

Automotive Craft Center

One-stop service for APG users



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For automotive do-it-yourselfers, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Automotive Craft Center offers just about everything needed for maintenance and repair of privately owned vehicles.

Ed Dela Cruz, the center manager, and longtime employee-instructors John Miller and Dave Hall, provide information, guidance and instruction on the repair of most

vehicles.

“An Onboard Diagnostic device will soon be available for public use,” Delacruz said. “You would be charged between \$50 to \$60 downtown but we’ll be charging \$5 to \$7.”

For example, on cars 1996 or newer, the OBD can diagnose why an engine light keeps flashing, Delacruz said, adding that he hopes to add a new welder and realignment machine next year. Delacruz said that, “with winter right around the corner, now is the time to start winterizing your car.”

Basic and advanced tools are available for use for those possessing qualification cards.

Qualification cards are accepted from other military installations or see staff members to obtain an APG card.

For more information, contact Dela Cruz at 410-278-5178/2884 or visit the Automotive Craft Center in building 2379 behind the APG Bowling Center.

Hours

Wednesday to Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday and training holidays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center is closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Fees

General bay rental, \$3 per hour
Lift bay rental, \$4 per hour
Paint booth, \$8 per hour or \$35 per day
Vehicle storage, \$3 per day

Other services

Self-help repair and training, diagnostic testing and training, tool and equipment rentals, and lift rentals for changing, balancing, and rotating tires, batteries, brakes, fluids, body repair and painting. An overhead crane is available for pulling engines.



Lester Hitch, a Department of the Army civilian with the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command, power drills holes in the exhaust manifold of his 1990 Nissan.

Joseph Davis Jr., a retired staff sergeant and an instructor with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, replaces a brake caliper on his vehicle, one of several major operations he can do here a lot cheaper than off post,” he said.

Staff Sgt. Chris Pence, of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance Schools’ Basic Noncommissioned Officer Academy, gets his 1990 Plymouth “road ready” for his return trip to Fort Riley, Kan.