

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Aug. 6, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program is holding its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on July 31, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. 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.

Post Chapel holds vacation Bible school

The Post Chapel invites all children to attend Vacation Bible School program Aug. 4 to 8, 6 to 8:30 p.m., open to all ages kindergarten through 12th grade. There will be a barbeque Friday night closing out the week's activities. Call the Chapel, 410-278-4333, to register children.

Safety reminder

The APG Garrison Safety Council reminds motorists that turning on headlights when operating windshield wipers.

Turning them on at dusk is also a good safety habit.

New hours for Aberdeen Shoppette

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.

APG Women's Equality Day program

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women's Program Women's Equality Day awards program will be held Aug. 14, 10 a.m., at the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E-4810. Guest speaker Brenda Taylor, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will speak to the theme, "Building

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Korean War veterans celebrate armistice

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Members of Harford County's Korean War Veterans Association celebrated the 50th anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending hostilities in Korea with a dinner at American Legion Post #47 in Havre de Grace, July 26.

The Armistice was signed July 27, 1953.

Retired Lt. Col. and Aberdeen Proving Ground employee Arthur "Dub" Garrett was the guest speaker for the program that included a candle-lighting for deceased comrades and a Missing in Action/Prisoner of War ceremony.

J. Noble Mentzer was the master of ceremonies and APG parish priest Father John J. Bauer delivered the invocation and benediction.

Mentzer noted that much has been said and written about the war during the three-year Korean War commemoration period thanks to the efforts of local and national commemoration committees.

He recognized Raymond Astor of Havre de Grace, who served as Harford County's 50th Anniversary coordinator, and Blair Cross of Fallston, who served as the national representative for Maryland, for bringing about a greater knowledge of the era and its veterans.

"Apparently we are reaching the point where we will no longer be regarded as members of the forgotten war," Mentzer



From left, Korean War Veterans Association members Jack Taylor and Raymond Roszak light candles in honor of "those who have passed on to Post Everlasting" during the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice ceremony at American Legion Post #47 in Havre de Grace, July 26.

said.

Noting the growth of the organization, that began with a handful of members in 1993 and now boasts 155, Mentzer welcomed the group's newest member, retired Marine Lt. Col. Robert D. Turcell, now serving as a colonel in the South Carolina Military Department for the state's

Adjutant General.

Russell Culley led the MIA ceremony. He reminded the veterans of the great deeds performed in bringing freedom and democracy to Korea.

"You made a difference," Culley said. "However, we must never forget the price we pay for freedom. As we ask God for peace in Iraq and in

other nations of the world, we must remember that the bringing of peace has always come through personal sacrifice."

The MIA table included the traditional white tablecloth, a single rose, a plate with a slice of lemon and sprinkling of salt, an inverted glass, a candle, a red ribbon and an American flag.

Culley described and explained the significance of each item on the table and asked for prayers for those still missing.

"Let us pray that all of our comrades will soon be back within our ranks," he said. "May God forever watch over them."

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One of 19 statues that make up the Korean War Veterans Memorial stands silently as visitors take in carvings on the surrounding wall after the National Salute to Korean War Veterans ceremony in Washington, D.C., July 27.

National ceremony salutes Korean War veterans

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Thousands of Korean War veterans, family members and survivors descended on Washington, D.C., for the weekend-long National Salute to Korean War Veterans, July 25 to 27.

The festivities culminated with a wreath laying at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall, July 27.

Former Marine colonel and TV personality Ed McMahon led the official party for the Sunday morning ceremony that included Paul Wolfowitz, deputy to the Secretary of Defense, Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Robert Rider, U.S. Postal Service, board of governors.

Pace said he learned early that there are things worth fighting for and that some things, when left unchallenged, grow much worse.

"The greatest gift you give to us is the legacy of taking care of each other in battle," Pace said. "Those famous battles in which you fought so well are our legacy."

Wolfowitz, noting that the "guns of war stood silent 50 years ago today," said that the memorial is "an enduring reminder to posterity."

"Some have concluded the war was a stalemate," Wolfowitz said. "On the contrary, because we fought and sacrificed, the people of South Korea have had peace for 50 years. That was no stalemate."

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Assistant Secretary of the Army tours OMMS

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School was standing tall and looking good as it hosted a tour of the Army's ordnance headquarters for Reginald J. Brown, assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, July 24.

Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, chief of Ordnance and OMMS commander, and Col. Paul Meredith, commander, 61st Ordnance Brigade, welcomed Brown and his entourage who included Col. William Trout, assistant deputy for training; Lt. Col. Steve Apland, military assistant to the secretary; John McLaurin, deputy to the secretary; and Theresa Beatty, assistant for Civilian Personnel Management.

Stevenson and OMMS senior officers and sergeant majors provided an overview of the Ordnance Corps in the headquarters conference room for Brown shortly after his arrival.

Citing the corps' maintenance, explosive ordnance disposal and ammunition missions, Stevenson detailed the active, reserve, and National Guard components' officer and enlisted missions and training.

"The ordnance school vision includes trained and ready soldiers and sustaining combat effectiveness with a reduced logistical footprint," Stevenson said.

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Reginald J. Brown, assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, has lunch and a chat with the top four drill sergeants from the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School in the building 4503 dining facility, July 24. From left, Staff Sgt. Brian Brillhart, and Sgts. 1st Class Chester Barrett, Victor Alana, master instructor, and Brian Mainor, 2001 APG Drill Sergeant of the Year.

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Interpreting The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act

1st Lt. Joseph Michael Owens
OSJA

This article answers some commonly answered questions regarding the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act

The SSCRA provides protection to persons entering or called onto active duty in the U.S. armed forces. Reservists and members of the National Guard, when in active federal service, are also protected under the SSCRA. The act also protects certain dependents. The protection begins with the date of entry onto active duty service and terminates upon release from active duty. However, some protections under the SSCRA extend for a limited time beyond discharge but are tied to the discharge date. Additionally, some of the act's protections extend to the members' dependents.

Service members are entitled to the protections of the SSCRA once they show that military service has materially affected their ability to fulfill certain civil obligations. However, they must take the initiative to protect the rights afforded to them under the SSCRA. Some protections offered under the SSCRA are explained below.

Six percent interest cap

The SSCRA prescribes a maximum interest rate of six percent on some pre-service debts. If a service member incurs a financial obligation before entry onto active duty, they may be able to lower the interest rate to six percent, unless the creditor (mortgage, bank, finance company, credit card insurer, etc.) can prove in court that the service member's ability to pay was not materially affected by military service.

The act does not apply to any obligation entered into by a military borrower after his or her military service has commenced nor does the six percent interest cap apply to federally guaranteed student loans. Service members may be eligible for this protection if the following criteria are met:

- They incurred the financial obligation during a time when they were not on any form of active duty in any branch of the military;
- the interest rate in currently above 6 percent per year;
- military service affects the service member's ability to pay at the regular (pre-service) interest rate. Generally, this requirement means they either receive less income or incur greater expenses than they would be making as a civilian; and
- the service member notifies the lender or card issuer.

The notice to the lender is important because it informs them that the service member is on active duty. Service members

should remember to include a copy of active duty orders with the written notification. Once a lender is notified, the burden is on them to prove that military service has not materially affected the service member's ability to pay.

Stay of proceedings

The SSCRA permits a service member who is a party (one of the people suing or being sued) to a civil case (not a criminal case), to stay or temporarily delay the proceedings until they can appear in court. The request, usually made by the commander, may be made at any stage of the proceedings. Generally this requires a showing of two facts/elements.

- The service member must show that a military duty is keeping them from attending court; and
- there must be actual harm to the service member's case if they do not appear.

This second requirement usually means that the service member's presence in court is absolutely necessary to prevent permanent harm. The stay of proceedings may be requested in all civil cases. The court must review the circumstances and make a determination as to the request.

Administrative hearings are not subject to the SSCRA stay proceedings. Paternity and child support hearings are usually considered administrative hearings. Service members cannot use the SSCRA to request a stay of proceedings on child support issues. Furthermore, the Welfare Reform Act requires states to set up administrative proceedings to expedite the handling of child support and paternity claims that are not subject to the SSCRA stay protection. Instead, appropriate arrangements for hearings involving family support or paternity cases must be made. It is best for service members to ask for leave from their commander and attend the hearing.

Default judgements

A default judgment is a judgment entered against someone for not answering or responding to a notice from the court or plaintiff in the time allotted. The SSCRA allows service members as a defendant to re-open a default judgment if:

- The service member did not make an appearance in the case;
- the service member who can show that their duty materially affected their ability to respond; and
- the service member had a meritorious defense.

The judgment must have been entered during the term of service or within 30 days after the termination of service. The service member must make an application to challenge the default judgment during the term of service or within 90 days of termi-

nation.

In order to obtain relief from a default judgment, the service member must not have made an appearance. Filing an answer to a complaint is an appearance. Also a letter from a legal assistance attorney may be considered an appearance. Some things that are not considered appearances are letters from service member's commander to the court, or letters to opposing counsel.

If the opposing party knows the other party is in the military, that party has an obligation under the SSCRA to inform the court. The law requires courts to determine whether a defendant is on active duty military service before any court can issue a default judgment.

Leases

Generally, an activation for military service serves as adequate grounds to terminate a lease agreement. If a service member has a lease for a house, apartment, or even a business location, they may be able to terminate the lease early when placed on active duty. The requirements are:

- A service member originally signed a lease when they were not on any form of active duty; and
- the service member receives orders to active duty.

The service member must give 30 days written notice to their landlord that they want to terminate the lease early. The service member may still have to pay rent for a short while. Landlords can charge rent for 30 days after the date the next rent is due. For example, the service member gives notice on Dec. 15 and the next rent is normally due Jan. 1. The landlord can make the service member pay rent until Jan. 31. The key is to get the written notice in the landlord's hands as soon as possible.

Apartments

A service member, and his or her dependent may seek protection from eviction under the SSCRA. The rental property must be occupied by the service member or their dependents for the purpose of housing and the rent cannot exceed \$1,200. The service member or dependent that has received notice of an eviction must submit a request to the court for protection under the SSCRA. If the court finds that the service member's military duties have materially affected his ability to pay his rent timely, the judge may order a stay or postponement of the eviction proceeding for up to three months or make any other "just" order.

For more information about the SSCRA, contact the Aberdeen Proving Ground Legal Assistance Office at 410-278-1583.

New ePIN feature goes live for Army myPay users

www.dfas.mil

Army personnel can now obtain their myPay personal identification numbers by using a new online feature called ePIN. myPay is an online system operated by Defense Finance and Accounting Service. ePIN is available to active, reserve, guard, civilians and military retirees with Army Knowledge Online accounts.

"We are constantly looking for ways to make myPay even more user friendly," said Pat Shine, director of DFAS Military and Civilian Pay Services. "ePIN will make this valuable pay management tool more accessible to our Army customers."

ePIN greatly simplifies the process of gaining access to myPay. Personnel can visit the myPay Web site, <https://myPay.dfas.mil>, and click on the "New PIN" button. The system will verify the identity of the user through their Social Security Number. The user can elect delivery of the PIN by e-mail or regular mail. E-mail delivery takes

place within 48 hours.

Options available at myPay

- View, print and save leave and earning statements
- Select electronic leave and earning statement
- View and print retiree account statement
- View and print tax statements
- Change federal and state tax withholdings
- Update bank account and electronic funds transfer information
- Manage allotments (civilian/retiree)
- Edit address information
- Manage Savings Bonds (civilian/retiree)
- Control Thrift Savings Plan enrollment (military only)
- View and print travel vouchers (civilian/military)
- myPay is simple and secure

Available nearly 24/7, myPay means no waiting in lines or on the phone. Easy to use menus and clear confirmation messages give customers confidence that

changes they request are made quickly and correctly.

Strong encryption and secure sockets layer technologies combined with user-unique access make myPay safe to use and protect personal information from unauthorized access.

Some related links include <http://www.dfas.mil>, The Defense Finance and Accounting Service, and <https://mypay.dfas.mil>, myPay.

About DFAS

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is the world's largest finance and accounting operation. In fiscal 2002, DFAS paid 5.7 million people, processed more than 11.2 million contractor invoices, made 7.3 million travel payments and disbursed more than \$346.6 billion while reducing overall costs to customers by \$144 million.

For more about the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, visit <http://www.dfas.mil>.

Maryland CPA's launch tax assistance initiative

MACPA

To show appreciation for the Marylanders who have served in combat zones for the U.S. armed services, the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants and its volunteers are launching a statewide effort to provide troops and their families with free tax assistance.

The Internal Revenue Service has suspended compliance actions for taxpayers who are reservists called to active duty, new enlistees and other individuals stationed in a combat zone until 180 days after the taxpayers have returned from the combat service zone. The Maryland Comptroller's Office has said it will follow federal law for extending the filing deadline for military personnel.

That gives military personnel some extra time to comply with U.S. and Maryland tax regulations, and MACPA volunteers are ready to help.

MACPA's "Tax Assistance for Marylanders in the Military" will match qualified military personnel from Maryland with a local CPA who will provide free tax advice and assistance with federal and state income tax filings.

"This program is the best way we could think of to provide tangible support to our fighting men and women and their families," said J. Thomas Hood III, CPA, executive director of MACPA. "The government is doing its part and we are proud to lend our own expertise to this effort."

CPAs who want to volunteer to provide tax help can go to <http://www.macpa.org/services/tamm/volunteer.htm>.

Anyone needing assistance, should go to <http://www.macpa.org/services/tamm/request.htm>. For more information, contact Bill Sheridan at the MACPA, 1-800-783-2036, or e-mail him at bill@macpa.org.

WANTED Volunteers 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. 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. For general information, call 410-278-4907/4011, TTY 410-278-4110.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Poetic kittens

Two kittens with six toes on their fore paws play with a rubber ball in the APG Veterinary Treatment Facility. Commonly known as "Hemingways" because the famous author Ernest Hemingway collected cats with six toes, the kittens are just two of several available for adoption. For more information, contact the VTF at 410-278-4604.

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From front page

Tomorrow's Leaders Today." All civilian and military personnel are invited.

For more information, call Sheryl Coleman, 410-306-0713, or Charlotte Albro, 410-436-4611.

HCC fall credit classes

Registration is underway for fall 2003 credit classes at Harford Community College's Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, building 3146 Raritan Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and alternate Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 410-272-2338 or 410-278-0516.

In addition, registration is taking place at HCC's Registration and Records Office in the Student Center, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Due to budget cutbacks, the Student Center will be closed on Friday and Saturday through Aug. 3). Starting Aug. 4, Student Center hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students who register prior to Aug. 4 will be billed with payment due Aug. 13. Fall classes begin on Sept. 3.

Students may also register for courses by mail or FAX through Sept. 2. Forms and further information are included in the Schedule of Fall 2003 Credit Classes. In addition to the Schedule of Classes being available in the Registration and Records Office, students can access the information at www.harford.edu.

Students who have never attended HCC, or who attended before Spring 2001, should complete an HCC Application for Enrollment prior to registering.

For further information, call the Office of Registration and Records at 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222.

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.

Federally Employed Women scholarship

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women presents the 2003 Dottie Dorman Working Woman's Scholarship. The woman selected will receive a \$300 scholarship to pay for or offset college expenses incurred in pursuit of continuing education. To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a female employee in any federal job in Baltimore, Cecil, or Harford County.
- Currently be pursuing college-level education studies.
- Prepare a short essay (not to exceed one typewritten page) summarizing educational plans and explaining how this scholarship will be used.
- Provide name, home and work addresses, home and work telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, name and telephone number of current supervisor (to confirm federal employment) and name of educational institution.

• Submit application to the Maryland Tri-County FEW Scholarship, c/o Suzanne

Schultz, 952 Chesapeake Drive, Havre de Grace, MD 21078

All applications must be received no later than Aug. 6.

The executive and scholarship committee members will review each essay.

The winner will be announced at the APG Women's Equality Day observance and awards ceremony on Aug. 14, 10 a.m. at the Edgewood Area Conference Center.

One goal of FEW is to increase job opportunities for women in government. The MD Tri-County Chapter believes that education enhances women's opportunities for advancement.

For more information, call Suzanne Schultz, 410-436-2865, or Melissa Smith, 410-642-2411, ext. 5129.

Job search class

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.

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

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 or for Phase III enrollment, Lt.

Col. Mark Valeri at mavaleri@regaldecision.com.

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.

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.

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 or Martha Dennison at 410-278-5918 or e-mail her at mjdennis@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.

Call 410-278-1151 to learn more.

Fact of the week

Consumers recycle approximately 20 percent of all paper.

- Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Solid Waste

MILES checks for post hunting permit discontinued

Jim Pottie
DSHE

Aberdeen Proving Ground will no longer provide MILES/Criminal History Check (background) checks as in the past. The check must now be done by the Maryland Criminal Justice Information System.

A fee of \$23 is required and must be in the form of a check or money order made payable to "CJS." Cash will not be accepted.

To acquire a CHC background check hunters must go to the Criminal Justice Information Service office located in Pikesville, Md.

(Directions: Take the beltway (695) to exit 20. Once on MD 140, follow it towards Pikesville. Go approximately 3.5 miles and watch for "THE PLAZA" shopping center. Turn into the plaza and go the far right corner. To the left there is a building with the numbers 6776 on the front. Enter and go to the second floor, room number 205. Inform the receptionist that a "state" level background check is needed to qualify for an APG Hunting Permit.

The results will be mailed in about six weeks. Early submissions have received responses in six to eight days.

The form must be submitted to the Marine and Wildlife special agent for review prior to buying an APG Hunting Permit.

Once the Checking Stations open they can be left for pickup by the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security. Once the request is approved, an updated roster will be provided to Outdoor Recreation.



John W. Alli, right, the photographer of the Korean War stamp, signs an autograph for Carlton Smith of Rhode Island, a former sergeant with the 3rd Marine Division, after the Armistice Day ceremony on the National Mall, July 27.

A gift from the heart graces Korean War Commemorative Stamp

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The soon to be famous photograph that makes up the Korean War Commemorative Stamp, that was released during the Armistice Day ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., July 27, was taken by John Alli of Catonsville, Md.

Alli is an amateur photographer and a commercial pilot with United Express and an aviator in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

He took the photograph one wintery morning in January 1996.

"My dad was retiring after 40 years of government service; two with the Marine Corps during the Korean War,"

Alli said.

"I just wanted to give him something that would symbolize Korea."

Since his father often spoke of the cold winters in Korea, Alli waited "until the weather was right" and drove his 4-wheel drive truck to the Washington, D.C. memorial about 4 a.m. during a snowstorm.

"It's a tough memorial to photograph," Alli said. "That time of the morning was best because I knew it was lighted and there would be no people around."

After hiking about a mile through the snow, Alli waited until the first light of dawn, and then began photographing the memorial. He said it took about three roles of film to get "just the right image."

He named the photo "Real Life," signed and framed it, and presented it to his father during his retirement

ceremony.

"It was a real hit," Alli said, adding that persons not familiar with the memorial often mistake the figures for real people.

"That's why I named it Real Life. It looks real. That's what makes it so powerful," Alli said.

The following year, the photograph won first place in the Naval Institute Press photography competition and was posted on one of his father's veteran's Web site.

The U.S. Postal service saw the photograph and contacted him about using it, Alli said.

He and his father, William Alli, was present during the July 27 dedication he added.

Since 1986, Alli has been an avid photographer of military aircraft and related subjects. His works have appeared in several international publications. In addition, he has won awards in the 'Aviation Week and Space Technology,' and the U.S. Naval Institute "Proceedings," publications.



VMU-1 breaks flight hour record

Army Spc. Bronwyn M. Meyer and Cpl. John R. Rocha

367th MPAD/3rd MAW

Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1 surpassed the old standard of annual flight hours by a country mile while supporting Operation Southern Watch and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Pioneer squadrons are usually allotted only 200 hours of flight time per fiscal year. To fly 1,000 hours in nine months is a remarkable feat considering the unit had to move many times through Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Pioneer is a medium range tactical unmanned aerial vehicle equipped with a sophisticated camera to provide intelligence and an eagle-eye view of the battlefield.

The unit has been supporting operations in Kuwait and Iraq since the end of February. During this time the squadron flew about 900 hours.

Throughout Operation Southern Watch and Operation Iraqi Freedom, the unit worked tirelessly to keep the Pioneers up in the sky, which provided valuable information to the troops on the ground according to personnel.

"Everybody has been working around the clock," said

Cpl. Greg Dube, VMU-1 avionics technician from Somersworth, N.H.

Through the squadron's many moves, the Marines of VMU-1 flew from rugged sites, including roadways, dirt strips, or abandoned taxiways, wherever they could find room to operate the Pioneers.

"When everything first started we were landing on dirt runways," said Cpl. Kassie Council, VMU-1 UAV operator, and San Antonio, Texas native.

"We had to learn to fly in difficult conditions."

VMU-1 moved eight times since they arrived in Kuwait in mid-February.

"The squadron has never been this mobile before, constantly setting up equipment and preparing to fly within two to four hours of reaching their destination," said Dube. "We've never moved this fast before."

"There is a lot of team work out here," said Cpl. Francisco Manzo, VMU-1 UAV mechanic from Tucson, Ariz.

"The fact that they were real world missions [made] everyone excited," said Cpl. John R. Rocha, a Corpus Christi, Texas, native and VMU-1 UAV operator.

"[We proved] to everyone that we could do our mission successfully and in a timely manner," he said.



Lance Cpl. Christopher L. Rodriguez, a Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1 plane captain from Carson, Calif., ensures flight surfaces are functional and the Pioneer is safe for flight.

Brown

From front page

Acknowledging that the year was so far a productive one for the corps, which also is undergoing a transition as it continues to support Operation Iraqi Freedom, Brown said he was pleased to see that the corps focuses soldiers not only on the technical aspects of their mission but on the tactical as well.

"The OC&S is quite an impressive force contributor," Brown said. "It's a very productive, high-performance organization that produces outstanding technicians and soldiers."

The tour included stops at the Company A

and C, 16th Ordnance Battalion barracks for a look at how Advanced Individual Training soldiers live; to Rozier Hall where Brown observed hands-on training; to the field training exercise site for a look at tactical training and testing for soldiers and noncommissioned officers; and to the dining facility in building 4503 where he dined with the four top drill sergeants in the OMMS.

The tour concluded with a stop at the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center for briefings with CPOC director Leslie McGlothlin, Civilian Personnel Assistance Center Director Diane Smith and Michael Vajda, director of the Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency.

Community Notes

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.

BINGO

Aberdeen V.F.W. Post 10028 will hold a bingo night (below Wal-Mart) with early bird games starting at 6:45 p.m.; regular games will start at 7:15 p.m. Food will be available.

For more information, call 410-272-1218.

FRIDAY

**AUGUST 8
BINGO**

Aberdeen V.F.W. Post 10028, near Wal-Mart, will hold a bingo night with early bird games starting at 6:45 p.m.; regular games will start at 7:15 p.m. Food will be available.

For more information, call 410-272-1218.

SATURDAY

**AUGUST 9
VFW POST 6054 R&B
BAND BADD**

Back by Popular Demand Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 will present the R&B Band "BADD" hosted by radio personality "Cafe Linay" of 91.1 FM WHFC, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. A hot and cold buffet, DJ Triple T, cash bar and a raffle will be available. Dress to impress. Donations of \$15 non-members and \$10 for members will be accepted.

For tickets and information, call 410-272-3444 or 410-688-3188.

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.

For tickets call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 or 410-939-1937, Joanne Bierly, 410-378-3320 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

FRIDAY

**AUGUST 15
BINGO**

Aberdeen V.F.W. Post 10028 will hold a bingo night (below Wal-Mart) with early bird games starting at 6:45 p.m.; regular games will start at 7:15 p.m. Food will be available. For more information, call 410-272-1218.

WEDNESDAY

**AUGUST 20
VFW HOLDS BLOOD
DRIVE**

American Legion Post 128 in Aberdeen will hold its annual Red Cross Blood Drive on from 2 to 8 p.m. at 44 North Parke Street.

MOVIES

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

JUSTINTO KELLY

Friday, August 1, 7 p.m.
Starring: Kelly Clarkson, Justin Guarini



Spring break in Miami is the scene. It's where surf-drenched guys cruise girls in bikinis and raucous parties rule day and night. It's the perfect time and place for three young women from Texas and a trio of college guys from Pennsylvania to find adventure and maybe fall in love. PG



THE HULK

Saturday, August 2, 7 p.m.
Starring: Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly

In this adaptation of the long-running Marvel comic "The Incredible Hulk," research scientist Dr. Bruce

Banner's failed experiments cause him to mutate into a monstrously powerful and savage green-skinned behemoth whenever he loses control of his emotions. Jennifer Connelly plays his love interest Betty Ross, Nick Nolte plays Bruce's dangerous father, and Sam Elliott plays Betty's father, the tough as nails General Thaddeus "Thunderbolt" Ross. PG-13

ALEX AND EMMA

Saturday, August 2, 9 p.m.
Starring: Luke Wilson, Kate Hudson



Kate, a stenographer, is hired to help Alex complete his novel. Along with writer's block, Alex owes a hundred grand to Cuban loan sharks and has only one month to make good. His novel is stuck in his head, but he can't get it down on paper and if he doesn't hand his publisher a finished book fast, he's a dead man. PG-13

To register or for more information, call Angie Conlon, 443-243-1514.



**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.

For tickets call Debbie Keithley, 410-939-3543, Carol Thompson, 410-939-5807 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 5
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. A cash bar is available but no lessons will be given. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 26
BASKET BINGO**

The Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce will hold a Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bingo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10; refreshments will be available.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be earmarked to continue with current chamber projects.

For tickets and additional information, call the Aberdeen Chamber at 410-272-2580.

Officer Candidate School Board announced

Deborah Craten Dawson
SBCCOM Adjutant

The U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Meade, will convene a board for soldiers applying for attendance at the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School on Aug. 21. Along with the U.S. Military Academy and the Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Officer Candidate School remains an important source of commissioned officers for the Army.

Recently the Army increased the number of soldiers who may attend OCS. Candidates apply through local boards - Fort Meade for APG soldiers - and those selected begin a rigorous, 14-week course of instruction at Fort Benning, Ga.

Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers who wish to become commissioned officers should prepare their applications early.

The key prerequisites for eligibility are:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Have a GT score of 110 or higher.
- Pass the Army Physical Fitness Test score 180 (APFT).
- Pass the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), min 850 or American College Test (ACT), min 19.
 - Have at least 90 semester hours of college study.
- Achieve a score of 80 or higher on the English Comprehension Level Test (ECLT); if primary language is not English.
- Be at least 18 years old and less than 30 (can waiver age up to 35). Have a complete physical exam six months prior to date of application.

Completed packets must be submitted to the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command Military Personnel Office not later than Aug. 6. Each application should consist of one packet containing all original documents, and three photocopies of the original packet. Additional information may be found in Army Regulation 351-5 (Officer Candidate School) or the OCS Web page <http://www.armyocs.com/home/>.

For OCS application information, call the SBCCOM Adjutant's Office, Vanessa Cefaloni, 410-436-2130/3239, or e-mail milpo@sbccom.apgea.army.mil.



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.

15th Annual APG College Fair

The fair will be held on Aug. 21, 4 to 6 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet directly with representatives from colleges and universities, offering both traditional education and distance education via the Internet. The fair is sponsored by the Education Division sponsors. For more information, call Rosalind Strickland at 410-278-3385.

Billiards for beginners

Classes will provide insight into what it takes to become a good pool player by teaching students fundamental techniques of the game. This series is every Wednesday, Aug. 6 through 20, 7 to 8 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center. Register by Aug. 1. Cost is \$25. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn, 410-278-3868, or e-mail him at charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Introduction to golf

This two-hour group lesson at Ruggles Golf Course, Aug. 18, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., expands on Introduction to Golf. A brief tour of the clubhouse and learning how

the range ball machine works is part of the lesson. Golf etiquette and the difference between clubs will also be discussed. Cost is \$15. Register by Aug. 7. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Manage your game

Golf course management instruction and tips for intermediate and advanced players will be held Aug. 16, 3 to 4 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course. Register by Aug. 8. Cost is \$15. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Drive for show

Driving tips and instruction for intermediate and advanced players will be held Aug. 10, 3 to 4 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course. Cost is \$15. Register by Aug. 1. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Golf events at APG

Aug. 2 and 3, Club Championship*
Aug. 12, Tough Day, (Ruggles as tough as it gets.)

Aug. 23 and 24, Senior Club Championship*

Aug. 23, End of Summer Day Night Golf tournament at Ruggles (See activity.) (*Championship events limited to annual golf patrons only.)

For more information and registration, visit www.apgmwr.com or call 410-278-4794.

End of Summer Day/Night Golf Tournament

This tournament will be played on Aug. 23 when the first nine holes will be played before sunset and the last nine holes will be played in total darkness.

A full dinner is served at the turn. All night golf equipment is supplied and awards will be given after the tournament. Tee off is at 5 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course.

Register by Aug. 8. Cost is \$35 for patrons, \$45 for authorized, and \$55 for public.

APG Softball Home Run Derby

The derby will be held Aug. 9, 9 a.m. at Shine Sports Field. Each contestant will get to swing at 12 pitches of his or her choosing. Participants may bring their own bats and batting gloves providing they meet the legal guidelines for softball competition. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the derby. Register by Aug. 7. Cost is \$10. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail him at charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Lifeguard positions available

Lifeguards are needed at APG pools. Anyone interested in applying should contact Petra Dey, Nonappropriated Fund Civilian Personnel Office, at 410-278-8992.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

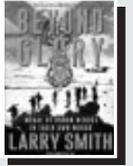
Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

The following is a list of some of the new books at the APG MWR libraries:

Beyond Glory: Medal of Honor heroes in their own words:

extraordinary stories of courage from World War II to Vietnam by Larry Smith

There are approximately 140 recipients of the Medal of Honor alive today. Larry Smith provides interviews with 24 of these men, revealing their harrowing, firsthand accounts of battle.



The Crusades: a history of armed pilgrimage and holy war by Geoffrey Hindley

The Life of Mammals by David Attenborough



Absolutely American: four years at West Point by David Lipsky

Women in the Middle East: tradition and change by Ramsay Harik



Sleeping with the Devil: the truth about Saudi Arabia and their crude threat to the West by Robert Baer

Benjamin Franklin: an American life by Walter Isaacson



Security: policing your homeland, your state, your city by Howard Safir

The library's online catalog can be accessed at www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html.

Commentary: Which tee is for me?

Tom Green
MWR

At a recent Golf Advisory Council Meeting the question came up about how best to guide players to the appropriate set of tees for their ability, particularly those playing a course for the first time. This is a good general question for anyone playing golf, especially on a course never played before. There are a few factors that should be considered: course yardage, difficulty rating, golfer's age and weather conditions.

First, course yardage. My recommendation is to err on the short side rather than the long side. If a golfer is used to playing a course that is 6,000 yards long, they shouldn't step up to the 7,000 yard tees on a course never played before. Most courses today, including all of those at Aberdeen Proving Ground, have multiple sets of tees. Sometimes these tees have gender or age associated with them. In reality, anyone can play any set of tees, no matter how short. Enjoyment is the key, and most golfers like a challenge, but don't like to be over-challenged. Stick with similar yardages to what you are used to playing as a rule for new courses. If you know the course and you are playing well, occasionally move back to a longer set of tees to increase the challenge.



The next selection criteria is not as well understood. In addition to yardage, one should take into account USGA Slope and Course Rating. These are usually listed on the scorecard or in the clubhouse at the golf course. Simply put, these numbers represent the relative difficulty of the course and how the greens play. The higher the rating or slope, the more difficult the course will play. Each set of tees on the golf course are rated separately, so the same course can play much more difficult from one set of tees to another. This rating takes into account location and severity of hazards and trees on the course.

Age is relative; the older we get, usually the shorter we will hit each club. Often courses will have "senior" tees or "forward" tees. The shorter measured tees are to accommodate older or younger players.

Finally, weather conditions should be taken into account when tees for play are selected. In the event of extreme weather such as wind or cold, shorter tees should be played for more enjoyment.

In summary, proper tee selection can make the difference between enjoyable round of golf and a miserable experience with much frustration. If in doubt, shorter is better.

Bowling statistics

Wednesday Doubles Lunch League

For week ending July 25

Men's High Game Scratch
Seth Ghiorse, 197
Bob Dowding, 182
Men's High Game Handicap
Seth Ghiorse, 224
Jack Kelly, 220
Men's High Series Scratch
Seth Ghiorse, 341
Bob Dowding, 335
Men's High Series Handicap
Seth Ghiorse, 395
Bob Dowding, 393
Women's High Game Scratch
Sue Spagnuolo, 154
Dawn Gordner, 141
Women's High Game Handicap
Sue Spagnuolo, 212
Kathy Anderson, 204
Women's High Series Scratch
Sue Spagnuolo, 270

Linda Ghiorse, 269

Women's High Series

Handicap

Linda Ghiorse/Dawn Gordner, 387

Sue Spagnuolo, 386

Thursday Doubles Lunch League

Men's High Game Scratch

Don Donnelly, 198

Jamie King, 195

Men's High Game Handicap

Don Donnelly, 219

Jamie King, 215

Men's High Series Scratch

Jamie King, 354

Don Donnelly, 352

Men's High Series Handicap

Don Donnelly/Jamie King, 394

Terry Bonine, 391

Women's High Game Scratch

Leeann Brainard, 129

Sandy Bowers, 128

Women's High Game

Handicap

Leeann Brainard, 201

Ronda Taylor, 200

Women's High Series Scratch

Sandy Bowers, 252

Leeann Brainard, 238

Women's High Series

Handicap

Sandy Bowers, 384

Debbie Burkins, 383

Friday Adult/Youth

Men's High Game Scratch

Larry Waggoner, 144

Men's High Game Handicap

Larry Waggoner, 242

Rusty Kerner, 210

Men's High Series Scratch

Larry Waggoner, 411

Men's High Series Handicap

Larry Waggoner, 615

Rusty Kerner, 589

Women's High Game Scratch

Kathy Anderson, 205

Diane Swauger, 144

Women's High Game

Handicap

Diane Swauger, 227

Kathy Anderson, 209

Women's High Series Scratch

Kathy Anderson, 586

Diane Swauger, 400

Women's High Series

Handicap

Diane Swauger, 621

Kathy Anderson, 598

Boy's High Game Scratch

Ryan Anderson, 178

Curtis Swauger, 155

Boy's High Game Handicap

Curtis Swauger, 246

Matthew Waggoner, 217

Boy's High Series Scratch

Ryan Anderson, 474

Curtis Swauger, 450

Girl's High Game scratch

Angie Kerner, 131

Girl's High Game Handicap

Angie Kerner, 221

Girl's High Series Scratch

Angie Kerner, 301

Girl's High Series Handicap

Angie Kerner, 571

Lonestar concert is 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.

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. For general information, call 410-278-4907/4011, TTY 410-278-4110.

CFSC seeks cast, crew to entertain

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center's Army Entertainment Division is seeking nominations of active duty soldiers to serve as cast and crew for the fiscal year 2004 winter production of BRAVO! Army Theatre Touring Company.

BRAVO!, an all soldier theatrical company, brings the finest in theatrical arts to deployed soldiers and other Department of Defense service members worldwide.

The selected BRAVO! cast and crew will rehearse from Oct. 1 to Nov. 6 at Fort Belvoir, Va., and open on Nov. 7 at the Wallace Theatre. BRAVO! will then tour the Southwest Asia region from Nov. 12 to Jan. 4 and the Far East region from Jan. 5 to Feb. 23.

TDY orders for finalists will be issued and all TDY costs will be paid by CFSC throughout the selection process, rehearsal and touring.

For additional information, call Tim Higdon at DSN 656-3698, commercial 703-806-3698 or cell 703-926-9293, e-mail him at Timothy.Higdon@cfsc.army.mil or BRAVO! NCOIC, Sgt. Tobin Atkinson, DSN 656-3702, commercial 703-806-3702, or e-mail him at Tobin.Atkinson@cfsc.army.mil, or visit www.armyentertainment.net.

Olympic Pool reopens for business

With its new bathhouse completed, the Olympic Pool reopened for business July 29. The Community Recreation Division and Directorate of Installation Operations encourage all to come out and enjoy the new facility.

"Hopefully, service members and family members will enjoy this attractive new facility. It has been a long time coming and will be an asset to the quality of life at APG," said Carl Corrigio, CRD.

Located in building 3325, the pools daily hours through Labor Day are Monday through Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Passes may be purchased at the Equipment Resource Center, building 2407; Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210; or Morale Welfare and Recreation Registration, building 3326. For more information, call 410-278-4124.

Bowling activities

Mystery Bowl contest continues

Mystery Bowl II is winding down with only one week left. Visit the APG Bowling Center and try to win a prize. Also, all weekly winners will be entered in a drawing for two resort packages. Don't forget the center is having a drawing of all non-winners for a chance to win a pizza party for eight people.

Evening activities

Red Pin bowling is offered every Wednesday through Friday from 5 p.m. to closing. Try and win a free game by throwing a strike when a red head pin appears.

Other specials for the month of August include: Customer Appreciation Night II on Aug. 20, 6 to closing when all games and shoes are only \$.75; and Cosmic Dollar Night, Aug. 28, 6 p.m. to closing,

when all bowling is \$1 per game per person and shoe rental costs \$1 per pair. Look for other specials that night in the snack bar.

Leagues forming

Fall/Winter bowling is just around the corner. Leagues like ladies, men's, mixed, cosmic and youth are now forming. Anyone interested in signing up for any league should call 410-278-4041 or stop by the APG Bowling Center.



The Korean-American Cultural Foundation dance troupe performs a dance comforting fallen souls before they rest in peace.

Ceremony

From front page

Rider extended his thanks to amateur photographer, John Alli of Catonsville, Md., the U.S. Marine Corps reserve pilot who took the photograph that became the Korean War stamp.

The stamp was released into circulation that day, and the USPS provided first day of issue stamps for attendees.

Rider said that with the stamp, "we hope to honor all of the armed forces who served. They represent the enduring American truth:

From many, we are one."

"This stamp will help ensure that their efforts on behalf of freedom will be remembered for generations to



come."

After Rider and Wolfowitz unveiled the Korean War Veterans Memorial stamp, Wolfowitz, Pace and McMahon laid a wreath at the memorial that was flanked by wreaths for the 21 countries that participated in the United Nations-led conflict. They included Australia, Belgium, Canada, Columbia, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Greece, India, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, The Philippines, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Freedom is Not Free

I watched the flag pass by one day
It fluttered in the breeze
A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, and proud
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom is not free.
I heard the sound of "Taps" one night,
When everything was still.

I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That "Taps" had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives
Of fathers, sons, and husbands
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom is not free.

Cadet Maj. Kelly Strong
Air Force Junior ROTC 1988
Homestead Senior High School
Homestead, Fla.

Dinner

From front page

Former Havre de Grace mayor Phil Barker introduced Garrett as "a seasoned soldier, highly decorated with 50 years of combined military and civilian service."

Garrett, wearing the many medals he earned during his career, shared his "Reflections of a Young Soldier," recalling how as a young enlistee who lied about his age to join the Army, he faced the perils and ugliness of the Korean War.

A squad leader at the age of 16, Garrett said he grew up in places like Pork Chop Hill and learned the meanings of camaraderie and brotherhood the hard way.

"We are members who confronted a tough, highly trained enemy who fought well but for a bad cause," Garrett said.

"When Pork Chop ended the Chinese needed 39,000 body

bags," he added. "Because of this we became a brotherhood of veterans and in the minds of the young it was thought to be days of guns and glory. But we remember the cold, the heat and the hunger."

Citing the more than 36,000 American lives lost in the conflict, Garrett said, "Fifty-three years ago, the American soldier began fighting for Korea – a little country under attack that no one had ever heard of.

"Known as the forgotten war, this unofficial war has become the costliest un-war in our history," Garrett said.

A segment of the program was devoted to veterans who wished to offer statements, anecdotes or recollections about the war years.

Blair Cross encouraged all to wear the awards and medals they earned whenever they meet.

"We were told by our colonel to dig out our Combat Infantry Badges and put them on," Cross said. "He told us we earned them and he expected to see us wear them. No matter how many

or how few you have, I hope you wear them the next time we get together, to honor yourselves."

Bill Walsh remembered airlifting ammunition and supplies when it was 25 degrees below zero and Andy Trout recalled how Gen. James Van Fleet, commander of United Nations Forces, Korea, hastened his removal from the war zone as a favor to Trout's father who had instructed Van Fleet during his officer training, and Turcell told of how his repeated requests for a front line assignment landed him in the 2nd Marine Battalion where he "got shot up" during his first mission.

"Be careful what you wish for," Turcell said with a smile. Bauer closed with the invocation giving thanks for "opening eyes to those who sacrificed so much so many years ago."

"Bless them for serving and for not asking the cost and bless our nation for their noble deeds," Bauer said.

The Joseph L. Davis American Legion Post #47 honor guard posted and retired the colors.

Commentary: 'Flying Black Ponies' or McHale's Navy?

Capt. Eric Shuler
Special contributor

"Flying Black Ponies" is the story of the Navy's Close Air Support Squadron VAL-4, which flew during the Vietnam War. VAL-4 was the only Navy land based attack squadron. The Navy used prop driven Mohawk OV-10 Aircraft in Vietnam to great effect.

Their job was to provide close air support to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam soldiers, Navy Seals, soldiers and the Riverine force.

Their aircraft used 20mm cannons and two and five-inch rockets. The five-inch rockets were supersonic Zuni rockets, which were extremely accurate and packed a powerful explosive.

Close air support was dangerous for the aircraft crews. Pilots flew low and slow giving the advantage to the enemy, who fired small arms and machine guns at the aircraft.

The Mohawk had a longer loitering time over the target, speed, and the ability to carry more weapons, which was superior to the Seahawk and Cobra helicopters.

Members of squadron VAL-4 called themselves the Black Ponies. They met and learned about the units they were supporting. Flying over a target area and knowing the unit on the ground helped them direct the rockets and 20mm rounds where they would be most effective. Many times the

Black Ponies were told to fire on their own units when being overrun by the North Vietnamese.

The author compares the Black Ponies to McHale's Navy. The aircraft were hand me downs from the Air Force. The Black Ponies had to trade or steal the additional equipment not supplied by the Navy. Spare parts were difficult to obtain, effort was

because the Navy supply system did not stock Mohawk parts. This, plus the Navy bureaucracy made for some unique times for this squadron.

The sailors and aviators of the squadron wore cut off shorts and ripped t-shirts as they serviced and armed the aircraft. A lot of time and spent on

"cumshaw" or stealing spare parts and equipment. One thing that should be mentioned is that these men fought hard and saved many lives with their air support.

The author, Kit Lavell flew more than 243 missions with the Black Ponies. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, as well as 21 air medals.

Lavell tells his story in the third person and is quite humble in his contribution to the Black Ponies.

The book tells the story of the squadron from its beginning to its disbandment.

"Flying Black Ponies" includes stories from pilots and crew of the Black Ponies as well as units they supported.

Lavell weaves their stories and the history of the Black Ponies into a very interesting book. When you finish reading you will understand why Navy Seals buy Black Ponies drinks to thank them for their support.

Kit Lavell flew in aircraft No. 107, which is on static display in North Carolina. My family and I will be vacationing in North Carolina this summer and I plan on seeing Lavell aircraft No 107. It is the least I can do for the Black Ponies.

(Editor's note: "Flying Black Ponies," published by Naval Institute Press, includes 37 photos and has 376 pages.)

