

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, July 23, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



### RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its next monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on July 31, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Lauderick Creek Study Area.

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.

### EA conducts fire hydrant flow tests

The Fire and Emergency Services Division required annual fire hydrant flow testing in Family Housing on the Edgewood Area is expected to be completed by July 28.

Testing will be conducted between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily. Residents noticing rusty or cloudy water should let a faucet flow until the water runs clear.

Any questions can be directed to Inspector Thomas Stanford at 410-436-2377.

### Aberdeen Shoppette announces new hours

Due to the decline in sales, operating hours at the Aberdeen Shoppette are changed to Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., effective Aug. 2.

For more information, call Deirdre Taylor, APG Shoppette manager, 410-272-1681.

### USO-Metro, JETS co-host job fair

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services will co-host a Job Fair July 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Spates Community Club, Fort Myer, Va.

More than 50 companies with full or part-time positions will attend. Job seekers can talk to representatives from government agencies, high tech corporations, law enforcement

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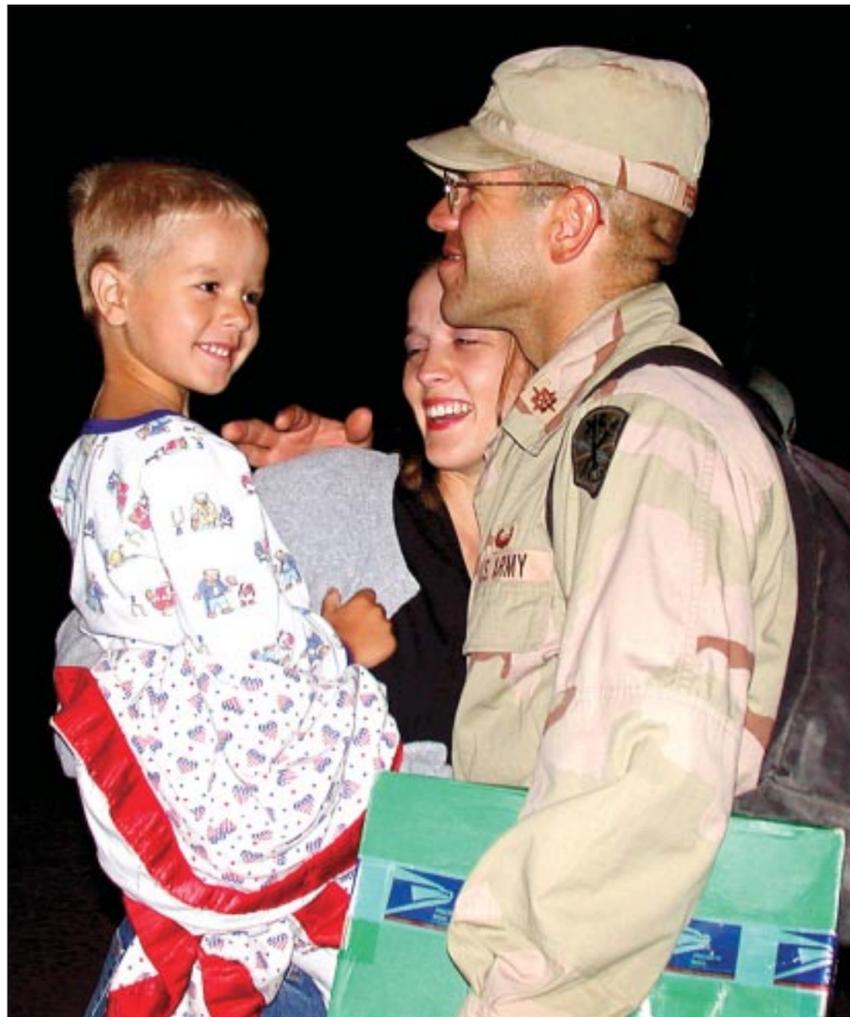
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Tribute to a veteran's veteran

# APG welcomes home freedom fighters



The Company A commander enjoys a quiet reunion with his wife Angela and son, Daniel, 5.

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

There's no place like home.

This was the sentiment of dozens of soldiers who returned home to Aberdeen Proving Ground from Operation Iraqi Freedom over the past week.

Company A of the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion returned to the warm embraces of waiting spouses, friends, and fellow soldiers in the wee hours of the morning, July 14, and the Edgewood Area's Technical Escort Unit celebrated its return of 45 soldiers and civilians (story below) during a ceremony at the EA Conference Center, July 10.

About 10 203rd Military Intelligence spouses, who gathered outside the headquarters building around 1 a.m., chatted nervously as they awaited the arrival of the unit's 19 returning soldiers. Inside, a cake, refreshments and balloons also awaited the returning troops.

"This was not our longest separation but it was the toughest to deal with," said Kimberly, the wife of a deployed staff sergeant. "All the news reports made it even tougher," she added. "It'll be a big relief to have him back home."

Marinella, whose infant son was just three weeks old when her husband departed in January, and whose sixth wedding anniversary was the day before, agreed.

"He's been gone other times but not for a war," she said of her husband, adding that the support of family, friends and the unit's family support group, "helped make it bearable."

"Great friends and neighbors, the chapel and other spouses were there for me," she said. "I'm so happy. I won't believe it until I see him."

Sonja kept busy during her husband's deployment with her full-time job in the APG Garrison's Directorate of Community and Family Activities, and as the family readiness group leader and information liaison to about 20 families. She said that chaneling her mind to the needs of her fellow spouses helped her get through the separation.

"The most important thing was to get information from the rear detachment to the family members so they would know the service member was alright," she said.

She thanked Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison commander, and Army Community Service for supporting the group's efforts.

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# TEU pays Tribute to Freedom

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

The U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit welcomed more than 40 of its Guardians home from operations in Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom during a Tribute to Freedom ceremony in Aberdeen Proving Ground's Edgewood Area Conference Center, July 10.

Dozens of family members, fellow soldiers and civilians gathered for the ceremony that included the presentation of medals to team members most recently returned to the unit.

Lt. Col. George Lecakes, the unit's commander and Brig. Gen. Craig Peterson, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, deputy commanding general for Homeland Operations, Natick, Mass., led the ceremony.

"I thank you, your Army thanks you, and your country thanks you," Peterson told the

assembled Guardians.

Calling the group, "unique because of what they do and who they are," Peterson added, "You have the gratitude of a nation for doing a job that will basically go unsung."

Adding his thanks to the families, and calling their actions "tremendous," Peterson said, "My heart goes out to you. God bless you for what you do."

Lecakes offered his thanks to the families and community supporters on behalf of the unit.

"Let me say that the general outpouring of support is truly appreciated," Lecakes said.

He presented a Department of the Army Commander's Award for Public Service to Jenna Edens, president of the family readiness group.

"She carried as much weight as I did," Lecakes said.

Edens said that volunteers and businesses made her job easy, particularly in assembling care packages for the

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Three members of the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit stand at attention after being awarded the Bronze Star medal during the Tribute to Freedom ceremony that welcomed the unit home from operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The ceremony was held in the Edgewood Area Conference Center, July 10.

## Mosquito fogging continues

**Abdul Sheik**  
DIO

Due to the excessive amount of rain in the past months, water is standing everywhere on the installation, and standing water is a haven for mosquitoes.

The Directorate of Installation Operations Pest Control Office, in coordination with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic (Preventive Medicine), will be collecting data on the mosquito population in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas from several varieties of mosquito traps placed around post.

Fogging for mosquitoes in the housing areas is held in the Aberdeen Area at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, and in the Edgewood Area at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. The fogging started near the end of June and will continue until the mosquito count is below 21 female mosquitoes per trap. Fogging will not be done in rain or high winds, and swimming pool areas will not be fogged.

The field training exercise areas will be fogged on alternate Mondays if the weather permits.

In the FTX area, the entomologist recommends that trainees use repellent to keep mosquitoes and other bugs away from them.

To ensure the health and safety of all residents, it is recommended that all adults, children and pets be indoors when the fog generator passes through their areas.

Parents should explain to their children that the fog is a pesticide used for killing mosquitoes and annoying flying insects, and that under no circumstances should the truck be followed or the pesticide be inhaled.

The pest control personnel will make every effort to avoid accidentally exposing residents to the fogging material. Residents are also reminded to keep their vehicles, if at all possible, away from the fogging route.

For more information, or anyone planning an outdoor event on a fogging day, call 410-278-3303.

## Enhanced travel system implemented at APG

DRM

During the past year, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and many of its tenants participated as a pilot site for the implementation of the long awaited Defense Travel System, or DTS.

As a pilot site, the personnel utilizing the system provided feedback to the Program Management Office on issues relating to system functionality, user friendliness, processing speed and other facets of the system. Additionally, several sensing sessions were conducted with APG employees to discuss specific issues relating to the system.

Based on that feedback, and the information provided by the other pilot sites, the PMO and the prime contractor, Northrop-Grumman Mission Systems, decided to accelerate improvements in user interfaces and functionalities previously planned for release in 2004 and 2005.

"The information we received from the participants was invaluable in improving the current system," said James Carroll, chief, Managerial Accounting Division, Directorate of Resource Management, and DTS site lead for APG.

The most significant changes for APG users include making DTS totally Web-based with a commercial industry look and feel, and making the user screens more intuitive.

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# Deployment News

## National consumer alert issued Beware of scam artists using the war in Iraq

Better Business Bureau

As Operation Iraqi Freedom dominates the headlines, Better Business Bureaus report that scam artists are playing to people's patriotism and preying on heightened concerns about homeland security to peddle their wares.

"It's unfortunate to think that citizens are the target of scam artists even during time of war. BBB experience shows, however, that fraud perpetrators pick newsworthy events to trigger interest in their marketing ploys," said Ken Hunter, president and CEO of the Council of Better Business Bureaus.

To date, BBBs have identified three types of war-related pitches being used by legitimate organizations, as well as less reputable merchandisers:

- Pleas for funds to help victims of the war or those fighting in the war,
  - Appeals to patriotism and claims of government affiliation or approval, and
  - promotions that hype up fear and panic.
- "In times of prosperity or poverty, when we're at peace or at war, BBB advice is constant: Be a savvy shopper and a discerning donor," Hunter said.

### BBBs urge consumers to

- Check out any unknown business or not-for-profit organization that seeks money or donations with the BBB ([www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)) and local consumer protection agency.
- Carefully verify any claims that sound "too good to be true." [See list of Top 10 Huckster Claims at the end of this story.]
- Do not panic or overreact to sales pitches that are long on emotion and short on details.
- Never reveal personal or financial information to an unknown caller or in response to an unsolicited email.
- Do not succumb to sales pressure. Take time to evaluate the offer, determine whether the product or service is needed, and if so, comparison-shop.
- Do not abandon common sense.

### The Pitch: "Give money to help"

Iraqi war scams have included telemarketers calling citizens to collect money for troops and their loved ones; questionable appeals that include sound-a-like charities collecting money for disabled veterans, homeless veterans and war orphans and Web sites collecting money for organizations "for" and "against" the war; an Iraqi version of the classic Nigerian letter scams that have been circulating for the past 15 years; and yet another scam claims to offer loved ones updates on the status of their soldiers for \$100 a month - and all they need to provide is a credit card number.

Established charities as well as new groups are raising funds for war-related causes. The BBB Wise Giving Alliance states that legitimate charities will welcome the opportunity to acquaint the public with their programs, finances and any other information requested.

Anyone receiving a call from a telemarketer or an e-mail from an unknown sender or organization requesting a donation tied to the war, should not assume it's a legitimate charity or military group.

- Request additional written information about the charity's programs and contact information for the organization.
- Never give out credit card, bank account or Social Security Number to an unknown telemarketer or in response to an unsolicited e-mail.
- Check out charities with the BBB. Visit [www.give.org](http://www.give.org) for tips on war-related charity appeals and reports on national charities.
- Once determining that the charity is legitimate and consumer wants to support it, make donations by check made out to the charity, not in cash.

### The Pitch: 'Buying our product benefits the troops'

The Web site boldly proclaims that "within 31 days, our goal is to ship every soldier a commemorative novelty dollar to show them we appreciate them and care for them. We will ship them to each company in every battalion, every carrier and ship, as long as the funds keep coming.... Would you be willing to make two small commitments to show these guys you care?" Interested parties are asked to (1) purchase at least 1 bill for a soldier only \$2 and to (2) pass along the e-mail to five or more

people as "this is very important for success in this effort."

The BBB in Corpus Christ, Texas, was alerted to a Web site selling patriotic T-shirts, that claimed 10 percent of "all profits" would go to the Red Cross Disaster Relief fund. The site is promoted by e-mails saying, "Support Our Troops." Neither the American Red Cross parent organization nor the Corpus Christi chapter had heard of the site.

Still another money-making scheme is polls that are being faxed to people all over the country from a British Columbia,

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Canada-based firm called Right 2 Vote Ltd., which asks opinions on hot-button issues such as the war on Iraq. The latest fax asks "Does President Bush have your support?" and invites the reader to answer yes or no via fax. It says votes will be presented to President Bush and Democratic Senate Leader Tom Daschle.

But answering these polls is a pricey proposition. The cost of sending the fax to the company's 900-number is \$2.95 per minute, with each call taking approximately two minutes, according to the fax. That almost \$6 fee goes straight into the pockets of Right 2 Vote Ltd.

The BBB has issued a report on Right 2 Vote, saying that people who respond to its faxes are doing nothing more than producing revenue for the company.

Other callers to BBBs are asking about "Adopt-a-soldier" programs and organized efforts to send greeting cards and personal hygiene kits to America's militia, and advertisements for overpriced flags and Statue of Liberty lapel pins that will supposedly benefit military survivors.

Consumers should be certain, however, that their best wishes, monetary donations, and other means of support benefit those in service to the country, without putting their own personal information or private financial information at risk.

Anyone considering participating in such programs or purchasing these products, BBBs offer these recommendations:

Know up-front how any personal information (name, address, and other details) will be protected. If personal information is going to be made public as part of a list of "contributors" or "participants," consumer should be comfortable with that.

- Do not release financial information, like a credit card or bank account number, in response to an unsolicited e-mail or telephone call.
- Anyone choosing to purchase a product online should know the Web site's security measures and privacy protection policy.
- Anyone considering buying a patriotic-themed product that is being sold with assurances that the purchase will benefit a charity should gather more details. Find out the portion or percent of the proceeds going to the charity; the term of the campaign; and an address, phone number, or Internet address for the benefiting organization or charity in order to contact them and ask if they are aware of the promotion.

**The Pitch: "Take action before it's too late"**  
Families in Fayetteville, Tenn., were contacted by telemarketers claiming to be from the government. The fraudulent telemarketers said it was a requirement to purchase a survival kit, and that the amount of the purchase would have to be deducted from the consumer's checking account.

The BBB in Asheville, N.C., was asked about a Web site advertising "IOSAT Potassium Iodide-FDA Approved since 1982." A local citizen received an unsolicited e-mail with the subject line "Gov. just bought 9 million nukepills." The message urges citizens to order nuclear pills "direct from the Pharmacy

Wholesaler! Free Shipping when ordering online!"

The Cincinnati BBB received e-mail spams marketing survival and safety kits. The e-mails carry urgent pronouncements, "Disaster can Strike at any Moment: Be Prepared," and claim that their materials are "U.S. Coast Guard-approved."

The BBB serving Oregon and western Washington reports that so-called contractors are going door-to-door offering to build safe shelters in people's homes or yards, referencing threats from terrorists, and promising that they can provide protection from "airborne nuclear, biological and chemical warfare agents."

Before responding to offers for products or services that promise to secure consumer safety, BBBs offer this advice:

- First check with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ([www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)) for tips on how to protect the family in case of a terrorist attack. There's a lot consumers can do on their own, without incurring substantial expense.
- Anyone considering stocking medical-related products or supplies should consult the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ([www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)) about drug/health remedies and the Center for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) for information on terrorism and public health.
- Consider whether the product is really needed, and if so, comparison shop.

Do not be swayed by claims of government affiliation, government approval, or other government references. It's a common tactic used by scam artists to imply legitimacy.

Be particularly leery if the advertisement adopts a "conspiracy" slant. It is trying to prey on fears.

The BBBs urge consumers to become familiar with the common claims of hucksters, so they will not be tempted to respond to 'too good to be true' deals.

Here are 10 common pitches being used to market Iraqi war-related schemes, along with their true meaning:

- "This product is available nowhere else." [The truth: that's because this product has never been proven effective, nor authorized for sale by the Food & Drug Administration or any other government agency.]
- "This product is being used by our troops right now, see the government agency acronym that's printed on it." [The truth: use of government agency affiliation is a common ploy of scam artists; anyone can use an acronym.]
- "The Israelis have used this product/equipment successfully in the past." [The truth: the huckster is implying that the product has successfully protected against chemical attacks against Israel; it's a safe bet that citizens don't know where to double-check the accuracy of such a claim.]
- "The U.S. government is keeping this product top-secret." [The truth: if there had been an actual medical breakthrough on the bioterrorism front, the news would not be announced first in an advertisement!]
- "This pill will protect you against poisons that are fast-acting and difficult to detect in the body." [The truth: the pill might well be poisonous, and no one has a clue what ingredients are in it and what protections, if any, they offer.]
- "Only the smart ones will survive." [The truth: only the dumb ones will succumb to misleading pitches that prey on fear or paranoia.]
- "The pharmaceutical companies won't sell it to you, but I will." [The truth: That's because the product has not been medically tested nor approved for sale in the U.S.]
- "Money-back guarantee, proven to be 100 percent effective." [The truth: Proven effective how and when? Who's guaranteeing the consumer will get a refund?]
- "Give me your account number and invest in this product - you're sure to make millions!" [The truth: The scam artist will be the only one who makes money because he/she will collect it straight from your bank account.]
- "We are the only company brave enough to market this product." [The truth: We are the first scam artist to dream up this product and no reputable business would ever be associated with such a scheme.]

For more information, or for assistance with a complaint against a business, contact a local BBB or visit the BBB Web site at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

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## KWVA RECOGNIZES COUNTY COUNCIL



Courtesy of Baltimore District Corps of Engineers

*Like the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., left, Lee Garrett of Churchville, created a lasting tribute to Korean War veterans in the form of a pictorial print that not only depicts the memorial, but also the war's time line, major battles, primary military units involved in the war, and a map of the Korean peninsula during the war years. Members of the Harford County Korean War Veterans Association presented a framed copy of the print to the Harford County Council as thanks for its support of the 50th Anniversary Commemoration period during the County Council meeting in Bel Air, July 8. Garrett is the wife of retired Army Lt. Col. Arthur Garrett.*

# The perfect match: groundhogs and the APG community



Photo by DEIDRE DeROIA

The Mitchell House has its own resident groundhog. This pudgy one lives by the front door of the building and can often be seen dawdling in the immediate area.

**Frank S. Palmisano III**  
Special contributor

You see them everywhere—fat, furry, adorable, cute and cuddly. They answer to woodchuck, from the English translation of the New England Algonquian word for the animal, and are deemed whistle pigs for the high-pitched whistles they emit when alarmed.

The *Marmota monax* is a proud yet portly little fellow who is better known to the Aberdeen Proving Ground faithful as the groundhog.

Next to the burgeoning deer population, nothing can claim residential co-equality across

acres of golf courses and grassy flats quite like the winsome groundhog. In fact, the groundhog has been such a staple of indigenous wildlife here at APG that one of the earliest incarnations of the post's 1944 newspaper took the furry creature's name as its own.

So why is the post rife with these creatures? It is a breeding ground that would make their most famous member species Punxsutawney Phil eager to relocate. According to Deidre DeRoia, the Land Condition-Trend Analysis coordinator for APG,

"Extensive development and consequent lack of appropriate habitat adjacent to the installation boundary contributes to the large population here. Because of their relatively large size, 4.4 to 11 pounds for adults, there are few predators on APG capable of taking a groundhog."

Groundhogs are native to this area. Their natural habitat extends up the East Coast, as far south as Alabama, as far north as Canada, and into the Western plain states. Because they prefer grassy areas and farmlands dotted with small woodlots and scattered thick-

ets, DeRoia noted APG is an optimal choice for our furry neighbors.

"This landscape pattern began when the area was intensively farmed prior to the U.S. Army's acquisition of the land. Although the farmland was allowed to regenerate after 1917, our current cantonment area landscape of golf courses, mowed areas, and patches of forest is ideal for groundhogs," DeRoia said.

And, what is the diet of a groundhog? Aside from a smorgasbord of delectable grasses, weeds, herbs and clovers in the spring, their diets can expand to include bark, buds, twigs from dogwood trees, sumac, black cherry and fruit trees. Farmers beware. Groundhogs do not forget you either and are likely to munch on alfalfa, corn, oats, fruits and vegetables. All in all, an average groundhog consumes as much as three quarters of a pound of vegetation a day.

But humans and groundhogs haven't always co-existed in spiritual nirvana at APG, and groundhogs have had to adjust to the routine and rigor of the proving grounds.

DeRoia recalled a time six years ago, when the Munson Test Track was infested with groundhogs that refused to budge.

"Track personnel were trapping the groundhogs, but every

time one was removed, a new groundhog would move in to take its place. The problem was resolved when coyotes moved into the area and 'cleaned up' the groundhogs," she said.

Since that time however, the coyote population has dramatically decreased. And as such, the groundhog population is once again on the rise.

DeRoia sees the overall interaction between humans and groundhogs as a positive one built on mutual respect, and hopes more can be gained from understanding them in the future. Nevertheless, it is important that humans don't overstep their boundaries. Unapproved feeding of the groundhogs can affect their diets, impact the animal's natural survival instincts, and create a dependency, which might cause more groundhogs to set up camp near centers of human activity.

"It's best not to approach any wild animal, especially if it looks injured or sick," she said. "Attempting to hand-feed a groundhog could result in a serious bite wound (their incisors are extremely sharp). Groundhogs are not aggressive toward humans, but a cornered animal would bite and scratch."

Furthermore, according to DeRoia, groundhogs carry the same bacteria that causes pneumonia in humans and

they are susceptible to a virus similar to Hepatitis B, which affects people, although the latter is not transmittable.

Another problem of note is the network of groundhog burrows, which can weaken the foundations of buildings.

"Although the groundhogs themselves aren't dangerous, their burrows can damage building foundations and pose a stumbling risk," DeRoia said.

On the positive side, DeRoia said "mission activities that create and maintain open fields with brushy or wooded borders actually improve groundhog habitat."

As a new summer progresses, take a moment to appreciate this most attractive and amusing creature as it frolics along the grounds, tumbles and waddles about its business, and grazes carelessly as golfers putt across the greens a few yards away.

However, it is important to maintain a responsible attitude towards nature. One of the best ways to prevent unfortunate mishaps is to drive with caution.

"Careless driving is the major negative human impact on groundhogs at APG," DeRoia said.

## Two new pamphlets serve as health guides for tests

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Do you and your family feel inundated with information about prevention and medical screening tests? From mammograms to prostate cancer screenings to cholesterol and blood pressure tests, it can be confusing to figure out which tests are needed and when.

Two brand-new pamphlets from the AHRQ-sponsored U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, "Women: Stay Healthy at Any Age: Checklist for Your Next Checkup" and

"Men: Stay Healthy at Any Age: Checklist for Your Next Checkup" tell exactly what is needed to know about the most important screening tests.

As always, the recommendations from the Task Force are based on scientific evidence.

The pamphlets also include information about how to stay healthy and allow patients to record which screening tests they've received, when, and when they should be tested again.

The women's checklist can be viewed and

downloaded at <http://www.ahrq.gov/ppip/healthywom.htm> in English and at <http://www.ahrq.gov/ppip/healthywomsp.htm> in Spanish.

The men's checklist can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.ahrq.gov/ppip/healthymen.htm> in English and at <http://www.ahrq.gov/ppip/healthymensp.htm> in Spanish.

Printed copies of the checklists can be mailed or copies may be ordered from the AHRQ Publications Clearinghouse by calling

1-800-358-9295 or sending an e-mail message to [ahrqpubs@ahrq.gov](mailto:ahrqpubs@ahrq.gov).

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# Community Notes

**FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY  
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DISCOUNT**

The Phoenix Festival Theatre wants you, a few good men and women, to attend "A Few Good Men" by Aaron Sorkin at a military discounted rate of \$6 (with proper identification). Harford Community College's PFT will present the play directed by Todd Starkey, July 18 to 20 and 25 to 27 in the Chesapeake Theater located on campus.

Based on the movie of the same name starring Tom Cruise, Demi Moore, and Jack Nicholson, the play depicts the trial of two Marines who are being tried for complicity in the death of a fellow Marine at Guantanamo Bay.

Tickets for "A Few Good Men" are \$12 for adults, \$6 for patrons age 17 and younger, \$6 for seniors (Sundays only), and \$6 (with military identification). For more information or to order tickets, call the HCC Ticket Office at 410-836-4221 or 410-879-8920, ext. 211.

For TTY, call 410-836-4199.

Harford Community College is located at Route 22 and Thomas Run Road in Bel Air.

**SUNDAY  
JULY 20  
BASKET BINGO**

VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit, will sponsor a nonsmoking Basket Bingo. Doors open at 2 p.m. and bingo will start at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and include all paper cards. Food, beverages, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. No smoking permitted.

For more information, call Anne Gibson at 410-378-3338, Brenda Conjour at 410-273-7332, or Kathy Heaton at 410-378-3594.

**BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit VFW Post 8185 will be held at the VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Tickets cost \$10; additional cards are \$5 each. Doors will open at 2 p.m.; bingo begins at 3 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets are available by calling Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 or 410-939-1937 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**TUESDAY  
JULY 22  
SEMINAR ON HOME  
BUYING-IN SPANISH**

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union is offering in Spanish a free Mortgage and Home Buying Seminar, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room at APGFCU Operations Center in Edgewood, 1321 Pulaski Highway. To reserve a space, call 410-272-4000 or 1-800-225-2555 ext. 6130 or 2158.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
JULY 26 AND 27  
THE SECOND ANNUAL  
MARYLAND SHOOT  
FOR THE CURE**

Deer Creek Archery and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation are teaming up to hold a 3D shoot for the cure, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The cost of the shoot is \$20 with proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. All registrants will be eligible for door prizes donated by Deer Creek Archery, archery manufacturers, and friends of Deer Creek Archery. Muzzy Silent auction items consist of a Schrader's Hunting youth hunt, a BuckShot tree-stand, and a Remington 50 Caliber Model 700 muzzle loader.

To register, visit the store at 3021 Churchville Road, Churchville, or the Web site at [www.deecreek-archery.com](http://www.deecreek-archery.com) and look for '2003 Shoot For The Cure Registration.'

**SATURDAY  
JULY 26  
HOMEBUYER'S WORK-  
SHOP**

Home Partnership, Inc., a nonprofit agency, will offer a free seminar on how to buy a home, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wilson Community Center on 1024 Main Street in Darlington.

A free lunch will be provided. Registrants must call 410-297-6700.

**THURSDAY  
JULY 31  
AMSC LUNCHEON**

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Chesapeake Chapter, will host a membership luncheon at Vitali's Restaurant, Edgewood, starting at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker is Col. William M. Landrum III, commander, U.S. Army Finance Command and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Operations.

Reservations must be made by noon July 22. The menu includes chicken breast with stuffing or roast beef bordelaise, herb roasted potatoes, green beans almondine, tossed salad, rolls, apple pie ala mode, coffee and tea. Cost is \$15 for members and \$16 for non-members. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Contact an ASMC rep-

**MOVIES**

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

**2 FAST 2 FURIOUS**

Friday, July 18, 7 p.m.  
Starring: Paul Walker, Tyrese Gibson

Former cop Brian O'Conner teams up with his ex-con pal Roman Pearce to transport a shipment of "dirty" money for shady Miami-based import-export dealer Carter Verone, while actually working with undercover agent Monica Clemente to bring Verone down. (PG-13)



**DUMB AND DUMBERER**

FREE ADMISSION  
Saturday, July 19, 7 p.m.  
Eric Christian Olsen, Derek Richardson

Set in 1986 when mentally challenged best friends Harry and Lloyd were teenagers, this is the madcap comic tale of their attempt to get out of the "special needs" department and into regular high school life. (PG-13)



**DOWN WITH LOVE**

Saturday, July 19, 9 p.m.  
Ewan McGregor, Renee Zellweger

Feminist writer Barber Novak has just penned "Down With Love," a book denouncing romance in favor of career goals. When her new work hits the best seller list, she is tracked down by womanizing journalist Catcher Block, and an unlikely romance blooms. (PG-13)



representative if interested in attending.

**FRIDAY  
AUGUST 1  
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

Due to summer vacations, the Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, will not hold country western dancing in August.

It will resume Sept. 5 at the American Legion on Parke Street in Aberdeen. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 9  
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit The Port Deposit Heritage Corporation will be held at the VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Tickets cost \$10; additional cards are \$5 each. Doors will open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets are available by calling Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 or 410-939-1937, Joanne Bierly, 410-378-3320 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-

**FRIDAY  
AUGUST 22  
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit St. John's Episcopal Church - Memorial Garden will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street. Tickets cost \$10; additional cards are \$5 each. Doors will open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets are available by calling Debbie Keithley, 410-939-3543, Carol Thompson, 410-939-5807 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

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**How to Do Everything with Adobe Acrobat 5** by Doug Sahlin

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**The Joy of Dreamweaver MX** by Paul Newman

**High Value IT Consulting, 12 Keys To A Thriving Practice** by Sanjiv Purba and Bob Delaney

**JavaScript, A Beginner's Guide** by John Pollock

**IIS6 Administration** by Mitch Tulloch

**The Complete Reference Windows XP Professional** by Guy Hart-Davis

**The Hooah Schools, U.S. Army Special Operations Courses & Units Prerequisites** by Robert S. Bertrand

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For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth at (703) 696-2552.

### AA Thrift Shop bag sale, discount

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop offers 10 percent off total purchase to patrons who present this ad.

Customers can also take advantage of the \$3 brown bag sale in July. The cashier will fill bags at the counter with customer's selections from the donation room for \$3, no matter how many items.

The Thrift Shop sales hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Consignment hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-8572.

### Arm wrestling to benefit the USO

Give your right arm for freedom, security and safety by entering the First Federal Hill Arm Wrestling Contest. Net proceeds will go to Operation USO Care Packages for deployed U.S. soldiers; the Baltimore City Order of Police

Memorial Fund; and the Widows and Orphans Fund for Baltimore City Firefighters.

Contests will be held at 7 p.m. every Tuesday night through July and August at local Federal Hill, Baltimore locations and are open to all males (18 years of age and over), right arms, in five weight classes: 154, 171, 189, 209 and 209 pounds and over. The finals will be held at Bohager's on Sept. 11 in remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001.

First place winners in each weight class will receive \$1,000 and second place winners in each weight class will receive \$500. Registration costs \$25, payable by check or money order to Mob Town Productions, LLC, 408 Westgate Road, Baltimore, MD 21229. Include a copy of photo I.D.

Early registration by mail will be appreciated, however, walk-ins are welcome. For more information and registration, call Mob Town Productions, LLC at 410-945-4799, or [www.mobtownproductions.com](http://www.mobtownproductions.com). This event is sanctioned by the American Arm Sport.

### ACS holds classes

For more information or to register for the following classes, call Marilyn Howard, ACS employment readiness manager at 410-278-9669.

Seating is limited. Participants must register at ACS, building 2754.

#### Lunchtime basic computer classes

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will offer Lunchtime Basic Computer Classes, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the ACS Employment Computer Lab, building 2754, room 205. All sessions are for two days.

Classes are scheduled to be held July 22 and 23; July 29 and 30; Aug. 5 and 6, 26 and

27; Sept. 2 and 3 and 9 and 10.

This hands-on course is designed for those with little or no background in computers. Students will learn basic skills needed to operate a computer, how to access the Internet and navigate through MS word.

#### Job search classes

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program presents "How Do I Get Started? Let Us Help With Your Job Search." Classes will be held July 31, Aug. 14, Sept. 25 and Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to noon in building 2754, ACS Computer Lab, room #205.

All classes include: Where are the Resources; Basic Resume Information; Using MS Word features for your Resume; and an Internet job search session.

#### Job interview workshop

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will present a job interview workshop on July 29, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Army Community Service, building 2754 Rodman Road, classroom #103.

The class will teach participants how to make a positive impression during an interview and how to answer questions effectively and ask questions that show interest.

An interview session will give participants an opportunity to practice what they learned.

#### C&GSC classes forming at APG

Command and General Staff College Phase I and Phase III classes are forming now for fall.

For more information about Phase I enrollment, e-mail Maj. Alice Roosa at [alice.roosa@us.army.mil](mailto:alice.roosa@us.army.mil) or for Phase III enrollment, Lt. Col. Mark Valeri at [mvaleri@regaldecision.com](mailto:mvaleri@regaldecision.com).

#### APG College Fair,

### Aug. 21

APG will hold the 15th Annual College Fair, Aug. 21, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Anyone interested in furthering their education through resident, extended learning or distance learning courses should attend.

Veterans Administration, Green-to-Gold, AARTS/SMART Transcript - American Council of Education, and Troops-to-Teachers representatives will be on hand to answer questions as well as representatives from 24 organizations.

For more information, call the Education Center at 410-278-3515/2481/2380.

#### Orientation for newcomers scheduled

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Information Forum, formerly APG Newcomer Orientation, will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, Aug. 21, 1 to 3 p.m. All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited to attend.

Over 55 representatives of support agencies/organizations will be present to discuss the latest and greatest information on their activities. Give-aways will be available and door prizes awarded.

For more information, call Godofredo Posadas, Family Well-Being Program manager, Army Community Service, 278-2453/7474.

#### USO-Metro, JETS co-host job fair

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services will co-host a Job Fair July 25, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Spates Community Club, Fort Myer, Va.

More than 50 companies with full or part-time positions will attend. Job seekers can

talk to representatives from government agencies, high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies, among others.

The fair is free and open to all members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DOD and Coast Guard civilian personnel.

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#### Kirk offers classes

The following classes will be held in the Behavioral Health conference room (Room 316), located on the first floor at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend. Registration is required. For more information and to register, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

#### Tobacco cessation

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Thursdays, July 10 through 31, noon to 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

#### Take care of yourself class

This class teaches patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and when to see a doctor. Class will be held the third Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon. Each participant will receive a "Take Care of Yourself" handbook and a "Take Care of Your Child" handbook.

Additionally, at the end of each class, medication cards

will be given out which allow patients to pick up specific medications without a prescription.

#### Lyme Disease class

A class on Lyme Disease will be held Aug. 5, noon to 1 p.m. in the Preventive Medicine conference room located on the first floor of KUSAHC.

These classes are open to everyone. For more information, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

#### Opportunity to earn money

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory is conducting several studies on hearing. Paid listeners must be 18 to 28 years old with normal hearing.

Listening time is five hours or more. Each listener will be paid \$10 per hour. Qualified listeners can participate in one or more studies. Interested volunteers should contact Paula Henry at 410-278-5848 or e-mail her at [phenry@arl.army.mil](mailto:phenry@arl.army.mil) or Martha Dennison at 410-278-5918 or e-mail her at [mjdenniss@arl.army.mil](mailto:mjdenniss@arl.army.mil).

#### We've lost a ton

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are continuing on post, and new participants are welcome. Since the Weight Watchers at Work Program began at Aberdeen Proving Ground, APG members have lost over 2,220 pounds. The program offers professional leadership, group support and a sound and safe weight control plan. Join WW for an open meeting on July 16, or call 410-278-1151 to learn more.

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# Commissary shopping saves big \$\$\$

**Carole Young**  
DeCA

Uncle Sam can save military shoppers big bucks. Married or single, everyone saves an average of 30 percent or more by simply using the commissary benefit.

That's money many young service members can't afford to waste, according to the Department of Defense. A report presented to Congress in May on "Personal and Family Financial Management Programs," indicates that financial problems by military personnel and their families have an impact on readiness and productivity.

Service members in grades E-1 through E-6 have a difficult time making ends meet, according to the report. It attributes trouble in paying bills to spending habits and inadequate financial education rather than level of income.

The problem is so extensive in the services that the DoD is implementing an educational and awareness campaign to deal with service members' financial difficulties.

"DeCA [Defense Commissary Agency] has joined in this effort by working to make commissary savings information available to service members at their training schools," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Deborah Brian, senior enlisted advisor with the DeCA. "One of the simplest ways to improve the family budget is to use the commissary benefit." Regular commissary shopping saves a family of four \$2,400 per year. Savings are even greater in high-cost areas.

"Let's dispel another rumor," Brian said. "Many young sin-

gles think the commissary is for married folks. Not so. Many of the items young service members purchase in convenience stores, both on and off base - chips, frozen pizza, produce, soda, snack foods, shampoo, hair spray, shaving cream, soap, detergent, over the counter medicines, batteries and more - are available at a significant market basket savings of 30 percent or more."

According to the annual commissary market basket survey, the highest commissary savings are on meat and produce, but major savings over retail can be found in all departments:

Meat	40%
Produce	36%
Dairy/Deli	34%
Frozen food	30%
Grocery (food)	28%
Grocery (non-food)	26%
Health and Beauty	25%

Periodically, shoppers will see an item priced in a super center or other grocery store at a lower cost than at the commissary. "Those are called 'loss leaders' and you can save money on those items," said Bonita Moffett, DeCA's consumer advocate. "It's okay to buy loss leaders - that's known as 'cherry picking'." However, be sure to take into account the entire shopping basket when figuring out savings. If you pay slightly less for one or two items, but considerably more for other items, those bargain items are no longer a big savings."

Customers who use coupons find they save even more at the

commissary. Coupons are routinely available in commissaries, newspapers, and online at <http://www.commissaries.com>, which offers several locations for downloading coupons.

Today's modern and convenient commissaries, with nearly 280 locations worldwide, provide groceries to military personnel, retirees, Guard and Reserve members, and their families, in a safe and secure shopping environment.

Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Commissaries provide shoppers with an opportunity to add a significant boost to their grocery purchasing power - and increase their disposable income.

"Remember to shop at the commissary when trying to generate extra funds for that new sound system or digital camera in the exchange, a down payment on a new car or your yearly vacation," Moffett said. "Over time, the dollars saved can cut down on credit card debt and make the niceties in life the norm rather than the exception."

Commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

They are an essential component of the military family support and a valued part of military pay and benefits.

## 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](mailto:joyce.roberts@sbccom.apgea.army.mil), 410-278-0869.

### More specific questions should be referred as follows:

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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

When preparing a purchase request in the PRweb system (formerly known as Acquiline), do not use any dashes or spaces in the purchase request number.

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# Sports

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Monitor heat and body conditions to avoid conditions like

dehydration, heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Children need eight ounces of fluid every 20 minutes, plus more after playing. When possible, children should wear light-colored, breathable clothing and sunscreen.

For more information, call the 24-hour Health Care Information Line for assistance. The line is staffed by Registered Nurses who can help determine the non-emergency or self-care needed in the proper setting and can provide information on health issues. Call 1-800-308-3518 anytime, day or night to speak to a nurse or to access the Health Information Library (Pin #208).

### USO Metro offers military discount Orioles tickets

The USO of Metropolitan Washington will offer special discount Orioles Baseball tickets at \$5 each (upper reserve seating) to active duty military (E-6 and below) and their family members. The tickets are available only through USO-METRO, and can be picked up at the USO Center, Community Center, Fort Myer, Va. Tickets are available in limited numbers for the following games:

- Anaheim Angels, Friday, July 18, 7:05 p.m.
  - Anaheim Angels, Sunday, July 20, 1:35 p.m.
  - Boston Red Sox, Friday, Aug. 1, 7:05 p.m.
  - Boston Red Sox, Saturday, Aug. 2, 7:05 p.m.
  - Boston Red Sox, Sunday, Aug. 3, 1:35 p.m.
  - New York Yankees, Friday, Aug. 15, 7:05 p.m.
  - New York Yankees, Saturday, Aug. 16, 7:05 p.m.
  - New York Yankees, Sunday, Aug. 17, 1:35 p.m.
  - Seattle Mariners, Friday, Sept. 5, 7:05 p.m.
  - Seattle Mariners, Saturday, Sept. 6, 7:05 p.m.
  - Seattle Mariners, Sunday, Sept. 7, 1:35 p.m.
  - New York Yankees, Monday, Sept. 15, 7:05 p.m.
  - New York Yankees, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7:05 p.m.
- For more information or to purchase tickets, call 703-696-2551 (TICKETLINE). All tickets are final sale and will be paid by cash or check only.

### Sign up for the first annual Armed Forces Challenge

The Baltimore Running Festival invites all military personnel nationwide to compete in the first annual Armed Forces Challenge on Oct. 18, 8 a.m., at Ravens Stadium, 555 Russell Street, Baltimore.

The AFC will crown six winners, male/female divisions in the Marathon, Marathon Relay and One-Half Marathon. Other races include a 5K and Kids' Fun Run.

All active duty or retired military personnel in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy are eligible to participate. A \$5 per person Armed Forces discount will be applied to entry fees. Participants can register at [www.the-baltimoremarathon.com](http://www.the-baltimoremarathon.com).

Participants registering on-line or by mail before Sept. 1, will receive a confirmation packet in the mail. Confirmation packets will be mailed the week of Sept. 15. Participants registering after Sept. 1 may pick up a packet in the northside club level of Ravens Stadium on Oct. 16, noon to 9 p.m. and Oct. 17, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

All races will finish in the "Celebration Village" for a day of live music, interactive games, food and drink at Ravens Stadium. The Celebration Village is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 2003 Baltimore Running Festival will benefit the Baltimore Office of Promotions and Arts, Police Athletic League, Moveable Feast, Health Care for the Homeless, Kids on the Hill and Baltimore City Community College.

For more information, see <http://www.thebaltimore-marathon.com/>.

## Travel

From front page

"Today, the traveler simply logs into DTS from his/her workstation and follows arrangement processes that mirror those of Expedia, Travelocity or Orbitz online booking engines," Carroll said. "There is no need to load any software on the workstation other than a Web browser plug-in for digital signature authentication and system security."

The PMO-DTS and Northrop-Grumman Missions Systems transitioned all of the 20 pilot sites to the new software release, referred to as Enhanced Jefferson, June 21 and 22.

On June 23, APG users were using the newest software. During the two weeks prior to the transition, and the week afterward, 17 demonstration sessions were held at the APG Post Theater, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Adelphi, Md., and at Army Test and Evaluation Command headquarters in Alexandria, Va. These demonstrations were open to all personnel at APG and were utilized as training sessions for current users and to identify future training requirements for personnel not currently using the system.

The majority of non-users felt they could do their authorizations and vouchers based on the demonstrations, with some specific assistance

by their activity DTS administrator.

Initial comments from users are very positive, indicating the Enhanced Jefferson release is a vast improvement over the previous release.

"The system is significantly faster and the input screens are much more user friendly. Travelers can literally create authorizations and vouchers within minutes and electronically process the documentation with digital signatures," said Carroll. "Ultimately, APG personnel will be able to connect to the Commercial Travel Office to make their airline, car rental and hotel reservations."

Defense Travel Administrators at APG are currently working to implement the program throughout their entire organization.

"Each activity on post has a Defense Travel Administrator who can answer questions concerning implementation," Carroll added.

Any activity that does not have a DTA, can contact Carroll at 410-278-0927 for assistance.

The successful implementation of this new release at the pilot sites paves the way for PMO-DTS to complete their milestone C requirements and obtain the authority to proliferate the system throughout the rest of DOD.

For more information on the Defense Travel System, visit the DOD Web site at [www.defense-travel.osd.mil](http://www.defense-travel.osd.mil). For local information, call 410-306-4357, selection 2.

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# Morale, Recreation & Welfare

## APG Bowling Center news

### Mystery Bowl II continues

The Bowling Center is offering specials throughout the summer, such as MYSTERY BOWL II. For each game bowled or purchase from the snack bar, receive an entry form for Mystery Bowl.

There will be a weekly drawing each Monday for the nine weeks. The winners of the nine weeks will be put in a drawing to have a chance to win a resort vacation package.

There are giveaways, instant winner prizes, and dou-

ble/triple coupon days.

The bowling center will have a drawing for all non-winners at the end of July for a party for eight people that includes pizza, drinks and two hours of bowling.

### Miller Brewing Company promotion

Miller Brewing Company is having a promotion from June through the end of August. Participants must be 21 or older. Purchase any Miller product to receive a scratch off ticket. If a Miller logo(s) is on the scratch off, redeem it for prizes through Miller Com-

pany and have a chance to win a "Harley Davidson" motorcycle. Prizes are from Harley Davidson or commemorative cans from Miller. The more the facility is used the more chances of winning. (See story below.)

### Red pin bowling

Red pin bowling will be held Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m. and Wednesday through Friday, 1 p.m. to closing.

Bring out the little ones to have some fun with bumper bowling. (No gutter balls for them.)

### Week 6 Mystery Bowl Winners

1st place - Shannon Tarver-McKinney, NCO Academy

2nd place - Denise Clark, Northeast CPOC

3rd place - Anthony Canale, Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion

### Auto Crafts closes for repairs, cleaning

Auto Crafts will be closed from July 21 through 25 for repairs and cleaning, and will reopen on July 26 with regular business hours.

## Seated massage therapy

MWR offers seated massage therapy for stress reduction, acupuncture and relaxation every Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at either Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210, or the Aberdeen Area Fitness Center, building 320. Cost for 15-minutes is \$15), and \$5 for an additional 5 minutes.

Nationally certified massage therapists can design the ideal combination of techniques for the perfect therapeutic experience. At least two appointments need to be scheduled for the therapist to come in on that day.

Schedule an appointment at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907; Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210, 410-436-7134; or the AA Fitness Center, building 320, 410-278-9725.

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

## Arts and Crafts classes

To register for these classes, call or visit during hours of operation, or online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

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

### Ceramics

This basic ceramics class teaches the fundamentals of mold pouring, glazing and painting and will be held Aug. 9 and Sept. 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Edgewood Arts & Crafts, building E-4440. The \$15 fee includes supplies.

### Stained glass

This beginning class will teach students how to make a simple sun catcher using the copper foil method Aug. 16 and Sept. 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Edgewood Arts and Crafts building E-4440. The \$25 fee includes supplies.

### Woodshop Orientation

The woodshop orientation is a safety course, required in order to use the woodshop Aug. 2 and Sept. 6, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Edgewood Arts and Crafts building E-4440. Cost is \$5.

## A lucky MWR customer will win a Harley-Davidson motorcycle

Harriet Rice  
CFSC

Customers who use selected Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation clubs and eateries this summer have a chance to win a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

The staff of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center's Business Programs Events Division teamed up with Miller Brewing Company to stage "A Legendary Summer," an MWR promotion designed as a tie-in to Harley-Davidson's 100th anniversary celebration.

"Miller Brewing Company approached us and wanted to partner with the Army's MWR food and beverage program," said Anita Tornyai, a member of the event planning team. "Miller already had a national promotion ongoing and offered us an opportunity to piggyback off their [Harley-Davidson] 100-year anniversary promotion. We said 'Great!' and got started."

"A Legendary Summer" features instant-win scratch cards with guaranteed winners, local events and contests that support the Legendary Summer/Harley theme, and a grand prize drawing for the Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Each time customers purchase food or beverages at a participating MWR outlet, they receive scratch cards. (Customers can also mail in requests for scratch cards.)

"MWR at APG invites its customers out to the Recreation Center or the Bowling Center to pick up their scratch-offs," said Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing director. "For example, every person that signs up for the Wednesday lunchtime Bowling League will receive a scratch off. Some will win a prize, but all will be eligible for the grand prize drawing by turning in their scratch offs."

"Our goal with promotions like this is to make people more aware of MWR, increase

traffic through our food facilities and make those place and MWR a fun place to be," said Tornyai.

Instant scratch "instant" winners get prizes such as Harley-Davidson/Miller shop jackets, long-sleeved denim shirts and soft pack coolers. The used scratch cards then serve as entries into the drawing for the Harley-Davidson motorcycle purchased exclusively for the Army.

"We've encouraged the installations to augment the promotion by sponsoring their own Harley nights with contests and events," said Tornyai. "We've had a good response. Some locations are doing 'Harley and Barley' nights or partnering with motorcycle clubs outside the gates."

To support staff in the field, Tornyai produces a monthly newsletter for food and beverage managers in

which she shares ideas and describes the events at different locations.

"We're running a contest to recognize the installation that puts together the most exciting, innovative and fun event," she said. "The criteria include uniqueness, how well it's promoted, and the completeness and quality of the after-action report."

Fifty Harley-Davidson shop jackets have been set aside as prizes for the winning team.

There [are] also eight different collectable commemorative Miller Lite and MGD beer cans available for purchase. The artwork on the cans illustrates the different styles of motorcycles manufactured throughout the history of Harley-Davidson. Only authorized MWR customers of legal drinking age may purchase the commemorative beer cans.

For a list of MWR locations participating in the "Legendary Summer" promotion, log on to [www.mwrpromotions.com](http://www.mwrpromotions.com) or e-mail anita.tornyai@cfsc.army.mil, 703-428-6119.

## Lonestar concert set 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.

Tickets are \$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](http://www.apg.mwr.com).

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

### Volunteers needed for country concert

Morale, Welfare and Recreation needs volunteers

for the APG Miller Lite Army Concert Tour, Sept. 12, at Shine Sports Field.

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

Volunteers must be 18 or older and available to work from 4 p.m. to midnight. Staff T-shirts and training will be provided.

For more information about volunteering, contact Ruth Overbay, 410-278-9536, or e-mail her at [ruth.overbay@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:ruth.overbay@usag.apg.army.mil). For general information, call 410-278-4907/4011, TTY 410-278-4110.

## Ocean City trip

What's better than a day at the beach? The trip, set for July 26, costs \$32. Register by July 18. Bus will pick up from Ames Shopping Center in Edgewood at 7:15 a.m. and drop off at 9 p.m. Aberdeen pick up will be at Ollies Shopping Center at 7 a.m. and drop off at 9:30 p.m.

For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail her at [earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:earlene.allen@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.

If you're planning some short trips this summer, the library has several guides that may help make them more enjoyable. The following is a short list of some of the travel books at the APG MWR libraries:

**The Maryland One-Day Trip Book: 200 daylong excursions through America in miniature** by Jane Ockershausen.

This highlights some of Maryland's most famous attractions, as well as its best-kept secrets, including items as diverse as an auto ferry that connects two quaint Eastern Shore towns, The Baltimore Museum of Art's renowned modern art collection, a sparkling family-owned cavern in the hilly countryside, a sobering Civil War battlefield, and a state park with four different waterfalls.

**Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia: the most comprehensive guide on the road** (Fodor's Road Guide)

**Adventure Guide to the Chesapeake Bay** by Barbara Radcliffe Rogers

**Away for the Weekend: Mid-Atlantic: great get-aways within 250 miles of Washington D.C.** by Eleanor Berman

**Country Roads of Pennsylvania: drives, day trips, and weekend excursions** by Sally Moore

**Washington D.C. Museums: museums, historic houses, art galleries, and other special places** by Betty Ross

**Highroad Guide to the Virginia Mountains** by Deane and Garvey Winegar

**Fodor's Road Guide USA: where to stay with your pet.**

**Guide to National Parks: Southeast region** by Richard Butcher.

The library's online catalog can be accessed at [www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html](http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html).

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## Activities

### Methods of registration

Registering for any MWR event can be accomplished by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting the MWR Registration, building 3326, or online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### Domestic and foreign coin class

Anyone interested in starting their own coin collection or club will want to attend this class to gain essential information.

Master the skill of appraising the value of coins and their historical significance as they relate to the past and present world. Class will be held every Monday, July 27 through Aug. 11 at Russell Gym, 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$15 for an adult accompanied by a child. Register by July 21.

For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 40-278-3868 or e-mail [charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Intermediate irons

Learn how to improve iron shots with this one-hour group lesson that expands on Introduction to Irons.

Choose from one of the following classes at Ruggles Golf Course: July 24, 5 to 6 p.m. or July 26, 1 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15. Register by July 17.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail [stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Summer Swap Golf Tournament

The Captain's Choice Scramble will be held July 19 at Exton Golf Course, with a 5:30 p.m. tee off.

The first nine holes are played just before sunset, a full picnic style dinner will be served, and then the last nine holes will be played in total darkness.

Night golf equipment is provided. Sign up individually or as a team. Register by July 17 at MWR Registration, Exton Golf Course, or Ruggles

Golf Course.

Cost is \$35 for patrons, \$45 for authorized, \$55 all others.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at [stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Intermediate woods

Learn how to improve wood play and driving in this one-hour group lesson that expands on Introduction to Woods. Choose from one of the following classes at Ruggles Golf Course: July 31, 5 to 6 p.m. or Aug. 2, 1 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15. Register by July 25.

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### Pool passes reduced

For a mid-season pass (July 14 through Labor Day), the E1-E4 individual fee is \$12.50, family is \$25, all others are \$25 for individual and \$40 for family.

Monthly passes are also available at reduced prices. E1-E4 individual is \$10 and family is \$25, all others are \$20 for individual and \$35 for family.

Stop by Outdoor Recreation, MWR Registration, or Hoyle Gym to get the passes.

For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or e-mail [outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Primary aerobic certification

To become a primary aerobic certified instructor, attend class July 26 at the AA Fitness Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The class will teach the aerobic class structure and design, anatomy and physiology, injury prevention and identification, emergency procedures and more.

Certification will allow participants to teach their own aerobic fitness classes. Cost is \$99.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at [stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Bowling specials

Customer Appreciation Night is Aug. 20, 5 p.m. until closing at the APG Bowling Center. All games and shoes are \$.75 each.

Don't forget that a Thursday doubles league is starting July 17 at 6:30 p.m., and the Friday Adult/Youth League starts July 18 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail [dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Beginner country line dancing

Starting on Wednesdays, July 30 through Sept. 3, 7 to 9 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center, learn the basic steps, terminology and "easy" country line dances. At least two dances a night will be taught. Register by July 23. Cost is \$55.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail [stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Body building class

Fundamentals of body building will be held Wednesdays, Aug. 6 through 27, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300.

Instruction will include hands-on training designed to teach the fundamentals of body building. Precise exercises and workout procedures essential for achieving desired results will be covered, including diet and nutritional needs. Techniques proven to increase the effectiveness of overall prescription and assessment will be discussed. Participants will learn how to design their own program. Proper gym attire is required.

The class fee is \$30 or free to Corporate Pass Members.

Register by July 30 at MWR Registration, building 3326; call 410-278-4907, or online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or [charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil).





# Army News



## U.S. soldiers in Vietnam to recover casualties

**Maj. Jamie Gayton and Lt. Col. Stan Heath**  
Army News Service

One of the Army's Vietnam veterans still on active duty recently visited the firebase where he was stationed 34 years ago.

Lt. Gen. John M. Le Moyné, the Army's deputy chief of staff, G-1, visited U.S. soldiers last week in Vietnam who are there to recover American remains from a crash site in Ba Ria-Vung Tau. The soldiers are assigned to Detachment 2 of Joint Task Force-Full Accounting and the Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii.

The joint team is in Vietnam combing through thousands of tons of mud extracted from the ground and then screened for fragments by hired Vietnamese locals with supervision from the JTF-FA/CILHI team.

Recovery teams enter Vietnam and conduct full-blown recovery site operations about four times a year for about 30 days at a time. As the Army G-1, Le Moyné has oversight over the CILHI team located in Hawaii.

During his visit May 9 to 12 to recovery site 1538 in Ba Ria-Vung Tau, the recovery team leader Capt. Tod Pingrey and the

lead anthropologist Dr. Pete Miller briefed Le Moyné. The JTF-FA detachment commander Lt. Col. Steve Hawley escorted him.

The team had built a work area above the wetlands and a raised walkway to and from the crash site to enable soil stabilization and extraction.

Pingrey's team had already recovered glass from an aircraft cockpit and fragments from a fuselage confirming that the recovery site location was accurate. Le Moyné toured the site receiving briefs from each of the section leaders and then sat down and held an informal question and answer session with the team.

"The NCOs were superb," Le Moyné said after the trip. "Their work is important to the American people and to their fellow soldiers."

Le Moyné also addressed issues and answered questions about soldier career paths and recovery missions. Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii is scheduled to merge with JTF-FA in October under U.S. Pacific Command. The resulting joint organization, while retaining all current capabilities of both CILHI and JTF-FA, would become more efficient as unity of command and unity of effort will enable seamless coordination

and recovery operations throughout Southeast Asia and the world, Le Moyné said.

Following his site visit, Le Moyné took a drive to visit an old fire base site where he had operated. Le Moyné said he was amazed at the difference in the country from how he left it as a young officer.

"I couldn't even tell a war had been fought there," Le Moyné said. "The effects of a peace-time economy were striking."

Le Moyné then traveled to Hanoi and along with Ambassador Raymond Burghardt attended meetings with Vietnamese government and military officials. Le Moyné thanked Deputy Foreign Minister Nguyen Dinh Bin and Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Vietnam People's Army Lt. Gen. Nguyen Duc Soat for their outstanding support in efforts to recover unaccounted for Americans and share information about possible recovery sites.

(Editor's note: Maj. Jamie Gayton is the aide de camp and Lt. Col. Stan Heath is the public affairs officer for G1.)

## Commentary: Deployed mom defends choice

Army News Service

While sitting at my desk writing my daily article for the Freedom Watch, an Army newspaper for soldiers in Afghanistan, my co-worker casually turned to me and suggested that I type my name in the Yahoo search engine to see all of the articles I've written that have been posted on the Internet.

Not thinking anything of it, I typed my name in and began to scroll down headlines of stories I've written since my deployment to Afghanistan. I was not prepared for what I found.

"Agape News Press - The case of Private Christina," read one of the sites on the page. Curious, I clicked on it to see what had been printed about me. I received the shock of a lifetime.

Cort Kirkwood, a journalist and editor of The Daily News Record in Harrisonburg, Va., had read an article about me run by the Department of Defense Web news site, *Defend America*, titled "A Mom's Mission" and had decided to rip it to shreds. He called me everything from basically an unfit mother for leaving my son to go off to war to a sellout for enlisting in the Army for "30 pieces of silver," a.k.a., the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

As I read the article, I realized this was not only an attack on my 3-year-old son and me, but on all mothers deployed in the service of their country. However, since Mr. Kirkwood believes he is the subject-matter expert on the lives of women in the military he has never met or spoken to, I thought I would take the time to broaden his horizons using a few points he made in his article.

"Patriotism ain't the real reason Pfc. Christina signed up (for the Army). She enlisted for college benefits and to improve her family's lot in life, she enlisted for 30 pieces of silver."

Before I joined the Army, my son and I were living in one of the worst sections in the New York City area, where getting your next drug fix took nothing more than walking across the street or knocking on the neighbor's door. Working up to 60 hours a week was just barely paying the bills, and my 2-year-old son

could have walked out the door at any time and been shot during a drive-by.

I suppose I could have taken the alternate route and applied for public assistance, so upstanding citizens like Mr. Kirkwood could pay my bills for me, but I decided to get out of the rut I was in on my own and joined the service. Now my son lives in a neighborhood where you can hear a pin drop and lights are out by 9 p.m.

"Who are the military morons who think this is a good idea (to allow mothers to deploy overseas)?"

When I came to this portion of the article, I could do nothing but sit back and laugh at the irony of his statement. The same "military morons" who give American women a chance to serve their country and provide for their families are the same who fight and die alongside many of these women in today's combat operations. They are the ones who give journalists like Kirkwood the freedom of press and speech to write tasteless, unprofessional and uneducated "news articles" such as "The Case of Private Christina."

At least these mothers can return home with a sense of pride and accomplishment and be able to tell their children that they had a part in defending their country. What will Mr. Kirkwood be able to say other than he bashed the integrity and courage of these female troops during a time of war?

"Perhaps the would-be MacArthurs see nothing wrong with a mother dumping on her young son," was the final statement that stood out for me in the article.

Like many other deployed parents out here, I haven't seen my son in six months. However, I know my son is in a safe place with everything he needs. He will never be a child who has to wear second-hand clothing or the one stuck at home because I can't afford to send him on a class trip. That is the way things should be, and if I have to deploy in search of every Bin Laden and Hussein on the planet to keep it that way, then so be it.

(Editor's note: Pfc. Christina Carde is a member of the 11th Public Affairs Detachment currently in Afghanistan.)

## More service members eligible for tax relief, danger pay

**Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, USA**

American Forces Press Service

Tax relief and special pay for service members involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom have expanded.

An April 11 DoD memo certified that Iraqi Freedom personnel stationed in Turkey and Israel and deployed to Mediterranean waters east of 30 degrees east longitude are now eligible for combat zone tax relief.

Also, service members deployed in the same Mediterranean water area now qualify for imminent danger pay.

Effective date for the added combat zone tax relief in Turkey and Israel is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2003. Water-deployed eastern Mediterranean personnel started their tax relief status on April 11, the same date they became eligible for imminent danger pay.

These rules determine entitlement to imminent danger pay:

- Service members who serve on official duty in one of the designated areas for any part of a month are entitled to imminent danger pay for the entire month.

- Personnel on duty flying over airspace specifically included in a danger pay area are eligible even if they don't land there. On the other hand, if the airspace isn't designated for the pay, service members aren't eligible for it unless they land in the area.

- Service members who perform duty on a vessel in operations in an area designated for that pay are eligible.

An added bonus: The emergency supplemental bill that President Bush signed on April 16 raised imminent danger pay to \$225 per month, a \$75 increase retroactive to Oct. 1, 2002.

For tax relief, enlisted members and warrant officers serving in a combat zone for any part of a month exclude all gross income received for military service that month. Amounts excluded from gross

income are not subject to federal income tax.

For commissioned officers, the monthly exclusion is capped at the highest enlisted pay, plus any hostile fire or imminent danger pay received. That means that through September 2002, the most an officer could earn tax free each month was \$5,532.90 (\$5,382.90, the highest monthly enlisted pay, plus \$150 hostile fire or imminent danger pay).

Then with the start of the increased imminent danger pay Oct. 1, the combat zone tax relief limit was raised to \$5607.90 per month for the rest of calendar year 2002. For January through September, which covers the rest of fiscal 2003 supplemental, this limit goes to \$5957.70.

A previous executive order has covered combat zone designations for countries such as Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

## Keane: Army has more world policing to do

**Spc. Robert Woodward**

Army News Service

Acting Chief of Staff Gen. John Keane, told soldiers who want to know when they are going home, that there is much work in the world to do to get rid of tyrants and thugs.

"We have to be honest with ourselves," Keane said. "We've been on an operational treadmill since 1989, beginning with Operation Just Cause in Panama."

Since the ousting of dictator Manuel Noriega, the U.S. has sent major contingents to the Middle East during the first Gulf War, then to Somalia, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and yet again to the Middle East for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"What we do know is that about every 18 months, somebody is going to do something that will require military intervention," Keane said.

Keane stressed that there is no predictability in such post-Cold War operations involving tyrants and thugs who impose their malevolent will on their own people and neighbors.

Keane added that there would be more years of conflict with terrorists and rogue governments.

"We've got about six more years dealing with these guys," Keane said.

The next operation on the horizon, is that President George W. Bush is considering deploying troops to Liberia, Keane said.

"What we have here is a failed state," Keane said. "They have not had electricity or running water in the capital since 1990."

As a result of the country's poverty and disorganization, said Keane, any future involvement in Liberia would be less of a fighting mission and more of a stability operation.

Keane spoke to members of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), out of Fort Campbell, Ky. Keane's visit began with an aerial tour of Mosul followed by a briefing on the northern area of operations, given by Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus, 1st Airborne Division commander.

Many Screaming Eagles wanted to know when they would be returning home.

"I cannot tell you because I do not know," said Keane. "What I can tell you is that we have got to stabilize. Everything that we are doing now is just as important as when we were pulling triggers."

There are 33 active brigades in the Army, 16 of which are in Iraq. There are three brigades in Afghanistan and one in Kosovo. Three are tied up in the Stryker brigade transformation, and two more in Korea can't be moved anywhere. That leaves two in Hawaii, three in Europe, and another three at Fort Hood, Texas.

During Keane's visit he presented Silver Stars to two division soldiers.

Lt. Col. Stephen Schiller, commander, 2nd Battalion, 17th Cavalry Regiment, and Staff Sgt. Walter E. Wolfe, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, received the award for gallantry during battles in Karbala and El Hillah, respectively.

Keane, who earned the Silver Star as a company commander in the 101st during Vietnam, told soldiers they have carried on a legacy that began on D-Day during World War II when 6,000 troopers parachuted behind enemy lines in Normandy.

"What was unique about that operation was that the soldiers, sergeants and officers all fought together," Keane said. "That has been our tradition ever since."

(Editor's note: Robert Woodward is a journalist with the 101st Airborne Division.)



Acting Chief of Staff Gen. John Keane is briefed on the northern area of operations in Iraq by Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus, the 101st Airborne Division commander.

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# Veterans Commission chair, Norman Boskind dies



From left, Aberdeen Proving Ground parish priest Father John Bauer; World War II veteran Michael Romanelli; the late Norman W. Boskind, former chair of the Harford County Commission on Veterans' Affairs who was killed in a motorcycle accident, July 4, 2003; and Maj. Ernest Vermont, former APG Garrison chaplain, listen to a guest speaking during the National Prisoner of War-Missing In Action Remembrance Day ceremony held Sept. 23, 2002 at the William A. Humbert Amphitheater in Bel Air.

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

Veterans around the Aberdeen Proving Ground community are mourning the loss of Norman Wayne Boskind, the chairman of the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs who was killed in a motorcycle accident in Cecil County, July 4. He was 59.

A native Marylander and a resident of Bel Air, Boskind was well known throughout the community as an energetic champion of veteran's rights. An Army veteran who served two years in Vietnam, he retired at the rank of major after 31 years with the Maryland Transportation Authority Police in 2000.

Throughout his stellar law enforcement career in which he received many awards, Boskind never forgot his years in the service and took great pride in having served his country, and he devoted himself to furthering the causes of veterans in Harford County.

Boskind's enthusiasm and likeable personality impressed all he came in contact with, from Harford County executive Jim Harkins, who appointed him to the commission in 1999, for which he was named chair last year, to his fellow veterans in the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #588, in which he once served as president.

Boskind led the way in veteran related activities and set the example as a volunteer at Perry Point Veterans Administration Medical Center and at the Harford County Outstation Veterans Center in Aberdeen.

"He was a genuine, caring person who was very aggressive about veterans issues," said

Ruth Pruitt, the center's readjustment counseling therapist.

Boskind appeared frequently in the *APG News*. In 1999, he coordinated the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Route 24; in September 2001, he organized the first National Prisoners of War-Missing in Action Remembrance Day in Bel Air following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and the first anniversary remembrance ceremony on Sept. 11, 2002 that was held at Ripken Stadium.

In April of this year, Boskind and Chapter #588 brought the Moving Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., to Harford Community College. The event was attended by hundreds of veterans, family members, school children and soldiers, most of whom had never visited the actual monument.

At the time of his death, Boskind was working on the second Sept. 11, 2001 remembrance ceremony and compiling a resource list of veterans interested in becoming members of a speakers bureau to attend functions and speak at schools and other public functions "to present a balanced perspective of the costs to maintain our freedoms throughout American history."

Boskind is survived by a daughter, Rachel J. Noto of Towson; two sons, Brian W. Boskind of Towson and Sean S. Boskind of Parkville; two sisters, Paulette Boswell of Columbia and Mary Hoffman of Catonsville; and a niece and a nephew.

A memorial service will be held July 19, 11 a.m., at the Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home, 6500 York Road in Rodgers Forge.



Norman Boskind, right, poses with friends next to the Moving Wall display at Harford Community College. Boskind and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #588 brought the replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., to Harford County, April 17 to 20. From left, Inez Taylor of Baltimore; Bill Fosnaught, Chapter #588 honor guard and his daughter Heidi and wife, Barbara.



From left, Ernie Baringer, retired veterans outreach counselor; Lon Campbell, team leader, Elkton Vet Center; Richard Marciniak and Norman Boskind celebrate the opening of the Harford County Outstation Vet Center in Aberdeen in April 2002. Boskind spent much of his time volunteering at the center and at the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Perry Point.

## Commentary: Remembering the passion of Norman Boskind

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

With the death of Norman Boskind, the chair of the Harford County Commission on Veterans' Affairs, who was killed in a motorcycle accident, July 4, veterans everywhere lost a champion for veterans' rights. And I lost a dear friend.

I can honestly say that if someone exists who is more passionate about veterans' issues than Norman Boskind, then I never met them, and I would be remiss to allow his passing to go without comment.

I met Norman four years ago in April 1999 when I first started at the *APG News*. He was my first assignment and would have been my first story if the event had not been postponed due to rain.

Norman was organizing the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Highway on Route 24. At the time he was nearing retirement from the Maryland Transportation Authority Police and was knee-deep in veterans related events.

I talked with him several times on the phone before we actually met. He would call the office frequently, with changes or updates, questions or comments or just to make sure we were still

coming.

I remember wondering at the time if the guy ever slept. I've covered several events that Norman had a hand in since then and he has never been less than totally enthusiastic about all of them. I used to think it was energy but it was more than that – it was passion.

Norman Boskind loved being an American veteran. He took great pride in the sacrifices veterans endured for their country during Vietnam.

"It wasn't up to us to agree or disagree about the war," he once told me. "It was up to us to serve our country."

But whether a wartime or peace time veteran, "A vet, is a vet is a vet," he would say. "And veterans help other veterans."

How fitting that he would take off one uniform and put on another to continue serving his country. And how fitting that God would take him on Independence Day, knowing full well that Norman would have preferred Veterans Day. I think he did it to show Norman who's in charge so he doesn't start any you know what up there.

Norman and I would meet for lunch every few weeks just to bump heads about what was

up in the veteran community. He would inform me of pending projects or events and I would offer suggestions or comments. Even before he was appointed to the commission by Harford County executive James Harkins, he was known throughout the county by politicians, law enforcement officers, and of course, veterans, as a man wholly committed to veteran interests.

"Norman was tireless," said Frank Stacey, president of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #588, in which Norman was a member and past president. "Just this past Christmas I helped him deliver gifts to the patients at Perry Point," Stacey said.

Retired Army Maj. Gen. Joe Brooks, vice-chair of the commission and interim acting chair, said Norman's confident, upbeat personality made him a joy to be around.

"He was one of the good guys," Brooks said. "He was dependable, had a great sense of humor; was a confidant, a listener and a doer."

Norman's legacy is his dedication to his country but also to the service members who served this country, Brooks added.

He said that Norman was intent on recognizing veterans, ensuring their sacrifices are not

forgotten, and in uniting the various veterans organizations into one strong voice.

"He was intent on making the commission a productive organization," Brooks said.

The establishment of a veterans speakers bureau and veterans week programs at local libraries were two of his short-range plans, he added.

"He left us a legacy to follow through and accomplish those projects. I will work hard, along with my fellow veterans to see his dreams come true," Brooks said. "We will maybe try a little harder and work more up to standard as much as for our commitment as much as out of respect for Norman's memory. He was a super example of an outstanding citizen."

Like I said, passion is what drove my friend Norman Boskind. The five years he spent in the military shaped his life forever. He never questioned its value; instead he reveled in it and encouraged others to revel in it as well.

I'm glad I got to experience the exuberance and passion of Norman Wayne Boskind and I'm proud to have been his friend.

"Whether you soldier for three years or for 33 years – you'll be a veteran for the rest of your life." – Norman W. Boskind

## Motorcyclist training available on APG

**Sonya P. Reynolds**  
APG News

The Installation Safety Division is sponsoring four Motorcycle Safety Foundation Operators Training Courses on Aug. 29, Sept. 26, Oct. 30 and Nov. 13 at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools parking lot.

The course is designed to help sharpen a cyclist's riding skills and help prevent motorcycle accidents involving Army personnel.

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration will provide instructors.

The courses are held to ensure that motorcycle operators on Aberdeen Proving Ground are in compliance with Army Regulation 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle

Accidents, and Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4, Traffic Safety Program.

"It is a government requirement that all Army and civilian personnel take an operators training course to be eligible to ride motorcycles on any Army installation," said Randy Rexrode, safety and occupational health specialist, Installation Safety Division.

The five-hour class is provided at no cost to military and DOD civilian personnel, and

attendees are not charged while attending the training.

Motorcyclists who have already taken the course and can provide proof do not have to repeat the training. Furthermore, any personnel who do not receive the training will not be allowed to register motorcycles on post.

According to Rexrode, there are several requirements to consider when contemplating taking the MSF course.

The attendees must be a

been riding for a minimum of one year.

The cyclist must wear protective clothing to include eye protection, long sleeved shirt, long pants, full-fingered gloves, over-the ankle footwear and a helmet," Rexrode said.

"A rider must bring proof of insurance, and their motorcycle must be able to pass an inspection performed by the instructor. Cyclists must be available to attend 100 percent of the course."

Anyone interested in improving their riding skills and fine-tuning strategies should contact Randy Rexrode at 410-306-1098.



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With the unit guidon in his grasp, the first sergeant greets his wife Donna.



A decorated tank in the 203rd Military Intelligence unit's lobby displays a welcoming message for the returning troops.



Sandra and her husband enjoy a laugh together for the first time in six months.



Sonja gives her spouse a welcoming-home hug.



Family member Bryan, 12, left, the son of staff sergeant and Kimberly, welcomes the Company A 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion first sergeant home with a red, white and blue balloon.

## Homecoming

From front page

"Separation is always tough, but they were there for whatever we needed," she said.

Many who were strangers became good friends over the past six months, added Donna.

The wife of the unit's first sergeant and a secretary with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, Donna served as secretary to the family readiness group. Accompanied by her 18-year old son, Matthew, she said that after 23 years of marriage, this deployment was particularly hard because of another son also serving overseas in Korea.

"When the boys were smaller, I kept busy with them, but I had

more time to focus on him this time," she said.

"It's been hectic," Matthew Luke added. "We've been arguing over who gets to hug him first."

With her 5-year old son, Daniel, squirming in her arms, Angela said she went home to her family in Minnesota to wait out the deployment.

"We drove the last two days to get here," she said.

The bus carrying the returning soldiers pulled in around 2 a.m., and the first moments of their return were filled with hugs and kisses.

"It was a most successful mission," the first sergeant said after greeting his family. "This is the most outstanding bunch I've had the opportunity to work with."

He noted that after arriving at APG in December and departing in January, he didn't have a chance to get to know his soldiers well before the deployment.

"We came together and jelled as a unit should," he said. "There couldn't be a better group on the face of the earth. Mission accomplished."

"This is a fairly small unit but with a great mix of noncommissioned officers," added the company commander. "We really came together, completed the mission and got home safely."

"The unit put more than 6,000 miles on their vehicles performing missions throughout Iraq, some working alongside British forces in historical sites," he added.

"You had to appreciate the cultural aspect," he said. "Seeing the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, and moving through cities like Bethlehem and Baghdad, had a special meaning. You have to appreciate the efforts of the coalition forces," he added. "Hopefully, we are bringing freedom and democracy to an oppressed people."

## Ceremony

From front page

deployed team members.

"The way this community came together made it easier than expected," she said, noting the "outpouring of generosity from schools and businesses like Wal-Mart."

"The group gives people who are willing, something to do to support our troops," Edens said.

Lecakes also lauded the work of the 398th Chemical Company, an Army Reserve unit from Tennessee that supported the units' home mission.

Command Sgt. Maj. E. Donald Moten read a letter from Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld recognizing the importance of family member support.

"Strong soldiers make strong guardians, and a guardian's most successful mission is a happy family," Moten said. "Thank you for keeping

the home fires burning so our Guardians could take care of the nation's business."

Peterson led the award ceremony that included the presentation of four Bronze Star Medals as well as numerous Army Commendation Medals to the team members.

During a reception after the ceremony, soldiers, civilians and family members shared their perspectives on the deployment.

"Besides the weather, the most challenging aspects were the living conditions and transportation," said one master sergeant and Bronze Star recipient who was deployed for eight months.

"It feels great to be back with the family and into my regular routine."

"For civilians, it was a unique experience, because we were close to a combat environment," added the chief of risk management, Company E, TEU, Pine Bluff, Ark.

"It was impressive to see the equipment the coalition forces had at their disposal," he said.

Two other civilians, a 23-year old toxic materiel control operator, and his father, a

retired Army explosive ordnance disposal first sergeant, deployed together with the unit.

"It was kind of neat," the elder said. "If he needed anything I was sometimes able to get it to him."

His wife added that she felt more relaxed with the both of them together but was a "nervous wreck" from all the news coverage of the war.

"I had to force myself not to watch," she said.

"The family support groups were very helpful," she added.

"The community really pulled together, checked on us regularly and made sure we had everything we needed."

Operation Tribute to Freedom is a Department of Defense program of nationwide celebrations and activities to demonstrate public appreciation for American men and women in uniform and reinforce the bond between the citizenry and the military.

The program's mission is to help Americans express their support for the troops who are

returning from operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and who continue to fight in the ongoing effort toward victory in the Global War on Terrorism.

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