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## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Aug. 11, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Fogging APG

Fogging operations began 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Aberdeen Area.

Edgewood Area fogging begins 6 p.m., Thursday.

During this time, residents and pets should remain indoors to limit their exposure to the chemical. Residents should park their vehicles away from the fogging route when the fogging truck drives through their area.

Fogging will not be done in rain or high winds, and swimming pool areas will not be fogged.

For more information, call Abdul Sheikh, garrison entomologist, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-278-3303.

### FWP Equality Day Aug. 11

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women's Program will present its Equality Day Awards Ceremony, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Top of the Bay Aug. 11.

The guest speaker is Michele M. Ridge of the Channing Bete Company.

With the theme, "Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility," the annual ceremony will present the Woman of the Year, Supervisor/Manager of the Year, and Organization Most Supportive of Women awards to individuals and organizations chosen by the FWP selection committee.

For more information, call Sheryl Coleman at 410-306-0713 or Linda Patrick at 410-436-1023.

### Women's Equality Day Essay Contest

All military, civilian, and family members within the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area communities are welcome to participate in the Women's Equality Day Essay and Display contest. The theme is Celebrating Women's Right to Vote.

The deadline for submitting essays is Aug. 16. Plaques will be awarded to two winners in each category at 3 p.m., Aug. 24, on the second floor of building 3071. Displays may include models, posters and/or collages. Essays must be double-spaced, 12 font and two to four pages long.

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From left to right, Col. Paul D. Meredith, outgoing commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade, is joined by, rear left, Brig. Gen. Mike Lenaers, chief of ordnance, and Col. Francis R. Merritt, incoming commander, as they inspect the troops during a change of command ceremony at Fanshaw Field July 30.

## Brigade, school colors pass between friends

**E. C. Starnes**  
U.S. Army Ordnance Corps

The traditional passing of the colors and the trooping of the line were straight out of the military manuals.

Col. Paul D. Meredith passed the colors of the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School and the 61st Ordnance Brigade to Brig. Gen. Mike Lenaers, who, in turn, passed them to Col. Francis R. Merritt.

The tradition of the change of command was maintained

as the Soldiers, Airmen and Marines formed in line looked on.

Then, the speeches began and tradition was overcome by friendship.

Meredith recalled that it was five years before that he passed the colors of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion to Merritt. Now they repeated the motions for the brigade and school.

"It almost seems like he's stalking me," quipped Meredith.

Merritt later concluded his

remarks, noting from experience, "Remember, he was Col. Mer-e-dith, I'm Col. Mer-ritt. It'll take about six months to get that straight."

Lenaers praised Meredith and his family for their contributions to the Army and the local community. He noted that Meredith "can be proud of the legacy you leave and pass on. You added rigor and warrior spirit to training. You instilled the Army values."

He also added that Meredith touched the lives of thou-

sands of Soldiers who now serve in 120 countries around the world. Soldiers that the general called "warriors first and technicians second to none."

"You didn't do it alone," he added. "Paula," he said, "you were a full and equal partner."

Lenaers stated that Paula Meredith was named the Aberdeen Proving Ground Volunteer of the Year and that she committed a lot of hours and effort to helping the community.

"She cares about Soldiers and their families," Lenaers said.

The general added that Fort Bragg, where Meredith will be chief of staff of the 1st Corps Support Command, is gaining an outstanding Soldier and family.

He welcomed the Merritt family back to APG. Merritt, said Lenaers, "has tremendous credentials. He knows the brigade. And he knows the community well."

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## A day of fun in the sun at the ACS Annual Family Picnic

Story and photos by  
**Meghan Bowen**  
APG News

More than 150 Aberdeen Proving Ground parents and children enjoyed an afternoon of fun and games during the Army Community Service Annual Family Picnic held July 19 at the Maryland Boulevard picnic area.

Events featured a child safety presentation by Yello Dino, face painting by 'Miss Lynn the clown and Choo-Choo Charlie,' balloon sculptures, a magic show by Mister Twister and a Drunk Driving Awareness Obstacle Course provided by the APG Army Substance Abuse Program. In addition, an information table

provided pamphlets on ACS programs and services.

Children enjoyed a wide variety of physical activities such as the moon bounce, sack races, basketball, wooden egg toss and a creative obstacle course.

Students from the 16th Ordnance Battalion Advanced Individual Training course and the Noncommissioned Officers Academy provided additional support.

Col. John T. Wright, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, attended the picnic and was impressed with the tremendous turnout.

"I'd like to acknowledge the effort put forth by all ACS personnel, both employees and

volunteers," he said. "Every day they place the Soldier and their families first to ensure a great quality of life."

ACS introduced a dinosaur named "Yello Dino" to teach children personal body safety through a puppet and video segment.

"The message was loud and clear, that children need to be aware of how to protect themselves from child predators," said Laura Reich, family advocacy prevention specialist.

"We're hoping to get the Yello Dino curriculum started at both youth centers and for the four- and five-year olds in the daycare centers, by the end

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Col. John T. Wright, Aberdeen Proving Ground garrison and deputy installation commander, right, wears impaired vision goggles while operating a remote control car to simulate the affects of drinking and driving at the Army Community Service's annual family picnic in the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area July 19. Celestine Beckett, ACS director, left, Regina Dannenfels, acting director of Community and Family Activities, and Joseph Craten deputy to the commander, observe Wright's maneuvers.

## Col. Francis assumes command of the U.S. Army Environmental Center

**Stephanie McKenna**  
USAEC

Glad for a break in the soggy weather, U.S. Army Environmental Center employees and guests witnessed the change of command outdoors at the McBride Parade Field on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground July 29 when Col. Tony R. Francis assumed command.

Maj. Gen. Larry J. Lust, the Army's assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, thanked Col. James M. De Paz for his two years of service, and said he should be "proud of all that [he] accomplished" at the center.

Lust went on to say that he was confident that Francis would "take USAEC to new heights."

The general also urged those in attendance to remember the Soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and to take "15 seconds each day to think about and pray for them."

During the ceremony, De Paz received the Legion of Merit award for exceptionally

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The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Salute Battery fires a volley during the July 29 U.S. Army Environmental Center change of command ceremony where Col. Tony R. Francis, left, received the U.S. Army Field Flag from Maj. Gen. Larry J. Lust, right, Army assistant chief of staff for Installation Management. Col. James M. De Paz, outgoing USAEC commander, observes the passing of the flag.



Col. Paul D. Meredith, outgoing commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade, leads the colors and officers forward prior to passing the command to Col. Francis R. Merritt at Fanshaw Field July 30.

Photos by RALPH BROTH



Brig. Gen. Mike Lenaers, right, chief of ordnance, passes the colors signifying the change of command to Col. Francis R. Merritt as the colonel assumes command of the 61st Ordnance Brigade and the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School. Looking on is Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel Torres, left.

## Ordnance

From front page

Meredith paid tribute to his

family and the support he received from his wife. "Soldiers," he said, "I have some advice. Marry well."

"I move on a better man for

having been here," he said.

He advised those present to take a look at the men and women in formation as they passed in review.

"Look closely at these men and women as they march by and be thankful for them," Meredith stated. "I love being a Soldier and it's days like this

that make it memorable.

"Farewell Soldiers. I'll see you somewhere around the world."

Merritt told those gathered,

"It's good to be back. I look forward to commanding. I would like to thank the Soldiers, Marines and Airmen. As always they look great."

Merritt then took command of the 61st Ordnance Brigade as the men and women passed in review.

Comprising the honor contingent were the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade; the 16th Ordnance Battalion; the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment; the combined Color Guard; the 143rd Ordnance Battalion; the Noncommissioned Officer Academy; the U.S. Air Force Detachment and the 389th U.S. Army Band (AMC's Own).

The Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School Salute Battery provided an 11-gun tribute to the Chief of Ordnance as the host for the ceremony.

# CAC meeting focuses on traffic, safety in storms, mowing

Meghan Bowen  
APG News

Col. John T. Wright, Aberdeen Proving Ground garrison and deputy installation commander, welcomed senior area coordinators and representatives to the Community Action Council meeting July 15.

"I realize everyone's time is valuable but everyone's input is important to work, live and play at the top of the bay," Wright said. "We all work, live and play at Aberdeen Proving Ground, whether the Edgewood Area or the Aberdeen Area, it's all APG."

Council members covered a variety of issues, which focused on topics that ranged from lifting the hiring freeze and the MEO switch to traffic lights to lawn mowing to severe weather procedures.

### General topics

The hiring freeze at the garrison was lifted July 14, and the Most Efficient Organization, or MEO, is now in effect. Two articles on changes resulting from the MEO standup are on page 3.

"The hiring freeze that has been in place for the past several months has been lifted and garrison organizations can now begin filling critical vacancies," said Joseph Craten, deputy to the APG garrison commander.

Wright inquired about the number of stops a new person has to go through during in-processing at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

Lt. Col. Janet Wilson, representing KUSAHC, asked members to "direct any suggestions or concerns to them so that the flow during in-processing goes more smoothly."

The Commissary will be offering a small line of organic beef prepackaged with Food and Drug Administration approvals.

Wright asked about storm safety with regards to store customers during the recent severe weather APG experienced.

"Are the stores receiving all the severe weather warnings?" Wright said.

"We do get the alerts, but as soon as we announce it, everyone runs outside to see it," said Tammy Spickler, Commissary manager.

Chaplain (Maj.) Joseph Di Gregorio noted the Vacation Bible School would be taking place 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Aug. 2 through 6. Di Gregorio said they were holding the Bible school in the evenings this year since there were many two-income families with children in daycare.

"We found that an evening time better suited families," Di Gregorio said.

Parents can now register their children for Sunday school, which will begin in September. Volunteers are also needed as instructors and managers of the program. Anyone interested should call 410-278-4333.

Kenneth Masoner, deputy provost marshal for the garrison's Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, introduced Officer Elizabeth Wooten as the new Commuting Policing officer, who is in charge of programs such as home security, bicycle registration and safety, helmet enforcement, security surveys and seminars on personnel safety.

Wooten is working with the



Herbert Hughey, a 15-year contractor on Aberdeen Proving Ground, cuts the grass around the APG Post Office building in less than an hour using a 17-foot deck tractor.

Photo by MEGHAN BOWEN

Directorate of Community and Family Activities to organize a bicycle rodeo. Her number is 410-306-0545.

Regina Dannenfelser, DCFA, said the MWR Marketing Office would include a community calendar in its quarterly marketing publications.

### Grass cutting

One council member raised an issue about increasing the amount of grass cutting around the barracks and residential areas.

"I don't think that hayfields around the troop barracks is acceptable," said council member Lt. Col. Richard Parker.

David Carter, chief, Engineering and Construction Division of DIO, addressed the concerns by explaining grass cutting procedures.

"There are different lengths from four to eight to twelve inches of cutting in some areas," Carter said. "Certain buildings have a prestige grass cut contract. The contract is for grass height. Any building on post could have a prestige cut if they pay for it."

"For instance, the old golf course that was being mowed by MWR would now cost the garrison \$40,000 to maintain if it were cut to the same standards by the DIO," Carter said.

Lt. Col. Stephen Parke, SAC for the 100 Block of Plumb Point Loop, offered a solution which involved a system in which local horse farmers would pay for the clover and hay clippings for their animals.

"I think everyone has had some good suggestions about this issue," Wright said.

"We're definitely interested in having a public group meeting about the mowing areas," Carter said.

### Traffic lights

Some council members brought up various issues regarding different sets of flashing yellow lights on and near post.

The set of flashing lights at the intersection of Old Philadelphia Road and

Maryland Boulevard, where fatal traffic accidents have occurred in the recent past, was discussed.

The city of Aberdeen as well as APG's police investigated the intersection for a solution, but determined that neither a four-way stop or a traffic circle would be helpful with the amount of traffic flow through the main gate, according to Joseph Craten, civilian deputy to the garrison commander.

A final solution has yet to be determined for the Maryland Boulevard intersection. At another intersection, the waiting time in between light changes was discussed.

"On the weekends, when you're waiting for the commissary traffic lights, you can eat your breakfast and your dinner before they'll change," said Sgt. Maj. F. Rick Hurley, Bayside Village SAC.

Masoner pointed out that at some intersections "if you don't stop on the line, then you don't trigger the pad," which happens near the railroad tracks when people don't stop before the track.

Carter pointed out that at some intersections around post, when they switch the lights to the blinking setting for the weekend and try to switch back for during the week they have experienced problems.

"The controller boxes,

which cost about \$40,000 to replace, sometimes go bonkers on us," Carter said. "We're doing the best that we can with the equipment we have."

Carter informed council members that it costs about \$200,000 to replace an entire traffic light intersection, which is why the city of Aberdeen isn't changing the Route 715 flashing lights yet.

"The lights are computers and the knowledge base for fixing them isn't cheap," Carter said.

### Severe weather safety

Wright concluded the meeting with some final thoughts regarding safety in severe weather situations.

Wright discussed how it is unsafe for people to play and walk through overflowed drain water areas, which a few children and parents were observed doing during the recent severe weather.

Wright also brought up issues concerning the protocol for storm shelters and where children's buses are diverted in severe weather situations.

"The children's buses go to the youth centers in severe weather," Dannenfelser said.

"Thanks to everyone for their input and for listening to the cares, concerns and hopes of the council," Wright said.

The next CAC meeting is 1:30 p.m., Sept. 16, in the building 305 Conference Room.

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This fawn was spotted on Plumb Point Loop, also attempting to cut the grass on APG.

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

# Ignorance of the law—no excuse to avoid liability to the government

**Diane Schneider**  
ACA DOC-APG

Recent Government Accounting Office reports emphasize the need to educate all government purchase card participants to ensure public funds are spent appropriately.

Most cardholders and billing officials are not well versed in appropriations law, nor should they be, however, ignorance of this law is not an acceptable excuse to avoid liability.

Unauthorized services and supplies and those nonessential to the mission shall not be obtained with the GPC under

any circumstances.

Following orders of a superior, heavy workload, good work or service record, lack of experience, supervision, or training; or financial hardship are not factors for relief from liability related to GPC fraud and or misuse.

To ensure the propriety of purchasing certain items, cardholders are responsible for ensuring these purchases are properly documented, and legal approvals are obtained from their servicing legal office prior to purchasing:

Advertising  
Any form of entertainment

Bottled water  
Business cards  
Clothing  
Commander's coins  
Commemorative items  
Conferences speaker's fees  
Employee convenience items  
Flowers and greeting cards  
Light refreshments served at official meetings  
Lodging, rental cars, or other travel costs  
Luggage and briefcases  
Office decorations and plants  
Paper plates, paper cups, napkins, plastic cutlery, other personal stationary

Printing not through GPO  
Professional licensure  
Professional memberships  
Refrigerators, microwaves, coffeepots, food, beverages  
Seasonal decorations  
Similar items advertising  
Training in the next fiscal year  
Working lunches  
This list of questionable purchases is not all-inclusive. Cardholders should request legal advice prior to purchasing any items that would cause one to question the appropriate expenditure of taxpayer money.

Individuals involved in

spending taxpayer money hold a public trust.

Government purchase card participants must ensure the highest ethical standards and sound business judgment are always applied when obligating government funds.

Intentional use of the GPC for other than official government business may be considered an attempt to commit fraud against the U.S. government.

Fraudulent use of the GPC is a violation of the U.S. Code, and a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for those in the military.

Non-criminal misuse of the GPC may result in the immediate cancellation of an individual's card, pecuniary liability, and negative administrative or disciplinary action against the cardholder or billing official.

For additional information regarding the Government Purchase Card Program, visit the APG DOC Web site, <http://www.apg.army.mil/aca/> or e-mail questions to [creditcard@apg.army.mil](mailto:creditcard@apg.army.mil)

## MEO changes affecting APG DIO begins transition to MEO

DIO

The U.S. Army Garrison's Directorate of Installation Operations began its transition into the Most Efficient Organization, or MEO, July 12.

An improved workflow process for submission of Work Requests (DA Form 4283) is one of the main changes that will affect DIO

customers.

"The DIO endeavors to make this transition as easy as possible and asks for our customers' patience," said Robin Hoory, chief, DIO Business Management Division.

"This is one of the first steps to make the process simpler and more efficient," Hoory said.

Changes to the DIO work request process include:

The Work Reception and Control Office for the submittal of all Work Requests (DA Form 4283) and Service Orders is in building 347 on the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Work Requests and Service Orders for both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas will be made through this office.

The phone number to submit work orders or to check

work order status is 410-306-1400. This number applies to both areas of the proving ground.

To expedite requests, all required information must be included on the 4283 at the time of submittal including National Environmental Policy Act documents and supporting information for site approvals.

Incomplete 4283s will be

returned to the customer for completion.

All Service Orders and 4283s are logged onto the computerized maintenance management system, "MAXIMO." Customers are encouraged to track the status of their request through MAXIMO. For assistance with access, call Jerry Wilson or Bryant DeBruyne at 410-278-5514.

Requests for signs will be

processed via service orders with all needed information.

"This is only one part of many processes," Hoory said. Additional information regarding the MEO transition will be posted on the APG Web site at <http://www.apg.army.mil>.

Click on the Garrison, then Installation Operations links.

## EA Motor Pool closes today

DIO

The Edgewood Area Motor Pool located at building E-5360 will close full time operations effective Aug. 5.

"This is required to comply with the restructure resulting from the Garrison's A76 study," said Charles Cunningham, chief, Logistics Division, Directorate of Installation Operations.

All general dispatch vehicles from the EA Motor Pool will be moved to the Aberdeen Area Motor Pool located at building 5256.

Vehicle operators from Edgewood will be required to submit transportation requests telephonically to the AA Motor Pool at 410-278-2444/4811 or by fax to 410-278-5211. The dispatcher will notify the user, once the request is received, as to whether the request can be satisfied. All operators are required to pick the vehicles up at the AA Motor Pool and upon completion of mission return them to the same.

Scheduled and unscheduled maintenance work orders for vehicles and equipment will be generated at the AA Motor Pool and electronically sent to the appropriated Edgewood maintenance facility.

Operators are responsible for transporting vehicles and equipment to the maintenance facility. All vehicle and equipment recovery services will be dispatched from the AA Motor Pool.

"In an effort to minimize the impact of this closure, the EA Motor Pool will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for administrative support only," Cunningham said.

On these days users can exchange trip tickets, request unscheduled work orders, and pick up regularly schedule maintenance work orders.

"We apologize for an inconvenience this will cause your activity," Cunningham said.

For more information, call Harry Testerman, chief, Equipment and Transportation Branch, 410-278-3330/5158.



Photo by RALPH BROTH  
From left, Brig. Gen. Marvin (Keith) McNamara, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, congratulates Lt. Col. Boyd D. Houck of the U.S. Army Environmental Center, and his wife Lynda, and Paul L. Cannon Jr. and Carroll L. Cook of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command during the Aberdeen Proving Ground Retirement Ceremony at Top of the Bay July 28.

## Three retire in July ceremony

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

One Soldier and three civilians ended their multi-decade careers among co-workers and friends July 28, during the Aberdeen Proving Ground monthly retirement ceremony held at Top of the Bay.

Lt. Col. Boyd D. Houck, U.S. Army Environmental Center and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Paul L. Cannon Jr. and Carroll L. Cook were the honorees with combined years of service totaling more than 112 years.

Brig. Gen. Marvin (Keith) McNamara, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command and DTC Command Sgt. Maj. Larry

Robinson presented the honoree awards.

"Together they represent years of commitment and selfless service to the U.S. Army," McNamara said.

He presented Houck with the Legion of Merit and the Department of the Army certificates of Retirement and Appreciation. Houck's wife, Lynda, received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

"I'm honored to be here today as you begin the next chapter of your life," McNamara said. "God speed to you and Lynda and thank you for making a difference."

Cannon and Cook, each received the DA Commander's Award for Civilian Service and DA certificates of Retirement and Appreciation.

McNamara said that as a chemist at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, Cannon "demonstrated a commitment to high caliber work."

"I'd like to express my gratitude for the work you have done for the U.S. Army," he said.

He noted that Cook was "heavily involved in developing systems to help in the detection of chemical agents."

"Thank you on behalf of the Army for all the years of service you provided," he told Cook.

McNamara added his gratitude to the retiree's family members.

"Thank you for the support that allowed these great Americans to serve," he said.

**Lt. Col. Boyd D. Houck**

Houck received his commission from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1979. He served three overseas tours with the 18th Engineer Brigade and 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Germany, and with the Multinational Force and Observers in Egypt. Other assignments included a joint tour with the Defense Intelligence Agency at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., and in the Pentagon with the Army Base Realignment and Closure office. He ends his 25-year career Sept. 30 in his current assignment as the executive officer, U.S. Army Environmental Center.

Houck said his plans for the immediate future include spending quality time with friends and family.

**Paul L. Cannon Jr.**

A native of Harrisburg, Penn., Cannon earned a bachelor's in chemistry from Lincoln University in 1956, then completed graduate studies at the universities of Maryland and Delaware.

He began his civil service career in 1960 with the Kits and Labs Branch in the Chemical Systems Laboratories at Edgewood Arsenal, conducting electrochemical research for an enzyme-based chemical warfare alarm agent.

Most recently, Cannon served as a research chemist assigned to the Protective Equipment Team under the Research and Technology Directorate, ECBC. He concludes his career with 46 years of dedicated service.

Cannon said he was most proud of his work with chemical agent detection alarms.

"I had a ball every day," Cannon said. "I never had a day when I didn't want to go to work."

Cannon was joined by his sister and brother-in-law, Laura and James Williams of Philadelphia.

**Carroll L. Cook**

An engineering technician with ECBC, Cook ends a career that spanned 37 years civil service and four years in the Air Force as a jet aircraft mechanic.

He began working for the Test and Evaluation Group at Carroll Island in 1967. He ends his career with the Protection Equipment Team, Permeation Group, under the Research and Technology Directorate, testing various material samples against chemical agents for soldiers in the field.

Cook and his wife Joan reside in Aberdeen. He said that although it was, "a lot of hard work," he would "miss the people and the experience of learning something new everyday."

"He was a pleasure to work with," added Cook's friend and former supervisor Lee Campbell. "He was a pleasure to work with," Campbell said. "He picked up things very quickly. He will be missed."

# Officer Candidate School Board announced

**Vanessa Cefaloni**

RDECOM Military Personnel Office

The U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Meade, will convene a board for Soldiers applying for attendance at the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School Nov. 18.

Along with the United States 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 Officer Candidate School.

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 with a score of 180 (APFT).

- Pass the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), minimum score of 850 or American College Test (ACT), minimum score of 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 RDECOM Military Personnel Office not later than Oct. 19.

Each application consists 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 RDECOM Adjutant's Office, 410-436-2130/3239 or e-mail [vanessa.cefaloni@usarmy.mil](mailto:vanessa.cefaloni@usarmy.mil).

# Last Warrant Officer Selection Board of fiscal year MOS 140E, patriot system technician in critical demand

USAREC

The last Warrant Officer Selection Board in fiscal year 2004 will be held Sept. 13.

Anyone interested should possess these minimum prerequisites:

Be a sergeant (E5) or

above.

Hold a military occupational specialty of 14E, 14T, 14J, or 27X or have a non-listed MOS with related experience or background in a listed MOS.

Possess four years of field

experience in MOS 14E or 27X or five years of field experience in MOS 14T or 14J

Have a physical profile of not less than 111121.

In addition, preferred qualifications include minimum prerequisites plus:

An additional year of experience in feeder MOS.

A year in a supervisory position.

Twenty or more college credit hours with a minimum of six credit hours of college level English and six credit

hours of college level math.

A written recommendation from a senior warrant officer in the same career field.

Forward completed application no later than Aug. 15 to Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command, ATTN:

RCRO-SM-A, 1307 Third Ave., Fort Knox, KY 40121-2725

For more information, e-mail [wo-team@usarec.army.mil](mailto:wo-team@usarec.army.mil) or visit Web site, <http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant>.



Mister Twister gets assistance from Andrew Parke and Zavvia Hayes during a magic trick during the ACS Annual Family Picnic July 19.



Eleanor Aloisi, 5, daughter of Jennifer and Staff Sgt. Michael Aloisi, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), enjoys her time airborne in the moon bounce. The family had a great time according to Jennifer.

## Picnic

From front page

of August before school starts," Reich said.

Parents were encouraged to pick up one of the free child safety ID kits which included a four-year updatable, do-it-yourself program including pages for photos, prints, personal and medical data, immunization record, DNA envelope, four ID cards, four ink strips and four pages of 'Kid Tips 101.'

Cindy Scott, Army substance abuse prevention coordinator, taught children about drug prevention with various activities and visual aids. Scott handed out "Color Me Drug Free" sheets for children to

decorate with watercolors.

Scott also had a small course set up for people to use the impaired vision goggles, which simulated how lines blur and vision is distorted when trying to walk or operate a vehicle while intoxicated.

Both children and adults were encouraged to try walking a line as well as maneuver a remote control car while wearing the goggles.

"It felt like I was unbalanced," said Tyrese Sears, 13, after driving the remote control car with the goggles.

Wright even took a turn at the impaired driving simulation. "This experience was certainly enlightening," he said. "It is a great way to give participants an appreciation for what to expect when driving

while intoxicated."

On a lighter note, he added that he "does not do well with remote control cars anyway."

Celestine Beckett, ACS director, commented on their commitment to APG families.

"We take pride in the military and the families that we serve at Army Community Service," Beckett said. "We hope that those of you that shared in our Annual ACS Family Picnic enjoyed yourselves, and we hope to see you again," Beckett said.

"Remember ACS always has something going on. Check the Web calendar and the *APG News* for upcoming events and classes," she said.

## POST SHORTS

For more information, call Master Sgt. Arbel Connor, 410-278-2529, Sgt. 1st Class McCormick, 410-278-5598, or Sgt. 1st Class Ahmed, 410-436-1076.

### Blue Cross/Blue Shield service visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground on Aug. 10, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will be available in the Aberdeen Area only from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room 236; and in the Edgewood Area, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in building E-4811, seminar area of the Edgewood Conference Center.

For more information, call Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, APG Advisory Center.

### DA photo policy change

Effective immediately, military personnel are no longer required to forward hardcopy photos to the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center for Enlisted Soldier Promotion Selection Boards if the photo studio has the capability to upload photos electronically to the Department of the Army Photo Management Information System (DAPMIS). Only selection boards held at the Human Resources Command in Alexandria for active Army officers still require hardcopy photos.

The APG Photo facility will no longer issue paper copies to enlisted Soldiers for the annual promotion boards. Requests for hardcopies for other types of selection boards will still be honored as well as for officers in the above category.

Any questions should be directed to the Soldiers' servicing Military Personnel

Branch.

### Chapel holds gospel celebration

A gospel celebration themed, "Shake the Foundation with Praise," will be held 4 p.m., Aug. 8 at the APG chapel.

For more information, call the chapel at 410-278-4333.

### Upcoming Youth Sports event

The Junior Golf tournament will be held 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Aug. 10.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

### Information Forum for newcomers

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Information Forum will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 1 to 3 p.m., Aug. 11.

All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited to attend.

More than 60 representatives from support agencies/organizations will be present to discuss the latest information on their activities.

Giveaways will be available and door prizes awarded.

For more information, call Godofredo Posadas, relocation readiness program manager, Army Community Service, 278-2453/7474.

### EA Badge Office hour changes

The Edgewood Area Badge/ID Office, building E-4420, room 109, will return to full-time services starting Aug. 2.

Hours of operation for the Edgewood Area office will be 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, and 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m. on non-RDO Friday.

On RDO Friday (payday

Friday), the office will be closed.

### CPAC changes name

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is now known as the APG Advisory Center. With the realignment of the APG CPAC from the Garrison, APG to the U.S. Army Civilian Human Resource Agency, Northeast Region, the name has changed to reflect the new chain of command.

The new address is Department of the Army, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G-1, USACHRA, Northeast Region, APG Advisory Center, ATTN: PECP-NER-G, 2201 Aberdeen Boulevard, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5001.

For more information, call 410-278-1404.

### Tennis courts closed for repairs

Plumb Point tennis courts are closed for repairs and will reopen as soon as possible.

### CWF offers discounted BJ's membership

Members of the APG community, including civilian employees, contractors, military, retirees and their families, are entitled to sign-up for a discounted membership to BJ's Wholesale Club. The \$25 fee buys a 15-month membership for two people. If currently a member, the 15 months will begin as soon as the current membership expires.

To sign up, visit building 2752 upstairs in the Aberdeen Area 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 4 or 11.

The Edgewood Area can sign up 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 18, in room #5 in building E-5106.

Do not go to the BJ's Wholesale Club store to sign-up for this offer. The Civilian Welfare Fund group represen-

tative must process the paperwork.

For more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

### ACS offers parent exchange for EFM's

Army Community Service will present a Parent Information Exchange, a support group for exceptional family members, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Aug. 10, building 2754.

The meeting will address the needs, concerns and upcoming events of military families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program. PIE offers parents the opportunity to meet other family members with special needs.

Light refreshments will be served. Free childcare will be provided.

For more information or to register to attend PIE, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, 410-278-2420.

### ACS offers Dr. Thomas W. Phelan's 1-2-3 Magic Workshop

This two-day workshop is designed to help parents manage difficult behavior in their children ages 2 thru 12. The workshop will be held 6 to 8 p.m., Aug. 23 and 25 at ACS building 2754 Rodman Road.

All attendees will receive a complimentary copy of Dr. Thomas W. Phelan's 1-2-3 Magic book.

Free childcare will be available. Call Laura Reich, ACS, at 410-278-7478, to register by Aug. 20.

### Spend the day or weekend in New York City

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to see the "Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show" on Broadway, in New York City. Choose to spend either the day or the weekend.

The weekend trip costs \$499 for a single, \$325 double, \$275 triple, and \$225 with four people in the room. The bus will depart 9:30 a.m., Nov. 26.

The daytrip costs \$115 per person. The bus will depart 6 a.m., Nov. 27.

Price includes charter bus transportation, the ticket for the show and hotel accommodations, with time before the show for shopping and lunch.

For more information or to make reservations, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

### AA Thrift Shop offers bargains needed

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.

### Saturday eve mass discontinued

The 5 p.m. Saturday evening mass will be discontinued beginning Aug 31.

The Sunday 8:45 a.m. mass at the Aberdeen Area Chapel and the 10:45 a.m. mass at the Edgewood Area Chapel will not be affected.

For more information, call 410-278-4333.

### Weight Watchers holds lunchtime meetings at APG

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are continuing on post with the newest program from Weight Watchers - FlexPoints. FlexPoints makes losing weight in the real world easier.

Take advantage of group support where it's convenient at APG. Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are open to all APG civilian personnel, retirees, military personnel and family members.

For more information about the Weight Watchers' program at APG, call 410-278-1151.

### Christian coffee-house opens

The Coffee Grounds, a Christian coffeehouse, is now open 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, and 7 to 10 p.m., Saturday evenings in building 4308, at the intersection of Susquehanna and Erie boulevards. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Live bands, open mike nights, and various readings are scheduled for Saturday nights.

Both nights feature coffee and snacks in a Christian gathering.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Curtis at 410-278-3976.

### Reserve Capa Field now

The Civilian Welfare Fund is taking reservations for CAPA Field, for personal use. The fee is \$200 per day. For more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

### Paid volunteers

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory will be conducting multiple studies in July and August at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Paid listeners need to be 18- to 40-years old, with normal hearing.

The listening time for each study is 2 to 4 hours. Each listener will be paid \$15 to \$20 per hour for each study. You may participate in one or more studies.

Interested volunteers should contact Gloria Diehl 410-278-5967 or e-mail Gdiehl@arl.army.mil.

### After Hours Clinic

The After Hours Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is closed on Sundays and holidays. Patients needing advice on health care can call the Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-308-3518.

For an emergency, call '911' or go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

### CID looking for special agents

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is currently seeking qualified applicants to become highly trained, federal law enforcement special agents.

In order to qualify, applicants need to be 21 years of age with at least two years of military service and not more than 10; be a U.S. citizen; be an E-5 or below; be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret clearance, have no court martial convictions; have a GT score of 110 or higher; possess 60 semester hours of college credit; have a physical profile 111221 or higher, normal color vision; agree to a 36-month obligation upon completion of the CID Special Agent Course and have 6 months military police or 1 year civilian police experience. If no police experience, applicant must complete a six-month internship with a CID unit.

For more information regarding the application process, visit Web site, [www.CID.Army.mil](http://www.CID.Army.mil).

### Social hour at Top of the Bay

Every Friday at Top of the Bay there will be a "social" hour, 4 to 8 p.m. featuring a cash bar, free munchies, and wings available for purchase.

Sponsored by Bank One, [www.bankone.com/](http://www.bankone.com/), and Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union, [www.apgfcu.com/](http://www.apgfcu.com/), the Friday gatherings are open to everyone.

For more information, call 410-278-3062.

## Correction notice

APG News would like to apologize for attributing the wrong agency for "The Bugs,

bites and stings of summer" article in last week's APG News. The Directorate of

Installation Operations was responsible for providing the educational information.

# Community Notes

## SATURDAY AUGUST 7 MOTOWN REVUE

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 will hold a Motown Revue 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., at American Legion Post #17, located at 415 Edgewood Road, Edgewood, with a tribute to the Temptations, Four Tops, Smokey Robinson, Marvalettes and more.

The Spindals and The Fabulous Friends will be featured entertainers. Tickets cost \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call VFW Post 6054 at 410-688-3188 or 410-272-3444.

## FRIDAY AUGUST 13 BBQ BASH IN BEL AIR

The 3rd annual BBQ Bash, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Bond

and Thomas streets in Bel Air, is highlighted by the Maryland State BBQ Championship, live entertainment, exhibits, beer garden and children's activities. New this year is The Tailgate Challenge, a rib cooking contest for locals.

Music is headlined by The Billy Price Band playing their Memphis style rhythm and blues on Friday, and 'David Peterson and 1946' playing throwback bluegrass on Saturday. Julie Lee, a Bel Air native now living and performing in Nashville, will make her local debut on Saturday.

Volunteers and championship contestants should e-mail drbyte@drbyte.com with contact information and time availability to volunteer.

For more BBQ Bash information, call 410-638-1023, e-mail bbq@fredward.com or

log onto www.marylandbbqbash.com.

The event is sponsored by the Bel Air Downtown Revitalization Alliance with proceeds shared by the Alliance, the Harford County YMCA and the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation.

## MONDAY AUGUST 16 PINK RIBBON CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Upper Chesapeake Medical Center and The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Cancer Institute at Franklin Square will sponsor the American Cancer Society Pink Ribbon Classic Golf Tournament at Winters Run Golf Club with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The cost to play is \$150 per person or \$500 for a foursome. Each player will receive free breakfast and a

buffet lunch.

For more information or to participate, call Todd Sullivan at the American Cancer Society at 410-933-5142, or e-mail todd.sullivan@cancer.org.

## THURSDAY AUGUST 19 HOME SELLING SEMINAR

A free Home Selling Seminar will be offered by Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union 6 to 8 p.m. at the APGFCU Operations Center in Edgewood, 1321 Pulaski Highway. Guest speakers Cathy Werner of RE/MAX

American Dream and Robert Brendel of Stonegate Title will cover topics such as reasons for selling, market analysis, costs of selling, for sale by owner, showing a home, negotiating the sale, and home inspections.

To reserve a space, call 410-272-4000 or 1-800-225-2555, ext. 5451. Open to the public.

## SATURDAY AUGUST 21 30 AND OVER NIGHT

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, located at 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen will sponsor a 30 and Over Night, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Donation is \$5.

For more information, call 410-272-3444.

## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13 BOATER SAFETY COURSE

The Bush River Power Squadron will conduct an eight-week boater safety course, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Box Hill Community Center, 2920 Strathaven Lane, Abingdon. Class size is limited.

To register or for more information, call 410-515-0195.

## Youth fall gymnastics registration

Registration begins Aug. 2 for all ages for 10-week sessions and will continue until the classes are full. Classes begin Sept. 18.

Cost is \$40 per youth, and youth must be a Child and Youth Services member.

To register, call Christina Keithley, 410-278-7571 or e-mail Christina.keithley@usag.apg.army.mil.

### Aberdeen Area schedule

Ages 2 1/2 thru 4, 9 to 10 a.m.

Ages 5 thru 7, 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages 8 thru 16, 11 to noon

### Edgewood Area schedule

Ages 2 1/2 thru 5, 1 to 2 p.m.

Ages 6 and up, 2 to 3 p.m.

## Host families needed Ripken Stadium hosts Cal Ripken World Series

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Host families are needed for two children each representing Canada, Australia, South Korea, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and the United States competing in the Cal Ripken World Series Aug. 10 through 22.

Volunteer parents will be required to provide a bed for the children (two from the same country), and carpool them to every game or arrange transportation with another host family.

The family will receive a gift certificate from Klein's Supermarket and free attendance to the games, plus other gratuities.

To volunteer as a host family, call Lindsay Thomas, 410-823-0808 or e-mail Lindsay@ripkenfoundation.org.



## LEAVE DONATION

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

to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency).

Employees leaving the program should call 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

Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)  
Sarah Blevins  
Barbara Boyd (total right joint and hip replacement)  
Michael Cain  
Melanie Carns  
Juanita Carter  
Barbara Crossley  
Shelia Davison (benign paroxysmal positional

vertigo)  
Geraldine Eaton  
David Fletcher  
John Furman-kiewicz  
Renee Gaffney  
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)  
Richard Hoffman  
Janice Johnson (diabetic neuropathy)  
Beverly King (car-

ing for husband)  
Danny Kopp (lung cancer)  
William B. McLean (kidney failure)  
Tess Ramos (lung surgery)  
Michael Reynolds  
Shannon Richards (maternity leave)  
Cheryl L. Roark  
Matthew Ryan  
Leigh Sanders  
Marguerite Soper

Alison Tichenor  
Linda Tignor  
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)  
Charles Gambrell  
Natalie G.  
Dennison  
Cynthia Henry (Bronchitis with complications)  
Carl Davis  
Thomas Davies

## MOVIES

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

### THE NOTEBOOK

FRIDAY, AUG. 6, 7 P.M.  
AND SATURDAY, AUG. 7, 9 P.M.

Starring: James Garner, Gena Rowlands

A man reads from a faded notebook to the woman he

regularly visits. His words bring to life the story of a couple who are separated by World War II, then passionately reunited 7 years later, after they have taken different paths. (Rated PG-13)

### WHITE CHICKS (FREE ADMISSION)

SATURDAY, AUG. 7, 7 P.M.

Starring: Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans

Two FBI agents try to get back into their boss's good

graces by taking on a job guarding the Wilton sisters, two New York City hotel heiresses, from a serial kidnapper. They fail, and the women are abducted. The agents then go undercover, dressing up as the titular "white chicks" to solve the crime and rescue the victims. (Rated PG-13)





# Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## Activities

### 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 MWR Registration, building 3326, or visiting online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### Refunding Shirley Caesar concert tickets

Refunds for the Shirley Caesar Concert will be given at MWR Registration and Ticketing Office, building 3326 in the Aberdeen Area.

The receipt or ticket must be presented in order to receive a refund. All requests must be in by Sept. 30, 2004.

For more information, call 410-278-4907/4011.

### APG wrestling blowout

A Wrestling Tournament will take place 1 p.m., Aug. 14 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. The tournament is a take-down double-elimination tournament (three-minute matches or the best two out of three take-downs). Trophies will be awarded for first, second, third and fourth place in each division.

Registration is limited. Cost

of registration is \$20; price of admission is \$2.

For more information or to register by Aug. 11, call 410-278-4907/4011.

### Volunteers needed

Edgewood Arts and Crafts is looking for volunteers to help during the summer months, 1 to 9 p.m., Thursday and 5 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

To sign up or for more information, call Holly Shisler at 410-436-2153.

### Fundamentals of drawing/painting

This class will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and

Thursday, Aug. 10 thru 25 at the AA Recreation Center. Learn basic drawing techniques while creating landscapes, still lifes and portraits. Students get to choose their medium, either water color or oil painting. Register by Aug. 6. Cost is \$40.

### Ray Caralle Jr. Memorial Junior Golf tournament

Tournament will be held at Exton Golf Course Aug. 16. Start time for youth ages 7 through 11 is 10 a.m. and ages 12 through 17 is noon. Cost is \$10 and \$15, respectively, and includes tournament fee,

prizes and lunch.

To register, call 410-436-2213/2233, or visit Exton Golf Course.

### MWR Summer Fishing Tournament

This cash prize tournament will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 15, at the Edgewood Area Boat Ramp and Dock area. Winners will be determined by the weight of the fish.

Contestants must provide their own fishing equipment and bait. Tournament rules and state fishing laws will be enforced. A fishing license is not required.

Register by Aug. 12. Cost is

\$5 for active duty and \$10 for all others.

### Whitewater rafting trip

Experience the fun and excitement of a rafting trip down the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Aug. 28, in Harpers Ferry, W.Va.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older, and are required to sign a hold harmless agreement prior to departing on the voyage.

Transportation and lunch are included. The van will depart from the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Register by Aug. 13. Cost is \$100.

### Survey for concert attendees

Attendees to the 2004 Army Concert Tour featuring Montgomery Gentry on July 17 at Aberdeen Proving Ground are asked to fill out the survey at <http://www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/entertainment/concerttour/>. It should only take a few minutes.

Any feedback will be appreciated.

### SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

#### Harford County schools conducting sports physicals

##### Aberdeen High School

Aug. 9, beginning at 5 p.m.

Call 410-273-5500 for an appointment.

##### C. Milton Wright High School

Aug. 10, beginning at 3 p.m.

Call 410-638-4110 for an appointment.

##### Havre de Grace High School

Aug. 12, beginning at 4 p.m.

Call 410-939-6600 for an appointment.

A sports physical costs \$15.

### LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

For more information, call 410-278-3417.

In addition to a large collection of feature films, the APG MWR libraries have over 50 different television series on DVD. Some of the available titles include:

#### All in the Family

#### Battlestar Galactica

#### Charlie's Angels

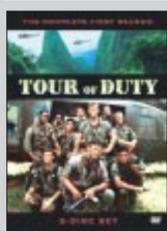
#### ER

#### Friends

#### The Sopranos

#### Star Trek, the Next Generation

#### Tour of Duty



The library's Web site: [www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html](http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html) provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

## APG BOWLING CENTER NEWS

### Bowling specials

A Soldier Special, 6 p.m. thru closing, Aug. 13, features games for \$1.50 and shoes for \$1.

A League Bowler's Special will be held Aug. 25 through 27. All league bowlers bowl for \$0.75 per game and \$0.75 for shoe rental.

### Leagues forming

Fall and winter leagues are now forming. All leagues are handicap leagues. Handicaps usually are 90 percent of 200. To determine handicap, after bowling the first three games, total the scores and divide by three to get an average. Take that average and subtract from 200 then multiply by 90 percent.

So whether a good bowler or not, this handicap helps all

bowlers compete against bowlers that are.

**Monday Night Crazy Trio** - Bowling begins at 6 p.m., Sept. 27. Cost is \$8 per person per week for 12 weeks. Team is comprised of any combination (all men, women, mixed). Cash prizes are awarded at the end of league.

**Monday Night Football Widows Doubles League** - Bowling begins at 6 p.m., Sept. 27, and costs \$8 per week per person for 12 weeks. Cash prizes are awarded at the end of league.

**Tuesday Rock & Roll Doubles League** - Bowling begins at 6 p.m., Sept. 28, at a cost of \$8 per person per week for 12 weeks. Cash prizes will be awarded at the end of league.

**Wednesday Mixed** - There will be a meeting 6:30 p.m., Aug. 25 at the EA Golf Course Clubhouse. Cost and number of weeks will be determined at the meeting. There will be four bowlers 4 per team (two men and two women).

**Thursday National Guard** - There will be a meeting 7 p.m., Sept. 9, at APG Bowling Center to determine the cost and number of weeks. Team should be comprised of four per team (three men or women one man or woman, two men two women).

**Friday Fun Bunch** - There will be a meeting 6 p.m. Sept. 10 at the APG Bowling center to determine costs and number of weeks. Team is comprised of four bowlers (two

men and two women).

**Saturday Youth League** - Bowling for 28 weeks for ages 5 and up begins 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 11. Early signup is Aug. 28. Consideration will be given to other scheduled sports events. A year-end banquet guarantees a trophy to all participants. There will be raffles and giveaways throughout the season.

**Saturday Cosmic Doubles League** - Bowling begins 2 p.m., Sept. 25 for 12 weeks for \$10 per person per week. Signup is limited to first eight teams. Any combination of bowlers forms team (all men, all women, mixed). Cash prizes will be awarded at the end of league.

## Collect Striker toys during Bowling for Bucks

Story and photo by Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Through Aug. 31, the APG Bowling Center will be offering Bowling for Bucks, the popular series that allows customers to purchase bowling bucks to buy prizes at the auction party at the end of the 2-month promotion.

Collect Bowling Bucks to purchase one of three 9-inch Striker toys, adorable plush collectibles, available with every purchase of \$5 or more.

In addition to food and beverage specials, music, free or discounted bowling and other

specials, customers can bid on a 36" Striker doll, a 7-day vacation package from [www.GovArm.com](http://www.GovArm.com) and Trading Places, Harley-Davidson shirts, coolers, any remaining 9-inch Striker toys, bowling parties and more.

Visit the APG Bowling Center and start earning Bowling Bucks. The more you bowl, the more you eat, the more Bowling Bucks you earn. Collect \$25 in Bowling Bucks and take home a plush Striker bowling pin, bear, or ball. Collect all three while quantities last.

For more information, visit



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON  
Plush Striker toys, a ball, bear or bowling pin, are awarded to those who collect \$25 in Bowling Bucks during the Bowling for Bucks series that ends Aug. 31 at the APG Bowling Center.

the APG Bowling Center; call MWR Web site, 410-278-4041; or visit the [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

## Teen Driver Education offered

Teen Driver Education registration is now being taken for the Aug. 9 through 20, and Aug. 23 through Sept. 3 sessions.

Class fee is \$285 per student plus a \$15 registration/membership fee for teens of APG military and civilian personnel.

Sponsored students pay \$5 more. All classes are conducted in building 2752, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Students should bring notebook and pen/pencil. Bring a snack and drink for weekday classes.

All rules and procedures

will be thoroughly explained by the driving instructor. Parent orientation will be conducted during the first class of each session. Parents should make sure students are on time and picked up in a timely manner.

To make an appointment to register, call Christina Keith-

ley at Outreach Services - Central Registration, building 2752, or call 410-278-7571.

For more information about the Teen Driver Education Program, call Rules Driving School, Inc., at 410-939-7008 or 410-937-2184, or call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

# Helping improve student achievement Volunteers needed for 'Achievement Counts'

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As the 2004 thru 2005 school year approaches, volunteers from the Aberdeen Proving Ground community, such as the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, Child and Youth Services Division, the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center and the APG Federal Credit Union, look forward to visiting Harford County public schools and speaking to middle and high school students about "Achievement Counts."

"APG is working hand in hand with the Maryland Business Roundtable For Education and the public schools," said Ivan Mehosky, director, APG School Liaison/Youth Education Support Services and a second year volunteer with the "Achievement Counts" program. "It's exciting and rewarding to know we are hav-

ing a positive impact in helping students understand success, and give them direction for the future."

Maryland's business community, the Maryland Business Roundtable For Education, working side by side with the state superintendent and State Board of Education, local school districts, government agencies, educators, parents, and volunteers across the state is committed to helping improve student achievement in Maryland.

MBRT believes all children can learn at higher levels, and they are committed to ensuring that high school graduates are well prepared to succeed in college, the workplace and in life; that the workforce will be highly skilled and productive, and that the young people have an opportunity to contribute to-and benefit from-a strong, prosperous economy.

The roundtable promotes nine essential components for students to achieve the highest levels and be successful.

Grouped into three areas, the first is successful teaching and learning; learning readiness, professional development, and technology.

The second is high expectations and strong accountability: rigorous assessments, high standards and school accountability.

And the third is a supportive learning environment: parent involvement, school autonomy and safety and discipline.

MBRT believes that all of these components must be present in an education system for students to achieve at the highest levels.

MBRT reaches students in all public school systems across the state through a five-component program called, "Achievement Counts,"

designed to provide students with strong messages delivered early, often and by many.

### Elements of "Achievement Counts"

'Parents Count' arms parents with effective strategies to help their children succeed in school.

Through monthly e-mails, newsletters, and a Web site, Parents Count provides valuable information on a variety of topics, each customized for parents of infants and elementary school children, and middle and high school teens.

A teen Web site for 6th through 12th graders sustains conversations with students and inspires them to move from interest to action. This is an interactive Web site designed for and with teens that allows students to explore career options and take real next-step options. (Visit

[www.BeWhatIWantToBe.com](http://www.BeWhatIWantToBe.com).)

'Maryland Scholars' encourages middle and high school students to make good decisions about coursework that will prepare them to succeed in college or the workplace. Business volunteers provide students with compelling information about how completing rigorous courses in high school will translate into broader opportunities in their personal and professional lives.

A speakers bureau provides speakers from all realms of the business community, including APG, to motivate high school freshmen to take learning seriously and begin planning their futures. More than 1,200 business volunteers show students the connection between what they're learning in school and life in the real world, and provide them with concrete reasons why working

hard in high school will enable them to get and keep the jobs they want.

The newest component of 'Maryland Scholars,' provides middle and high school students with compelling information about the rigorous coursework they need to take and complete in high school to be successful in life, whether going to college or directly into the workplace.

"If you like talking to middle and high school students and know you are making an invaluable contribution upon the lives of our students, and that you can make a big difference, then this is a program you will want to sign-up for," Mehosky said.

For more information about the "Achievement Counts" program, call Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

# Veterans' voices

## Sons of American Legion aid Special Olympics

Story and photos by  
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The Special Olympics of Maryland is a year-round sports organization that provides athletic training and competition for children and adults with mental retardation or developmental disabilities.

Now in its 34th year, the event was held on the grounds of the University of Maryland at College Park June 4 through 6.

Organizers said the logistical challenges that comprise this and other events throughout the year could not be met without the help of hundreds of volunteers.

The Sons of the American Legion is one of several groups that provide vital assistance, said Patricia Krebs, president and CEO of Special Olympics of Maryland.

"Volunteers have a huge impact," Krebs said. "We totally rely on their dedication to make it happen."

For more than 25 years members of the Sons of American Legion Post 259 out of Clinton, Md., and Post 60 out of Laurel, have been assisting logistically and financially she said.

Led by Robbie Robinson,

Post 60 and Wayne Berbig, Post 259, about 50 SAR members set up all the events, coordinated the placing and removing of equipment, and performed hundreds of other tasks during the three-day event.

Approximately 1,000 athletes and 1,500 volunteers participated, Robinson said.

Due to heavy rains June 5, events had to be moved inside the campus' National Guard Armory for the evening dance featuring Baltimore Country artist Dean Crawford and the Dunn's River Band.

Robinson and Berbig led volunteers in setting up the dance floor, concessions, and other logistical areas to ensure a smooth operation, and then stood back as the athletes danced and sang along with the band.

"We set up Thursday [June 4] and we'll be here to tear it all down Monday," Robinson said.

A SAR member for 31 years, past detachment commander for the State of Maryland, and the current sergeant at arms, Robinson said the group puts in more than 500 volunteer hours per year.

"Our second highest financial donations go to the Special Olympics," Robinson said. "We do it because we enjoy

doing it. Once you come out and spend time with these athletes you'll always come back. There's nothing like watching them grow and achieve."

Berbig said the volunteers, who stayed in dorm rooms on the campus, worked long hours, from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., during their stay.

"We do whatever needs doing," Berbig said. He added that the SAR also participates in the fall and winter competitions, special events, festivals and fundraisers throughout the year.

"They are the backbone of the Special Olympics," said Steve Bennett, director of competition and venue management. He said that volunteer duties include staging events, presenting awards, moving equipment, putting up and taking down tents, and food delivery.

"We're blessed to have such willing workers and more volunteers are always welcome," Bennett said. "Groups as well as individuals can volunteer online at the Special Olympics of Maryland Web site at [www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org).

"The site also provides parameters of what is expected of volunteers," Bennett said, adding that all must go through

background screening before being cleared to work around the athletes.

He noted that one misconception is that the Special Olympics is the same as the Para Olympics.

"The two events are the only entities that can use the 'Olympic' label," he said, "but the Para Olympics is for athletes with physical challenges while the Special Olympics is for the mentally challenged."

"Many of our athletes can compete in mainstream sports. They must be age 8 to adult to compete. We have several over age 50," Bennett said.

The event must include a Torch Run and opening and closing ceremony in keeping with the Olympic tradition.

Forty participants from Harford County also took part in the event, said Mike Watkins, Harford County director.

"The county offers track and field, aquatics, softball, bowling, golf, and other events in its programming," Watkins said.

"It's a growing program that also promotes living skills."

He said equestrian and skiing events soon will be added as well as life skills classes like cooking, cleaning and money management through the

Department of Parks and Recreation.

For more information, contact Watkins at 410-638-4899.

### Sons of the American Legion

The Sons of the American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within the American Legion. The SAL is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and became eligible for membership.

Sons focus on more than just membership. At all levels, Sons support the American Legion in promoting a wide variety of programs. They assist their posts in activities such as veterans programs, hospital volunteerism, child and youth projects and fund

raising.

The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the SAL make up what is known as the Legion Family. All three organizations place high importance on preserving American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for the nation's children, and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

The American Legion family boasts a combined total of nearly 4.2 million members who have volunteered thousands of hours and raised millions of dollars most of which goes to VA hospitals and homes.

For more information, access the SAL Web site, <http://www.sal.legion.org>.



From left, David Grimes, Wayne Berbig, and Robbie Robinson, volunteers for the Special Olympics of Maryland and members of the Sons of the American Legion, use restraining tape to set up the dance area in the University of Maryland's National Guard Armory before the June 5 Victory Dance.



With plenty of energy after a full day of events, Special Olympics athletes cheer and sing along with Dean Crawford and the Dunn's River Band during their Victory Dance at the University of Maryland June 5.



Dean Crawford serenades an athlete and newfound fan.

## USAEC

From front page

meritorious service, and Margot De Paz received a certificate of achievement for her dedicated support to her husband during his command.

In his farewell address, De Paz said he felt "blessed to serve with this talented group of professionals."

De Paz listed some of the center's accomplishments during the past two years and

noted that "the Army has come a long way in how it treats the environment, and the key has been the way it trains its Soldiers."

De Paz is moving to Dallas, Texas, to become Inspector General of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. He served as commander of USAEC from August 2002 to July 2004.

Francis said he felt honored to be the 14th commander of USAEC and thanked the peo-

ple who allowed him the opportunity to lead the center. Francis ended his comments with special thanks to De Paz for "leaving me with a great organization with a great reputation."

Francis was born in Karamursel, Turkey in 1959. He holds a bachelor's of science in biology from the University of Maryland, a master's of science in business administration from Central Michigan University, and a

master's of science in National Security Strategy from National Defense University.

His military education includes the Chemical Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and the National War College. Francis received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Chemical Corps from the ROTC program at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

Francis' past assignments include battalion and brigade

chemical officer in the 8th Infantry Division in Baumholder, Germany; XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery chemical officer; chemical officer for the 83rd Chemical Battalion at Fort Bragg, N.C.; and commander of Anniston Chemical Activity in Anniston, Ala.

Prior to coming to USAEC, he served as the Chemical Corps Branch chief at the Army's Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Va.

Lust served as the reviewing

officer in the ceremony that included the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools providing the salute battery and the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit providing the color guard. The U.S. Army Materiel Command's 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) provided ceremonial music and USAEC's Lisa Booher sang the national anthem.

Francis and his wife Lisa have three daughters and two sons.

## Cyber warfare and the government employee

DOIM

Cyber warfare is real. Cyber terrorists constantly perform reconnaissance on Army networks and computer systems to find easy targets and undefended perimeters.

Unlike in the movies and popular books, it does not take brute force and sophisticated programs to bypass firewalls and other perimeter defenses to overpower Army networks and computers.

Typically, cyber terrorists target unguarded flanks and enter through "backdoors."

One way to adversely affect the operation of a military network is through the use of chain letters, said Information Assurance Manager Mike Mays, Directorate of Information Management.

"We feel it is necessary to put this information out now because recently some users have forgotten their responsibilities and fallen prey to chain letters," Mays said. "People buy into these letters because they are attractive or they sound patriotic or religious. Then they send them to everyone in their address book."

"If we aren't vigilant, this can slow down the system," Mays said. "Some systems can even be brought down by chain letters using up so much bandwidth and file space."

The DOIM suggests several simple strategies, applied daily that can help hold the lines, while meeting Army Joint Ethics Regulatory and published Army Information Assurance requirements.

- DO scan all diskettes

regardless of their source prior to using them on Army computers. Viruses are introduced through diskettes from home, friends, maintenance personnel and even from other federal sources.

- DO lock workstations before departing the area. Cyber terrorists seldom want personal data, they want IDs to disguise their activities and point investigators elsewhere.

- DO ensure anti-virus software is updated weekly.

- DO use strong passwords - at least 10 characters, and a combination of upper and lower case letters, special characters (#@!&\*\$), and numbers. Do not use recognizable words.

- DO NOT share passwords for any system unless the system developer and data owner

have granted permission for group passwords.

- DO NOT download software from the Internet, or use freeware or shareware. Cyber terrorists often "hide" malicious codes in these programs. In fact, DO NOT load any software on Army computers without first getting approval from the DOIM. This protects the computer and the user.

- DO NOT go to non-government chat rooms, or sites that are illegal, immoral or unethical. Cyber terrorists target these sites, find user signals, and try to follow the signals back to the user's computer. Army Knowledge Online, or AKO, is the only authorized avenue for chatting.

- DO NOT open e-mail notes or attachments from unknown senders. Learn how

to recognize hoaxes and e-mails with potential viruses, Trojans and/or worms.

- DO NOT use remote software such as "PC Anywhere" or other devices like personal digital assistants (PDAs), modems or desktop video teleconference cameras on Army computers. These "gizmos" create unauthorized backdoors and render systems vulnerable.

- DO NOT forward chain letters. While seemingly innocent, chain letters are designed to use up valuable bandwidth and file space. Chain letters pose a potential risk to information systems.

- DO NOT add a PC or any equipment to the network without first consulting the DOIM. Computers must be checked for compliance with all current security require-

ments before being connected to the network.

- DO NOT turn off computers at the end of the workday. Crucial security patches are applied to PCs remotely during the night. The correct log off procedure is to click on START, SHUTDOWN, and RESTART, then turn off the power to the monitor only.

For more information, contact the Information Assurance Manager and read AR 25-2, Information Assurance, or access the User Policy Information on the APG Web site at [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil). Click on "APG Local Users" in the left column of the home page. Then, click on "Computer User Policies."



# Army News



## Army posts to grow with BCT (UA) positioning

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A number of Army installations will grow by several thousand Soldiers in the next few years as a result of decisions on where new brigade combat teams (units of action) will be temporarily based, according to senior Army officials.

Permanent locations will be decided during the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process, also known as BRAC, the officials said.

"It is an operational necessity right now to build these brigade combat team units of

action and get them into the field as quickly as possible," said Brig. Gen. David Ralston, director of force management in the Army's G-3, at a media briefing.

In the thick of fighting the Global War on Terror, the Army is transforming from a division-based force into smaller, more rapidly deployable brigade-based units of action that will provide greater combat power. Plans call for 43 modular brigade combat teams (units of action), or BCT (UA)s, to be in place by fiscal year 2006, up from 34 brigades the Army has now.

The National Guard will

also transform its current combat force to 34 modular BCT (UA)s, officials said.

The 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga., has reset from three brigades into four BCT (UA)s and is preparing to return to Iraq this winter, officials said. The 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., will begin resetting this fiscal year, as will the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y.

Those changes are expected to add about 1,400 more Soldiers to Fort Stewart; 300 to Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga.; 400 to Fort Benning, Ga.; 4,200 to Fort

Drum; and 3,000 to Fort Campbell.

These numbers are likely to change as the Army continues to implement plans, officials said.

In fiscal year 2005, the 2nd Cavalry Regiment will convert to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team and move from Fort Polk, La., to Fort Lewis, Wash. That move will add about 3,900 Soldiers to Fort Lewis. New BCT (UA)s will also stand up at Fort Polk, which will see an overall increase of about 300 Soldiers; Fort Richardson, Alaska, where 2,600 additional Soldiers are anticipated; and Fort Hood,

Texas, which will grow by about 5,000 Soldiers.

The Soldiers will be assigned to the new units of action through cross-leveling, PCS moves, and straight out of advanced individual training, or AIT. Some will also be transferred from Korea and other overseas locations, and after completing drill sergeant and recruiting tours. Officials pledged to limit back-to-back combat tours as much as possible.

Once permanently stationed with a new unit of action, the Army will make every effort to allow Soldiers to remain at an installation for up to seven

years.

In deciding where to position the new units of action, planners said they considered several factors: the location of an installation in regard to its power projection; its training capabilities; whether its existing infrastructure and the surrounding community could handle an influx of additional Soldiers; and the ability to minimize turbulence to Soldiers and their families.

The Center for Military History is currently examining options for renaming these formations and to decide unit designations.

## Military Phone Card Donation Program goes public

DoD

The Department of Defense announced in April that any American can now help troops in contingency operations call home. The Defense Department has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards to any individual or organization that wishes to purchase cards for troops who are deployed.

The "Help Our Troops Call Home" program is designed to help service members call home from Operations Iraqi

Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

For those wishing to donate a prepaid calling card to a military member, log on to any of the three Armed Services Exchange Web sites: the Army and Air Force Exchange Service <http://www.aafes.com/>, the Navy Exchange Service Command <http://www.navy-nex.com/> and the Marine Corps Exchange <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/>.

Click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link. From there, a

prepaid calling card may be purchased for an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any service member" deployed or hospitalized. The Armed Services Exchanges will distribute cards donated to "any service member" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society and the Fisher House Foundation.

The Armed Services Exchanges operate telephone call centers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and other countries and aboard ships — any-

where service members are deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. All of these locations stay busy around the clock to keep up communication between deployed troops and their loved ones. The cards available through the "Help Our Troops Call Home" program offer the best value for calls made from the call centers, never expire, and there are no added charges or connection fees.

Individuals and organizations also can show their support to deployed troops and their families with gift certificates. The "Gift of Groceries" program allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates at <http://www.commissaries.com> or by calling toll free 1-877-770-GIFT. The Armed Services Exchanges offer the "Gift From the Homefront" gift certificate for merchandise at these exchange Web sites: <http://www.aafes.com> and

<http://www.navy-nex.com>, or by calling toll free, 1-877-770-GIFT.

Gift certificates may be purchased to be mailed to service members and family members or will be distributed to "any service member."

Only authorized commissary and exchange patrons may redeem the gift certificates at military commissaries and exchanges, including those stores supporting deployed personnel around the globe.

## Some National Guard, Reserve and family members are now eligible for "early" TRICARE benefit

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Under Section 703 of the National Defense Authorization Act and the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004, some members of the National Guard and Reserve (collectively known as the Reserve Component, or RC), who are issued delayed-effective-date active duty orders for more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation, are now eligible for "early" TRICARE medical and dental benefits beginning on the later date of either: (a) the date their orders were issued or (b) 60 days before the member reported to active duty.

According to this law, the early eligibility TRICARE Benefit under the 2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program is in effect Nov. 6, 2003, to Dec. 31, 2004, the date the temporary benefit ends, unless further extended by law.

The Department of Defense implemented the early eligibility TRICARE benefit under this temporary program in July 2004.

RC members and eligible family members who have been saving their receipts while awaiting implementation of this program may now submit claims to their regional TRICARE Claims Processor to apply for reimbursement for medical expenses incurred during their period of early eligibility.

### TRICARE eligibility for RC, family members

To be eligible for this early TRICARE benefit, RC members and family members must be registered and TRICARE eligible in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS. The member's service personnel office is responsible for determining the member's eligibility for the early TRICARE benefit.

The TRICARE Management Activity will send a one-time letter from TMA to eligible RC members affected by this temporary benefit from Nov. 6, 2003, through July 2004. After that time, the services will notify and advise eligible RC members of their TRICARE medical and dental

benefits when their delayed-effective-date orders are issued.

RC members who believe they are eligible for the early TRICARE benefit but have not received a letter may verify their eligibility through the secure Guard and Reserve Web Portal Web site at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/GuardReservePortal](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/GuardReservePortal) (if the employer input page appears, click the "BACK" button located on the bottom of the "employer input page").

For assistance with an eligibility problem, contact the service point of contact listed on the TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reservepoc.cfm](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reservepoc.cfm).

If the RC member is issued delayed-effective-date active duty orders (for more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation) and the orders are cancelled prior to the member reporting to active duty, TRICARE coverage (eligibility) for the member and eligible family members terminates on the effective date the orders are cancelled.

It is very important to understand that protections

under the Uniformed Services Employment Reemployment Rights Act that ensure an employer-sponsored health plan can be reinstated do not go into effect until the member actually reports to active duty. Therefore, members and their family members are strongly encouraged to consider retaining their employer's health plan coverage until the RC member actually reports for active duty, at which time the RC member and family members are fully covered by USERRA protections.

Additional information on USERRA is available at [www.esgr.org/members2/thelaw.asp](http://www.esgr.org/members2/thelaw.asp).

### Filing claims for reimbursement

RC members and family members who have been "saving their receipts" awaiting implementation of this new program may now submit claims to TRICARE to apply for reimbursement for medical expenses already paid. The claims submitted must be for a covered TRICARE benefit received during the member's period of eligibility.

Members may want to validate their eligibility period on the secure Guard and Reserve portal Web site as detailed above.

To apply for reimbursement for medical services, RC members and family members may submit a TRICARE (CHAMPUS) claim form, a copy of their itemized bill, an explanation of benefits and proof of payment (if the bill was already paid) to their regional TRICARE claims processor.

Claims processing instructions and TRICARE claims forms (DD Form 2642) are available at local TRICARE Service Centers or TRICARE regional contractors, or may be downloaded from the TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil/claims](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/claims).

For dental claims, RC members must contact the Military Medical Support Office (MMSO) at 888-MHS-MMSO (888-647-6676). The MMSO cannot, however, process dental claims for family members. Family members who are enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) must follow normal

procedures for dental claims submission.

### TRICARE benefit for RC members

RC members will not be enrolled into TRICARE Prime until they reach their final duty station location. Upon arrival, they should follow guidance at their final duty station regarding enrollment into one of the TRICARE Prime programs. If they are released earlier, or their orders are cancelled, no enrollment into TRICARE Prime will occur.

During the 703 early eligibility period, RC members residing inside the 50 United States and TRICARE eligible in DEERS will not be enrolled in the TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR) programs. They will receive health services in the same manner as any non-enrolled active duty service member. It is important for members to know that emergency care does not require preauthorization and service members should go to the nearest military or civilian emergency room or call 911.

## Alcohol awareness can lead to help

ASAP

The Army Substance Abuse Program continues to provide up-to-date and important alcohol use and abuse information to ensure that Aberdeen Proving Ground community members have the best information to help them make the best choices.

The questionnaire below is another awareness tool. As it is said: "Knowledge is power."

Do you have alcohol use concerns about a family member or friend?

How can you recognize sign of an Alcohol Problem in someone you can about?

- Check all that apply:
- Guilt about drinking
  - Drinking to calm nerves, forget worries or boost a sad mood
  - Unsuccessful attempts to cut down/stop drinking
  - Lying about or hiding drinking habits
  - Causing harm to oneself or someone else as a result of drinking
  - Needing to drink increasingly greater amounts to achieve desired effect

Feeling irritable, resentful, or unreasonable when not drinking

Medical, social, family, or financial problems caused by drinking

Spending a great deal of time getting alcohol or drinking alcohol

Drinking in risky situations such as before driving or engaging in unwanted/unprotected sex

### Interpreting questions

If any of the questions above are checked, consider talking with a health care professional or contacting the Army Substance Abuse Program, Employee Assistance Program Manager William Sanchious at 410-278-5319 for assistance.

### What to do if a friend of a family member may have an alcohol problem?

- Let the friend or family member know that risky drinking can lead to more severe alcohol problems including alcohol dependence (alcoholism), as well as injuries and

unwanted/unprotected sex.

- Seek out resources in the local community such as AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen, as well as mental health clinics, therapists, clergy, doctors, and social workers who are knowledgeable about alcohol problems. Don't let pride or fear block efforts to get help.

- Use the resources. Do what is possible to encourage the friend or family member to get help, but remember the only person you can change is yourself. Don't hesitate to use the resources to help yourself.

- Don't make excuses for the drinker. Family members often try to protect a loved one from the consequences of his or her drinking by making excuses to others. Making excuses allows the loved one to avoid changing for the better.

- Choose a good time to talk with the drinker, such as shortly after an alcohol-related problem has occurred. Choose a time when he or she is sober, when both of you are calm and when you can speak privately.

- Be specific. Tell the friend

or family member that you are concerned about his or her drinking and want to be supportive in getting help. Back up your concerns with examples of the ways in which his or her drinking has caused problems for both of you, including the most recent incident.

- Seek out the people and resources that can support you. Keep in mind that you are not alone. There is hope and practical help available.

For information, educational materials, or prevention education training or classes contact Cynthia Scott, Prevention Coordinator, at the Army Substance Abuse Program, 410-278-5319, [Cynthia.Scott@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:Cynthia.Scott@usag.apg.army.mil), William Sanchious, employee assistance program manager, 410-278-5319, [William.Sanchious@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:William.Sanchious@usag.apg.army.mil) or stop by building 2477 and speak with an ASAP staff member.

*(Editor's note: The questionnaire is adapted from Greenfield, S. Educational*

*Lecture for National Alcohol Screening, 1999, and updated by Richard Saitz, MD, MPH.)*

