training Center, he received operational briefs on the progress of establishing the

Afghan National Army. Tilley discussed education, pay, retirement and the availability of military schools with the more than 100 soldiers who attended a luncheon at the center's newest dining facility.

"I'm proud of each and every one of you," Tilley said. "We are a family and we work with and care about each other."

Tilley said that that commitment is what drives him to petition Congress every year to ensure better pay, health care and benefits for military personnel. "I am working to ensure you are taken care of and your families are taken care of."

Finally, in Gardez, Tilley was briefed on the military's reconstruction goals and accomplishments. Tilley was most impressed with the number of schools the coalition had a hand in opening. Again he visited with the soldiers and emphasized the importance of their mission.

"You stand on the forefront of freedom," Tilley said. "Americans go to bed every night and wake up each morning under the veil of freedom you provide."

(Editor's note: Master Sgt. Pam Smith is the public affairs NCOIC of CTF 82)



SMA Jack Tilley receives instructions on driving a Soviet tank in Asadabad, Afghanistan, from Sgt. 1st Class Touw, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

82nd AIRBORNE

Fire hydrant flushing continues on APG

Barry Decker
DIO

The City of Aberdeen's annual flushing of fire hydrants at Aberdeen Proving Ground began April 22 and will end on or about May 30. Flushing will occur Monday thru Friday of each week midnight through 4 a.m.

Because of drought condi-

tions and the county's efforts to conserve water, system-wide flushing was not performed in 2002.

Customers should be advised that there may be a temporary discoloration of the water, changes in water pressure, or temporary interruption of water service during this time. The potability and safety

of the water will not be affected.

Signs will be posted in the installation's housing areas when flushing is scheduled to occur. The City of Aberdeen and the Directorate of Installation Operations requests the cooperation of its customers and apologizes for any inconveniences created by

the flushing operation.

For more information, call Linda Kimmel, DIO, at 410-278-0400.

Flushing schedule

April 28 to May 2
2400 Block (cont'd)
2300 Block
2200 Block

2100 Block
2000 Block
Plumb Point Housing
300 Block
Spesutie Island
May 5 to 9
1000 Block
700 Block
500 Block
May 12 to 16

300 Block (cont'd)
200 Block
400 Block
May 19 to 23
600 Block
3000 Block
4000 Block
May 27 to 30
3000 Block (cont'd)
4000 Block (cont'd)

NAF

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completed," Futtly said.

The 2002 NAF Employees of the Year are as follows:

Administrative
First Place, Polly Scott, NAF Personnel Office
Second Place, Mary Brousseau, Outdoor Recreation
Nominee, Annie Rosario, Top of the Bay
Trades and Crafts
First Place, (tie) Hattie Sanford, Edgewood Area Recreation Center, and Bessie Perry, Bowling Center
Second Place, Kenneth Hamby, EA Arts and Crafts Center
Nominee, Douglas Tillman, Army Lodging
Para-professional
First Place, Donna Coyne, Community Recreation Program

Branch

Second Place, Christina Lockhart, CRD Program Branch
Nominees, Charles Heinson, CRD Program Branch; Stacie Umbarger, CRD Program Branch; Bane Lawson, Outdoor Recreation; David Hall, Auto Crafts Center; Scott Cottrell, EA Child and Youth Services; Laura Enriquez, School Age Services; and Kelly Hill, CRD, Marketing Branch
Supervisory
First Place, Joyce Founds, director, CRD Recreation Centers
Second Place, (tie) Gwyn Dolzine, MWR Fitness Centers and Marni Allison, CRD Program Branch

Several awardees said they were surprised and honored by their selection.

"I thought with the level of competition there was no way I'd win," said Hattie Sanford.

A former civilian volunteer of the year with Army Community Service, Sanford works at the EA Arts and

Crafts Center. She said helping soldiers is her motivation.

"I enjoy helping people, but especially the soldiers," Sanford said. "They don't have that much to do so far away from home."

"I was very surprised," said Betty Perry.

With more than 21 years in food service, Perry said people are the best part of her job.

"I enjoy taking care of customers," Perry said. "I love them all."

Polly Scott said that winning was a big surprise.

"It's nice to be recognized," she added.

A human resources assistant in the NAF Personnel Office, and a grandmother of five, Scott said she enjoys interacting with her co-workers and may work "a couple more years" before retiring.

Marni Allison said she took greater pride in her subordinate, Donna Coyne and Christina Lockhart, being

recognized than in her accomplishment.

"It was a well-deserved award," Allison said. "They have worked hard for the organization for many years."

She noted that this was the first year the two were eligible to compete for the awards.

A repeat winner in the supervisory category, Gwyn Dolzine, formerly of the AA/EA Fitness Centers, manages MWR registration. She said she appreciated the recognition in light of the new position she took on over the past year.

"It's been a busy year for me, very challenging working with the WebTrack program," Dolzine said.

Runners-up and first-place winners received a plaque and a Certificate of Appreciation. First-place winners also received a \$1,000 performance award and a reserved parking spot for one year. Runners-up received a \$500 performance award.

PCMS

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Cardholders should realize that they will not be able to process their VISA orders unless they complete the fill-ins for both fields by marking one of the radio buttons.

Beginning with the billing cycle ending May 23, cardholders who use PCMS will no longer be required to provide above statistics manually on STEAP-PR Form 156a-R to Beverly McMillan, APG Directorate of Contracting, because this data will be available electronically via PCMS.

For more information call Dennis Bolen, U. S. Army Contracting Agency, APG DOC, Alternate Agency/Organization program coordinator, 410-278-0849 or e-mail questions to creditcard@sbccom.apgea.army.mil.