

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Feb. 26, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Post Theater closed Feb 21-22

The Post Theater will be closed Friday, Feb. 21, and Saturday, Feb. 22, due to preparations for the annual OC&S Wilbur Davis Gospel Night.

### BEP presents African American folk music

The APG Black Employment Program will present Folk Music of African Americans, Feb. 27, featuring Devonna B. Rowe, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E-4810.

For more information, call Jackie Pitts, 410-436-2771, Brenda Clayton, 410-436-3856 or Nancy Coleman-Jones, 410-306-1386.

### RAB meeting, Feb. 27

The Installation Restoration Program will hold the Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Feb. 27, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

Topics will include updates on the O-Field Study Area, Operations Security Discussion and the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action. Board meetings are open to the public; all are invited.

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

### Firewood for sale

In accordance with APG Regulation 420-11, wood is available at a cost of \$10 per pick-up truckload, standard one-half ton truck.

Permits to buy wood are good for seven days, or until an order is filled, whichever comes first. Permits will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

Only down wood is available; most from trees removed from the 2100 block in the Edgewood Area. Some wood is available in the Aberdeen Area, near the deer shack, building 5504.

For more information, call Roger Stoflet, 410-306-1128.

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# Ravens' coach shares principles of leadership

Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Hundreds of Aberdeen Proving Ground employees turned out in the Post Theater, Feb. 11, to hear words of wisdom from Baltimore Ravens' coach Brian Billick, the featured speaker for a leadership presentation held in conjunction with mandatory Consideration of Others (CO2) training.

"You're bigger than you are on TV," said Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, as he welcomed the larger-than-life coach to the program.

Billick, a central figure in the Ravens world championship win in Super Bowl XXXV, is the co-author of two books, "Competitive Leadership - 12 Principles of Success," and "Finding the Winning Edge," and is a recognized authority on leadership and motivation.

Doesburg, noting the thousands of soldiers and civilian employees deployed around the world "in harm's way," noted the timeliness of the CO2 theme, "Leadership," and the appropriateness of the speaker.

"Teamwork, working together, and supporting each other is what Brian Billick is all about," Doesburg said. Leadership comes from all sides, but the top is the focus."

Billick, acknowledging the similarities between different environments that dictate teamwork, told the audience he hoped to offer common sense concepts that they could apply to their situations.

"I can't tell you how to do your jobs, but I can talk about what I do, and hopefully you can get something from that to revalidate the concepts of what you already know," Billick said.

Expounding on Doesburg's remarks, Billick added "leadership is not just a matter of who is at the top.

"When I stand in front of 53 qualified millionaires, I have to be able to deliver on a daily basis. Success is dependent on bringing about leadership ability throughout the organization," Billick said, adding that the three things he focuses on when teambuilding are personnel, structure and chemistry.

"With personnel, I'm looking for commitment - for the guy who has as much vested in the process as I do," he said. "Elements of this include

physical and moral courage. To win a championship, we, as a team, had to develop moral courage. Part of that is the prime directive. There has to be a singular purpose."

He talked about structure saying that individuals have to ask themselves - "What's my division? What's my responsibility? What am I accountable for, and how does it affect the prime directive?"

He stressed the importance of making sure everyone understands the prime directive.

Billick called chemistry "the most important aspect of developing the character of a team," stressing the importance of establishing well-defined roles so that people understand what they have to do.

"Part of that is understanding what that individual's perspective may be," he said.

To be treated as a professional, Billick said he requires that players appreciate and understand the scope of their responsibility, the importance of not putting others at risk, and understand that what's good for the individual must be what's good for the organization.

Billick named players such

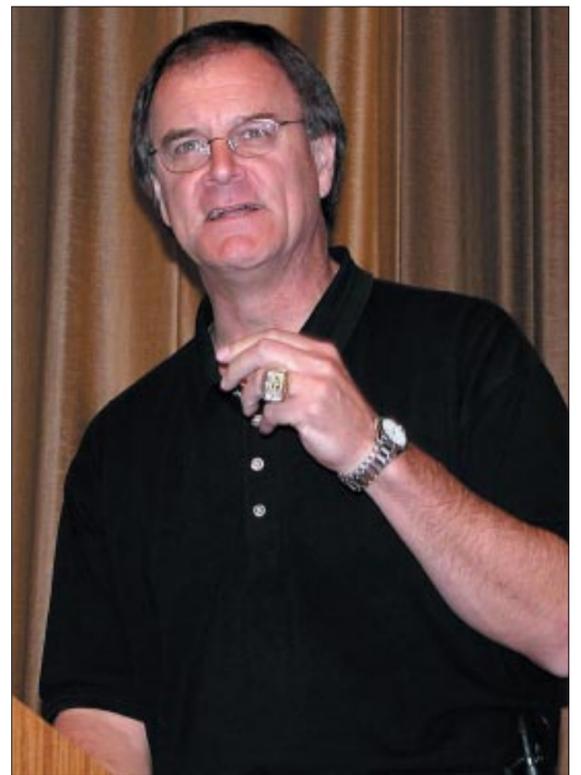


Photo by LAMONT HARBISON  
Baltimore Ravens' coach Brian Billick addresses an audience of Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison employees during the Feb. 11 Consideration of Others, CO2, "Leadership" training at the Post Theater. The Directorate of Information Management sponsored the program.

as Shannon Sharp, Michael McRary, Ray Lewis and Tony Siragusa as prime examples of core leaders.

"If I have enough core leaders, I can rely on that leadership to sustain the prime directive," he said.

Using numerous play situations to illustrate his points, Billick said risk taking is a part

of the decision-making process.

"There are two kinds of players I can't work with - a player who can't do what he's told and a player who can only do what he's told," Billick said. "You have to have a player that can rise above the confines of specific directions."

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# USO salutes warfighters with celebrity sendoffs

Story and photos by  
Yvonne Johnson  
APG News



D-Von Dudley, left, of World Wrestling Entertainment's Dudley Boyz, makes friends with 18-month old Junior Daniels, the son of U.S. Air Force Sr. Airmen Nakia and Rhokia Daniels during a USO Operation Care Package send-off for U.S. troops at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Feb. 4.

The USO International Gateway Lounge at Baltimore-Washington International Airport held two Operation Care Package send-offs, Feb. 4 and 8 when wrestlers from World Wrestling Entertainment's RAW, and actors from the soon-to-be released Civil War epic, "Gods and Generals," greeted departing service members in the airport terminal.

On Feb. 4, four wrestlers, D-Von and Bubba Ray Dudley, better known as the Dudley Boyz, Jacqueline, and Molly-Holly signed autographs, passed out care packages, and chatted with dozens of service members as they waited to check in.

Elaine Rogers, president, USO Metropolitan, Adrienne Trout, director of the BWI USO, and Sandy Levine, Advice Unlimited, escorted the wrestlers.

Rogers said that since Sept. 11, the country has shown more support for the military and as a result, the USO has taken on more programs with the Military District of Washington for service members and their family members.

"Corporate support and volunteers are what

makes this work," Rogers said, adding private companies provide the financial support for purchasing items such as calling cards and CD players while volunteers stuff the bags and coordinate their distribution.

"We're blessed to have the wonderful volunteer base that we have," Rogers said. "We could not do what we do without them."

Upon their arrival in the terminal, the four wrestlers, followed by USO volunteers, moved through the line, greeting and chatting with each service member, posing for pictures and handing out care packages that also contained WWE CDs and T-shirts.

Many of the service members, most of whom were with the Idaho Air National Guard, said they were surprised and pleased by the gesture.

"I think it's great they took the time to do this," said one staff sergeant. "I just wish my kids had been here."

A senior airman added that although he was unfamiliar with the wrestlers, he appreciated the send-off.

"It's good for morale and makes us feel like we matter," he said.

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## Watch card

### Do observe and report:

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

### Do not:

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.
  - Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
  - Discuss force protection measures, capabilities, or posture.
  - Disclose any information related to unit deployments.
- Report any suspicious activity immediately to APG Police:**  
Aberdeen Area 410-306-2222  
Edgewood Area 410-436-2222  
Your call may save lives!

### Pat McClung

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While the post was closed Tuesday, some employees with the help of contractors and soldiers worked most of the long weekend battling Aberdeen Proving Ground's worst winter storm.

About 30 employees from the Directorate for Installation Operations - 20 in the Aberdeen Area and 10 in the

Edgewood Area - began on Saturday and worked earnestly through Tuesday first trying to keep the main roads clear of snow and then clearing the parking lots so that employees could return to work Wednesday.

"These employees have stayed on the job since Saturday," said Harry Greveris, deputy director for Installation Operations. "They worked around the

clock, resting when they could."

"Many challenges faced us during the storm," said Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander. "My thanks to all team players who rolled up their sleeves and helped out. Kudos to the hard workers at DIO, the dining facilities, the post exchange, family housing residents, Aberdeen Test

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Photo by DIANE BURRIER

Aberdeen Proving Ground was hit with the worst snow storm ever over the President's Day holiday weekend.

After constant snowfall for most of the weekend and two feet plus of snow, most people spent their holiday shoveling instead of shopping. The post remained closed except for essential personnel on Tuesday. Patience and consideration will surely be required by the APG work force in the coming days.



# Departing troops receive Hollywood send-off

Story and photo by  
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The scene played out again on Feb. 8, as members of the cast of "Gods and Generals" were on hand to sign autographs and preview the movie for departing service members.

Led by director Ron Maxwell, actors Robert Duvall, Steven Spacek and Scott Cooper signed copies of the novel "Gods and Generals" by Jeffrey M. Shaara for two hours as USO volunteers took photographs of each service member with the celebrities and handed out care packages.

Representatives from the area's major radio, television and newspaper outlets surrounded the gathering as the seated celebrities chatted with the troops, many of whom opted for the line to receive autographs instead of the check-in line. Most said they were happy just to meet Duvall, a favorite among many for his roles in the films "Apocalypse Now," "Colors," "The Godfather," and "The Apostle," to name a few.

"This was awesome," said one service member after meeting the star and receiving his autographed copy of the novel along with a complimentary photograph of their meeting.

"I was impressed," said another. "We didn't expect anything like this. It helps morale and gives us a good book to read on the flight."

After the signings, the director and actors adjourned to the USO International Gateway Lounge where service members and their family members viewed 30 minutes of film footage from the movie followed by a question-and-answer session.

Maxwell, who also directed the film "Gettysburg," led the session in the packed lounge. He said Duvall plays Robert E. Lee in the film while Spacek and Cooper play aids to Lee and Stonewall Jackson.

"This film is about a generation of Americans - whether they were wearing the blue or the gray - who were very courageous," Maxwell said.

The film, which was shot in and around Civil War battlefields in Maryland and Virginia, took three years to complete, he added.

He said the purpose of the gathering was not only to promote the movie, but also to pay tribute to today's servicemen and



Actor Robert Duvall, right, shakes the hand of a service member headed to Operation Enduring Freedom after autographing a copy of the book "Gods and Generals," at BWI Airport, Feb. 8. USO volunteer Robyn Bower, center, holds Care Packages for the service members, and looking on is actor Steven Spacek. Duvall plays Civil War General Robert E. Lee and Spacek plays Capt. James Powers Smith, aide-de-camp to Gen. Stonewall Jackson in the Civil War film named for the book that premieres nation wide, Feb. 21.

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# Celebrity bids farewell to soldiers



Sasha Lazard, international vocalist, signs CD from her new album, The Myth of Red, for soldiers heading overseas.

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

The USO International Gateway Lounge sponsored entertainment for soldiers heading overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Feb. 4.

Singer Sasha Lazard, a vocalist who mixes classical art songs with Russian folk tunes, operatic rhythms and tribal beats, entertained the departing soldiers.

In addition to performing, she distributed her latest CD along with USO care packages. "These care packages help the USO bring a touch of home to our men and women in uniform," said Edward Powell, president and CEO of USO World Headquarters. "The care packages contain an assortment of items the military has specifically requested, such as 100-minute prepaid international calling cards, disposable cameras, toiletries and sunscreen," he said. "They also include greetings from the American public transcribed onto official "Operation USO Care Package" post cards by volunteers and USO staff members."

Lazard expressed how proud she was to be a part of the experience.

"When they called and asked me to perform, I was so happy," she said. "It's a wonderful thing to be a part of this."

The afternoon began inside the USO with soldiers eating lunch, playing cards, listening to music and talking with family members.

Many expressed mixed emotions about what to expect upon arrival to their undisclosed loca-

tion. "I don't want to go, but this is what I signed on the dotted line to do, so I'm ready," said one deploying soldier.

"I'm just ready to go and get it over with so I can say I've been there, done that," said another.

Prior to the performance, Sandy Lavine, chief executive officer at Advice Unlimited, escorted Lazard, USO staff members, family members and members of the media upstairs to the international departures area where soldiers standing in line to check their bags received an autographed music CD and care package from Lazard. Due to heightened security, letters and packages cannot be sent to service member.

The USO care package, sponsored by USO World Headquarters and administered by the USO of Metropolitan Washington, allows individuals to write letters and offers financial support to soldiers. The operation is approved by the Department of Defense and provides a safe way for people to show their love and support. "Operation USO Care Package will continue for as long as our country is at war," said Elaine Rogers, USO-Metro, president. "This program is possible because of the support from individuals, corporations and organizations that donate funds to sponsor these care packages."

The farewell concluded with Lazard performing a song from her CD, The Myth of Red. To learn more about supporting "Operation USO Care Package" through donations of products or funds, call 1-866-USO-GIVE or visit the Web site, [www.usometrodc.org](http://www.usometrodc.org).

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## LIVE FIRE IN THE DESERT



Photo by SPC. MASON T. LOWERY

"It's better than sitting around Camp New York," said Sgt. Steven Crane, from Whittemore, Mich., Company A, 10th Engineer armored vehicle launch bridge team leader, on Company A's live fire in the desert in Kuwait on Jan. 29. (Editor's note: Spc. Mason T. Lowery is assigned to the 50th PAD.)

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ADAPT, will be held Feb. 24 to 28, Monday through Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday, 5 to 9 p.m. Class is limited.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Troy L. Denson at 410-278-3137.

### 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, Feb. 27, 1 to 3 p.m. All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited to attend.

More than 55 representatives of support agencies/organizations will be present to discuss information on their activities. Give-a-ways will be available and door prizes awarded.

For more information, call Godofredo (Fred) Posadas, Family Well-Being program manager, Army Community Service, 278-2453 or 7474.

### APG MWR holds job fair

Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a job fair at the Aberdeen Sheraton Four Points Hotel, March 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Positions available include sports, fitness, golf, recreation, youth services and more.

For more information, call 410-278-4497.

### MCSC to donate funds

The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses Club will donate funds to organizations and charities this spring. Groups interested in placing a request for funds should do so in writing. Include name of organization requesting funds, the manner in which the funds will be used, list of other fund raising efforts, and a contact

person for the organization (name, address and telephone number).

Requests must be post-marked by April 1. Submit requests to: MCSC Welfare Chairperson, #3 Plumb Point Loop, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005, or e-mail thetorskwb@aol.com.

### Kirk offers classes

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

#### Asthma education

Class is scheduled noon to 2 p.m. March 4, and includes an overview of asthma; triggers that may cause attacks or symptoms; preventing attacks; use of peak flow meter and MDI/spacer and developing a personal asthma action plan.

All TRICARE beneficiaries with a recent or long-term diagnosis of asthma and parent(s) or sponsor(s) of an asthmatic child are eligible to attend.

#### Healthy eating class

Classes to discuss weight control through healthy eating are scheduled 7 to 9 p.m. March 12, 19 and 26. All TRICARE beneficiaries with a desire to learn more about healthy eating and parent(s) or sponsor(s) of children with healthy eating concerns are eligible to attend.

Participants should bring a calculator to class.

### Reduction of veterinary services

For the next six to eight weeks, the APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will be experiencing limited availability of a veterinarian. The VTF will not be able to publish scheduled appointments.

Anyone wishing an

appointment with the clinic may phone the clinic at 410-278-3911/4575. However, appointment dates will be known only on a short notice basis.

The clinic maintains a waiting list, and as appointment dates become available, the clinic will call persons on that list on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pet owners should be prepared to visit a civilian veterinarian during this period.

Personnel who need health certificates for PCS only should call the clinic for help in locating another VTF to obtain the certificate.

The VTF apologizes for any inconvenience

### Thrift Shop to disburse funds

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop will be accepting requests for donations from schools, service organizations and military units through March 1.

The request should include the name of the organization, point of contact, address, telephone number, amount of the request and specific details on what the funds will be used for.

Mail requests to Diane Payne at 3013 Cascade Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009 or e-mail her at kdjpayne@earthlink.net.

Funds will be distributed in late spring. For more information, call Colleen Newing, 410-676-8583.

### MCSC accepting scholarship applications

The Military and Civilian Spouses Club is accepting applications for scholarships until April 1, 2003. Applications are available at Web site [www.apgmcsc.org](http://www.apgmcsc.org).

For more information, call Katie McDonald, MCSC Publicity at 410-273-7477.

Natosha L. Sharp, winner of the Edgewood Area Youth of the Quarter and Year, receives congratulatory kisses from her parents, Carmella and Sgt. 1st Class Keith Sharp, HHC 61st Ordnance Brigade, at the awards ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Child and Youth Services Center, Feb. 11.

Jacqueline Cook won the Aberdeen Area Youth of the Quarter and Year (not pictured).



## Student sets example for teens

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

The Youth of the Quarter and Year Awards Ceremony was held Feb. 11 at the Child and Youth Services Center on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Edgewood Area Youth of the Quarter and Year is Natosha L. Sharp. She is a freshman and the captain of the Jr. Varsity cheerleader team at Edgewood High School, a member of the Teen Supreme Keystone Club and a participant in the 2001 Youth Leadership Forum at the Edgewood Area youth center.

Recognizing her leadership skills early on, Sharp said she hopes to set an example for other teens.

"It prepares me for leadership," Sharp said. "It's a wonderful opportunity for me to show other teens that it's great to be a goal setter."

She said her participation in this program helps her stay focused on the future. Sharp has her mind made up on attending college, majoring in child psychology, but she has not yet decided where she wants to go.

In honor of her accomplishments, Sharp received a Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement, an Aberdeen Proving Ground plaque and \$125 and \$250 scholarship awards.

Sharp's proud parents, Carmella and Sgt. 1st Class Keith Sharp, HHC 61st Ordnance Brigade, were present to celebrate her success.

Her father said he is very happy with her accomplishments and said her characteristics were instilled in her.

"I'm happy and overwhelmed. This is an expression of the work she does," Keith said. "Setting a good example, striving to be a role model, and the things that you do have an impact on others, which displays a positive reflection on yourself."

Her mother expressed how excited she was about her daughter being honored.

"I'm so proud of Natosha. We have three girls and she is my roughest, toughest and most active one," her mother said. "I'm glad to see her set an example for others to follow."

Aberdeen Area Youth of the

Year is Jacqueline Cook but she was not able to make the ceremony.

Cook is a senior at Aberdeen High School with a grade point average of 3.75, a member of the track and field team at Aberdeen High School, president of the Teen Supreme Keystone Club and has received a \$1000 scholarship in recognition of student leadership and dedication in service to the community.

Cook enjoys mentoring children and plans to attend college majoring in child psychology.

Angie Shannon, social leisure leader, Child and Youth Services, accepted Cook's awards on her behalf. She received a Department of the Army Certificate, a Youth Services Plaque and a \$250 scholarship award for her accomplishments.

The Youth of the Year and Quarter ceremony is a joint effort between the Boys and Girls Club of America and Aberdeen and Edgewood areas Child and Youth Services. The program is designed to recognize students who show leadership skills and take the ini-

tiative to be active in their community centers.

Interested students are given a packet to complete and return with letters from family, friends, teachers etc., about the character of the student, involvement in the community and extra curricular activities. In addition, candidates must write an essay about their community involvement and an essay on why it's important to attend college.

Once the packet is reviewed, select staff members from both Aberdeen and Edgewood areas select the best candidate packet and determine to whom leadership recognition should be granted.

By winning the Youth of the Year and Quarter awards, Sharp and Cook are eligible to compete on a national level for the same competition.

Sharp said she hopes her efforts will encourage other teens to do the same.

"This opportunity has really helped prepare me for my future and I hope that other teens my age see that they can do the same," Sharp said.

## Billick

From front page

Wrapping up, Billick said that winning the decisions you make means understanding there is rarely only one option, and that the biggest mistake is making decisions where the outcome is about you.

"Don't let it be about your ego, and remember, you're not

going to satisfy everyone," Billick said. "Sometimes you have to stick your neck out for the greater good."

In closing, Billick took several questions from the audience. Predictably, one of the first inquired how he felt about the Raven's future.

"I couldn't be more excited," Billick said. "We have an outstanding general manager and the youngest team in the NFL, and we're working with more capital. It's going to be

exciting to watch this team grow and win another championship."

Before departing, Billick signed autographs and posed for photos for all who were willing to wait in the long line.

Many commented that the talk was timely and impressive.

"It was great," said Master Sgt. Timothy Sprucbank, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion. "It was very influencing and similar to our leadership tactics."

Staff Sgt. Donald Schultz, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, who obtained Billick's autograph for his son, said the lecture was relevant and informative.

"It's very related to what we do, and can be applied in almost any environment," Schultz said.

Adding his satisfaction, Eric Henderson, Aberdeen Area Youth Center sports division, said the talk was "very informative and provided good pointers," for leaders and subordinates.

Henderson, the father of University of Maryland All American linebacker and Aberdeen native E.J. Henderson, got Billick to sign a photograph of his son, while conversing about an upcoming combine for NFL hopefuls.

Prior to the program, Doesburg, Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, Byrne Huntley, director of Information Management, Command Sgts. Maj. James Barkley, SBCCOM and Ronald Stallings, APG Garrison, Joseph Craten, garrison civilian deputy, and others welcomed Billick backstage to a dressing room filled with Ravens memorabilia and refreshments.

Adding his appreciation of the successful program, Huntley thanked the Garrison and Pamela Carcieri, chief of DOIM's Mail and Records Management Division who coordinated Billick's appearance.

# Community Notes

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20 BLACK HISTORY PRESENTATION

Edgewood Elementary School will present a Black History Production at 2 p.m. Activities include vocal and musical selections by students, skits, black facts and more. Special guest Attorney James E. Henson Sr. will give a presentation on his great uncle, Matthew A. Henson. Matthew A. Henson was a co-discoverer of the North Pole with Commander Robert E. Peary in 1909. Henson was born in Charles County, Md., Aug. 8, 1866, and was a companion to Peary for over 20 years. Snow date is Feb. 21.

RSVP to Donna Lewis, 410-612-1540, by Feb. 18.

## VFW POST 6054 PRESENTS KARAOKE

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 presents karaoke featuring TC & Company from 8 p.m. to midnight. There is no cover charge. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21 CHICKEN AND FISH DINNER

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will sell chicken and fish dinners for \$6 from 10:30 a.m. until dinners are sold out. The proceeds will benefit the Church's Annual Woman's Day program scheduled for March 23. To place orders, call 410-939-2267.

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 24 WAITING FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP

Army Community Service is sponsoring Waiting Families Support Group for family members whose sponsors are on extended temporary

duty or on an unaccompanied tour stateside or overseas. The support group will meet the fourth Monday of the month from 7 to 8 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 2754, Rodman Road.

To arrange for child-care, call in advance, space is limited. For more information, call Cheryl Harris, relocation assistant, at 410-278-7474.

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27 AFRICAN AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC

The APG Black Employment Program will present Folk Music of African Americans, presented by Devonna B. Rowe, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E-4810. For more information, call Jackie Pitts, 410-436-2771, Brenda Clayton, 410-436-3856 or Nancy Coleman-Jones, 410-306-1386.

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28 USO-METRO JOB FAIR

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services, or JETS, will co-host a job fair, 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 high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies, financial service companies and more. 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. For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth, 703-696-2552.

## SATURDAY MARCH 1 VFW BASKET BINGO

The Fifth District Scholarship Fund, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Maryland, 1714 Morse Road, Jarrettsville, will hold Basket Bingo at 6 p.m. Call Jim at 410-557-6743 or Tina at 410-452-5396.

## 'STATES RALLY'

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, are hosting a "States Rally" at 3 p.m. The program will benefit the church's Annual Woman's Day program scheduled for March 23. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

## SUNDAY MARCH 2 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH LUNCHEON

The Harford County Commission for Women will hold the 19th Annual Women's History Month Luncheon, 12:15 to 4 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, Van Bibber Road, Edgewood. This year's theme is "Living to Learn. Learning to Live." Guest speaker will be Dr. Jennifer Weeks Sekowski, a molecular toxicologist at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. Sekowski was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans for 2002. Cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person; reservations must be made by Feb. 24.

For more information, or to request disability-related accommodations, call Karen Tegges, 410-638-4444.

## TUESDAY MARCH 4 PANCAKE SUPPER

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, are hosting a Pancake Supper that includes pancakes,

## MOVIES

The PostTheater will be closed Friday, Feb. 21, and Saturday, Feb. 22, due to preparations for the annual OC&S Wilbur Davis Gospel Night.

eggs, grits, sausage, bacon, cream beef, biscuits, fried potatoes, orange juice, coffee and tea. The cost is \$7. The proceeds will benefit the church's Annual Woman's Day program scheduled for March 23. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

## FRIDAY MARCH 7 COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8; cash bar and no lessons. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

## MONDAY MARCH 10 to 14 ADAPT COURSE

Army Drug and Alcohol Prevention Training will be held Monday through Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday, 5 to 9 p.m. All military families and civilian employees are invited to attend. For more information, call Troy Denson at 410-278-3137.



# Morale, Recreation & Welfare

## Activities

### Introduction to belly dancing

This eight-week class teaches exercises to increase flexibility and strength using hand and arm movements, oriental dance steps, veil work, and shimmies. The first class will be held on March 5 at the AA Recreation Center from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Register by Feb. 25 at MWR Registration. Cost is \$40.

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

### Pet health class

Friday, Feb. 28 learn about how to care for pets from veterinarian experts. Get the inside information on nutrition and diet, medical care, physical, and psychological guidelines. Class will be held at the EA Conference Center and costs \$10. Register by Feb. 26 at MWR Registration or on-line at www.apgmwr.com. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

### Introduction to home computer security

Find out how to be protected from on-line computer hackers and viruses. This is a must for beginners who want to learn how to take the necessary steps to make their home computers safe and secure. Class will be held on March 3 at the AA Library from



6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Register by Feb. 28 at MWR Registration or on-line at www.apgmwr.com. Cost is \$10. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

### Tai Chi

Beginning March 3 learn to strengthen and stretch the body with Tai Chi. This four-week class will help develop the deeper meditative side of Tai Chi through footwork, balance and coordination by practicing the four basic stances. Classes will be held in the AA Youth Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday.

Another class will be held in the EA Fitness Center starting March 5, 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Cost is \$40 or \$100 for three consecutive months. Register by Feb. 24 at MWR Registration or go online at www.apgmwr.com. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

### 'Luck O' Irish' Basket Bingo

Get those bingo blotters ready. MWR is bringing Basket Bingo back on Feb. 21 at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. There will be famous name baskets and more. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available for purchase. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10. Purchase tickets at MWR Registration. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@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.

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

## APG CHILD, YOUTH SERVICES

### SCHOOL AGE/MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICES SUMMER PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Summer Program will run for eight weeks, June 23 through Aug. 15, Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

You may sign up for the

weeks that fit your schedule. There will be no program on July 4.

For questions or further information, call the Outreach Services Office at 410-278-7571/7479

## APG closing announcements

If the installation is closed, is experiencing a delay in opening or if liberal leave is in effect due to weather or other emergency situations, check for postings on the local television and radio stations (listed below), WAPG-TV Channel 3 (on Aberdeen Proving Ground), or call 410-278-SNOW (7669). A recorded telephone message will contain updated information and should begin at about 5 a.m.

Announcements about federal offices in the greater Baltimore metropolitan area do not apply to APG; listen for those that name APG specifically.

For general information, call 410-278-1147, the APG Public Affairs Office.

The radio and television stations are:

Station	Frequency	Location
WAMD	AM 970	Aberdeen
WXCX	FM 103.7	Havre de Grace
WBAL	AM 1090	Baltimore
WIYY	FM 97.9	Baltimore
WPOC	FM 93.1	Baltimore
WDEL	AM 1150	Wilmington, Del.
WSTW	FM 93.7	Wilmington, Del.
WSBA	AM 910	York, Pa.
WARM	FM 103.3	York, Pa.
WROZ	FM 101.3	Lancaster, Pa.
WBAL-TV	Channel 11	Baltimore
WMAR-TV	Channel 2	Baltimore
WBFF-TV	Channel 45	Baltimore
WJZ-TV	Channel 13	Baltimore

## First Lady of Gospel to visit APG



**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

The renowned First Lady of Gospel, Shirley Caesar is bringing her energetic style to Aberdeen Proving Ground for the First Annual Gospel Concert, "Celebrating the Gospel in Song," March 8 in the Post Theater. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door.

Coordinated by Morale Welfare and Recreation program manager, Earlene Allen, the show features Caesar and the Caesar Singers. Allen said sales are brisk for the popular gospel star.

"Seating is very limited. Anyone wanting tickets should call for reservations right away as they are going fast," Allen said.

Tickets may be purchased over the phone by credit card, she added.

In addition, those without government identification cards may call in advance to have their name placed on a roster that will be on hand at the gate, Allen said.

"This is just a time saver for convenience sake," she said.

For tickets, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4907 or visit building 3326. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or email her at earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Courtesy  
www.rollingstone.com

## The Golf Cup

### Tom Green

#### Preparing for spring thaw

Happy Holidays to everyone...wait a minute...that was a few months ago. It just feels like the holiday season when I looked out my window. More white than green definitely does not bode well for a golf professional, especially on an Army post.

But seriously, golf season will be upon us soon enough, Punxsutawney Phil did see his shadow last week.

Many golfers are asking what they could or should be doing this time of year to help their game when spring does finally arrive. My basic suggestions are as follows: stretch, cardiovascular exercise, swing indoors, preferably with a weighted swing trainer, and if possible, get to an indoor driving range.

#### Stretch

This is the single most important thing a golfer can do to benefit his or her swing on an ongoing basis. I heard a television announcer say last week, that Tiger spends two to three hours a day stretching

and then works out with weights.

A great Web site that shows golf stretching exercises is [www.findalesson.com/stretching.htm](http://www.findalesson.com/stretching.htm).

#### Cardiovascular exercise

This can be as simple as taking a 15 to 20 minute walk around the neighborhood or if the weather is bad outside, mall walking is very popular. Many of the area malls allow people to walk during the few hours before the stores open in the heated and not snowy hallways.

Gyms and fitness centers have a wide assortment of cardiovascular equipment to include treadmills, stair machines, stationary bicycles, to name a few. A regular fitness program using this type of equipment can build strength and stamina, and will help lose those few extra pounds gained during the real holiday season.

#### Swing indoors

Third is to swing indoors, preferably with a weighted swing trainer. The swing trainer is a very helpful device that simulates the release in a real golf swing. The added weight helps strengthen the "golf specific" muscles. Some good swing

trainers are the Protater, the Medicus, and the Momentus. There are many different trainers on the market. I think it is more beneficial to have added weight as well as the swinging motion.

#### Indoor driving range

Finally, if time allows, visit an indoor hitting range or a simulator to "play" a round or two. While these are much more fun than swinging in the living room or basement, they can get expensive, so make sure to take a friend or regular foursome to the simulator to share the cost.

For answers to other golf questions, call me at Ruggles Golf Course at 410-278-4794 and I will be happy to help you find any of the things discussed in this article.

For information about one of the fitness centers or gyms on post, call Jeff Pettitway at 410-278-7933 or Gwyn Dolzine at 410-278-9725.

One final thought, the snow will melt, eventually.

Opening Day Scrambles are April 5 at Ruggles and April 13 at Exton.

## More March activities

### Fundamentals of fencing

This sport is one of the oldest and most fascinating in the world. The skills and timing involved for the execution of the quick movements are astonishing. All equipment is provided.

Classes will start on March 4 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Cost for class is \$25. Register by Feb. 28 at MWR Registration or online at www.apgmwr.com.

For more information contact Charles Heinsohn, 410-278-3868, or email charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

### Introduction to golf

This two-hour class will help take the fear out of the game for the first time golfer. Class includes a brief tour of the club house, a demonstration on how the ball machine works, and discusses golf etiquette and the difference between golf

clubs. Each participant will receive a special gift. Class will be held on March 9 at Ruggles Golf Course from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$30. Register by Feb. 29 at MWR Registration or online at www.apgmwr.com.

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

### Crop until your drop

Get your own photos ready! MWR is hosting a "crop" for beginners as well as advanced scrappers. Professional scrap booking consultants will be on-site to teach beginners how its done. Lots of door prizes and raffles, along with loads of fun.

Class will be held March 15 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Register by March 7 at MWR Registration or online at

[www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com). Cost for this class is \$10, and an extra \$5 for instruction.

For more information, contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

### Introduction to weight training and conditioning

This series of classes is designed to improve strength, flexibility, and endurance.

Instruction will cover specific exercises and techniques which can help make your body stronger, fitter and more flexible. Classes will start on March 10 at the APG Athletic Center from 6 to 7 p.m. Register by March 7 at MWR Registration or online at www.apgmwr.com.

Cost for this class is \$25. For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or email charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

## Chili-cook-off and golf tournament postponed

The chili cook-off and golf tournament have been postponed until March 8 and 15 to 16 due to weather conditions.

If you have any questions regarding this tournament or cook-off please contact Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.



## Bay Trust grant deadline approaching

Deadline for applications for the next quarterly Chesapeake Bay Trust grants of up to \$25,000 is 5 p.m. March 14. Applications with original signature must be received in the office by then. Grantees will be notified in May. Schools or organizations that have projects planned for the spring should submit their application now, as the next deadline will be July 18, with notification in September.

Grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations, community associations, civic groups, schools and public agencies that contribute to revitalizing the Chesapeake Bay for results-oriented activities to promote public awareness and participation in the restoration and protection of the Bay, and must engage either students or

volunteers. Grants are not awarded in support of endowments, individuals, building campaigns, deficit financing, annual giving, or research.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a private, nonprofit grant-making foundation whose mission is to promote awareness and public participation in the protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. Proceeds from private donations, the Line 37 Maryland Income Tax Check-off, and the

popular "Treasure the Chesapeake" Blue Heron Commemorative License Plates have allowed the Trust to fund over \$13 million since 1985.

For more information about the Chesapeake Bay Trust or to apply for a grant, contact the organization at 410-974-2941 (ext. 5) or visit [www.chesapeakebaytrust.org](http://www.chesapeakebaytrust.org).



# CAC meeting focuses on child's play

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

The January meeting of APG representatives to the Community Action Council yielded a variety of information with the main focus on the installation playground modification program presented by Bert Scott, director of Installation Operations.

Scott said the program objective is to reduce maintenance costs, centralize equipment and increase safety.

"Currently, with 33 playgrounds with safety deficiencies, it's hard to maintain with the lack of funds we have for maintenance," Scott said.

He said the plan is to complete construction of Super Playgrounds, complete smaller playgrounds in remote areas and establish joint use of youth services playgrounds.

"Super playgrounds consist of larger sites with flexibility for future expansion for kids aged 1 to 5 and 5 to 12," he added.

The preferred sites for these super playgrounds include Bayside Village, Patriot

Village, New Chesapeake Gardens, Skippers Point and the Edgewood Area Youth Center.

"The objective is that no one has to walk more than eight minutes to get to a playground," Scott said.

## Employment Readiness

Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service Employment Readiness, briefed on supporting family members in regard to family relocation. Assisted by Fred Posadas, ACS, Howard explained that the office sends out information to those leaving quarters and those being assigned quarters.

"We encourage family members to visit ACS and check out the programs we have to fulfill their needs," Howard said.

## Roundtable discussion

Attendees included representatives from post organizations, units and housing areas. During the roundtable discussion housing area representatives raised the following issues:

### Austin Road

Houses on Everette Road were power

washed.

Response: Residents may sign for power washers at the Re-Nu-It Centers.

### Patriot Village-East

Residents are advised that if snow removal equipment operators cannot drive up the cul-de-sac safely without damaging vehicles parked on the street, that street will be skipped and remain uncleared. Residents should not park on the street when snowfall is anticipated.

### Patriot Village-West

Delivery of the APG News at the mailboxes has become a problem as papers get wet and blown into storm drains. Consideration should be given to discontinuing delivery since the paper is available at the commissary and exchange.

Response: The DIC responded that she still would like to see the papers delivered to family housing.

### Bayside Village

Residents have expressed concerns about needed repairs and reporting speeding drivers.

Response: To call in a service order, call 410-306-1400 in the Aberdeen Area and 410-436-3731 in the Edgewood Area.

To contact the police desk to report speeders, call 410-306-0564/0565 in the AA and 410-436-2222/2125 in the EA.

During closing comments the DIC made the following points:

Residential Communities Initiatives (RCI) APG may be moved up on the priority list to FY 05/06 budget.

"I challenge you to keep raising housing issues. We will keep you informed as more information on RCI becomes available."

About privatization, she added, "The Army has said, 'If you are not a war fighter – you will be privatized.'"

"Privatization will be more evident in everything we do."

The next Community Action Council meeting is Feb. 20, 1:30 p.m. in the Edgewood Conference Center, Bldg. E-4810, across from the Edgewood Area Chapel.

## LEAVE DONATION

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

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

**and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should contact Dave Mial, 410-278-1524, to complete a termination form.**

William G. Argiropoulos	Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)	Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)	(mater-nity)	Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)
Mary A Banaszak	Geraldine S. Cragg	Theresa L. Hutchins	William B. McLean (kidney failure)	Ricky Ross (heart attack)	Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)	Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)	Stacy Miller (maternity)	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)	Michelle L. Watters
Mildred T. Becker (surgery)	Jessica L. Dang (maternity)	Marcia Johnson (caregiver for daughter)	Michelle Millary (taking care of father)	Jennifer W. Sekowski	Sherry Schaffer
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Rene de Pontbriand	Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	John E. Mogan (surgery)	Diane Scott	Beverly A. Werner (surgery)
Gretchen E. Blethen	Tricia Lin Dietz	Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg)	Calvin E. Peake	Lena Shelton	Michael R. Willard
Robert J. Boonstoppel (surgery)	Fred Dill	Jennifer Keetley (mater-nity)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)	Teresa L. Shores	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Joseph R. Dugan	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Karen S Pense	Colvin J. Strickler II	Ludilina O. Valarao (surgery)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Messina Enderlein	William Klein	Mary E. Pettitway (surgery)	Rachel Swearingen	Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
Tammy Budkey	Wayne Erb (wife is ill)	Anita L Koller (care for husband)	Linda M. D. Queen	Hilary P. Talbot	Wanda L. Waldon (surgery)
Jane E. Calahan (surgery)	Patty Gibson	Carrie L. Lambert	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)	Gale L. Thompson (surgery)	*Colleen Waller
Patricia D. Choate	Edgar W. Greer		Michael Reynolds	Alison Tichenor (surgery)	Josephine O. Wojiechowski (care for elderly parents)
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)		Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)	Susan J. Townsend (surgery)	
	Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)		Denise Robinson	Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)	

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

# Tax center expands, consolidates

**Sonya P. Reynolds**  
APG News

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Jan. 31 to celebrate the expansion of the new and improved Consolidated Tax Center of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Prior to the renovation, tax advisors were located at individual units who assisted soldiers in tax preparation and then carried the prepared filings to the tax office for review by Sioux Grendahl, chief of Client Services, tax officer and attorney.

Sandy Williams, installation tax coordinator, said all taxes had to be reviewed by an attorney before electronically filing them. She also noted in the past taxes were prepared in any office available.

"Before we were scattered around," Williams said. "Whatever office was available is where we prepared and reviewed taxes."

Staff Judge Advocate Lt. Col. Jill Grant said the process is less complicated now and in a nicer facility.

"This year is new and improved because we are truly a consolidated tax center," Grant said. "Now the tax advisors will be here - manning the post."

She said this is a great help to Grendahl and Williams for several reasons.

Williams elaborated saying in the past she and Grendahl alone prepared more than 60 percent of the taxes. Since they streamlined the process, they have 30 tax advisors on site to assist with all tax preparations.

According to Williams, they now have room for a lot more appointments, where before they were swamped. They are able to provide a more efficient and quality service in addition to a drop-off service.

With the changes made to the new and improved tax center, soldiers are now able to get in, get out and get on with their lives.

Grant recognized Alinda Doughty, representative from the Internal Revenue Service, saying she has always been available to assist in

tax preparation.

In addition, she expressed gratitude to Sgt. 1st Class Patrick McGrattan for playing a key role in the expansion.

"He played an instrumental role in making this tax center as nice as it is this year," Grant said. Adding that his arrival at APG from Germany came just in time.

"Sgt. McGrattan came to us in the November-December timeframe because his wife was having a baby and there were some complications. He got a temporary compassionate re-assignment, which really worked out well," Grant said. "Sioux told him what needed to be done and he got it done, and that's why this place looks so great."

Grant gave special thanks to Williams noting without her efforts the expansion would not have happened. Grant said Williams was instrumental in coordinating with the IRS, getting necessary forms and the computer software needed to run the center.

Grant also recognized Marla Rushing, contractor for the Army Research Laboratory, saying she was a Good Samaritan who out of the goodness of her heart stepped in and provided them with much-needed office furniture.

Rushing was having her taxes prepared last year when she and Williams engaged in a conversation about needing filing cabinets, Grant said, adding Williams did not give the conversation a second thought until Rushing called and told her they were getting new office furniture and she had some furniture they could have.

She closed by saying teamwork is what made the expansion of the tax center possible.

"Things like this are indicative of the spirit of this installation and the command," Grant said.

The staff at the new and improved consolidated tax center in building 310 is eagerly waiting to assist soldiers with tax preparation.

If you have any questions, call them at 410-278-1208.

## Sendoffs

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women.

"We are here to say how much we appreciate and love you folks," Maxwell said.

Duvall, a Korean War veteran, said it was an honor to play the role of a brilliant soldier. He said preparing for the role was an emotional and cerebral process.

"My father was a military man from Northern Virginia so I drew emotion from that," Duvall said, adding he studied Lee to complete the process.

"You can read 150 books but you need the emotional source to rely on," he said.

Spacek, the nephew of noted actor Cissy Spacek, and who plays Capt. James Powers Smith, aide-de-camp to Stonewall Jackson, said he also researched his character and was moved by the amount of devotion soldiers had for their leaders during the bloodiest period in American history.

"The love these men had for Jackson was undeniable," Spacek said. "It was a challenge to recreate that."

Maxwell said that while nothing about making the film was easy, it would not have been completed without support from the surrounding communities in Maryland and Virginia that included help from local governments, politicians and Civil War reenactor groups.

"With great humility, our goal was to create an epic," Maxwell said. "The work within it speaks of flesh and blood human beings without putting them on a pedestal."

"We can't pretend the epic style does not exist," he continued. "Jackson was almost a

mythic hero responsible for some of the most brilliant battles of the time. In every way, this is an epic tale. It's our epic tale."

Elaine Rogers, USO Metro president, thanked the group for contributing to an "unforgettable send-off for our troops," adding that military leaders throughout the Military District of Washington were "thrilled with the event."

"We've had calls from every branch of the military from the Pentagon offering thanks to you for being here," Rogers said.

"This was a very big moment for the USO," she added. "It shows there are a lot of people out there saying thank you to the Armed Forces and that's what's important to us."

Several present included troops from local installations who agreed the day was special.

"I'm an absolute fan of Duvall's," said Fort Meade installation Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Ware. "This made me really want to see the movie."

Spc. Christopher Malone, from Fort Meade's 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, said he brought a copy of "Apocalypse Now" in hopes of getting Duvall to sign it.

"I've followed him for years. This film looks incredible. I'll definitely go see it," Malone said.

Petty Officer Kevin Hyatt, Military Processing Station, Elkridge, Md., brought his 2-year old daughter, Syan to the occasion.

"I'm a big fan of military history movies," Hyatt said. "I couldn't miss this. It's all about us."

The USO Operation Care Package is a Department of Defense sponsored program that offers morale-boosting gifts and messages to those departing for Operation Enduring Freedom.

## USO

*From front page*

"I wasn't a fan before but I am now," said a major as he tucked away his new t-shirt.

Even the wrestlers were touched by the event.

"We enjoyed knowing they appreciate what we did," said De-Von Dudley. "We just

wanted to let them know that what we do is nothing compared to what they go through."

Molly said she was just as thrilled to meet "those who give so much for us."

"It was fantastic. The USO is doing a great job supporting our troops. I was glad to be a part of it," she said.

"Sometimes the armed forces doesn't get enough

credit, but you could tell they appreciated what we did today," added Bubba Ray Dudley.

"My hat's off to them. I couldn't do what they do for one day."

Jacqueline said she was grateful for the chance to "give something back."

"They are risking their lives for us," she said. "It made me proud to be an American.

## Snow

*From front page*

Center and soldiers from the Ordnance Center and Schools.

"During the storm we were also receiving units for mobilization," she said. "A special thanks goes out to the folks from military personnel, transportation and Kirk U.S. Army Hospital's medical and dental units for helping us do our best to support the deploying

soldiers."

Mark asked residents and employees to be patient as there may be areas that are not cleared yet. She requests residents in the family housing areas move vehicles off the roads so that the plows can get through. Employees are requested to park in parking areas that are cleared.

The post reopened on Wednesday. APG officials encourage employees to listen to local radio and television stations to find out if the post is closed due to adverse weather conditions or they can call 410-278-SNOW.