

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



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

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

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.

Qualify for the German Troop Duty Proficiency Badge

The annual competition for the German Troop Duty Proficiency Badge begins the start of the spring cycle on Feb. 9.

The German Troop Duty Proficiency Badge is a foreign award offered by Germany. The award is based upon military performance, sports performance, job performance and overall aptitude of each soldier. The badge is awarded at the gold, silver, and bronze levels. Events include track and field, swimming, pistol and a road march. The badge will be offered to all Soldiers except those in the Advanced Individual Training and Officer Basic Courses.

For more information, contact Sgt. Byron Pieper at 410-436-1941 or byron.pieper@apg.amedd.army.mil, or Spc. Nicole Washington at 410-436-1379 or Nicole.Washington@apg.amedd.army.mil.

Blue Cross visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan to visit APG Feb. 10. The representative will be available from 9 to

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Company B 16th wins 2004 Bench Press

USMC places second, NCOA comes in third

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Despite a heavy snowfall the night before and icy conditions throughout the installation, more than 120 lifters showed up for the Intramural Bench Press competition held Jan. 24 at the Edgewood Area's Hoyle Gym.

Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion took first place, the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment took second and the Noncommissioned Officer Academy came in third.

"This is great for our Soldiers and great for the command," said Company B 16th drill sergeant, Staff Sgt. Janice Farmer.

She and Staff Sgt. Durnier Williams supplied the team of lifters along with eight Soldiers tasked with serving as spotters during the event. Both agreed it was the first bench press championship for the unit.

The best overall lifter awards went to Margaret McLean, civilian, and Matthew Long, a police officer with the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

Donna Coyne, intramural

sports program manager, several members of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff and volunteer judges, conducted the event that included rotating the lifters through two benches set up on the gym's floor.

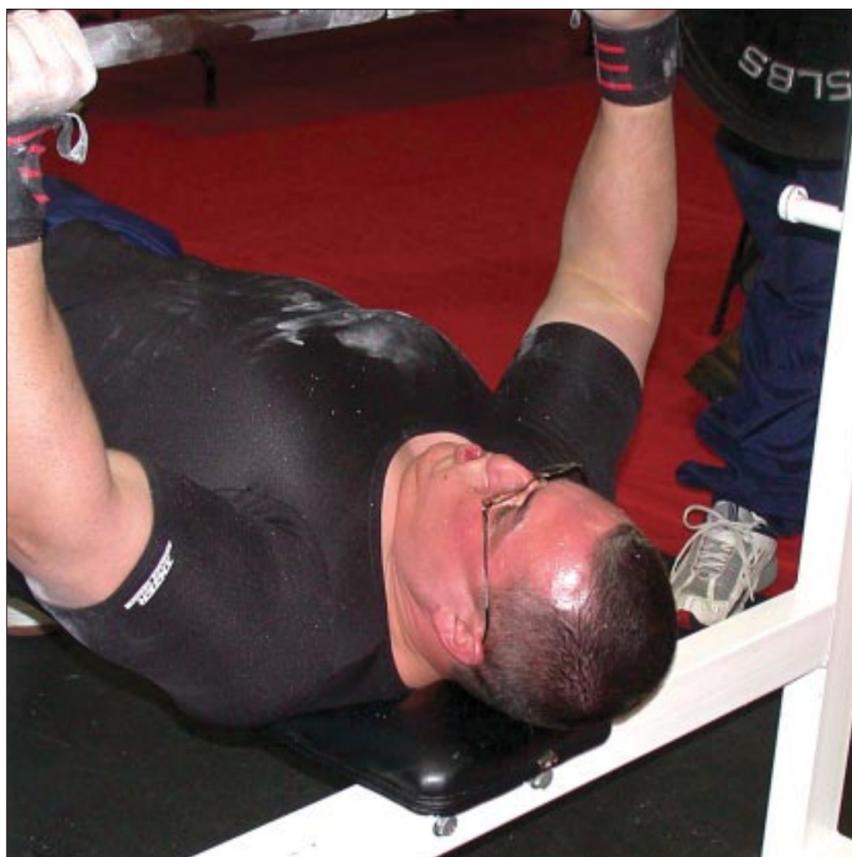
In addition, General Nutrition Center donated bottled water, nutrition bars and shaker cups for participants and duffel bags full of gifts for the winners. Shelly Smith, store manager, said that GNC, located in the Post Exchange, was pleased to align itself with an intramural sporting event.

"This is good for our service members and good for the store," Smith said. "We will try to do this more often."

Participants included seasoned and novice lifters, looking to test their endurance or simply help their team's point standings in the Commander's Cup yearlong competition.

NCOA participants included Lincoln Lanier, Yvonne Heredia-Bell and Christopher Pruitt, all from the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, who said they just wanted to get involved.

"I work out daily but I'm not a lifter, I just wanted to get



Brian Prediger, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, huffs and puffs his way through a 455-pound press.

involved and help out the unit," Heredia-Bell said.

"I came to win a trophy," Lanier added, noting that he is a regular lifter.

Lanier finished as the men's 165-pound champion.

With a successful final press of 315 pounds, Samuel Koroma, NCOA, said that

although he lifts weights on his own, this was his first competition.

"I heard about it from my See BENCH PRESS, page 9

APG Tax Center up and running

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Tax Center is up and running and ready to serve the community's active and retired military and their family members. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the operation was held Jan. 30, and the center opened its doors Feb. 2.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, and Lt. Col. Stephen Parke, staff judge advocate, led the ceremony.

Mark said the annual tax season should be a joyous time of year since "we are paid by the American tax dollar."

She thanked Sue Grendahl, client services officer, and the special duty Soldiers and volunteers who completed a two-week Internal Revenue Service certified tax course to man the office throughout the season.

"I am confident that they are competent to assist our customers," Mark said.

She added that more than

500 filings in 2003 saved customers an estimated \$175,000.

Parke presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lisa Mosley, an information systems technician with the Directorate of Information Management. Mosley voluntarily assisted in setting up the offices' computerized tax program.

"Her work is greatly appreciated. This office would not be positioned for success without her dedication," Parke said. "We expect to process more than 1,000 returns this tax season, saving clients countless thousands in service fees."

The APG Tax Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and alternate Fridays.

Walk in service is available only for those filing Form 1040EZ 8 to 11 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All other filers must call for appointments at 410-278-1208.

Grendahl thanked her assistant, Sandy Williams, the vol-



Col. Mardi U. Mark, Garrison and deputy installation commander, center, and Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, far left, join staff members and volunteers, to mark the opening of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Tax Assistance Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 30. The center, located in building 310 on the second floor, opened for business Feb. 2.

unteers and the APG Commissary for providing the cake for the ceremony.

She said that the office is dedicated to saving money for its clientele.

"This keeps our service

members from having to seek assistance off post," Grendahl said. "That saves them so much money."

Located on the second floor of building 310, the Tax Center will remain open for

business through April 15.

Services are open to active and retired military and their family members and activated National Guard personnel and reservists.

Youth Services names 2003 Youth of the Year winners



Wyndell R. Williams, left, and Anastasia B. Phillips smile after being named Aberdeen Proving Ground's 2003 Youths of the Year. Both sophomores received Department of the Army certificates of achievement and \$1,500 college scholarships.

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Wyndell R. Williams and Anastasia B. Phillips were named the Aberdeen Proving Ground 2003 Youths of the Year for the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas during a ceremony at the Edgewood Area Youth Center Jan. 30.

Both sophomores, Williams attends Edgewood High School while Phillips is a Culinary Arts major at Harford Technical High School.

Parents, friends and youth services personnel looked on as Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, awarded the two Department of the Army certificates of achievement and \$1,500 scholarships.

"This is for outstanding leadership, service, and accomplishments displayed by a commitment to community, school and the youth centers," Mark said. "A lot of competition is put forth for this award. I'm thrilled that we are able to reward our youth for what they do."

Ivan Mehosky, APG school liaison, said the two would go on to compete in the state of Maryland Youth of the Year program, a Boys and Girls Clubs of America-sponsored pro-

gram.

"As always, we are proud of our honorees and we encourage all APG youths to compete for this program," Mehosky said.

Both winners said they were pleased by the honor.

His aunt, Staff Sgt. Nicole Sherman, Drug Assessment Division noncommissioned officer in charge, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense, accompanied Williams.

"I entered for the scholarship money," Williams said. "I didn't think I would win, but I'm glad to have this money to save for college."

"I'm very proud of him," Sherman added. "He's always been an overachiever."

Phillips said she was confident of her win and encouraged her peers to strive for the same. "Don't doubt yourself," she said. "Work hard in school, volunteer your time, and go for it."

She added that her other interests include entering the ministry as well as becoming a master chef.

Yvonne Phillips, an organizational systems resource specialist with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine,

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Family Corner—Enriching the military life

Donna Mele
ACS

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles to support and enrich the lives of all military members and their families. It is the hope of Army Community Service that readers will find the information valuable, educational and inspiring.)

Army Community Service is proud of the military, and thankful for the sacrifices they have made in serving the nation. Also mindful of the strength and commitment made by military families to support the military members, ACS is available to serve and meet the needs that are unique to service members and their families.

Throughout the military community, service members are being deployed or receiving orders for a permanent change of duty station. These orders present the families with changes in the role of the family members and frustrations with moving to a new location.

Role changes may occur when the disciplinarian of the children is deployed and the spouse at home becomes the disciplinarian.

Another change occurs when the spouse at home begins to handle the family finances previously taken care of by the deployed spouse.

When spouses have difficulty supporting the changes, the stress is felt throughout the family.

Children are very perceptive when parents are not communicating in a healthy manner. The children may begin to display negative behaviors such as fighting, running away, destroying property and refusing to follow family rules.

Army Community Service is available to offer support to all members of the family when a situation occurs. The goal of ACS is to prevent an escalation of negative emotions and negative reactions.

Classes offered

One of the programs offered through ACS is parenting classes. Many people are under the assumption that parenting classes are only for "bad parents." This is not the case. Parenting classes are designed to teach parents more effective parenting skills, to assist parents by offering education on how to work with children with special needs, and to assist parents to recognize and

cope with the stressors that go along with being a parent.

Classes focus on various topics including infant care and emotional bonding, effective communication with children and teens, strengthening relationships of stepparent/blended families and supporting single parents.

Additional services offered through ACS include helping families adjust to military life; crisis intervention; support to individuals, families, and couples, including exceptional family members; domestic violence prevention education; budgeting and emergency financial assistance; and relocation, deployment, and employment readiness.

ACS is available for military members and their families. Its goal is to assist families with the adjustments they are faced with and to assist in maintaining a strong family bond.

Look for monthly ACS articles in the *APG News* under "Family Corner: Enriching the Military Life."

For more information or with any concerns or questions, call 410-278-7572.

Environmental concerns drive MAPS development at APG



MAPS' glove box provides workers with the means to safely handle recovered munitions inside a specially designed container that is kept under negative pressure, reducing the risk of chemical agents being released into the process room.

Louise Dyson
NSCMP

(Editor's note: This is the final article on the Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Program's Munitions Assessment and Processing System, and addresses the environmental friendly process.)

Aberdeen Area was founded in 1917 as a testing area for weapons, vehicles and other equipment as well as a training school for Soldiers. Aberdeen Proving Ground Edgewood Area, founded in 1918, has hosted chemical warfare research and testing activities, manufacturing and disposal operations. Because of hazardous substance contamination from past disposal practices and testing activities, the Edgewood Area was placed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Priority List on Feb. 21, 1990.

Past activities with environmental impact on post include the testing and manufacture of conventional and chemical munitions and munitions containing smoke, incendiaries

and white phosphorus. In addition, testing and training activities over nearly a century have resulted in debris burial pits and potentially thousands of buried, unexploded munitions.

Recognizing the environmental hazards posed by these nearly century-old items, the post formed an installation restoration program to identify locations and contents of past disposal sites and to eliminate hazards to public health and the environment.

On March 27, 1990, APG and the EPA signed on to a federal facility agreement outlining mutual responsibilities for the expedited identification, study and cleanup of environmental contamination to ensure that past and present activities concerning hazardous or toxic waste at APG are investigated and to initiate appropriate actions to mitigate the potential release of hazardous or toxic materials into the environment.

Conventional, chemical and smoke weapons are discovered

not only through post environmental remediation activities but also as a result of normal construction and utilities work. These activities are ongoing and will continue to recover unexploded ordnance for the foreseeable future.

Don Benton, NSCMP MAP project manager says that residents and the Army found a common solution in MAPS.

"The public wanted us to find some way to treat these things as quickly as possible," Benton said. "The longer they're stored, the more of a chance they deteriorate, which impacts safety. The Army was looking at the potentially high number of recovered munitions and wanted a safe, environmentally sound way to handle them in a contained area, preferably on post.

"MAPS meets both of these needs. It's a terrific example of how the Army, the Maryland Department of the Environment and the public working together accomplished something significant for everyone's benefit," Benton added.

DTC to host Industry Day, Test Technology Symposium in San Diego

Steve Clark and Bob McDaniel
DTC

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command is taking its annual Test Technology Symposium and Industry Day programs to San Diego, Calif., April 27 for Industry Day and April 28 and 29 for TTS-2004. Industry Day offers the opportunity for contractors to learn about technology needs of the test community. The symposium expands on the concept of distributed testing, which was featured at TTS 2003.

This is the 16th year for this event, which has grown over

the years and now includes participation by all military services.

The selection of the west coast site further emphasizes the joint service aspect making the symposium convenient for key Navy and Air Force agencies who are exerting major efforts to enable testing of net-centric warfare concepts.

The invited symposium keynote speaker is Dr. Ron Sega, director, Defense Research and Engineering, who heads up research and development for the armed services. Several of the top leaders in Joint Forces

Command have also been invited to the symposium. Speakers from top policy level to field operators will describe successes and lessons learned through experimentation and joint testing.

TTS 2004 will contribute to the building and reinforcement of partnerships among DOD acquisition organizations, and will promote experimentation, testing and training under the most realistic battlefield conditions; i.e. as a joint force. Much work is on-going to provide a battlefield information network that will enable Army, Navy and Air Force units to

fight as a team. The testers must respond by developing distributed networks, which will enable testing as a team.

The symposium program has been structured to explore joint or multi-service testing techniques and joint evaluation of technical and operational concepts.

Developers, testers, evaluators, trainers, contractors and academicians are encouraged to attend and showcase the facilities, technologies and procedures that will contribute to meeting the joint goals.

Military developers and their Integrated Product Teams continue to build a distributed network in support of complex testing involving multiple weapons in joint force scenarios. TTS 2004 will promote sharing of information on the tools needed to make joint distributed testing work.

The two-day program will consist of three sessions: Session 1 - Joint Warfare Policy and its Effect on Future

Testing and Training; Session 2 - Distributed Applications to Testing and Training; and Session 3 - Technologies to Meet Joint Warfighter Requirements.

The symposium will conclude with a joint service executive panel that will promulgate policy and respond to conferee questions.

As in the past, the symposium welcomes exhibitors at no cost, and over 60 exhibitors are expected to show their wares and be available for one-on-one discussions with attendees. The exhibit area will be the site for catered receptions following the programs on April 27 and 28.

Registrants will have the opportunity to tour one of the "newsmaking" aircraft carriers in the fleet in the morning of April 30. Those who sign up will go on-board the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), which launched many of the planes during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The location chosen for Industry Day and TTS 2004 is the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center, a resort property in Mission Valley just north of San Diego. The facility has ideal meeting room space and amenities to support a large conference, with 1,000 guest rooms and 165,000 square feet of meeting/exhibit space. Five on-site restaurants offer fine dining to casual fare.

Less than a chip shot away is the Riverwalk Golf Club, a 27-hole championship golf course. Just across the street is San Diego's premiere shopping mall, Fashion Valley.

Symposium sponsors have been able to arrange a special guest room rate for the symposium that matches the prevailing government per diem of \$110 per night.

For more details, including an opportunity for electronic registration, visit Web site www.dtc.army.mil or www.tts2004.com.

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Attendees to the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command annual Test Technology Symposium and Industry Day programs, April 27 through 30, will have an opportunity to board the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), which launched many of the planes during Operation Enduring Freedom.

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11:30 a.m. in building 305, Room 236 to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. The representative will be available from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in building E-4811 (Seminar Area of Conference Center). No appointment is necessary.

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

Vet facility holds clinics

Clinics at the APG Veterinary Treatment Facility for privately owned pets will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 10, 17 and 24 (tentative) by appointment only.

Only personnel authorized routine medical care at a military health facility such as Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic may take advantage of these clinics.

To schedule an appointment or for further information, call 410-278-3911/4575.

Snow closing number

For information about possible delays or closings of APG call 410-278-7669 (410-278-SNOW).

2004 USO Guide to Washington, Baltimore, available

The USO of Metropolitan Washington has produced the 16th edition of the 2004 Guide to Washington and Baltimore now available for distribution.

The guide is a resource for service members stationed or on temporary assignment in the Baltimore Washington metropolitan area, and provides a comprehensive listing of USO and military resources, information on sightseeing and recreation, maps and general information on living in the area.

The guide is provided free of charge to members of the military and their families.

To arrange pick up of multiple copies of the guide, call Fort Belvoir, USO Family Support Services, 703-805-

2464, Fort Myer, USO-Metro Headquarters, 703-696-2628, or BWI Airport, USO International Gateway Lounge, 410-859-4425.

Copies are also being distributed through area Senior Enlisted Advisors.

USO-Metro will mail a copy for \$2 (to cover postage and handling) by calling 703-696-3278.

547th Engineer Battalion (Combat) Association to hold reunion

The 547th Engineer Battalion (Combat) Association Reunion and its attached units, 552nd and 1328th, will hold its 18th annual reunion, July 29 through Aug. 1, at the Ramada Inn Bayview, 7601 Scenic Highway, Pensacola, Fla.

Former members of the 547th currently living on major military posts or nearby areas all over the world are invited to attend.

For more information, call George McDonald at 1-850-994-1063, 4956 Guernsey Road, Pace, FL 32571, or e-mail animcdona@aol.com.

Women in the Workplace: Presenting a Professional Image

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will present "Women in the Workplace: Presenting a Professional Image," 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Feb. 18, at the Army Community Service Training Room, building 2754.

Learn the secret to projecting a steady, confident image in the workplace or a job interview. With the strategies and guidelines in this workshop, students can shape their image to say exactly what they want it to say about them.

Sample office attire will be displayed at this workshop.

For more information or to register for this free class, call Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669.

MCSC to donate funds

The APG Military & Civilian Spouses Club will donate funds to organizations and charities this spring.

Groups interested in placing a request for funds should do so in writing. Include name of organization requesting funds, the manner in which the funds will be used, list of other fund raising efforts, and a contact person for the organization (name, address and telephone number).

Requests must be post-marked by April 1.

Submit requests to: MCSC Welfare Chairperson, #3 Plumb Point Loop, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005, or e-mail welfare@apgmcs.org

MCSC accepting scholarship applications

The APG Military & Civilian Spouses Club is accepting applications for scholarships until April 1. Applications are available at Web site www.apgmcs.org.

For more information, call 410-612-0185.

School Age/Middle School Services Summer Program

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Summer Program will run for up to 10 weeks, starting June 14 (subject to change according to end of school year), 6:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The program is open to all qualifying children who have completed 1st through 8th grades. Enrollment does not require attendance at all 10 sessions.

There will be a \$20 non-refundable deposit required at the time of registration for each week selected. Tuition fees are based on total family income.

Waiting list forms may be picked up starting Feb. 17 at the Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902, the Aberdeen

Youth Services, building 2522 or the Outreach Services building 2752 during regular working hours.

Forms may be dropped off at the Edgewood Youth Services building E-1902, the Outreach Services building 2752 or faxed to 410-278-2582.

Waiting list forms will not be accepted at the Aberdeen Youth Services.

Sponsors will be notified of available openings starting March 2. Registration is by appointment only.

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

FEW sponsors March fund raiser

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women is sponsoring a Basket Bingo fundraiser during the month of March.

Purchase a ticket from the FEW and match the number to the evening Maryland State Lottery Number to win.

Tickets cost \$5 each and are valid in March only.

Funds go towards FEW's annual Dottie Dorman Working Woman's Scholarship presented each year during Women's Equality Day.

For more information, contact Chapter President Suzanne Schultz at 410-939-2098.

PACT presents classes

The Parents and Children Together Program will present "Family Matters," 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the dates listed at the Aberdeen ACS building 2754. Participants must register by Feb. 6.

For more information, call Diana Hayes, 410-278-4372.

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MWR Morale, Welfare & Recreation

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

Methods of registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting the MWR Registration, building 3326, or online at www.apgmwr.com.

Franklin Mills Outlet shopping trip

Take some time to do some Spring shopping or just go after those great winter sales on Feb. 16 at the Franklin Mills Mall stores such as Saks "off" 5th Avenue, JC Penny's Outlet, Neiman Marcus, Zales, Sears, Burlington Coat, Bed, Bath & Beyond and more.

Bus will leave at 8:15 a.m. from Vitali's Restaurant in Edgewood. Cost is \$25. Register by Feb. 6.

Primary Aerobic Instructor Certification

Primary Aerobic Instructor Certification will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 28, at the AA Fitness Center, building 3320. Cost is \$99 (study guides are extra). Learn basic anatomy and physiology, cardiovascular and muscular exercises, injury identification and prevention, emergency procedures, as well as class

design and structure. Deadline for registration is Feb. 13.

Personal Trainer Certification

Personal Trainer Certification will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 29, at the AA Fitness Center, building 3320. Cost is \$99 (study guides not included). Get an overview of basic exercise physiology, anatomy, and kinesiology. The remainder of the course combines theoretical information and practical application of fitness assessments, exercise sciences and the behavioral and physiology objectives of one-on-one fitness counseling. Deadline to register is Feb. 13.

Discovering the metaphysical self

This class will be held 7 to 9 p.m., Feb. 24 through March 30, at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. Cost is \$55. Embark on an interesting and entertaining exploration of six metaphysical topics: karmic astrology, numerology, synchronicity, chakras, crystals and stones, and karma. Designed for the beginning student of metaphysics, this course can help the student use these topics to understand self-knowledge, self-healing, the purpose of life and the relationship to others. Learn to

apply these distinct metaphysical concepts to everyday life. Deadline for registration is Feb. 17.

MWR Registration & Ticket Office specials

The MWR Registration and Ticket Office can plan spring vacations. Hotel properties and tickets to Florida attractions are available at great savings.

A sample trip plan might be: stay at the AmeriSuites Busch Gardens-Tampa for \$82 per night, compared to the published rate of \$119 per night. Enjoy the exhibits and rides at the Busch Gardens-Tampa amusement park for \$46 (adults), compared to the \$55.33 (without tax) at the gate.

Hotels can be booked in most of the 50 states, to include Puerto Rico, Canada, and the United Kingdom. Attraction tickets can be obtained for most areas.

Prices are subject to change based on hotel, availability and time of year.

Bowling specials

Military Appreciation Night is 9 p.m. to closing on Feb. 6. All Soldiers can bowl for \$1 per game, and shoes are free. Enjoy Red Pin Special

Week, 5 p.m. to closing, Feb. 9 through 13.

A Military Tournament will be held 1 p.m. on Feb. 8. Bowl three games with handicap, top three bowl teams will bowl head to head. Open to all military. Cost is \$8 per person.

Moonlight Bowling Special with Red Pins will be held 9 p.m. to closing, Feb. 20. Throw a strike on a red head pin and draw out of the prize bowl. Everyone can "win" all kinds of prizes from free games to discounts at the snack bar.

Queen of the Hill Tournament will be held 2 p.m., Feb. 29. Cost is \$8 per person. Bowl four games; the top three qualifiers will bowl head to head in step-ladder finals for cash prizes.

For more information on Bowling Specials call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail him at dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil.

To view bowling scores for the week of Jan. 31, visit the APG News Web site at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil.

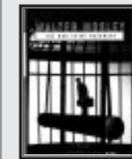
Arts, Crafts changes hours of operation

Effective Feb. 6 the Arts & Crafts hours are Sunday and Monday, closed; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

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



The Man in My Basement by Walter Mosley

Charles is a young black man who's in danger of losing the home that's been in his family for generations. When someone offers \$50,000 to rent his basement for the summer, he agrees. The renter has a bizarre set of requirements and Charles tries to satisfy him without getting too involved.



Emma's Secret by Barbara Taylor Bradford

Vertical Coffin by Stephen Cannell

The Kills by Linda Fairstein

The Ripple Effect by Paul Garrison



The Codex by Douglas Preston

The library's online catalog can be accessed on the web at: www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html. The most recent annotated lists of new library materials, as well as a complete list of DVD titles can also be viewed from the web page.

SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

MONEY FOR COLLEGE

A \$1,000 scholarship is available from the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce to graduating seniors residing in the Aberdeen community or whose parents graduated from Aberdeen High School.

Applications and more details can be found at <http://www.aberdeenc.com/scholar.htm>, or contact the Chamber at 410-272-2580, and ask for an application. Application deadline is April 1.

READING PROGRAM BEGINS AT YOUTH CENTERS

A reading program will start at Aberdeen and Edgewood Youth center's Homework Labs as an after-school program for grades 1st through 8th. Students participating in the program will earn quarterly rewards based on the number of minutes read each week according to grade level. Students can earn a gold, silver or bronze medallion at the end of the program, which coincides with end of school.

The youth center that records the most verified student minutes read will

receive a gold trophy cup for their center.

Students will be able to record their weekly progress in an official reading log issued at the homework lab.

See a homework lab coordinator to sign-up.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Halls Cross Roads Elementary School is hosting a breakfast, 8 a.m., Feb. 11, for area businesses and individuals to learn more about available partnership opportunities and talk with school administrators about ways in which both businesses and individuals may help students achieve. Opportunities for support might include reading with kids, being a "buddy" to an at-risk child, guest speaking within subject areas (i.e. science, math), sponsoring a learning activity, etc.

Everyone is welcome and there is no minimum time commitment required.

For additional information or to confirm attendance at the breakfast, call Nancy Spence, coordinator of Partnerships for Achievement with Harford County Public Schools at 410-588-5331 or e-mail Nancy.Spence@hcps.org.

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Everyone is invited to the Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament in Hanover, Md., at a 50 percent discount on Feb. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26. Gratuity is not included. Someone in the party will need to show their active duty ID card at the box office window to receive this special deal. The show begins at 7 p.m. but guests are asked to arrive no later than one hour prior to show time. Subject to

space availability.

Tickets must be purchased at the Medieval Times Box Office window.

Tickets are normally \$50.50 (adults) and \$38.45 (children) after taxes.

Additionally, Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament Castles in selected locations throughout the country are offering a free dinner for two for all Soldiers redeploying
See THEATRE, page 8

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Community Notes

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 6
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

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

**TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 10
VFW POST 6054
MEETINGS**

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

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 14
VFW HOSTS
VALENTINE PARTY**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, will sponsor a Valentine's Party, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., at the American Legion Post 17, Edgewood Road, Edgewood.

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

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

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-272-3444, or Terry Robinson, Post commander at 410-688-3188.

PWOC HOSTS 'SWEET-HEART' PARTY

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

Cost has been covered, but donations will be accepted. For information or to make a reservation, call Shirley Huffman, 410-273-1497.

**TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 17
VFW LADIES
AUXILIARY MEETING**

The Charlton-Miller VFW 6054 Ladies Auxiliary will hold its scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

**BLACK HISTORY
MONTH SPECIALTY
MEAL**

The Black History Month Specialty Meal will be held

in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m. All military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.30 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$2.85 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Black History Month Specialty Meal menu includes: savory bean soup with ham hocks, barbecued spareribs, fried chicken, Jamaican rum chicken, southern fried catfish fillets, steamed shrimp with old bay seasoning, pulled smoked pork, hopping john (rice dish), baked macaroni and cheese, baked sweet potatoes, collard greens with ham hocks, black eyed peas, cracklin' corn bread, assorted salad bar, potato salad, cole slaw, bread pudding with rum sauce, lemon pound cake, pecan pie, fresh fruit, soft serve yogurt with assorted toppings, assorted condiments and assorted beverages. Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information, call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green at 410-306-1393/1398.

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 19
FREE HOME BUYING
SEMINAR**

A free Home Buying Seminar will be offered by Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill. Learn about the home buying process to make an informed decision on the best options in purchasing and financing a new home. To reserve a space, call 410-272-4000 or 1-800-225-2555, extension 5451.

MOVIES

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

The Post Theater will be closed Saturday, Feb. 7.

CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN

Friday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m.
Starring: Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt



When a football coach is offered the top job at Northwestern University, he sets out for Chicago with his wife and their 12 children.

But when her writing career takes off, the two must balance their jobs and the chaotic task of parenting. (PG)

OMMS LIBRARY

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

Throughout the month of February the OMMS library is featuring a bulletin board and other displays depicting Martin Luther King and other prominent Blacks. This is just the most recent in a series of themes regularly displayed on the bulletin board located in the basement of building 3071. All APG civilian employees, contractors, and soldiers are invited to stop by and check them out.

While doing so visitors are encouraged to visit the library and discover the many services provided such as interlibrary loan, Internet access and research tools. A collection of ordnance books and other materials are also available for check out.

Volunteering at the library

The staff at the library would like to thank the most recent volunteers, BNCOC class 02-04 52C, who provided invaluable assistance helping to inventory and weed through the library's collection during the month of January.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help in the library should call 410-278-4991.

February's featured books:

- The Buffalo Soldiers, A Narrative of the Black Cavalry in the West*, by William and Shirley Leckie
- Freedom Bound, A History of America's Civil Rights Movement* by Robert Weisbrot
- The Civil Rights Movement* by Peter B. Levy
- We Shall Overcome*, Martin Luther King Jr. and
- The Black Freedom Struggle* edited by Peter J. Albert and Ronald Hoffman

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The APG Forum

Letter to the editor—BGE appreciates Harford's patience, cooperation

Dear Editor:
 Last week, an odd series of weather-related events resulted in a widespread power outage throughout Harford County. An unusual combination of ice on two of our transmission lines and extremely high winds caused the lines to come in close contact with each other, interrupting electric service to nearly 70,000 customers.
 This kind of occurrence is extremely rare. In fact, during my more than 30 years with the company, I have only witnessed this phenomenon one other time. During that incident, which occurred more than 20 years ago, not one customer lost power.
 The outage began at 1:08 p.m. BGE dispatched every available resource to the county, aiming to restore service as safely and quickly as possible.
 By 4 p.m., the high winds that had plagued the area began to subside, allowing us to re-energize one of the transmission lines and begin our restoration effort.
 By 5:30 p.m., we re-energized the second

transmission line and restored service to nearly 20,000 customers.
 And by 9:30 p.m., roughly 99 percent of the customers affected had electric service restored.
 Consistent with BGE's safe and prudent operating procedures, powering-up the substations fed by these lines was done gradually to avoid system overload, which could have triggered another outage. The process is intricate and requires strict adherence to a detailed restoration regimen. For this reason, service could not be simultaneously restored to all customers.
 BGE recognizes the hardship this outage created for the community, particularly given the cold weather that has affected the region.
 And while BGE's mission is to provide its customers with safe, reliable, cost-effective power, sometimes we fall victim to Mother Nature's wrath.
 It is during these emergencies that we must work in close concert with public officials at all levels, and local communities in particular, to do what is best for our customers.

I offer my personal thanks and that of BGE to Harford County Executive Jim Harkins, other public officials, and a host of government agencies for their extremely professional and proactive response during the outage.
 Their efforts kept critical customers, including hospitals and public safety agencies, as well as residents and business owners apprised of the situation and restoration effort.
 I also would like to thank the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland National Guard for their equally quick response.
 Harford County, on behalf of BGE's more than 3,000 employees, again - thank you for your patience and understanding during this unusual event.
 Kenneth W. DeFontes Jr.
 Vice President
 Electric Transmission and Distribution
 Baltimore Gas and Electric

Commentary—A community of friends



Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Curtis
 USAGAPG

I had just a few close friends growing up. There were four of us who spent all of our time together, who tried to get each other dates to the school dances, and who watched out for each other in all that we did.

My friends and I were very close, and our friendships have only gotten stronger over the years.
 Technology has helped our communication and helped to build our relationships. Despite where each one of us lives or travels throughout the world, we are able to stay in touch.
 Our friendships started years ago and continue to this day.
 We do not need the Bible to tell us that we are social beings, that we need friends, and that we work best interacting with

others and not on our own. This is something that is clear in the natural structure of society.
 But, the Bible does give us some ideas on choosing friends, on deciding with whom we associate, and how we interact with others.
 One of the guidelines for this is in Acts 2 where we see a picture of the early church. We see the people gathered together for a common mission, and we see them spending time not only with each other, but also worshipping God.
 We are told that

much of their time was spent sharing time and resources together. They also continued in their lives outside the church. There was a balance between the time the people spent in church events and outside those events.
 The result was a community of changed people - people who were changed to be more like what God designed for them. People who were focused on their spiritual growth, and people who looked out for others before themselves.
 It is very hard to

put this into practice. It is hard to consistently put others before ourselves.
 It is sometimes hard to get a good handle on how we balance our time.
 It is hard to know where to focus our energies at times.
 But, God does give us some guidance.
 He tells us that our example is Jesus Christ, who being in the very nature of God, made himself nothing, taking on the nature of a servant, and being made in human likeness (Philippians 2).
 He did this so that we might have life (John 10). He did this for you and for me.
 There are many activities to which we can choose to give our time. One of the new activities at Aberdeen Proving Ground is a Christian Coffeehouse called The Coffee Grounds.
 Anyone looking for a place to relax, to express their faith, and to grow spiritually, should stop in the Coffee Grounds.
 It happens 7 p.m. on Saturday nights in building 4308, near the Recreation Center.

This opportunity could be a great community for you.
 As we go through the life which God gave us, continue to trust in his guidance and to enjoy the community in which he placed you.
 (Editor's note: Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Curtis is the chaplain for the 16th Ordnance Battalion and the project officer for The Coffee Grounds, which is a ministry of the post chapel community.)

Education news from APGFCU

Amy L. Sweet
 APGFCU

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union has named Tina Ripken its new Education Director.
 An employee of the credit union since 1983, Ripken's roles have included teller, member service representative, mortgage loan officer and market development director.
 She is a member of many community education organizations including Harford County and MD Business Roundtables for Education, Cecil County Public

Schools BEPAC Organization, National Youth Involvement Board and Edgewood High School Academy of Finance.
 APGFCU's education efforts began with a children's savings club that was launched in 1995.
 With the leadership and support of President/CEO Don Lewis, APGFCU has been recognized at the local, state and national levels for the quality and quantity of their financial literacy work within the community.
APGFCU partners with Deerfield, Thomson Estates

schools
 Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union, through its Education Department, has entered into an official school-business partnership with Deerfield Elementary in Edgewood, and Thomson Estates Elementary in Elkton as announced Jan. 7.
 "Supporting local schools through partnerships is a priority of APGFCU and its volunteer board," Lewis said. "Through these partnerships our staff will deliver gifts of time, talent and treasure to positively impact the education and achieve-

ment of our community students, especially in the area of financial literacy."
 The partnership with each school entails an ongoing relationship with the school administration, staff, children, and their families. Credit union staff members will provide class and individual mentoring, financial literacy information, and other special support efforts to positively impact student achievement on a scheduled basis throughout the school year. In addition, financial education for the adult school community is also presented.

Youth Services offers Driver's Ed

APG Child and Youth Services will present State certified Driver's Education classes, every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Feb. 21 through March 20 at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522. Parents and students must attend the first hour of class together Feb. 21 to review the rules and procedures.
 The cost is \$285 plus \$15 registration/membership fee for family members of military, retired, DoD (and DA) personnel and contractors who work at APG per student. Sponsored students are required to pay the course fee of \$285 plus a \$20 registration/associate mem-

bership fee Driver Education for Teens. Minimum age is 15 or older.
 Registration will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, Jan. 22 through Feb. 13, at the Outreach Services-Central Registration Office, room 110, building 2752. A minimum class size of 10 students is required prior to end of the registration period. To make an appointment to register and pay the fee, call Christina Keithley at 410-278-7571.
 For more information about the Teen Driver Education program, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

Theatre

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 from Afghanistan and Iraq or on rest and recuperation leave from Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.
 Through Feb. 26, the Medieval Times in Maryland and New Jersey will admit two people free for any performance, including dinner, Monday through Thursday, provided at least one person presents proof of redeployment or R&R from OIF. Military members need only to

make a reservation and mention the free military OIF/OEF admission offer. Upon arrival, the dinner-theatre will require the individual to show a leave form verifying R&R leave status or movement orders verifying redeployment to CONUS from OIF or OEF. Tips are not included.
 The restaurants features live jousting tournaments nightly.
 To make a reservation at Medieval Times call 1-800-544-2001 for Lyndhurst, N.J.; and 1-888-935-6878 for Hanover, Md., locations.
 For more information, call 703-681-5225 or DSN 761-5225.

Youths

From front page
 said that her daughter's win is indicative of her nature.
 "She's always been competitive and driven to succeed," Phillips said. "She's my blessing."
APG 2003 Youths of the Year
 Wyndell R. Williams is a sophomore at Edgewood High School. He enjoys mentoring younger students and is devoted to his family. Williams is in the top five percent of students nationally who have achieved Academic Excellence and has been nominated to Who's Who Among American High School Students. Williams plans to pursue a law degree.
 Anastasia B. Phillips is a sophomore at Harford Technical High School. She plans to attend the Baltimore School of Culinary Arts. She enjoys working with her peers as well as with younger children. Phillips is family-oriented and is at the top of her class.

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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

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The monitor's table, top left, one of two benches, a table full of trophies, top right, and a group of lifters awaiting their turn at the bench, make up the scene of the popular event that garners winning teams Commander's Cup points.



James Carr, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, center, gets help with his equipment from civilian lifter Margaret McLean, left, and Edgar Bautista, HHC 61st Ordnance Brigade.

Bench

From front page

instructor," Koroma said. "I came out to see what I could do. I met my goals."

Koroma finished as runner up in the Men's 198-pound division.

Drill sergeant Brian Mainor, Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, which tied for second place with USMC last year, said the unit was hoping to go it one better this year.

"Most are first-time lifters but they're doing very well," Mainor said. "We're a winning unit and we came to win."

Tony Meadows led a group of four lifters, Leonard Sampson, Brian Cieslak and James Mical, from the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.

"We thought we'd come out and compete as a group," said Meadows, runner up in the sub-masters heavyweight division with a press of 315 pounds.

Aaron Enns, a USMC sergeant who led 29 Marines to a second-place finish, summed it all up before finishing as champion in the Men's 148-pound division.

"Most are novice lifters," Enns said of the group. "All you can do is train and hope to place high regardless. It's all about mental toughness."

Intramural Bench Press results

The following results were received for the intramural bench press competition from the APG Sports Office. For information regarding statistics, call 410-278-3929.

Team awards

First place, Company B 16th Ordnance Battalion

Second place, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment

Third place, Noncommissioned Officer Academy

Best overall lifter

Male

Matthew Long, DLES, 455 pounds

Female

Margaret McLean, civilian, 185 pounds

Military men

123 pounds

Champion, Garrett Roberson, MRICD, 150 pounds

Runner-up, Javier Pena, Company B 16th, 150 pounds

148 pounds

Champion, Aaron Enns, USMC, 265 pounds

Runner-up, John Bennett, Company C 16th, 235 pounds

165 pounds

Champion, Lincoln Lanier, NCOA, 295 pounds

Runner-up, Ezekiel Reed, USMC, 265 pounds

181 pounds

Champion, Kenneth Johnson, 520th TAML, 275 pounds

Runner-up, Guillermo Perez, USMC, 255 pounds

198 pounds

Champion, John McElhenney, Company C 143rd, 320 pounds

Runner-up, Samuel Koroma, NCOA, 315 pounds

220 pounds

Champion, Kelley Weaver, Company B 16th, 235 pounds

Runner-up, Kevin Bovee, USMC, 225 pounds

242 pounds

Champion, Leonard Sampson, ATC, 295 pounds

Runner-up, Tyreke Pool, Company B 16th, 240

pounds

Sub-Masters heavyweight

Champion, Joe Carter, 430th, 340 pounds

Runner-up, Tony Meadows, ATC, 315 pounds

Military women

114 pounds

Champion, Patsy Lewis, Company A 226th, 100 pounds

Runner-up, Lorna Encinas, Company B 16th, 70 pounds

123 pounds

Champion, LaSonia Hardaway, Company B 16th, 105 pounds

Runner-up, Lisa Marshall, Company B 16th, 65 pounds

132 pounds

Champion, Maritza Cisneros, NCOA, 115 pounds

Runner-up, Timerkaah Murphy, Company C 16th, 105 pounds

148 pounds

Champion, Amy Forza, Company B 16th, 130 pounds

Runner up, Angela Purcell, MRICD, 115 pounds

Over 165 pounds

Champion, Jillian Swanby, Company B 16th, 135 pounds

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APG Youth baseball, flag football registration

Registration for the 2004 APG Youth Baseball and Flag Football programs will be held at the Central Registration Office, building 2752 and at the Edgewood and Aberdeen Area Youth centers. Cost of registration is \$40 per child; \$76 for two children; and \$112 for three children. Children must be members of the Youth Center to participate. Membership fee costs \$15 per child.

Youth flag football is for youths ages 6 to 8 and 9 to 11.

Registration will be held weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 3 through 13 at the Central Registration Office, by appointment only. To make an appointment, call 410-278-7571. Walk-in registration will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 3, 5, 10 and 12 at the AA Youth Center,

building 2522. Walk-in registration at the EA Youth Center, building E-1902, will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 5, 10 and 12; walk-in registration will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registrations received after Feb. 12 will be placed on a waiting list.

At the time of registration, all children need to bring a completed physical examination and proof of age. A CYS sports registration form, NYSCA Parents Code of Ethics and CYS Code of Conduct form also will need to be completed.

The CYS Sports Program is in need of volunteer coaches for all age groups.

For more information, call the CYS Youth Sports Office at 410-306-2297.

Free ski lift tickets for heroes

Active duty military personnel, paid and volunteer firefighters and police officers are eligible for free lift tickets compliments of Ski Roundtop, Ski Liberty and Whitetail resorts Feb. 10 through 12. Lift tickets are valid until 4 p.m. each day.

Free ski lift tickets will be available to those who meet eligibility requirements on Feb. 10 at Ski Roundtop; Feb. 11 at Liberty Mountain Resort; and Feb. 12 at Whitetail Mountain Resort. Lessons, rentals and other products are available at full price. The offer is not available to family members or friends.

No pre-registration is necessary. Eligible personnel can receive their free ski lift ticket at any ticket window on the day of the event with a current military, firefighter or police ID.

APG CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

If the installation is closed, is experiencing a delay in opening or if liberal leave is in effect due to weather or other emergency situations, check for postings on the local television and radio stations (listed below), WAPG-TV Channel 21 (on Aberdeen Proving Ground), or call 410-278-SNOW (7669). A recorded telephone message will contain updated information and should begin at about 5 a.m.

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

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

The radio and television stations are:

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



Commander's Cup

The Commander's Cup is awarded each December to the unit that scores the most points in intramural sports during the year. Units accumulate points by participating in basketball, the bench press competition, the 3-on-3 basketball tournament, racquetball, volleyball, softball, golf, the deadlift competition, soccer and football. Points are awarded for unit participation and division and post championship wins. The following units currently lead in Commander's Cup point totals.

Commander's Cup point standings	Points
HHC 143rd	2
Company B 143rd	6
USAF	2
HST	2
520th TAML	6
CHPPM	2
203rd MI	2
Company A 16th	0
Company A 143rd	0
Company C 143rd	0
KUSAHC	0
RDECOM	0

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& engine coolant, replace spark plugs, rotate & check tires,
inspect belts & hoses, inspect exhaust system, adjust rear
drum brakes, change automatic transmission fluid & filter.

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**MAINTENANCE
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Your car may not need a tune-up. Cleans clogged fuel
injectors to help restore power & performance.
Improve fuel economy.

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