

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling schedule pickup for Wednesday, Jan. 28, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

The 2004 Harford County Recycling schedules are available to APG military housing residents at the APG Housing Office, building 2727; AA/EA Re-Nu-It centers, buildings 5413 and E-5185; and the AA Collection Station, building 3558 on Rodman Road.

Heart care presentation today

The APG Committee for the disabled invites all to attend "Do Your Part - Take Care of your Heart" presented by BethAnn Cameron, at 2 p.m., Jan. 22 at The Gunpowder Club, building E-4811, Susquehanna/Chesapeake rooms.

Cameron is a health educator with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

For more information call Judy Matthews, 410-278-1017.

KUSAHC gives flu shots to DoD civilians

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will provide DOD civilians with flu shots 1 to 3 p.m. daily in the Occupational Health Clinic on a first-come first-served basis.

DOD civilians in the Edgewood Area can go to the clinic there and also receive them.

All personnel must have a valid ID card to receive the immunization.

Do not call the clinics, just show up at the appointed time.

Kirk offers classes

The following classes will be held at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. For more information and to register for classes call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

Diabetes education

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Wednesday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., Jan. 28, and Feb. 4, 11, and 18, in the Behavioral Health Conference Room 316 on the third floor. All TRICARE-enrolled individuals with diabetes or parents or sponsors of a diabetic are invited to attend.

Take Care of Yourself

Class is held on the third Thursday of every month, 10 a.m. to noon, in the

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Ceremony marks MLK 75th birthday

Story and photo by
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APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground community marked what would have been the 75th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a commemorative program at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center Jan. 14.

An audience of more than 200 people including installation military and civilian leaders as well as service members, family members and civilian employees attended the program.

Aldona Pryce, U.S. Army Environmental Center, led the ceremony that included contributions from the installation's equal opportunity groups: the Federal Women's, Disability Employment, Black Employment, Native American, Hispanic Employment and Asian-Pacific Islander programs.

Pryce thanked all contributors, especially the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine's Capt. Justin Curry, officer in charge, and Linda Patrick who organized

the program.

"Bringing the committees together makes this extra special," Pryce said.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, offered remarks and introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. Walter Henry, pastor of Wrights A.M.E Church in Elkton, and a security assistant with the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

"Dr. King's impact changed the course of history. His life was dedicated to love, peace and justice for all people," Mark said.

Henry said that remembering King should bring the realization that there is "unfinished work to be done."

"There is much to do in order to see true justice in this world," Henry said.

Noting that racism, sexism, unequal pay, and stereotyping still exist, Henry said that while celebrating King, "we need to celebrate the foundations that he laid in voting and education rights."

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Claudia Denise Coleman, an employee of the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center, performs a dance tribute during the Aberdeen Proving Ground commemoration to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center Jan. 14.

Montgomery Gentry bringing blue collar sound to APG



Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Country music's top duo Montgomery Gentry is bringing their captivating style of music to Aberdeen Proving Ground for the Miller Lite Concert, July 17 on Shine Sports Field.

Fans can look forward to hearing hits like "My Town," "Speed," and "Hell Yeah," as they witness first hand the popular group's blue-collar, bar-room-style performance.

Watch for more information in future editions of the APG News or check out the APG News Web site at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil.

Montgomery Gentry

Both proud Kentucky natives, Gerald Edward "Eddie" Montgomery and Troy Gentry's first joint musical effort was as part of a band called Young Country.

After two years with that band, Gentry left to try his

hand at a solo career.

He won the Jim Beam National Talent Contest in 1994 and earned opening slots for Patty Loveless, Tracy Byrd and John Michael Montgomery (who is Eddie's younger brother).

Eventually, Gentry forged a duo with Montgomery, building on their rowdy fan base in the Kentucky nightclubs.

Their onstage experience has established them as a crowd favorite, as they scored country hits like "Lonely and Gone," "She Couldn't Change Me" and "My Town."

For whatever reason, Montgomery Gentry seems perfectly at home in the drinking and party atmosphere of a neighborhood bar. Perhaps more than any act in the past decade, they understand the blue-collar crowd, they proudly consider themselves a part of that crowd, and they prove it with their latest Top 20 single, "Hell Yeah."

Montgomery Gentry won the CMA vocal duo award in 2000 and in 2003 were again nominated for duo of the year and "Vocal Event of the Year" for the video "The Truth about Men," with Tracy Byrd.

(Editor's note: Some information taken from CMT.com.)

Scholarships for Military Children application deadline Feb. 18

Carrie Williams
DECA

Didn't find any "college cash" in that Christmas stocking? Don't worry, there's still time to apply for Scholarships for Military Children money. Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are due at the nearest commissary by close of business Feb. 18. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The application can be downloaded through a link on the front page of <http://www.commissaries.com> or downloaded directly from <http://www.militaryscholar.org> and filled out by hand or on the computer. Copies of the application are also available at commissaries worldwide.

Students should put on their thinking caps and give it their best shot when it comes to writing the scholarship essay.

"In past years the essay has been a key factor in deciding among the many outstanding applicants," said program liaison Edna Hoogewind, Defense Commissary Agency.

This year's topic is "What aspect of military life has had

the greatest influence on you?"

Applications must be in the store by close of business on Feb. 18, and students who are not hand-delivering applications are advised to use a delivery method that supplies a return receipt.

After March 29, applicants may visit <http://www.militaryscholar.org> and click on the "Verification of Receipt" section. Scholarship managers will respond to "Verification of Receipt" e-mails until June 15.

Applicants should check all materials carefully for simple things, like making sure the application is signed or that it's the 2004 application, not one from a previous year.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

The applicant must be

planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full time in the fall term of 2004, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. Additional instructions can be found on the application or at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization best known for building comfort homes near military medical facilities, administers the Scholarships for Military Children program. Fisher House Foundation uses the services of Scholarship Managers, a professional firm that has handled more than 400 programs, to screen applicants and award scholarships. Neither Fisher House nor DeCA are involved in the decision process.

The Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded nearly 1,500 scholarships and nearly \$2 million since the first awards in 2001. Scholarships are funded through the voluntary donations of the various manufacturers, brokers and suppliers that sell products in commissaries.



Officer Raymond "Jay" Kinlein, the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security's 2004 Police Officer of the Year, reviews some of the hundreds of files he organized and maintains at the APG Police Academy.

DLES selects Police Officer of the Year

Story and photo by
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APG News

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security named Raymond "Jay" Kinlein the 2004 Police Officer of the Year during an award ceremony Jan. 13.

Kinlein is the assistant accreditation manager and operations officer for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Academy. A resident of Joppa, with 19 years experience in law enforcement, Kinlein has been with the APG police force since 2000.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; Robert Krauer, provost marshal; and Maj. Joe Darabasz, director of Police Services, led the ceremony.

Darabasz thanked the selection committee and said that Kinlein and the other officers who competed for the award were fully deserving of the honor.

"We wish we could name them all officer of the year," Darabasz said.

Mark added that the intense competition consistently identifies the organization's most outstanding officer.

"He has 19 years experience and is a family man with a strong work ethic," Mark said. "This is what we build foundations on."

For his achievement, Kinlein received a

Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement, APG Garrison and DLES coins of excellence, a commemorative plaque, a pen set, a two-day-off award and a gift certificate for dinner at the Olive Tree restaurant.

Police Academy director, Capt. Erick Stone, nominated Kinlein. He said the choice was easy.

"He does one heck of a job," Stone said. "He's confident, professional, and he does a lot to motivate students on a daily basis."

He added that Kinlein played a vital role in the formation of the academy and in obtaining its national accreditation.

Police Officer of the Year

Raymond "Jay" Kinlein has been with the DLES since 2000. His previous experience includes service with the Maryland Transportation Authority Police, Motor Vehicles Investigation Division, as a deputy fire marshal and a fire investigator.

His responsibilities include maintaining the academy's national accreditation standing with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. His most recent achievement was obtaining an agreement through Bellevue University to grant 24 to 30 credit hours to graduates of the academy toward

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New year brings new hope for families of POW/MIAs

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The new year brings new hope for families of the more than 88,000 Americans who are still missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War and the 1991 Gulf War.

More than 600 U.S. specialists work every day around the world to locate and identify these loved ones, said Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Affairs Jerry D. Jennings. During 2003, teams operated in Albania, Australia, Belgium, Burma, Cambodia, China, Germany, Hungary, Iraq, Laos, North Korea, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Republic of Korea, Russia and Vietnam.

Jennings said no parent, relative, or community wants to see the youth of the nation die in a war. The nation's heroes, he added, are the sons and daughters serving in Baghdad and every other place troops are in harm's way.

"Our government has a solemn promise, and it's a sacred trust," said the former Marine, who served as an intelligence officer with the CIA in Southeast Asia from 1965 to 1968. "This (accounting) mission will be accomplished. We will not forget our fallen heroes. We will recover them. We will bring them home."

In talking with the families of those who are missing, Jennings said he realizes that to the mother who lost a young man to combat, the son is still 18 years old.

"A mother never forgets her son," he added striking the table with his hand. "The tears are as real today as they were 50 years ago. That was her son, and he was lost in combat, and she wants him home. She'll do anything in her power to get him home, and we're the tool to accomplish that."

Jennings recently led meetings in Bangkok,

Thailand, with North Korea representatives to discuss arrangements to conduct five joint operations to recover the remains of American service members still missing from the Korean War. The talks, according to a DoD news release, focused on enhancing safety of the U.S. recovery teams, improving the U.S. remains recovery process and establishing a process for resolving reports alleging that living Americans may have been held in North Korea.

"We're delighted with our last negotiations, because we've succeeded in arranging access to one of the most difficult countries in the world to gain entry to," he said. "It's a government that is unfriendly to our government and our people. There are some very tough attitudes we have to get around on both sides. There are many very thoughtful, very serious officials on the American side who aren't sure we should be engaged in any kind of activity with these guys under the current circumstances, and we have to get around that."

Negotiations with North Korea, he added, usually begin with opening statements from both sides.

"Their opening statement is usually very tough language directed at the U.S. government," he said. "Sometimes it's hard to sit there and listen, but we have a finite time for negotiations. This is the way they think, the way they believe, and these are things they want on the table before they begin to negotiate the humanitarian issue, so we sit there and listen."

Jennings said the mission of accounting for the missing must be treated as a humanitarian issue and not be tied to any other issues between the United States and North Korea or with any other country. He cited a quote from a January 2003 speech by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz: "When the accounting issue is treated as a separate humanitarian issue, we can continue to make progress not only without jeopardizing any of our other policy goals, but in the end perhaps even opening further avenues."

Jennings said the Koreans are "tough" negotiators. He said every aspect of the agreement has to be carefully planned, thought out and executed in terms of access, support and force protection.

Force protection issues are "critical everywhere we operate, but are especially important in North Korea" Jennings said. "We don't want to put troops in harm's way to recover our heroes from past wars," he said. "We know it can never be risk-free, but we want to reduce risks as much as possible. We want to ensure we have the communications and (medical evacuation) procedures we need, and each year we try to improve."

"We don't get everything from the North Koreans we ask for," he added. "We want more information on 'live sightings' in the north. There have been reports over the years of people seeing what they believe to be Americans up there. I'm on record as requesting to talk to deserters from the United States (who live in the north), but to this date (the North Koreans

have) refused."

Every lead is followed, said Jennings. "Some take longer than others and some lead nowhere - that is the nature of this information," he added. "Everything is treated seriously. If there's one American out there, we want to find him."

Operations for 2004 in North Korea are scheduled to begin April 24 in Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, and near the Chosin Reservoir. Additional operations are slated to begin May 29, July 3, Aug. 7 and Sept. 11. Each will last about a month.

In 27 operations since 1996, American and North Korean teams working in North Korea have recovered the remains believed to be those of 186 American service members. Fourteen of these have been identified and returned to families for burial, while the others continue to be analyzed. More than 8,100 Americans are still missing from the Korean War.

Over the years, Jennings said he believes the relationship has improved. There's a degree of "comfort" between the United States and North Korea in conducting recovery operations.

"They realize we're not up there to embarrass them," he said. "We're not up there to do anything except recover our heroes from the Korean War."

Jennings said the deputy secretary of defense called the accounting mission "vital" during a ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War in July. He quoted Wolfowitz again: "(The) Korean War will not really end for us until every American is brought home or accounted for. We owe them that. We owe it to their families. We owe it to the brave men and women who go into combat for us today and we will keep our promise."



Community input, cooperation key to APG's new MAPS



Photos courtesy of NSCMP Don Benton, Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Program engineer, explains the MAPS' air filtration system. MAPS work areas are designed to contain any possible vapor release when treating recovered smoke and chemical munitions, increasing worker and environmental safety.

Louise J. Dyson
NSCMP

For many years, residents in communities surrounding Aberdeen Proving Ground expressed concern regarding the noise and possible risk caused by the occasional open detonation of recovered World War I and World War II-era chemical and smoke munitions.

In response to community concerns, the U.S. Army's Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Program along with APG and the State of Maryland took on the effort to design and construct the Munitions Assessment and Processing System. The MAPS, now more than 60 percent complete, will offer the installation a safe and environmentally friendly alternative to the open detonation of the chemical and smoke munitions that may be recovered at the Edgewood

Area of APG during cleanup and construction operations.

"The facility will provide Aberdeen Proving Ground with a facility for safely treating chemical and smoke munitions recovered during the installation's on-going environmental restoration program," said Don Benton, NSCMP's MAPS project manager. "One of the most exciting aspects of the MAPS is that it will provide APG with a safe and viable alternative to minimize the open air detonation of recovered chemical and smoke-filled munitions."

Since late 1998, Benton has managed the team that designed and is now constructing the facility. The MAPS is located near the Edgewood Area's highly secure N-Field Storage Area where recovered chemical and smoke munitions are stored. MAPS will process explosively configured munitions containing chemical agents and acidic smoke mixtures recovered on APG. This co-location allows for the safe movement of recovered munitions to the facility from the storage area.

Construction on the facility began July 11, 2001, following a construction contract awarded in May 2001 to the John C. Grimberg Company.

An alternative to open detonation

In years past, open detonation was the only means for disposing of recovered explosively configured chemical munitions at APG.

"The Army understood why people didn't like open detonation. The blasts from these charges generate noise and were disruptive to the community," Benton said. "We heard at public meetings and in correspondence that our neighbors preferred an enclosed, monitored, self-contained facility that can process not only materiel recovered to date, but also items that may be recovered in the future. They wanted something that will neutralize the items quickly and safely, and they wanted something that has minimal environmental impact."

"We valued that input, and I believe we were able to incorporate their desires into the MAPS design," he added. "When fully operational, this facility will support environmental restoration activities on APG for many years."

"No one knows exactly how much unexploded ordnance is on APG," Benton said. "However, given the age of Aberdeen Proving Ground and its mission over the last century, there appears to be enough to warrant a fixed facility."

The facility will use existing cutting and drilling technologies within an explosive containment chamber, allowing workers to remotely access and drain chemical and smoke compounds from individual munitions. Drained chemicals will then be packaged and safely taken to the APG Chemical Transfer Facility located about two miles from the MAPS for safe neutralization. Remaining munitions casings and explosives will be detonated inside a specially-designed detonation vessel located enclosed within the facility. The entire accessing, draining and explosives detonation process will be conducted within explosive containment rooms. Waste decontamination liquids and scrap metal pieces will be containerized and sent for final processing to licensed and permitted commercial waste disposal facilities.

In addition, a negative pressure air filtration system keeps the process areas in the facility under negative pressure so that, in the unlikely event of an agent vapor leak, no contaminated air would be released into the environment. Outside air is brought into the facility through a ductwork system and passes through areas where no contamination will be present to areas where contamination is expected. The air is then moved through a bed of carbon filters where contaminated air is cleansed of contaminants before being monitored and released back to the outside.

Aside from the facility's munition processing

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ABCDF resumes mustard agent draining

Jeff Lindblad
ABCDF

Workers at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility resumed draining mustard agent containers Jan. 15 following an eight-week operational pause to examine and repair areas of the glove boxes in which the draining takes place.

The operational pause was initiated after a low-level mustard vapor leak was detected Nov. 14 in the glove box sump piping of one of the drain stations during the rinsing of an agent container. Further examination of all three drain station glove boxes, using radiographic, ultrasonic and dye-penetration techniques, identified some corrosion in the piping and in the glove box sump.

To ensure the integrity of the glove box system and eliminate the potential for further leaks, the drain piping is being removed and the sump pans coated with a corrosion-resistant epoxy.

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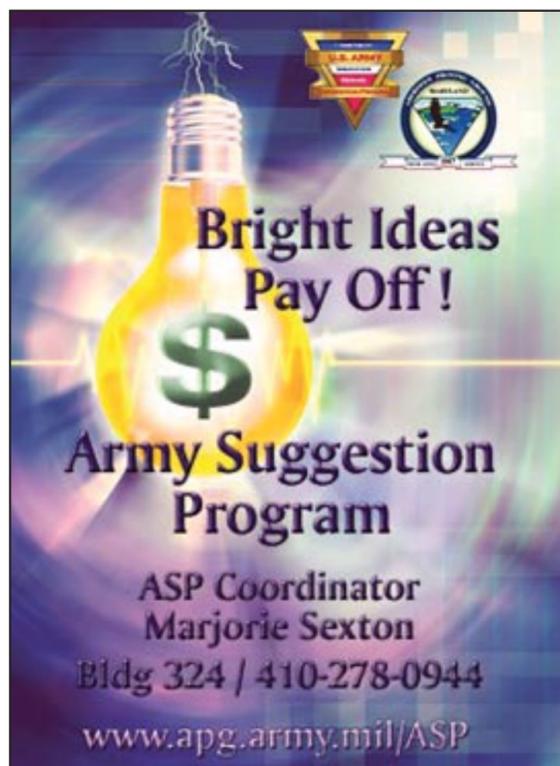
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APG BRIGHT IDEAS PAY OFF



Beth Brendle-Williams, a visual information specialist with the Directorate of Information Management, took second place for her poster design at the annual Employee Involvement Association Conference in September 2003. The EIA is a non-profit service organization composed of members from finance, commerce, industry and government, dedicated to the worth, contributions and benefits of employee suggestion systems and other employee involvement processes. EIA is internationally recognized for serving professional managers and administrators of employee involvement and suggestion programs for over 60 years by providing quality educational programs, publications, benchmarking and networking opportunities. The first place poster was submitted by the EIA Michigan Chapter, which included many members of General Motors Powertrain.

Commentary

New Year's resolutions for a military spouse

Caroline Peabody
Special contributor

In the last two weeks the chime-like voices of many friends, fellow spouses and strangers on the streets rang a resolute song. Heard were: "I resolve to lose weight," "I will spend more time with my kids," "I am going to stop smoking," "I am going to quit my job and go back to school." These are common resolutions, heard each year around the world. The song usually dies out toward the end of January when thousands light up another cancer stick or give in to the siren's call of the double yellow arch ("super sized with cheese please and a diet coke").

But underneath all the voices whispering prayers and uttering wishes, beyond those desperately hoping to conjure that genie who would grant upon them the will power to pass over that morning donut at the office, there is the steady beat coming from the military family.

Their rhythm is constant, dependable, marking time for their soldier, their family, their country. They are families entering the new year without a mother, or father or sister or brother. Thousands of tables across the nation bear at least one empty chair, sometimes two, when both parents have gone to war.

Each day one of these families discovers a car in their driveway, with uniformed personnel ready to deliver the message that their loved one has been killed, or is seriously injured and may not return to take his or her place at the family meal.

The resolutions of these families bear a somber tone: "I will show my baby a picture of his father everyday, so he may know him when he returns home." "I will always remember to tell my wife I love her and appreciate her when she gets the rare chance to call me from Iraq." "I will be the best mother and father for my child for another six months and hope that will be the last extension on my soldiers tour in the Middle East (wrote a mother of five of an MP serving 18 months in Iraq)." "I will pray more

to God to help me, seek solace in others facing the same situation, because it is harder to lift my chin up each day he is gone." "I promise to never take life for granted again (a spouse whose husband lost a limb and almost his life)."

When asked if they would stop their spouses, sons and daughters from serving if they could, not one said yes. Someone has to serve to protect, if not their family members, who? They hope that when their spouses are sent to war, to risk their lives and limbs, that it is for a just cause, as faith is the glue that keeps these families together in these painfully trying circumstances.

These are the noble resolutions of our military families. Our nation should take a moment and make a few on their behalf. Perhaps we could start with these: "America is resolved to ensure prompt medical treatment for all injured soldiers returning from the Middle East." "America will provide immediate and ongoing psychological care to soldiers suffering from stress disorders and their families." "America will provide better for families dealing with deployment, leaving no spouse or child behind." "Above all, American resolves that every blind, limbless, permanently disabled and veteran suffering any other kind of lifelong injury will never have to suffer financial hardship related to his service and sacrifice."

While we continue to struggle with donut decisions, these families are struggling with matters of life and death. Let us all at least resolve to keep them all in our prayers.

(Editor's note: Peabody is an Army spouse and president of The Military Family Network, an online community resource for military families (www.emilitary.org). She has over 13 years experience as a volunteer and public relations professional specializing in military affairs. Her volunteer awards include the Army's Patriotic Civilian Service Award in recognition of her work on behalf of soldiers and military families. She can be reached at cpeabody@emilitary.org.)

The howling truth—right and wrong do exist



Father (Maj.) Joseph L. Di Gregorio
USAGAPG

Take any issue—distributing condoms in public schools, passing out clean needles to IV drug users, spending federal tax dollars for abortion counseling to help poor pregnant women—if there's one thing we should have learned by now, the hard way, it is this: band-aid solutions can't heal real wounds, be they caused by pre-marital sex, drug addiction or a myriad of other social ills.

These dilemmas are nothing new in the history of humankind. But they appear particularly vexing today because of society's loss of exactly what constitutes right and wrong. We are infected with a contemporary moral subjectivity, which makes the rightness or wrongness of actions relative to the person and his or her circumstances. Everything depends on one's situation and intentions claim some.

Moral subjectivity in the extreme deteriorates to moral ambiguity when people choose first and foremost to please

themselves by the actions they perform and the resulting lives they live.

Secular forces champion this ambiguity. The media, from television to tabloid, trumpet the individual's absolute right to do whatever is desired, regardless of the results. Political and economic factors fuel the get-ahead mentality and erode the lines between what is good and what is evil. Even some church theologians in the post-Vatican II world have tossed out the absolute and embraced the relative in the realm of moral activity, all under the guise of being pastoral and therefore caring.

But no matter how much energy and effort are expended justifying sinful acts, the fact remains that certain things are wrong in and of themselves. Both supernatural revelation (sacred scripture and Biblical tradition) and natural revelation testify to this truth.

For example, pre- or extra-marital sex is wrong, period.

The Bible says, churches teach, and human hearts, if they are true to themselves, verify that the values of life and love are served only within the love-relationship-context we call marriage.

We can ignore this truth, fleeing from it in selfishness, anger or disdain. We can compromise; saying this particular sex relationship is the best we can do given our present situation. And we would be wrong.

Instead of wasting so much time running and roaming and compromising, we should return to the true source of our existence—God—and accept the rightness or wrongness of actions as written into the very fiber of our being as His creation.

Throwing gauze over wounds will not suffice when major surgery is needed. People's hearts and minds need the healing of the divine physician in order to be restored to full health as the Lord intends. The world must

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Bible classes at the chapel

'Walk Through The Bible' focusing on 'marriage' will be presented 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Feb. 7 at the APG Chapel.

Everyone is welcome—married, engaged, single—to learn more about the Bible. For more information, call the Chapel at 410-278-4333.

Community Notes

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 22
RETIREMENT
PLANNING AND
ESTATE CONSERVATION**
Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union is offering this free seminar to the public, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room at APGFCU Operations Center 1321 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood.

Topics include reverse mortgages, cost of retirement, sources of income, taxes,

long-term care and developing an action list. To reserve a seat, call 410-272-4000, ext. 5451.

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 24
BASKET BINGO**
The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will sponsor Basket Bingo, 7 p.m., at the Edgewood Area Gunpowder Club.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for three cards and additional sets of three

cards cost \$5. Tickets will also be sold at the door if available. Food, a bake sale and drinks will be available and there will be door prizes, special games and raffles. Visitors can obtain a pass onto post with a valid picture ID at the gate.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Amy Carlson at 410-939-6429, or Susan Burnett at 410-272-8438.

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JANUARY 28
HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY WOMEN
BUILD 2004**

There will be an information meeting at Christ Our King Presbyterian Church on Route 924 in Bel Air at 6 p.m., followed by safety training for on-site workers for Harford Habitat's second Women Build. Women are needed in all areas -

fundraising, publicity, volunteer coordination, and construction (skilled and unskilled workers). Bring a friend.

For more information, call Annabel Lusardi at 410-692-0292 or e-mail aelusardi@comcast.net.

**TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 10
POST MEETINGS**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, located on 206 Spesutia Road, Perryman, will hold its regular post meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 14
VFW HOSTS
VALENTINE PARTY**
Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, will sponsor a Valentine's Party, 9:30 p.m.

to 2 a.m., at the American Legion Post 17, Edgewood Road, Edgewood.

Donation costs \$20 per person and \$35 per couple. Entertainment will be provided by the Softones, playing hits including "Carla My Love," "My Dream," "There's a Beauty," "Count To Ten" and more.

Dress to impress. There will be a light menu, raffle, and a prize for the lady in the prettiest red dress. M.C. will be "Linay" from radio station WHFC 91.1.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-

272-3444, or Terry Robinson, Post commander at 410-688-3188.

PWOC HOSTS 'SWEET-HEART' PARTY

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is sponsoring "A Night With Your Sweetheart," 7 to 10 p.m., at the Sheraton 4 Points, Aberdeen. There will be a buffet, entertainment and guests will receive a keepsake photograph with their sweetheart.

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OMMS LIBRARY

The Organizational Mechanical Maintenance Library hours are Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, noon to 8:45 p.m. and Friday noon to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-278-4991.

Throughout the month of February the OMMS library is featuring a bulletin board and other displays depicting Martin Luther King and other prominent Blacks. This is just the most recent in a series of themes regularly displayed on the bulletin board located in the basement of building 3071. All APG civilian employees, contractors, and soldiers are invited to stop by and check them out. While doing so visitors are encouraged to visit the library and discover the many services provided such as interlibrary loan, Internet access and

research tools. A collection of ordnance books and other materials are also available for check out. **VOLUNTEERING AT THE LIBRARY**

The staff at the library would like to thank the most recent volunteers, BNCOC class 02-04 52C, who provided invaluable assistance helping to inventory and weed through the library's collection during the month of January. Anyone interested in volunteering to help in the library should call 410-278-4991.

MOVIES

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

STUCK ON YOU
Friday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m.
Starring: Matt Damon, Greg Kinnear

Walt and Bob are conjoined twins, one of whom has dreams of making it big in Hollywood. When they arrive in town, they're cast on a television show starring Cher. She's bummed about being relegated to TV until her show becomes a hit. (Rated PG-13)

THE LAST SAMURAI (FREE ADMISSION)
Saturday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m.
Starring: Tom Cruise, Billy Connolly

American War Capt. Nathan Algren (Cruise) trains and lead's a group of Japanese soldiers to defeat a rebellion of the countries remaining Samurai. Algren is captured by the Samurai and soon becomes part of the village he is being held hostage in, and find's that his true warrior is becoming unleashed as he trains to become a Samurai with the very people he once called his enemies. As he learns more about the Samurai, the traditional protectors of feudal lands, he comes to understand and appreciate the complicated system of honor under which they live. (Rated R)

Bench press Saturday

The intramural Bench Press competition is this Saturday, Jan. 24, 9:30 a.m. at Hoyle Gym. Weigh-ins begin 7:30 a.m. Deadline for sign-ups is Jan. 22. For more information, contact Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929 or e-mail her at donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil.

All Army applications

Applications for All Army Trials in the following sports are due the following dates:
Women's basketball, Jan. 25
Women's soccer, Feb. 13
Volleyball, Feb. 27
For more information, call Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929.

Truth

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hear and especially see the truth lived by all who call themselves followers of Jesus. Nothing less will do because anything less encroaches on the truth and threatens the goal of our lives: eternal salvation.

In a 1987 commencement address at Duke University, ABC Nightline moderator, Ted Koppel, captures well this message and more when he said:

"We have actually convinced ourselves that slogans will save us. Shoot up if you must, but use a clean needle. Enjoy sex whenever and with whomever you wish, but wear a condom. No! The answer is no. Not because it isn't cool or smart or because you might end up in jail or in an AIDS ward, but no because it's wrong, because we have spent 5,000 years as a race of rational human beings, trying to drag ourselves out of the primeval slime by searching for truth and moral absolutes. In its purest form, truth is not a polite tap on the shoulder. It is a howling reproach. What Moses brought down from Mount Sinai were not the ten suggestions."

God Bless You.

POST SHORTS

From front page

Preventive Medicine Clinic on the third floor. Patients will be taught how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and instructed when to see a doctor. Participants will be given medical cards, which will allow them to pick up specific over-the-counter medications without a prescription. The January class will be held Jan. 15

Recruit the Recruiter Team to visit

The Recruit the Recruiter Team from Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Knox, Ky., will visit APG, 9:30 a.m., Feb. 3 and 4, at the Post Theater. The team will brief all specialists through sergeants first class on the challenges, benefits and opportunities of becoming recruiters.

Recruiters who earn the Recruiter Ring during their 36-month tour are eligible for meritorious promotions and also will receive \$450 per month in Special Duty Pay upon assignment to a recruiting battalion, while receiving up to \$75 in reimbursement per month for expenses.

For more information, visit www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter, or call Sgt. 1st Class Neftali Perez at 502-626-0465. For information about the briefing, call Master Sgt. Arthur S. Burd at APG Post Retention, DSN 298-2769.

National Prayer Luncheon scheduled for Feb. 5

The National Prayer Luncheon will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Top of the Bay. Claiborne Douglass Haughton Jr., the guest speaker, retired from the position of Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Equal Opportunity on Jan. 29, 2001.

Tickets cost \$5 and the menu includes baked chicken, lasagna, vegetables, coffee, tea and dessert. For more information, call the chapel at 410-278-4333.

Coping with special needs family members

Army Community Service is sponsoring the Parent Information Exchange for exceptional family members, 6

to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 10, at ACS, building 2754.

PIE is designed to assist military families who have family members with special needs. The goals are to improve the members' ability to cope, and discuss community resources.

Free childcare is available if requested in advance. For more information, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, 410-278-2420.

Golf trip to Myrtle Beach

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a Golf Trip to Myrtle Beach, March 14 through 18. The price per person is \$585, based on four golfers per condo. Cost includes accommodations at the hotel, roundtrip airfare from BWI on Hooters Air, five rounds of golf with carts, and breakfasts everyday.

Transportation from the airport to the hotel and golf courses is not included. It is suggested that foursomes rent a car ahead of time; there is space available for six foursomes.

Couples that desire to sign up can be paired with other couples to share a condo. This package is also available for driving foursomes that choose not to fly, for \$385 per person.

A \$100 deposit per person is due at time of reservation and the full payment is due by Feb. 6.

Accommodations will be in a three-bedroom condo at the Ocean Reef Hotel. Each condo has one king, one queen, and two double beds, plus one sofa bed, a private balcony with an ocean view, a full kitchen with a microwave, dishwasher, and garbage disposal, two bathrooms, and a washer and dryer. Also included are five rounds of golf with carts at River Hills, Wicked Stick, Brick Landing, Diamond Back, and Calabash Links courses. Slopes and rating information are available.

Anyone wishing to make a reservation should call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771 no later than Jan. 22.

Authorized exception to dual compensation laws

Current Appropriated and Nonappropriated Fund employees are eligible to keep

their full-time position and also be employed as an NAF flexible employee for the following hard-to-fill positions:

- Aerobic instructor, NF-1712-02
- Bartender, NA-7405-03
- Cook, NA-7404-04/05
- Custodial worker (trainee), NA-3566-01
- Custodial worker, NA-3566-02
- Custodial worker (leader), NL-3566-02
- Food service worker, NA-7408-01/04
- Gardener, NA-5003-04
- Motor vehicle operator, NA-5703-07
- Waiter (trainee), NA-7420-02
- Waiter, NA-7420-03

To receive vacancy announcements and application forms, call 410-278-5126. Completed applications can be brought or mailed to: NAF Personnel, building 305, 2201 Aberdeen Boulevard, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5001 or faxed to 410-278-0684.

Applicants should be aware that the approved exception authority expires Dec. 21, 2004, and pertains only to the specific positions listed above.

For more information, call Jean Futty, 410-278-8993.

Half price membership to MCSC

The membership year for the Military and Civilian Spouse Club has reached it's half way mark and is now offering half price membership. For more information, or to join, visit www.apgmcsc.org.

Family Child Care Providers needed in EA

The Family Child Care Office is seeking applicants to become certified Family Child Care Providers in the Edgewood Area. Applicants who are interested in providing home-based child care, especially infant care, are encouraged to apply.

Becoming a professionally trained provider offers many benefits: self employment, free training in a marketable profession, transferable credit to Army installations world wide, free use of lending library, free referrals by Central Registry, free monthly newsletter, free workshops (nutrition, health, child development, safety, CPR, taxes), participation in the National CDA credential program and participation in

the USDA food program.

For more information, call the FCC Office, 410-278-7477/8720.

Weight Watchers meets for lunch

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings continue on post with the newest program from Weight Watchers - FlexPoints.

FlexPoints makes losing weight in the real world easier. Get 11 weeks for the price of 10.

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are open to all APG civilian personnel, retirees, military personnel and family members.

For more information, call 410-278-1151.

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.

Employee LES changes

Effective with the pay period ending Jan. 24, Social Security numbers will be "masked" and only the last four digits will show on civilian employees' printed Leave and Earning Statements.

This change should help protect employees against identity theft. Only the printed LES will reflect the change and the full nine-digit SSN numbers will be visible on the LES electronically on myPay.

Fact of the week

Avoid long idles at drive up windows or when waiting. Restarting a warm engine takes less fuel than letting it run for just 30 seconds.

- State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

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Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should contact Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, or e-mail rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil, to complete a termination form.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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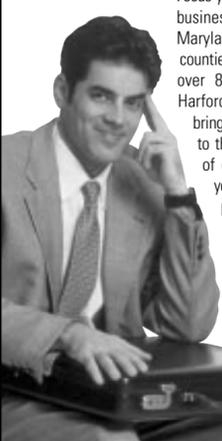
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Draining has resumed in one drain station while repairs are underway in the other two. For the safety of the workers involved in the repair work, full protective suits with breathing apparatus must be worn.

The drain stations are located within the Neutralization Building, which is under strict ventilation controls to prevent any release of agent vapor to the outside atmosphere.

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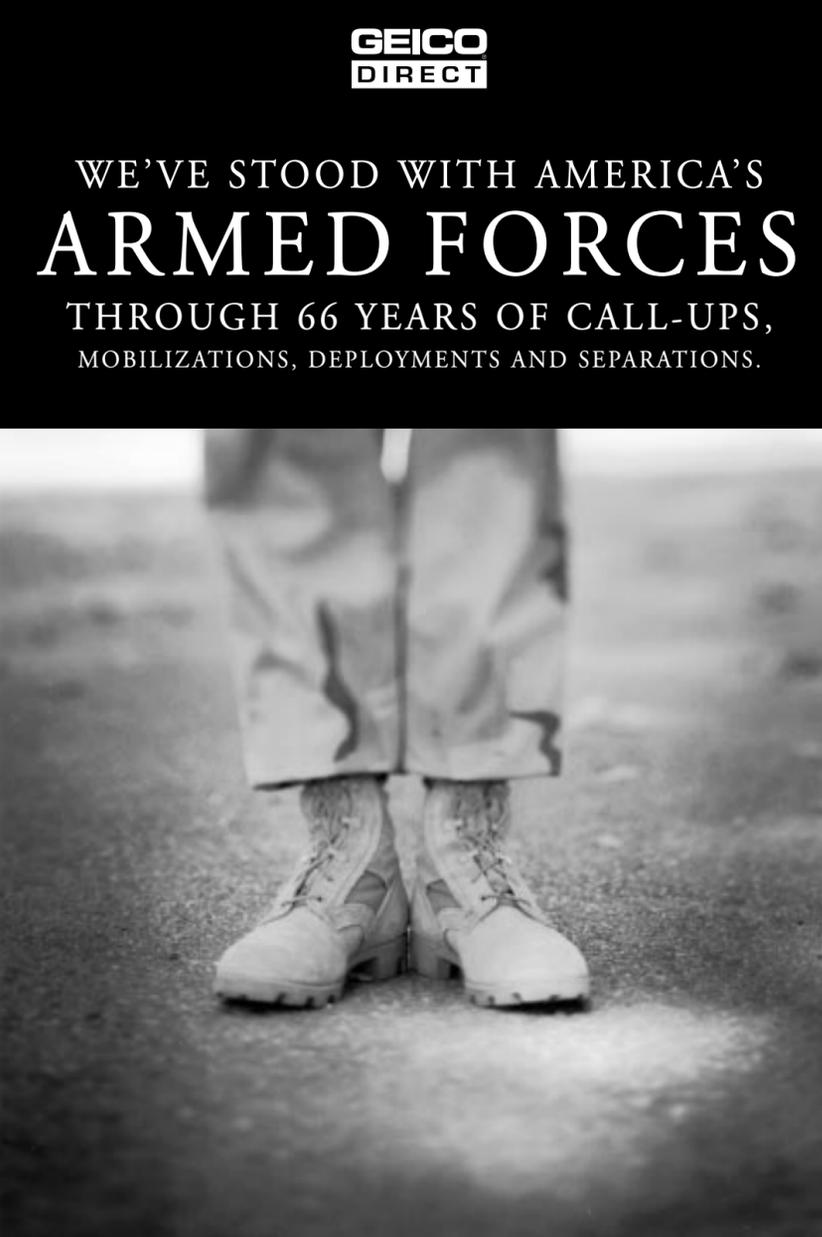


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NFL Hall of Famer visits dining facility workers



From left, Lydell Mitchell, former NFL running back with the Baltimore Colts, and Hall of Fame Pittsburgh Steelers running back Franco Harris sign autographs in the building 4503 dining facility, Jan. 15.

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

National Football League Hall of Fame running back Franco Harris of the legendary Pittsburgh Steeler team that won four Super Bowls in the 70s paid a visit to the staff of the APG Garrison dining facility in building 4503, Jan. 15.

Harris and former Pennsylvania State University teammate and Baltimore Colts standout Lydell Mitchell came to offer congratulations and encouragement to the workers and staff for their accomplishments in the Department of the Army dining facility competition during 2003. The facility did not win first place but did finish as one of the top seven large facilities in the Army.

Ed Parylo, APG food services manager, and dining facility manager Gerard LaRuffa, invited Harris, who also is a government contractor and co-owner of Super Bakery, Inc., a Pittsburgh based firm that provides nutritious, all natural pastries and sandwiches to businesses, schools and military

installations across the country.

"We asked him to come as a token of appreciation to our employees for a job well done," Parylo said.

Staff members, employees, and several autograph-seeking Soldiers formed a semi-circle around the two football stars as they shared their words of wisdom.

Harris said that with the competition over, it was time to think about next year.

"There's a lesson to be learned in winning and losing. As long as you learn the lesson, that's what makes the difference," Harris said.

He recalled how after a season-ending loss, he and his Steeler teammates would work even harder the following year.

"Losing made us drive even harder," he said. "Every year we would work to be the best. Out of six years, we went to the Super Bowl four times and won all four. Being the best is a great feeling."

He added that Mitchell, also a running back, could attest to striving for a goal, as he set a Penn State record for 29 touchdown catches in 1971 that still stands.

"From football, we learned discipline, how to get along with other people and how to depend on each other," Mitchell said. "Always look forward to your next year, but start planning now."

Harris' brother, Zep Harris, who accompanied the two, said that they make sure to visit military installations during personal appearances engagements around the country.

"It's the least we can do for our military men and women," he said. "They put themselves on the line for us everyday."

Soldiers who brought Pittsburgh Steelers memorabilia with them for autographs included Sgt. 1st Class Mark Wittle, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, who brought a clock, football and figurines from his office, which he said is filled with Pittsburgh Steeler memorabilia, and Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Schachte, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, who brought a leather Steelers jacket and a Super Bowl football.

They said they were thrilled to finally meet their hero.

"This was fantastic," Wittle said. "He's a very nice, friendly guy."

An unexpected reunion took place between Harris, his brother and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Dennis Walker, 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion, a former high school classmate who grew up in the same hometown.

After hugs were exchanged, Walker said that when he saw the announcement in the APG News, he had to come see his old friends.

"It's been 20 years since we've seen each other," he said. "They were very surprised. This was a nice reunion."

Harris and Mitchell played for Joe Paterno at Penn State from 1969-1971. Harris, who played for the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers and Seattle Seahawks, ranks 12th on the schools all-time rushing list with 2,002 yards. In 1971, Mitchell led the nation in points with 174 enroute to a first-team All-America selection.

MAPS

From front page

hardware, the MAPS will offer operators' climate regulated monitoring and control rooms, a contained chemical storage room and personnel decontamination and sanitary facilities.

As part of the unique spirit of cooperation on the MAPS program, the Maryland Department of the Environment granted the MAPS program the first Research, Development and Demonstration Permit ever issued in the state of Maryland. This permit allows the Army needed flexibility in operations to deal with the wide variety of munitions expected to be recovered at APG.

"Edgewood Area did a lot of research and development work," Benton said. "Lots of unique chemical munitions were tested over the last 85 years including French and British munitions. Operators of the MAPS have to have some flexibility to deal with these odd recovered munitions. The MDE and the public were very understanding of this point and that is why we have the RD&D permit."

NSCMP and the Garrison APG teamed with the MDE; the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Baltimore District; Tennessee Valley Authority; the U.S. Army Ammunition Equipment Directorate and the John C. Grimberg Co. (as general contractor) to begin making MAPS a reality.

Principle construction was completed in December 2003 with systemization, or prove-out, scheduled to begin in early 2004 and final operational in-process reviews completed by February 2005. Goals and objectives for MAPS testing are simple: "To evaluate the fundamental safety, environmental compliance, performance and maintainability of the facility."

Lt. Col. James P. Fletcher, product manager, Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel, is proud of the work his engineers have undertaken.

"This is the first facility of its kind in the United States. We have designed a facility

that maximizes safety to workers and the public using the most modern technology available," Fletcher said. "The design incorporates ideas received from the public, which made them partners with NSCMP in this endeavor. When this building is operational in 2005, it will be a key tool in the Army's mission to leave a cleaner, safer Harford County to future generations."

Recovered munitions common to APG

MAPS' design considers the materiel to be processed. It will only treat stable, explosively configured chemical munitions determined to be safe for vehicle transport, temporary magazine storage and processing. Unstable munitions will be treated in the NSCMP's Explosive Destruction System or, in the case of very unstable munitions, detonated in place.

Chemical-filled rounds likely to be found on APG range in size from 75 mm to 155 mm, dating as far back as World War I, including:

- 75 mm round
- 4-inch Stokes round
- 4.2-inch Stokes round
- Livens round
- 105 mm round
- 155 mm round

These would be in addition to a number of smoke rounds. Because of the variety of items that are likely to be processed, the facility is designed to be flexible.

(Editor's note: MAPS safety and environmental issues will be covered in the next two issues of APG News.)



4.2 inch mortar

MLK

From front page

"He cared about those out there suffering injustice," Henry said. "He taught us that nothing will get done unless we act."

"He was one of the boldest men who ever lived," he added. "You have to be bold to stand on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and proclaim that I have a dream."

Henry said that remembering King should serve as a reminder that it is time to act.

"If something is wrong in your work environment take it to your supervisor or commander," he said. "It's time to stop waiting on someone else to have the same problem. If King were here, he would ask what you have done to promote peace, justice and harmony in this

world."

Pryce thanked Henry for his "inspiring message," remarking, "He reminded us that we have Dr. King to follow."

The program's entertainment included a reading of the poem, "Dr. King's Greatness," by Pryce, the author (see below); and a dance tribute by Claudia Denise Coleman, Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center.

SEP committee members Sheryl Coleman, FWP; George Bruce, DEP; Brenda Clayton, BEP; Denise Davison, NAP; Maria Lopez, HEP; and Arthur Kaff, APIEP, presented readings of speeches and comments by King to close the program.

"I challenge all of you to remember what a difference Dr. King made to the world," Mark said in closing. "Remember, celebrate; act; a day on, not a day off."

Dr. King's True Greatness

What was the true greatness of Dr. Martin Luther King?

Was it his eloquent speeches, the inspiration they would bring?

Was it his defiance and fight against segregation?

Was it his Nobel Prize, numerous awards, and commendations?

These things all did contribute to make Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. great;

But this above all is true greatness: the Lord God he did emulate.

His belief in non-violent resistance meant he'd turn the other cheek.

This was a demonstration of strength, not a sign of being weak.

For with non-violent protest, his resistors were confused;

If you physically fight them, you are battered, beaten, and accused.

Trying to help somebody, serving his fellow man,

Like Our God, was his second most notable command.

To see that the naked had clothing, to see that the hun-

gry were fed;

That he visited those imprisoned: about these things he wanted said.

Yes, remember Dr. Martin Luther King because he loved us all -

Black man, white man, Jew, Gentile, Catholic, Protestant, large or small.

For when he loved his brother, he was truly loving God.

He fulfilled the great commandment and received God's approving nod.

For isn't this too our purpose: to do Our Father's will,

As set forth in the Lord's example as Dr. King tried to instill?

We may not achieve Dr. King's greatness in the eyes of mortal man,

But we will be in God's favor, which should be our life's plan.

Listen to Dr. King's words:

I'd like someone to mention that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to give his life serving others.

I'd like someone to say that day that I tried to love somebody.

I want them to say I tried to be right on the walkway.

I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.

I just want to leave a committed life behind.

If I can help somebody as I pass along;

If I can cheer somebody with a word or song;

If I can show somebody where they're traveling wrong,

Then my living will not be in vain.

If I do my duty as a Christian ought;

If I can bring salvation to a world once wrought;

If I can spread the message that My Master taught,

Then my living will not be in vain.

Aldona Pryce
AEC

Police

From front page

a college degree through its online degree program.

Kinlein said he has appreciated the learning experience, which included "starting from scratch," in organizing the academy logistically, designing data

sheets, and establishing accreditation requirements.

He thanked Stone and his fellow officers for the academy's accomplishments.

"It was a team effort and I was just a part of it," Kinlein said.

"Many people don't realize that this is a federal training facility or the level

of training we do," he said, adding that they would not achieve anything without the support of leaders like Krauer, Darabasz and Mark.

"Everybody works together," he said. "We believe in our jobs and in the importance of training. I hope I earned this for the little things I've done."

MWR **Morale, Welfare & Recreation**

Activities

MWR has a very exciting and entertaining year planned for APG. Some things to look for include Laugh4Ever Comedy Show on Feb. 7, ICW Wrestling event on March 20, Miller Lite Army Concert Tour presenting Montgomery Gentry on July 17, and lots more. Visit <http://www.apgmwr.com> for the latest information.

Methods of registration

Register for any MWR event 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.

Yoga instructor certification

Yoga Instructor Certification will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 31 through Feb. 1, at the Aberdeen Area Fitness Center, building 3320. Cost is \$150 (study guides are extra). Learn the history of yoga, sun salutation variations, asana sets 1 thru 5, anatomy and physiology, yoga class structure, power yoga variations, yoga breathing and meditation techniques.

Laugh 4 Ever Comedy Show

Join in the laughter at the Post Theater on 8 p.m., Feb. 7 for a comical event. Four successful comedians will rock the house with laughter: Kenny Williams, Red Bone, Barbara Carlyle and TP Hearn. Ticket cost will start at \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the show.

Pentathlon

This military only event will be held 1 to 6 p.m., Jan. 24 and 25, at Hoyle Gym. The cost is \$10 per two-person team. There will be five challenges for each team. The person with the

best scores will win the event. The challenges consists of basketball 3-point perimeter shooting, basketball free throw contest, hang from the bar, chin-ups and iron cross with 15 lb. dumbbell. Register by Jan. 22.

Professional Body Building

This class will be held on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 4 through 25 at the APG Athletic Center. The instructional classes are hands-on training designed to teach the fundamentals of body building. Participants will learn precise exercises and workout procedures essential for achieving desired results. Diet and nutritional needs will also be discussed. Proper exercise clothing is required. Register by Jan. 24. Cost for this class is \$40.

Experience Harlem

Celebrate Black History month with a tour of Harlem, NY, Feb. 21. Starting with lunch at Sylvia's Restaurant, the queen of soul food, travel back in time with a tour of the world famous Apollo Theater, the Cotton Club, and local museums. There will still be time for other sightseeing and shopping. Bus will pick up at Edgewood Shopping Center at 7:30 a.m. and the Old Ames Shopping Center in Aberdeen at 8 a.m. Register by Feb. 5.

Engineer wins MWR's 'Battle of the Bulge'

Gwen Meadows
MWR

'Battle of the Bulge' proved to be a great success over the past holiday season. It was a test to see how many people could stick with their normal exercise program despite the numerous distractions everyone faces throughout the season.

Battle of the Bulge was a fitness program developed by Morale, Welfare and Recreation that ran Nov. 17 through Dec. 16. Based on a point system, each participant was given six weeks to complete 24 points in any three events they chose, one point for each hour. Choices included cross trainer, running/walking, biking, stair climber, rac-



quetball, or a one-hour fitness class.

The Aberdeen Fitness Center had 17 people sign up, the Athletic Center had seven and the Hoyle Gym/Fitness Center had five.

The winner of this event was Rob Peterson, an engineer at U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center. He worked out five

days a week at the Fitness Center and Athletic Center, achieving his goal by lifting weights and riding the bike.

"I thought it was a big success," said Mercedes Ashby, recreation assistant. "The goal of the triathlon was to keep everyone working out during one of the hardest times of the year when office parties and luncheons keep you from doing your normal routine. That is what we were hoping they would do."

Since the event was such a great success it will be offered again next holiday season, so watch for more information on how to participate in Battle of the Bulge.

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 more information, call 410-436-3589.

SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

RESOURCES FOR FINANCING EDUCATION

School Liaison and Youth Education Support Services, located in the Aberdeen Area, building 2752, Room 200, has a number of resources available that can help anyone pursue their education with more knowledge and confidence.

Two excellent resources, "The 2003/2004 Guide To Financing Your Education," and the brochure, "How Do I Pay For College? A Guide To Financial Aid," are available to military and civilian families at APG. To obtain a copy, call, e-mail or visit Ivan Mehosky, 410-278-2857, ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil. To receive the information through post mail, leave name, telephone number, organization and building number.

MCEC

A resource that no military parent at APG should be without is the Military Child Education Coalition. The MCEC is a private, nonprofit organization that is focused on the academic and school-related needs of the military connected child. Addressing the transition and other educational challenges faced by the military child, MCEC serves as an incubator of innovative approaches, a conduit of promising practices, and an information source for organizations, educators, and parents. Anyone looking for an advocacy organization for military families, should visit their Web site at

www.MilitaryChild.org. Find out what the Secondary Education Transition Study and Memorandum of Agreement, of which Harford County Public Schools is participating, is all about. As of December 2003, there are 127 signatories from school districts that include Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Guam, Puerto Rico, DoDEA, DoDDS, DoDDS Europe, and DoDDS Pacific. Be in the know about what the recently conducted Transition Counselor Institute at APG is all about, or the much talked about Interactive Counseling Center.

USEFUL NATIONAL RESOURCE WEB SITES FOR PARENTS

www.militarychild.org/assessment - MCEC's Assessment Resource Center gives state by state and DoDEA information about requirements and testing www.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml - Department of Education's No Child Left Behind site)

www.ecs.org - Education Commission of the States is a non-profit organization focused on state education policy issues

www.edtrust.org/edtrust - A private, non-profit organization that works for high academic achievement for all students.

Comedy Jam to bring laughs to APG



Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Community Recreation Division will present the "Laugh4Ever" Comedy Jam at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater, Friday, Feb. 7. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show starts 9 p.m.

The show features T.P. Hearn, Barbara Carlyle, Kenny Williams and Red Bone from BET's Comic View.

Ticket costs start at \$15 in advance, and start at \$20 at the door.

T.P. Hearn

Also known as the 'singing comic,' Hearn, a singer turned comic has been performing since the early 80s. He has appeared on "The Apollo Comedy Hour," "Def Comedy Jam," and "Comic View" on Black Entertainment Television.

Hearn may be best known for his imitation of singers like Keith Sweat, Al B. Sure and Bobby Brown during his "Singers Who Can't Sing" bit. He is sure to leave plenty laughing in the aisles by the time he's done.

Barbara Carlyle

Hailed as the "Diva of Comedy," Barbara "Cat Eyes" Carlyle will keep the audience rolling with her stories about relationships, sex, and money, or the lack of them.

Tickets for the "Laugh4Ever" Comedy Jam may be purchased at MWR Registration in building 3326, over the phone at 410-278-4907/4011, or online at www.apgmwr.com.

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

Arts & Crafts classes

The following classes are held in the Edgewood Arts & Crafts building E-4440. For more information, call 410-436-2153.

To register, call or visit during hours of operation or at MWR Registration building 3326, 410-278-4907/4011.

Ceramics

This basic ceramics class teaches the fundamentals of mold pouring, glazing and painting 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 14 and March 13. Cost is \$15 including supplies.

Stained Glass

This beginning class will teach students how to make a simple sun catcher using the copper foil method 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 21 and March 20. Cost is \$25 including supplies.

Woodshop Orientation

The woodshop orientation is a safety course, required in order to use the woodshop. Class will be held 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Feb. 7 and March 6.

Framing

This beginning class teaches the fundamentals of framing and matting. Students must bring an 8-inch by 10-inch picture to frame. Class will be held 5 to 9 p.m., Jan. 29, Feb. 26 and March 25.

Class will also be held at the Aberdeen Area Arts & Crafts building 2407, 410-278-4207, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 3, Feb. 7, and March 6. Cost is \$25 plus supplies.

Bowling update

Wednesday Lunch Doubles

Week of Jan. 17

Men's High Game Scratch
Henry Schwartzman, 202
Kevin Dougherty, 197
Men's High Game Handicap
Henry Schwartzman, 272
Bart Pierce, 250

Men's High Series Scratch
Kevin Dougherty, 372

Henry Schwartzman, 370
Men's High Series Handicap
Henry Schwartzman, 499
Cliff Hubbard, 461
Women's High Game Scratch
Jeanine Worthington, 187
Kathy Krout, 167

Women's High Game Handicap
Betty Taylor/Kathy Krout, 264

Shelley Sanders, 247
Women's High Series Scratch
Jeanine Worthington, 332
Kathy Krout, 316
Women's High Series Handicap
Dawn Gordner, 452
Betty Taylor, 450

Wednesday Mixed

Men's High Game Scratch
Tom Curtis, 246

Bernard Hammond, 205
Men's High Game Handicap
Tom Curtis, 266

Sherman Winters, 244
Men's High Series Scratch
Tom Curtis, 651

Bernard Hammond, 563
Men's High Series Handicap
Tom Curtis, 711

Sherman Winters, 641
Women's High Game Scratch
Ann Thacker, 235

Barbara Winters, 176
Women's High Game Handicap

Ann Thacker, 259

Ann Thacker, 259
Fran Sclafani, 226

Women's High Series Scratch
Ann Thacker, 585
Kathy Anderson, 489

Women's High Series Handicap
Ann Thacker, 657

Fran Sclafani, 610

Thursday Lunch Doubles

Men's High Game Scratch
Jamie King, 233

Mac McClellan, 199
Men's High Game Handicap
Jamie King, 278

Ken Paxton, 263
Men's High Series Scratch
Jamie King, 378

Mac McClellan, 346
Men's High Series Handicap
John Heath, 485

Jamie King, 468
Women's High Game Scratch
Debbie Morrow, 171

Sandy Bowers, 144
Women's High Game Handicap
Jane Fortes/Ruthann, 254

Gina Bukowski, 244
Women's High Series Scratch
Debbie Morrow, 289

Sandy Bowers, 284
Women's High Series Handicap
Ruthann Cunningham, 475

Jane Fortes, 470

Men's High Series Handicap
Bernard Hammond, 766

Mike Finkel, 681
Women's High Game Scratch
Sally Leonetti, 204

Luz Montanez, 191
Women's High Game Handicap
Sally Leonetti, 261

Luz Montanez, 239
Women's High Series Scratch
Luz Montanez, 497

Sally Leonetti, 483
Women's High Series Handicap
Sally Leonetti, 654

Luz Montanez, 641

Morgan McConnell, 273

David Sexton, 268
Boy's High Series Scratch
John Keegan, 336

Deric Page, 321
Boy's High Series Handicap
David Sexton, 683

Morgan McConnell, 662
Girl's High Game Scratch
Magan Pace, 121

Jessell Cons, 100
Girl's High Game Handicap
Jessell Cons, 258

Lawrence Searles, 240
Girl's High Series Scratch
Magan Pace, 294

Jessell Cons, 264
Girl's High Series Handicap
Lawrence Searles, 665

Jessell Cons, 632

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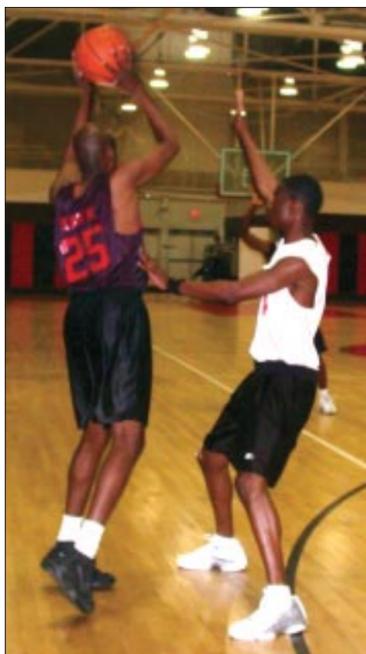
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A loose ball attracts attention from left, Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion's Sterling Gray, 43, Michael Pitts, 15, Toriano Harrell, 3, and Ryan Konig, 5, and HHC 143rd's Vincent Hawthorne, 25, and Irvin Collins, 33, during Edgewood Division action at Hoyle Gym, Jan. 14.

HHC 143rd gets past Company A 143rd, 58-57

NCOs win battle of the ball in the game's final seconds



HHC 143rd's Vincent Hawthorn tries to throw a pass around the outstretched arm of Company A 143rd's Toriano Harrell.

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

Patience and experience paid off for Headquarters and Headquarters

Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, as it outlasted Company A 143rd, 58-57 during Edgewood Division intramural basketball action at Hoyle Gym Jan. 14.

The NCOs of HHC 143rd faced the challenge of containing Company A 143rd's Robert Smith throughout most of the game.

Smith teamed up with Toriano Harrell to score more than half of the team's total points.

One notable play was in the first half when leading 23-20 an assist from Harrell to Smith for a layup put the team up 25-20. After a Company A 143rd timeout, the two reversed rolls, with Smith assisting Harrell for another two to post a 27-20 lead with just over five minutes remaining in the half.

At the half, down 30-25, HHC 143rd coach Luis Rivera, told his players to step up their defense while Company A 143rd coach Ali Trent told his not to be intimidated.

"We have to play a tougher defense and stop penetration," Rivera said. "I told them to be patient, play within yourselves," Trent said.

In the second half, Company A stepped up the pace, cruising to a 33-28 lead before HHC 143rd slammed on the brakes.

Irvin Collins started things off with a slam-dunk that brought the HHC 143rd bench to its feet.

Moments later, down 40-36, Vincent

Hawthorne, the team's leading scorer, shoveled in back-to-back layups to close within two points at 41-40.

Another 3-pointer from Smith made it 44-42 but then HHC 143rd's Irvin Collins answered with an easy layup to tie it 44-44 with 10 minutes to play.

HHC regained the lead but still couldn't hold off Company A. The turning point came when, up 56-54, Hawthorne took the inbound jump ball and slammed it home for the team's biggest lead at 58-54. And the crowd went wild. An HHC 143rd foul turned the ball over with only 11 seconds left, however Ryan Konig, Company A, sunk a three and was fouled as time ran out. Up 58-57, HHC 143rd players howled in protest as referees put 3 seconds back on the clock.

No one blinked as Konig caught the inbound pass then hurled it at the basket. Wide left. Game over.

"We didn't win the game but we won the battle," Trent told his disappointed players.

"The defense was killing. We let them back in," HHC 143rd's Rivera said. "It was too close. But the main thing is, we won the game."

The game's high scorers were Smith and Harrell for Company A with 15 and 16 points, respectively. For HHC 143rd it was Hawthorn, 17, Brown, 14, and Gilbert, 12.

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Basketball update

The following results were received for intramural basketball for the week ending Jan. 16.

American Division Results

Jan. 12
KUSAHC, 26; HHC 61st, 34
NCOA, 65; 203rd MI, 29
HHC 16th, 34; ATC/HST, 20
Jan. 14
TF 121st, 38; ATC/HST, 25
HHC 16th, 51; 203rd MI, 42
NCOA, 77; HHC 61st, 46

Schedule

Jan. 26
6:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. NCOA
7:30 p.m., 203rd MI vs. HHC 61st
8:30 p.m., TF 121st vs. KUSAHC
Jan. 28
6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. HHC 16th
7:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. ATC/HST
8:30 p.m., NCOA vs. TF 121st

Standings

NCOA 4-0

HHC 16th 2-0
TF 121st 2-1
HHC 61st 2-2
ATC/HST 1-3
KUSAHC 1-2
203rd MI 0-4

National Division Results

Jan. 13
Company C 16th, 53;
Company E 16th, 41
USAF, 37; Company B 16th, 30
Company A 16th, 46; USMC, 43
Jan. 15
Company C 16th, 47; USAF, 38
USMC, 39; Company E 16th, 35
Company B 16th, 36;
Company A 16th, 27

Schedule

Jan. 27
6:30 p.m., USAF vs. Company E 16th
7:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company A 16th
8:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company B 16th

Jan. 29
6:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. USMC
7:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. USAF
8:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company E 16th

Standings

Company C 16th 4-0
Company E 16th 2-2
USMC 2-2
USAF 2-2
Company B 16th 1-3
Company A 16th 1-3

Edgewood Division Results

Jan. 12
HHC 143rd, 57; Company B 143rd, 55 (OT)
Company C 143rd, 71;
MRICD, 70 (OT)
RDECOM, 38; Company A 143rd, 37
Jan. 14
HHC 143rd, 58; Company A 143rd, 57

Company B 143rd, 46; RDECOM, 32
TEU, 47; MRICD, 35

Schedule

Jan. 26
6:30 p.m., TEU vs. RDECOM
7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. MRICD
8:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Company C 143rd
Jan. 28
6:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. TEU
7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. Company A 143rd
8:30 p.m., RDECOM vs. HHC 143rd

Standings

HHC 143rd 3-0
RDECOM 3-1
TEU 2-1
MRICD 1-3
Company B 143rd 1-2
Company C 143rd 1-2
Company A 143rd 0-2