

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 23, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Transportation Office moving

During the moving process, the Transportation Office will be closed for inbound and outbound customer service July 2 through 5.

Beginning July 6, the office will be located on the 2nd floor of the Janet M. Barr Soldier Support Center, building 4305, rooms 254 through 257. The offices of the Installation Transportation Officer and Quality Control Inspector will remain in building 4302.

More information on this move will be posted in next week's APG News.

For more information, call Penny Cacoulidis, 410-278-3896.

Ricketts Point Road closure this weekend

Due to site complications during last weekend's work on the steamline construction, Ricketts Point Road between Clearview and Chevron drives will be closed again this coming weekend.

Closure will start at 7 a.m., June 19, and reopen no later than 4 a.m., June 21.

During the closure, all traffic will be required to use Wise and Otto roads as the detour route, and the jogging path will be closed during this period. The work in this area is still expected to take approximately one and a half months to complete.

These dates and durations are subject to weather and environmental factors.

Motorists are requested to use caution and to obey all speed reductions, traffic controls and detours. Joggers are requested to avoid the area during the construction periods and to use the temporary jogging path relocation with caution during non-construction periods.

For more information, call Jerry Norris, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-1159.

ASAP offers tour of drug testing lab

The APG Army Substance Abuse Program office is sponsoring a tour of the Fort Meade drug testing laboratory on July 1. Supervisors of employees subject to drug testing are invited to participate as

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60th D-Day anniversary remembered at APG AMSAA sponsors post commemoration ceremony

Yvonne Johnson and Meghan Bowen
APG News

The U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity led a commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the D-Day invasion at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum June 4.

A ceremonial sprinkling of sand from Omaha Beach around a tree planted in honor of the fallen and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque highlighted the program.

David Shaffer, AMSAA director, and Col. Philip DiSalvo, deputy director, led the program that was attended by dozens of Aberdeen Proving Ground employees, guests and service members.

Invited guests included Maryland Congressman Wayne T. Gilchrest; Brig. Gen. Michael Lenaers, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools; Brig. Gen. Keith McNamara, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command; and Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

The guest speaker was former Staff Sgt. Earl Ralph Kelly, an 82-year old World War II veteran, former prisoner of war and survivor of the D-Day landing on Omaha Beach.

The Maryland Army National Guard's 29th Infantry Division provided the rifle team and color guard for the ceremony.

AMSAA's Bill Fisher and

Patrick O'Neill organized the event that was originally intended as a small ceremony for AMSAA personnel.

Fisher said Ordnance Museum Director Dr. F. William Atwater suggested it be held at the museum.

"Because we're located behind the fence it was better to have it here so the public could participate," Fisher said.

"This is our chance to show our respect for what they did," O'Neill added. He said he gained an appreciation of the D-Day landing during a trip to Normandy while attending the U.S. Army War College.

"World War II was my dad's war," O'Neill said. "I always played GI Joe as a kid not having any idea of the sacrifices made. My only regret is that we did not get this out to all the veterans of Harford County."

As he welcomed visitors and invited guests, Shaffer thanked Atwater and Dr. Peter Kindsvatter, OC&S command historian, who offered an historical commentary of the D-Day events.

"We are here today to pay tribute to those great Americans who fought so gallantly on those hallowed beaches of Normandy on June 4, 1944," Shaffer said.

He offered a special thanks to the Soldiers of the 29th Division.

"The same division that served on Omaha Beach," he said.

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Former Staff Sgt. Earl Ralph Kelly, right, an 82-year old World War II veteran and guest speaker at the June 4 D-Day commemoration ceremony at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, watches Col. Philip Di Salvo, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Agency deputy director, sprinkle a tree planted to honor the fallen with sand that Kelly brought back from Omaha Beach.

Transfer Initiative offers business opportunities

Rob Garretson
Special Contributor

Army organizations at Aberdeen Proving Ground will get an additional \$1 million in assistance to find and collaborate with private-sector partners thanks to new federal funding announced last month by Senator Barbara A. Mikulski and a cast of congressional, state and local officials.

The new program, called the Aberdeen Technology Transfer Initiative, ATTI, will augment existing activity by the APG Business Development Office, APG BDO, which will work with the State of Maryland's Technology Development Corporation, TEDCO, to find local entrepreneurs and businesses to do cooperative research with Army laboratories or help commercialize technologies developed by scientists at APG.

The new funding will be used to hold additional exhibits of APG technologies,

like the Robotics & Automotive Technology showcase on June 3, and help fund enhanced technology transfer between APG organizations and high tech companies. (See related story on page 11.)

"It's going to take the best ideas that are being developed and put them to work to make sure that we have ... a safer, stronger, smarter country," announced Mikulski at the May 25 ATTI press conference held at the HEAT Center in Aberdeen.

The program is intended to "help bring technology developed at APG to the commercial market, ... and also to spot commercial technologies that could be modified and adapted for military needs," she said, "getting highest value for the dollar and highest resources for the United States military."

Mikulski led an array of congressional, state and local officials who lauded the contributions of APG to both the economic vitality of the region and nation.

Among the speakers were Senator Paul S. Sarbanes, Congressman C. A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger, Tom Sadowski, director of the Harford County Office of Economic Development, Dr. Phillip Singerman, Executive Director of TEDCO, Wyatt H. Colclasure, president of the Army Alliance, and Brian Simmons, deputy to the commander/technical director of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command and chairman of the APG Science & Technology Board.

The APG BDO and TEDCO, an arm of Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development that promotes business development in the state through the development and commercialization of technology, will manage the ATTI.

"We are so proud of our military bases here, because they are the heart and soul of research and technology," Mikulski said. "They develop



Photo by MEGHAN BOWEN
A Stryker vehicle equipped with slat armor, which helps protect against Rocket Propelled Grenades, sits on display at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Technology Partnering Showcase at Top of the Bay June 3. The \$1-million Aberdeen Technology Transfer Initiative program will help fund future showcases.

the smart new ideas that lead to the smart new weapons of war. But those smart new weapons of war also protect us against other things."

Citing Maryland start-up companies that have collaborated with APG scientists and spurred economic growth in the state—including 20/20 Gene Systems in Rockville, Sterilix in Owings Mills, Clragen in College Park—Mikulski, lauded the commercial as well as the military applications of technology developed at APG as assets that will support APG in the

upcoming round of base reductions and closures, commonly known as BRAC 2005.

"This is just the beginning," she said. "And we know that when we fight to make sure that Aberdeen continues to have a vibrant future, we're going to win that fight. And we're going to win it ... not on pork, not on back-room clout; we're going to win it on mission and merit."

Additional details about the program can be obtained from TEDCO's Web site, <http://www.marylandtedco.org/home.html>.

Nation bids farewell to former chief



Photo by JEROME HOWARD
The flag-draped coffin of former President Ronald Reagan lies in state at the Capital Rotunda. See personal account from an APG Garrison employee about his visit to the Rotunda on page 6.

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Watch Card

Observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.
- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.
- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.
- Unusual phone calls, messages, or e-mails.
- Unusual contacts, on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

Do not:

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.
- Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
- Discuss force protection measures, capabilities, or posture.

- Disclose any information related to unit deployments.

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Edgewood Area, 410-436-2222
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Veterans' voices

History Project storms WWII Reunion for veterans' stories

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

While the pool of those who can give firsthand accounts of World War II experiences is rapidly dwindling, a Library of Congress program is ensuring not all those memories are lost.

More than 400 LoC Veterans History Project volunteer and permanent staff

workers armed with tape recorders, digital cameras and laptops stormed the World War II Reunion on the Mall in Washington, D.C., May 28 through 31, collecting an estimated 3,000 veteran interviews to add to its archive.

"Time is slipping away from capturing those memories from our World War II veterans," said Diane Kresh,

LoC Public Service Collection director.

Of the 16 million men and women who served in uniform during World War II, less than 4 million are alive today, according to VA statistics.

Those stats also indicate about 1,100 World War II veterans die each day.

While the focus of project

workers was to get World War II veteran stories during the reunion, they did not turn away veterans of other wars, Kresh said.

Anybody who has served in uniform during any era is asked to submit stories about serving, she said.

"The project is about making history real — taking it beyond just dates and places

listed in a history book," Kresh said. "We're trying to make history real and alive. It's also about honoring those who have served this nation."

The veteran stories collected during the Memorial Day weekend will likely take three to four months to be posted in the online archive due to a formal vetting process and the volume of stories collected,

said Anneliesa Clump-Behrend, a public affairs specialist with the project.

To view the Library of Congress Veterans History Project online archive or to submit a veteran's story, visit www.loc.gov/folklife/vets.

(Editor's note: See accompanying recount of one veteran's World War II memories.)

Veteran recounts WWII memories

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

John Shoffner, 85, of Denton, Md., was one of the veterans who attended the World War II Reunion and took the time to be interviewed by a project volunteer.

Joining the Army at 23 in April 1943, Shoffner served as a B-26 bomber flight engineer on 65 missions over Europe with the 3-23rd Bomb Group.

Shoffner showed off the Distinguished Flying Cross and a single tear rolled down his left cheek as he talked of how he earned it just before the invasion of Europe by the Allied Forces.

The top brass had been going over the plans for D-Day and somebody spoke up about two 16-inch artillery guns at the end of the Maginot defensive line that could range the invasion fleet off the beaches in Normandy, France, Shoffner said.

They drew straws to determine which bomber group would get the mission because it was considered a suicide mission due to all the anti-aircraft guns protecting the two big guns, he said.

"The mission was limited to 18 planes as they figured they could afford to lose no more than that," Shoffner said. "We flew into

France, broke into a single line, and one by one we dropped our 2,000-pound bombs. They sent another group to hit the target the next morning in case we missed. They flew over the guns with no flack because our bombs had also taken out the anti-air battalion — one of the guns was completely destroyed and the other was knocked over on its side."

Shoffner recalled two close calls during the war. The first was a fighter who chased them after a bombing run over Paris.

"The B-26 technical manual says the fastest it can fly is 250 miles per hour but we often got

350 out of it because we had taken all the armor off it," Shoffner said. "We got chased by a German fighter over Paris and the pilot opened the throttle all the way. After we pulled away, the pilot called back and said, 'Hey guys, we just hit 450 miles per hour.'"

The second close call came on D-Day with a hairy takeoff. Planes normally took off 20 seconds apart, alternating between two parallel airstrips. That meant that a plane was usually rolling down the strip before the plane in front of it was off the ground.

On June 6, 1944, Shoffner's plane was the second in line. The

plane in front had an engine failure and rolled to a stop 100 feet short of the end of the strip as Shoffner's B-26 came accelerating behind it.

"We barely got it in the air and cleared the stalled plane," Shoffner said.

His fondest memory of World War II was getting to meet the then prime minister of England, Winston Churchill, while relaxing at a U.S. servicemen's club in Westminster Abbey, London.

"How many Americans can say they have shaken the hand of Winston Churchill?" Shoffner asked.

APG education counselor recalls war hero father

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Fifty-eight years after her father began a struggle for survival on a tortuous journey that would come to be known as the Bataan Death March, Dori Lawton, Aberdeen Proving Ground education counselor, is still coming to grips with the cruelties endured by the "quiet man" who raised her.

Retired Maj. Marion "Manny" R. Lawton, shared his account of the incredible suffering he and thousands of other American service members suffered at the hands of their Japanese captors in the book "Some Survived," published in 1984.

The book received national recognition on best-seller lists and Lawton made appearances on morning talk shows like "Good Morning America," and "The Today Show," and spoke before veterans groups until his death in 1986.

"He was always sweet and kind," Lawton said, as she recalled her childhood years

growing up in South Carolina. "I always saw him as unafraid to show emotion. He was always my hero, but after reading the book I was more proud of him than ever."

Lawton said she knew little of her father's war years.

"I knew he was a prisoner of war but I knew very few details," she said.

Around 1965 her father attended a reunion for Bataan/Corregidor survivors.

He hesitated to go because he feared it would be full of broken down, bitter men, Lawton said.

"He found just the opposite. He never missed a single year after that."

She said her father always loved to write and that he began writing down the stories he and his comrades shared at the reunions.

Eventually, he submitted them to a local newspaper, which published them. Editors there suggested that he write a book.

Lawton said that she cried throughout her first reading of

her father's book.

"I had no idea how horrible it was. He never talked about it or complained and he had no nightmares," she said.

She recalled he told her that he never lost faith in God or in his country during his captivity.

"He never doubted that they were looking for him," she said. He said that if he had lost faith he would have had all kinds of problems. He was very patriotic."

Although he harbored no outward bitterness, her father never purchased anything that was made in Japan, she said.

She said her father felt as though he was spared for a reason and spent his life volunteering in the Boy Scouts, for church groups and community and veteran organizations.

She said that she and her two brothers, one of whom is a Vietnam veteran, inherited her father's patriotism, and that after his death in 1986, the family donated his uniform, the original manuscript and a

letter he received from President Harry Truman to the Clemson University Archives.

"Some Survived" is for sale in the APG Post Exchange, the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum gift shop and at bookstores.

(See book review below.)

Publisher's summary
On April 8, 1942, U.S. troops surrendered to the Japanese on the Philippine Islands.

The very next day thousands of American and Filipino prisoners set out on the infamous Bataan Death March - a forced journey through dust, agony, and death at the hands of the Japanese.

Eleven thousand men died on the Death March.

For the many POWs who survived, their nightmare of captivity had just begun. Packed into railroad cars where many suffocated on their feet, they were shipped to camps where they were subjected to unspeakable cruelty, malnutrition, and disease.

As the Allied forces closed in on Japan, the prisoners were herded into unmarked "Hell Ships," targets for American

submarines that were bound for Korea or Japan.

Most did not make it out alive. But some survived.



Photos courtesy of ALGONQUIN BOOKS OF CHAPEL HILL
Manny Lawton, three months after being released from captivity and 70 pounds heavier, November 1945.

Commentary: Book Review 'Some Survived,' a recommended read for every American

Ivan Paul Mehosky
APG School Liaison

"Some Survived," by Manny Lawton, is a well written, riveting and revolting personal account of Japanese atrocities committed against captured American and allied soldiers in the Philippines during World War II from 1942 to 1945, now known as the infamous 'Bataan Death March.'

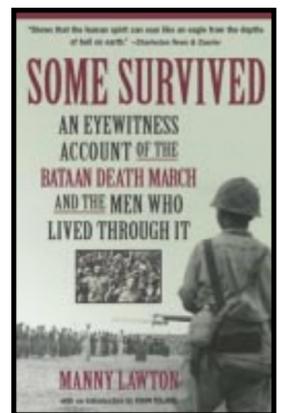
Clearly, this is a book that should be read by every American who values freedom, believes in our way of life and government, and would extend that belief even in time of war to enemy prisoners of war.

If you were stunned by the recent 'out of bounds' events of the mishandling of Iraqi POW's, the stupid, intolerable actions of a few misguided Army personnel, then you must read Manny Lawton's book that tells about the Japanese Army's mode of getting their 'less than human'

prisoners to the 'death camps' and the subsequent systematic death by starvation, disease, unattended wounds, exposure and brutal physical labor.

You will discover a link in the inhumanity of it all between the Japanese Army of this era, and the German 'Concentration Death Camps' that utterly "shocked" the world in 1945!

The book pictures our young Soldiers who went off to war to defend the United States of America, their loved ones, their home, their way of life against a cruel enemy bent on world domination. Pictures show these human skeletons in the prime of their life, the remnants of some 10,000 Soldiers who were abandoned, who surrendered when there was no other hope, and then went on to die, or suffer the unimaginable hell on earth of the 'death march' and the pathetic holding areas that became their 'home' for the next three and a half years.



Without a doubt, this is an eye opening, conscious searing read that will shock you and anger you, but you will soar as you discover that the means to survive can rise even above the very worst conditions mankind can force upon fellow human beings of another race.

It tells of the dark side of force, conquest, and abuse where the oppressors are devoid of mercy and have set up their camps so that "all would die" in captivity.

This is a true story that will reach the very depths of your soul; yet, as horrible and unbelievable as it is that any human being could survive such a nightmarish atrocity, this dark, dark chapter in human history

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Tick, mosquito updates highlight May CAC

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With the onset of summer, the annual tick and mosquito warnings are going out to all residents and employees on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Abdul Sheikh, APG Garrison entomologist, reiterated those warnings during the Community Action Council meeting, held May 27 in the Edgewood Area Conference Center.

In addition, Adrienne Trout, director of airport services at the USO International Gateway Lounge in Baltimore-Washington International Airport, briefed on services the organization provides to service members, retirees, and their families. For more information, see next week's APG News.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby led the meeting.

Mark opened with cautions regarding terrorist threats in the national media. She

advised that everyone, tenants and residents alike, remain alert and vigilant.

"If something doesn't look right, call the APG police and report it," Mark said.

"Don't leave unattended bags, boxes or briefcases sitting around. They are being reported as suspicious packages and can cause building evacuations and ultimately are destroyed by detonation."

To report suspicious activity or packages, call the Aberdeen Area police desk at 410-306-2222 or the EA at 410-436-2222.

In addition, Mark noted that although the Installation Management Agency has reduced funding to finance the war in Iraq, the Garrison is expected to continue to provide the same level of support.

"I need your help. Continue to submit work requests when things are wrong or don't work. It is the only way I can justify asking for more money," Mark said.

She added that the Garrison will be moving to its Most

Efficient Organization, which will affect personnel in the Directorate of Installation Operations.

"A hiring freeze has been placed in effect by IMA. The filling of some vacant positions may be delayed until a request for exception to hire additional personnel is approved.

The following round-table discussions were addressed:

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic

The clinic is currently scheduling school physicals for the coming school year and is expecting to add two more medical care providers to its staff.

DENTAC

An expansion of the Edgewood Area Dental Clinic is planned. During the renovation, dental patients will have to travel to the AA clinic for treatment. The expansion is set to begin Oct. 1.

DIO will address changing the EA bus operations to reduce the down time for students requiring transportation

to the clinic during the renovation.

AAFES

The Post Theater will continue to offer free movies 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Chapel

The Edgewood Area chapel renovation is complete.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August. Check the APG News for dates, times and locations.

Also, volunteers are asked to contact the chapel at 410-278-4333.

DLES

Owners of motorcycles, mopeds, electric scooters or children's scooters with motors must attend the Motorcycle Safety Course. Helmets must be worn when operating these type vehicles on the installation. For questions, contact Randy Rexrode, Garrison Safety Office at 410-278-1098.

"School closes soon," added Robert Krauer, APG provost marshal. "Watch out for children playing and slow down in the housing areas," he said, noting that helmets also must be worn by anyone riding a bicycle.

Retiree council

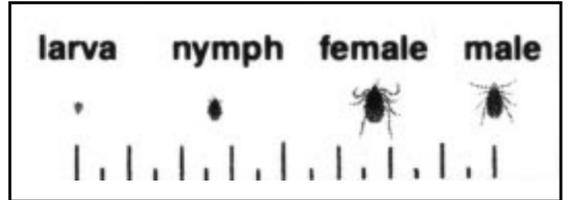
Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard B. Murray will be the guest speaker at Retiree Appreciation Day, Nov. 13.

Water safety briefings for boaters are now being scheduled. Call 410-663-9263 for more information.

Tick Removal

If a tick is found attached to the body, seek assistance from medical authorities for proper removal, or see columns to the right.

The next CAC meeting is July 15, 1:30 p.m. in building 305 main conference room.



Inch scale

Steps for removing a tick

1. Grasp the tick's mouthparts against the skin, using pointed tweezers.

2. Pull back slowly and steadily with gentle force.

a. Pull in the reverse of the direction in which the mouthparts are inserted as you would for a splinter.

b. Be patient, the long, central mouthpart, called the hypostome, is inserted in the skin. It is covered with sharp barbs, sometimes making removal difficult and time-consuming.

c. Most hard ticks secrete a cement-like substance during feeding. This material helps secure their mouthparts firmly in the flesh, adding to the difficulty of removal.

d. It is important to continue to pull steadily until the tick can be eased out of the skin.

e. Do not pull back sharply, as this may tear the mouthparts from the body of the tick, leaving them embedded in the skin. To prevent the chance of secondary infection it is best to remove them. Seek medical assistance if necessary.

f. Do not squeeze or crush the body of the tick. This may force infective body fluids through the mouthparts and into the

wound site.
After removing the tick:

1. Wash the wound, and your hands, with soap and water and apply antiseptic.

2. Save the tick in a jar, vial, small plastic bag or other container for identification. Preserve the tick by adding alcohol to the jar or by placing it in a freezer. Storing a tick in water will not preserve it. Later identification may be necessary for diagnosis and treatment for tick borne diseases.

3. Discard the tick after one month; all known tick-borne diseases will generally display symptoms within this time.

4. Successful transmission of pathogens requires the tick to be attached to the host for several hours. The sooner ticks are removed, the less likely they are to transmit infection. Only analysis in a laboratory can determine infection status. It is impossible to by just looking at it.

*Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic forwards all ticks removed from patients to the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine for analysis.



Pictured from left, adult female American dog tick and female and male Black-legged tick (deer tick).

APG continues mandatory motorcycle training course

DSHE

The Installation Safety Division has already held four motorcycle safety classes for the year 2004. The course is free and is considered the "place of duty" for the day for military and government employees who will not be charged leave to take the course.

While ISD recommends every motorcyclist take the Motorcycle Safety Foundation approved safety course, it is not an option at Aberdeen Proving Ground. It's mandatory - in accordance with the Army Regulation 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, and Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program - for all motorcycle operators on DoD installations.

"Our goal, is to get all personnel who ride a motorcycle on APG to come into compliance with the military's regulation," said Randy Rexrode, safety and occupational health specialist, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment.

All military, government

civilian employees, family members, and anyone else who rides a motorcycle on post must complete the course that APG offers. Contractors have just been approved to take the course and will follow the same requirements as the military and government employees when requesting to be scheduled for the course.

"At this time riders are not being allowed to register their motorcycles if they haven't taken the course," Rexrode said. "In the very near future all motorcycle riders will be stopped at the gates and asked to see proof of taking the APG course."

Even if riders have already taken a safety course at another installation or state training site the course must still be completed here at APG.

"The Army and DoD require this of its service members and civilians for good reason," Rexrode said.

According to MSF statistics, more than 90 percent of riders involved in crashes had no formal training, were self-taught or learned from family

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Photo courtesy of DSHE
During a mandatory motorcycle training course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, instructor David Backert shows Staff Sgt. Jimmy Hicks, Headquarters and Headquarters, 16th Ordnance Battalion, how deep the tread should be when riding this type of motorcycle.

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Enjoy a night of "stand up" comedy featuring Mickey Cucchiella from radio station 98 Rock.

The show is open to military and civilian personnel and friends and family members, but attendees must clip and bring this announcement to receive free admittance for two. Beverages can be purchased during the show. Doors open at 8 p.m. Reservations are required.

For more information or to make reservations, call 410-547-7798. **SATURDAY**

JUNE 19 HORSESHOETOURNAMENT

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 135 will sponsor a horseshoe tournament, double elimination and draw partners, 10 a.m., at the American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, located on Cherry Street, Perryville. Cash prizes will be awarded. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Food and refreshments will be available.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

MILITARY CHRISTIAN CENTER OFFERS HOME AWAY FROM HOME

The Military Christian Center, located at 16 N. Philadelphia Blvd in Aberdeen, offers a home away from home for Soldiers. The center is open Friday night through Sunday and offers free home-cooked meals and facilities. For shuttle service, call 410-272-1144. The center also offers a chance to get away from home and visit the local area.

June 19 - Towson Shopping Mall, 1:30 p.m.
June 20 - Philadelphia (Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, shopping mall), 7 a.m.
June 27 - Washington, D.C., 6:30 a.m.
All trips are available for a donation of \$2. Call after 8 p.m. on Fridays to reserve a seat.

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Headliner Alex Scott featuring Betina Sellers and Sweets will perform 9 p.m., at Dee's Place Comedy Club at the Holiday Inn, Aberdeen. Tickets cost \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Proceeds will benefit Parks and Recreation. For more information, call Dee Shaw at 410-937-5715.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding Program will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Door prizes, special games and raffles and food and drink will be provided. Tickets cost \$10 for all paper cards, and are available by calling Brenda Jolly at 410-658-4959, Anne Gibson at 410-378-3338 or Brenda Conjour at 410-273-7332.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

JUNE 25 AND 26 ACADEMY WOMEN HOST SEMINAR

ACADEMY WOMEN will host its first symposium at the Women's Memorial in Arlington, Va., featuring workshops and panel discussions, including women in the military, business-women, and at-home mothers. All military women are welcome. More information can be found at www.academywomen.org or by e-mailing usma-women@comcast.net.

MONDAY JUNE 21 TOASTMASTERS TO

MEET JUNE 21

Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562 will meet 11:40 a.m. through 12:40 p.m., June 21 at the Gunpowder Club at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. This daytime club offers an opportunity for men and women to improve their communication and speaking skills. The club is open to everyone.

For more information, call 410-941-1120 or 410-734-6573.

JUNE 21 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Edgewood Baptist Church located at 422 Edgewood Road, Edgewood, will hold Vacation Bible School, 6 to 9 p.m., through June 26. The Vacation Bible School theme is "Rickshaw Rally: Racing to the Son." Vacation Bible School is for ages four through adult.

For more information or to register, call the church office at 410-676-5838.

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY JUNE 21 THRU 25 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Christian Religious Education Committee of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, is sponsoring Vacation Bible School, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., June 21 through June 25, for ages 5 to adult. The program will include Bible Study, arts and crafts and music.

For more information, call 410-939-2267.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 7 PM.

Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Julianne Moore

Two New York divorce attorneys (Moore, Brosnan) who are often competing against each other, end up in a relationship nonetheless. When they get married, can they avoid the same issues at home that lead people to provide them business at work? (Rated PG-13)

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(FREE ADMISSION)
SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 7 PM.

Starring: Jennifer Garner, Mark Ruffalo

Jenna Rink (Garner) is a typical pre-teen girl who wants more than anything to grow up. On her 13th birthday, Jenna's only wish is to get older and fast. When she wakes up the next morning, she's 30 years old, and a successful magazine editor with a live-in boyfriend! Jenna tracks down Matt (her best friend when she was younger) to try and figure out what has happened. (Rated PG-13)

MAN ON FIRE
SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 9 PM.

Starring: Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning

There are a rash of kidnappings of prominent individuals' children in Mexico City. A hard-drinking former undercover agent (Denzel Washington) is hooked up by a friend (Christopher Walken) with a Mexican businessman (Marc Anthony) and his wife (Radha Mitchell) to protect their young daughter Pita (Dakota Fanning). Despite being mortally wounded when Pita is kidnapped, he vows to kill anyone involved in or profiting from the kidnapping. And no one can stop him. (Rated R)



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well as interested union officials. Space is limited to the first 20 persons who call the ASAP office at 410-638-3784.

The tour bus will leave the parking lot of building 2477 at 7:30 a.m. with a scheduled return of 1 p.m.

For more information, call Jareta M. Coyle, ASAP alcohol and drug control officer, 410-278-3810.

Fuel Station closes on Ozone Action Days

When forecasted code "Orange" and code "Red" Ozone Action Days occur, the Directorate of Installation Operations will close government fueling stations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at building 4209 in the Aberdeen Area and building E-4017 in the Edgewood Area.

Compressed natural gas and diesel fuel pumps will remain open during forecasted OADs. The use of compressed natural gas in dual fuel vehicles is strongly encouraged to reduce harmful air emissions, especially on a declared OAD.

In the event of an emergency, i.e., an emergency vehicle needs refueling between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., call 410-278-2871/3414 or 410-436-3270 to request DIO personnel to open the pumps.

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 and free munchies.

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

For more information, call 410-278-3062.

CYS, ACS holds babysitting class

Child and Youth Services and Army Community Service

is sponsoring a babysitting class, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., June 24, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2752.

Youths from ages 11 through 15 can sign up. Upon completion of this class, students will receive Red Cross Certification. Attendance for the entire class is required to receive a certificate.

Cost is free for YC members. Fee is \$15 to become a member. The class size is limited to 10.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Outreach Services, 410-278-7479.

Garrison Change of Command scheduled

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison change of command is scheduled for 9 a.m., July 8 on Fanshaw Field.

Col. Mardi U. Mark will relinquish command of USAGAPG to Col. John T. Wright.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the APG Recreation Center, building 3326.

For more information, call 410-278-1147.

CFW sponsors trip to NYC

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a trip to New York City, July 17, for a day in the Big Apple. Roundtrip charter bus transportation is provided for \$35 per person.

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

EA community yard sale scheduled

The Edgewood Area of APG will hold its community yard sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 24 and 25. Rain date will be July 31 and Aug. 1.

Participating housing areas include Everette Road, Deer Run, Skippers Point, Clear-

view Drive, Chevron Drive and Austin Road. The Community Life Mayoral Program is sponsoring the yard sale.

TRICARE enrollment freeze at KUSAHC

There will be a freeze on enrollments, changes in primary care managers and transfers during the period July 15 through 18 as Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic transitions from Sierra Military Health Services to Health Net Federal Services.

There will be no routine transfers out of the old Region 1 for 'fee paying' beneficiaries from July 18 through 30.

New enrollments will be accepted Sept. 1 through 10. There will be no changes in primary care managers during this time.

Enrollees should not be adversely affected during this transition.

Aberdeen YS holds open house

Aberdeen Youth Services' Summer Program Open House will be held 8 a.m. to noon, June 19. This is an opportunity to meet the staff, check out the summer camp schedule, ask a nutritionist about the USDA program, register for field trips (where space is available), and more.

For more information, call 410-278-9059.

Openings for CID special agents

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

CID agents have many opportunities to receive training at the FBI National Academy, the Canadian Police College, and Washington University to pursue a master's degree in forensic science.

For additional information,

contact Aberdeen Proving Ground Resident Agency CID at 410-278-5261. For more information regarding the application process, visit Web site, www.CID.Army.mil, or visit the Army Knowledge Online (AKO) Web site, and go to the CID link under "MACOM."

ASAP offers tour of drug testing lab

The APG Army Substance Abuse Program office is sponsoring a tour of the Fort Meade drug testing laboratory on July 1.

Supervisors of employees subject to drug testing are invited to participate as well as interested union officials. Space is limited to the first 20 persons who call the ASAP office at 410-638-3784.

The tour bus will leave the parking lot of building 2477 at 7:30 a.m. with a scheduled return of 1 p.m.

For more information, call Jareta M. Coyle, ASAP alcohol and drug control officer, 410-278-3810.

RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its next Restoration Advisory Board meeting on 7 to 9:45 p.m., June 24, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic will be an update on the Lauderick Creek Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

Free acupuncture offered to Soldiers

About Chi Acupuncture and Wellness Center, located on 1534 Eastern Avenue, second floor, Baltimore, offers four complimentary treatments of acupuncture and a therapeutic massage and a reflexology

treatment to Soldiers returning from Iraq. Further treatment is available to Soldiers at a significant discount. Center practitioners believe their services can help Soldiers overcome the physical and emotional stresses of war.

For more information, post-war Soldiers can call 410-342-9702 to schedule a series of treatments.

YC holds Summer Basketball Camp

Bill Lewit, head coach of the Cecil Community College players, will instruct summer basketball camp at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2752. The camp will teach the fundamentals of basketball including passing,

shooting, dribbling, rebounding, defense, team play and sportsmanship.

There will be three-on-three and five-on-five league games, and foul shooting and hotshot competitions. Cost is \$50 per CYS member and \$55 per guest. Youths must be registered at the AA and EA Youth Centers by noon, July 22.

Summer basketball camp will be held 6 to 9 p.m., July 26 through 30, for boys and girls in incoming grades 4 through 9.

Youths should bring desire, heart, sneakers, athletic shorts and shirt.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297, or e-mail William.Kegle@usag.apg.army.mil.

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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 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.

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The APG Forum

Commentaries

Last respects

Ralph Broth
Special contributor

It was with a sense of sadness that I heard the news of President Ronald Reagan's passing. I always felt his message was sincere, that he was a kind optimistic man, and he made sound economic sense.

Early in 1980 I changed my political affiliation so I could vote for him in the primary. What I, or any other American at that time didn't know was the impact that his presidency would leave on this country and the world only a short decade later.

As for myself, the build-up of the military in the mid-80s led directly to a job that I have enjoyed for 19 years.

It was easy to forget Reagan's accomplishments as he passed from our daily consciousness while being ravaged by Alzheimer's. Our collective attention turned to wars, terrorist attacks, and a bitterly divisive decade of politics.

The media did a fine job of reminding us as we watched this great nation pay homage in a most fitting way.

I watched only small bits and pieces until Wednesday. From the time his casket was moved from Simi Valley and arrived in Washington, I found it difficult not to watch every moment. As Thursday's hot sultry afternoon waned into evening, I decided that it was important to get up, drive to the Capitol and endure come what may until I had my turn to pay my respects. My wife Carolyn and I left Aberdeen at 7 p.m., and started our wait in line at 8:50 p.m.

We entered the Capitol from the west portico only six

hours later, and ascended a two-story granite staircase from which we could see a segment of the dome as we climbed higher. Approaching in this fashion would be a moving experience at any time. The slight murmur of noise on the stairs changed to a hushed silence as we entered the Rotunda. I had been in the Rotunda many years ago, but did not remember the scale or the sense of majesty I experienced this visit.

The atmosphere was solemn, the glow of the lights from the dome seemed heavenly, and the reverent silence, the only sound the the shuffle of feet as visitors circled Reagan's casket. All bore witness to the importance of the moment and the depth to which the nation mourned this beloved man.

I felt great pride seeing the honor guard in person. Standing tall and still in contrast to the horizontal lines of the casket with Old Glory draped upon it, they appeared larger than life.

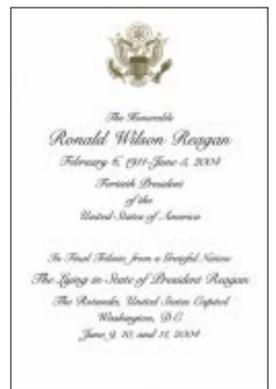
Several friends and relatives who do not come into daily contact with our military personnel expressed to me

how impressed they were with our men and women in uniform and commented about how they performed their duties with such a high degree of precision.

We were in the Rotunda for only a few moments, but the experience will stay with us for a very long time. Participating in history, and taking the time to pay respects to a leader who changed the world was well worth the effort.

Along the way we met numerous citizens just like us, from all over this country, and foreign nations as well. Canadians, Brits, a woman who works at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory in Adelphi, a retired lieutenant colonel from Carlisle Barracks, and even another photographer from Aberdeen Proving Ground. (My wife says I can't go anywhere without running into someone from APG.)

We were able to play "host" to a woman who flew in from Lake George, N.Y., spent the day sight-seeing around D.C., and waited until the heat of the day was gone to get in line. We learned she



Visitors who viewed President Ronald Wilson Reagan lying in state received this card of remembrance upon their departure from the Rotunda, Washington D.C.

had no idea how she would get back to Baltimore International Airport in the middle of the night to catch her return flight. I told her, "Stick with us. We go right past BWI on the way home and it'll be too easy to drop you there."

We made a new friend that great evening in the company of others who took the time to pay respects to President Reagan.

"It was well worth it." We were still beaming when we arrived home around day-break.

A Time for Prayer



Chaplain (Maj.) Joseph L. DiGregorio
USAGAPG

The winter of 1777 was cold, depressing, and filled with opposition to the war. "Fifth columnists" were in every American colony proclaiming that the cause of the American patriots was hopeless and Washington should settle for a negotiated peace with the British.

During his own winter in 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said in a 'fireside chat' that George Washington's conduct during those trying and difficult times provided the nation with a model of "moral stamina."

What sustained our first President during his dark days leading the Continental Army? Faith and prayer. It was faith in a God whose providence was the foundation for all success and fervent, honest prayer that laid before the feet of a sovereign God the cause and difficulties of the infant nation.

During these days of war with Iraq, many people desire to "do something" for the

nation and the troops valiantly serving as "freedom's guardians" in that tyrannical country.

Daily, the Internet is filled with trite "prayer wheels" and multi-colored cartoons demeaning the dictator Saddam Hussein. We seem to think that we can access the portals of heaven with a few clicks of the computer mouse and satisfy the demands of the creator and sustainer of the universe that we pray. That's not the way it happens.

Permit me to illustrate prayer from an event cited in Mason Weems biography of George Washington.

"While the Continental Army camped at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, a Quaker by the name of Potts walked past the encampment headquarters. As he made his way along a well-worn path near a grove of trees, he thought he heard the sound of a human voice. As he came closer, Mr. Potts heard the voice louder and louder, until at last it sounded like someone speaking in great earnest to someone else.

He approached the site with caution through the trees, and there in the stand of ancient oak trees he saw General George Washington, the Commander in Chief of the American forces, on his knees in earnest prayer. Friend Potts was so surprised by the sight that he stood motionless for quite awhile listening to the supplications of the American general. At length,

Washington ended his prayers, rose, and with "a countenance of angelic serenity" proceeded back to his headquarters.

Potts, too, left the spot and made his way to his home.

On entering his parlor, he called out to his wife, "Sarah, my dear! Sarah! All's well! All's well! George Washington will yet prevail!"

"What's the matter, Isaac?" Mrs. Potts replied. "Thee seems moved."

"Well, if I seem moved, 'tis no more than what I am. I have this day seen what I never expected. Thee know that I always thought the sword and the gospel utterly inconsistent; and that no man could be a soldier and a Christian at the same time. But George Washington has this day convinced me of my mistake."

Potts told his wife what he witnessed in the oak grove, and he finished his report with the prophetic remark, "If George Washington be not a man of God, I am greatly deceived, and still more shall I be deceived if God does not, through him, work out a great salvation for America."

So, we still find ourselves as a people in a Valley Forge of our own.

The media reports incessantly that millions around the world are against our nation's effort to free the Iraqi people. Thousands of our citizens protest against the war, even as their neighbors and family members are serving the nation with their efforts and their lives.

Shouldn't we all be praying? Should we not, like Washington, be humbled before God and honestly laying out for his sovereign scrutiny our prayers and supplications?

What would happen if others overheard OUR prayers and devotions? Would they be struck by our honesty, fervency, and humility? Or, would they be repelled by our trivialities, the prefunctual nature of our religiosity, and the pride that permeates our spirituality?

This week is a prime time for prayer—effectual, fervent prayer. Let all of us make time for personal and private prayer, as well as public, and corporate prayers for our nation and those who serve it.

For our faith to be strong, our prayers must be consistent. May God give all of us a "praying heart" as never before.

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Family Corner—Enriching the military life

Stepfamilies—Blending the familiar with the new ACS holds class June 2

Laura Reich
ACS

If a new partner has children, or if both new parents have children from previous relationships, the practical effects of blending two families may not result in the ideal family imagined.

Conflicts about discipline, money, and jealousy often come up. It's important to understand how children can feel in this situation, and what parents can do together to make the transition easier.

A new parent might be seeing their partner's children as part of the "package" that came with the relationship shared, but children are individuals. Taking time with each child alone, and getting to know the child as an individual

will bring respect in return. Stepchildren can remain very loyal to the new partner and probably to the new partner's former spouse. They might even feel that they're being disloyal by liking the new stepparent.

Try not to speak negatively about the partner's "ex," even if what is being said is true. The children may hold it against the new partner and it could be a barrier to communication.

Establishing new surroundings or rearranging, and perhaps painting, the old will help establish the blended family as its own unit and start everyone off on an equal footing. Be aware, however, that older children may react negatively to this approach. It may be a

good idea to get them involved, or ask for suggestions before making major changes.

If partners disagree about how the children should behave, talk them out privately. If the situation seems unresolvable, the new partners should consider talking with a neutral third party such as a family counselor. Many emotional issues can be buried in the discussion of practical matters. Clear communication can prevent problems.

Try to be realistic about expectations of the situation. Expect support from the new partner, but understand that the transition to a new family can be difficult for children. Blending a family can be a balancing act, but it can be

done. To help ease the stress of achieving this task, the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program will offer a class entitled, "Strengthening your Blended Family," 6 to 8 p.m., June 21, at the Aberdeen ACS, building 2754, Rodman Road.

This class is open to blended families, as well as those who anticipate "blending" in the future.

For more information, or to register, call 410-278-7478/2464.

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Nominations being accepted by FWP

Award ceremony scheduled for Women's Equality Day

In recognition of Women's Equality Day, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women's Program will conduct an awards program 10 a.m., Aug. 11, at Top of the Bay in the Aberdeen Area. The awards recognize those individuals and organizations exemplary in their support of FWP goals.

The awards to be presented include Outstanding Woman of the Year, with a first and second runner up; Outstanding Supervisor/Manager of the Year and Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals.

Nominees will be judged against the following criteria:

Outstanding Woman of the Year

All female civilian and military managerial/supervisory employees of APG are eligible.

- Participates in/supports FWP activities, or is an active member of an organization which supports FWP goals, i.e., FWP, Federally Employed Women, Commission for Women, Women's Build, and other military/civilian community outreach events or programs involving the enhancement of women). Nominations must document specific dates and programs in which the individuals participated. Higher consideration will be given to those who participated from July 2003 through May 2004.
- Serves as a mentor and inspires others to reach new high standards (give examples).
- Displays professionalism and commitment to the organization which others (women and men) strive to emulate.
- Continues educational goals.

Outstanding Supervisor/Manager of the Year

All civilian or military supervisors/managers at APG are eligible. Nomination package must include examples supporting the following criteria.

- Encourages women to further their education (via traditional or non-traditional means). Nominates women for long-term training and developmental assignments.
- Attends and encourages the work force to attend functions in support of women (both in the public and private sector).
- Acts as a mentor to provide positive guidance to one or more female employees,

either within or outside the organization.

- Assures women in the organization are represented (i.e. on boards, committees, panels, special assignments, etc).
- Nominates women for monetary and honorary awards.

Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals

All organizations at APG are eligible. Nomination package must include examples supporting the following criteria.

- Leaders ensure that management complies with the spirit and intent of the FWP. This includes the issuance of a strong policy statement that prohibits sexual harassment and sex discrimination (submit copy).
- Goals and objectives of the FWP are supported to enhance the program, such as:
 - Providing executive developmental assignments (including details to Acting Chief positions) or high visibility projects to help women become optimally equipped for future opportunities as federal supervisors and managers.
 - Nominating women for long-term training.
 - Providing guidance to women for career development.
 - Placing women in mid-level and/or senior positions (if these grade levels are applicable to the organization).

Any organization or member of the military or civilian work force can submit a nomination, but there is no limit to the number of nominations that may be submitted within each award category. If multiple nominations for an individual or activity are received, all nominations will be scored and the nomination with the highest score will be used.

Send nominations to Director, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, (AMSRD-ARL-WM-BD/Sheryl Coleman, Bldg 4600, APG, MD 21005-5001 or fax to 410-306-1909, no later than July 2.

An independent panel will evaluate the qualifications of each nominee against the award criteria. Finalists in all categories will be determined no later than July 6.

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Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Collect Striker toys during Bowling for Bucks

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

From April 1 to 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 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 your 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 the APG Bowling Center; call 410-278-4041; or visit the MWR Web site, www.apgmwr.com.



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.

Meet Montgomery Gentry--Enter essay contest

MWR is hosting an essay contest to win two tickets to the July 17 Montgomery Gentry concert and a "Meet and Greet" with band members. Runner-up prizes include CD's, autographed hats, posters and T-shirts.

Using 100 words or less, the essay must answer the question "Why do I deserve to meet Montgomery Gentry?"

To be eligible, entrant must live or work at APG. Community Recreation Division employees or family members are not eligible to participate. One

submission per person.

Entrant's name should not be on the essay. Instead, a cover page needs to include name, work telephone number, on-post telephone number, e-mail address, APG organization address, and entrant's status (active duty, civilian, contractor, housing occupant).

Send essays by mail to MWR Marketing, 3330 Raritan Ave., APG, MD 21005, fax to 410-278-9537, e-mail mwr.marketing@usag.apg.army.mil,

or drop off the essay at APG Athletic Center, Hoyle Gym, or the Edgewood Area or Aberdeen Area Recreation centers. Essay must be received by July 2.

Grand prize winner will be announced in the APG News on July 15.

Winners must present government ID card when claiming prize.

For more information, call 410-278-4497.

SWIMMING/POOL INFO

Swimming Lessons

Swim lessons run July 12 through 23 for youths and Aug. 2 to 13 for adults at the Shore and Bayside Pools. Each class will consist of 10 lessons conducted Monday through Friday. Lessons include 45 minutes of instruction, 10 minutes of practice time and 5 minutes to clear the pool. Each class is limited to the first 20 signups.

Class schedules are as follows:

July 12 through 23

Teens, ages 13 through 18, 8 to 9 a.m.
Youth, ages 6 through 12, 9 to 10 a.m.
Children, ages 3 through 5, 10 to 11 a.m.

Aug. 2 through 13

Adults, age 19 and older, 7 to 8 p.m.
Cost is \$35 per person with a 10 percent discount off for each additional family member.

Registration for active duty military ends May 31 and begins June 1 for other eligible personnel.

Register at Outdoor Recreation or Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center.

For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124 or e-mail outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.

APG pool openings

Bayside, building 3325, and Olympic pools, building E-4655, are now open daily. Hours of operation are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

The Shore Pool, building 2031, will open 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., June 19, Tuesday through Sunday.

Fees

Daily: \$3 per person,
Individual Monthly Fee: active duty

E1 - E4, \$12.50; all others, \$25

Family Monthly: active duty E1 - E4, \$25; all others, \$35, Individual Season: active duty E1 - E4, \$25; all others, \$50
Family Season: active duty E1 - E4, \$50; all others, \$80

Passes are available for purchase at Outdoor Recreation, building 2407 or Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210. For more information, call Equipment Resource Center at 410-278-4124 or e-mail outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.



Shirley Caesar returning to APG

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Shirley Caesar, the first lady of gospel will return to Aberdeen Proving Ground for a gospel extravaganza July 18. The concert includes special guest Evelyn Turrentine-Agee, the BCD Ensemble and local choirs.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 the day of the show.

For tickets, call Ticketmaster at 800-551-SEAT; visit Morale, Welfare and Recreation Registration in building 3326 or call 410-278-4907; visit the Hoyle Fitness Center in building E-4210 or call 410-436-7134. For more information, visit the MWR Web site at www.apgmwr.com

Shirley Caesar

With an exhaustive list of career credits including 18 Dove, 13 Stellar, and 11 Grammy awards, singer and pastor Shirley Caesar tirelessly works for one great cause, to praise God.

Her most recent effort, "Shirley Caesar and Friends" is a collection of collaborations intended to bridge gaps in

entertainment. The CD features duets with gospel legends and some of the most recognizable names in popular music, like Patti LaBelle, Gladys Knight, Dottie Peoples, Kim Burrell and Kirk Franklin.

Caesar defines gospel music and shows no signs of slowing down. She was featured in the movie, "The Fighting Temptations" with Cuba Gooding Jr. and Beyonce' that debuted September 2003, and has made guest appearances on UPN's "The Parkers."

Despite an obstacle-filled childhood Caesar believes the Lord trusts her to deliver the word and finding more outlets for His great teachings.

"If it's not saying anything to the people, I don't want it," Caesar said.



Shirley Caesar

Activities

MWR has exciting and entertaining events planned for APG. Upcoming concerts include the Miller Lite

Army Concert Tour presenting Montgomery Gentry and Blue County on July 17. Shirley Caesar returns

to APG for another concert July 18. To learn more, visit the MWR Web site, <http://www.apgmwr.com>.

For more information, call 410-278-3062.

School's out, Chesapeake Challenge is in

The Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park will be fully operational June 21 through September. Hours are 5 to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 5 to 10 p.m., Friday; 1 to 10 p.m., Saturday and 1 to 8 p.m., Sundays and holidays. Amusements include Go-Kart rides, miniature golf, batting cages and arcade room.

Go-kart riders must be 54 inches or taller to ride single.

Parties, special events and group packages are also available.

For more information or to get group rates, contact Outdoor Recreation at 410-

278-4124 or e-mail outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.

APG Bowling Center Summer Leagues

All leagues are 8 weeks long and consist of two-person teams of any combination. All leagues include cash prizes.

The Wednesday Over the Hump Double league starts 6:30 p.m., June 23. Cost is \$8 per person per week.

Thursday Doubles begins 6:30 p.m., June 24. Cost is \$8 per person per week.

A Friday Adult/Youth Doubles starts 6:30 p.m., June 25. Cost is \$8 per person per week.

TGIF Adult Doubles League begins 6:30 p.m., June 25. Cost is \$8 per person per week.

Golf Team travels to tournament

An Aberdeen Proving Ground golf team ventured to Fountain Green Golf Course on Fort Dix, N.J., to participate in the 2004 Fort Dix Invitational Golf Tournament June 9.

The team finished tied for fourth in the competition between Fort Dix, with a score of 428; Maguire AFB, 438; Miry Run Golf Club, 417, and Fort Monmouth and APG, ties at 447.

The APG team was led by the three-under par team score of 68 from Harvey Lee and Wayne Doyel and the even par team score of 71 from Capt. Shelley Sanders and APG Director of Golf Tom Green.

Other members of the team included Butch Grzanka, Dick Holman, Mark Wettig, Harvey Lee, Col. Kevin Smith, Eddie Delacruz, Staff Sgt. David Utter, Phil Coon and Bill Smith.

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 410-436-3589.

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

My Sister's Keeper

by Jodi Picoult
Thirteen-year-old Anna Fitzgerald walks into the office of a lawyer and announces she wants to sue her parents for the rights to her own body. Anna was conceived after her older sister, Kate, developed a rare form of leukemia at the age of 2, and has donated bone marrow and blood to her sister. Now she has been asked to donate a kidney, and she intends to refuse.

Death of a Thousand Cuts

Barbara D'Amato

Memorial Day

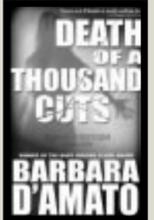
Vince Flynn

The Tarnished Eye

Judith Guest

Meriwether: a novel of Meriwether Lewis and the Lewis & Clark Expedition

by David Nevin



The library's Web site, 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.

Organization day at APG

The U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground Organization Day Picnic will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 24, at the MD Boulevard Picnic Area. There will be music, food, games and children's activities. Tickets will be sold May 10 through June 24. Adult tickets cost \$15, children 6 to 12 years of age cost \$6 and children under 6 are free. Tickets for adults will be \$20 the day of the event.

For more information, contact MWR Registration at 410-278-4907.

Arts & Crafts

To register for classes held at the Edgewood Arts & Crafts, building E-4440, 410-436-2153, call or visit during hours of operation or at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907/4011.

CERAMICS

This basic ceramics class teaches the fundamentals of mold pouring, glazing and painting, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 10. Cost is \$15 including supplies.

STAINED GLASS

This beginning class will teach students how to make a simple sun catcher using the copper foil method, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 19 and July 17. Cost is \$25 including supplies.

WOODSHOP ORIENTATION

The woodshop orientation is a safety course, required in order to use the woodshop, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., July 10. Cost is \$5.

FRAMING

This beginning class teaches the fundamentals of framing and matting. Students must bring an 8" by 10" picture to frame. Cost is \$25 plus supplies.

Classes will be held 5 to 9 p.m., June 24 and July 29.

SCHOOL LIAISON/ YOUTH EDUCATION

Teen Driver Education

Teen Driver Education registration is now being taken for the following sessions: June 28 through July 9, July 12 through 23, July 26 through Aug. 6, Aug. 9 through 20, and Aug. 23 through Sept. 3.

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, 5:30-8:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To make an appointment to register, call Christina Keithley at Outreach Services -Central Registration, building 2752, or call 410-278-7571.

Miscellaneous

A recommended resource for information about funding support for education is www.studentaid.ed.gov.

To learn how to earn educational awards in return for national service, visit www.cns.gov.

The Student Aid Information Center number is 1-800-433-3243.

The U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook gives job descriptions, including starting salaries and annual income averages. The book is online at www.bls.gov/oco.

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.

Social Hour at Top of the Bay

A "social" hour, 4 to 8 p.m. will be held in the Gunpowder Lounge at Top of the Bay every Friday.

Sponsored by Bank One, <http://www.bankone.com/>, and Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union, <http://www.apgfcu.com/>, a cash bar and free munchies will be open to everyone.

TEDCO, APG hold Robotic and Automotive Technologies showcase

Laura Crovo
TEDCO

Aberdeen Proving Ground and the Maryland Technology Development Corporation and hosted the "Robotic and Automotive Technologies for the Marketplace," a technology partnering showcase geared toward small businesses and entrepreneurs, as well as larger industrial companies and academia at Top of the Bay June 3.

Approximately 200 people attended the event to explore automotive and robotic technologies available for commercial application. Attendees also learned how they could use APG facilities and expertise to bring products and services to market.

"The technologies being developed in the state's federal labs and research facilities provide a wealth of possibilities for businesses in Maryland and the promise of successful economic development in the state," said Aris Melissaratos, Maryland secretary for the Department of Business and Economic Development. "This technology partnering showcase encourages the transfer of ideas that will help to create the next up-and-coming companies."

The showcase was led by Dr. David Brown, the director for test and technology for the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, who oversees APG's development of test technologies for the war in Iraq.

"We are delighted that businesses and entrepreneurs are exposed to and can subsequently capitalize on the wealth of technology being developed at APG," Brown said.

The event featured presentations from

the ATC, DTC, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Agency, U.S. Army Research Laboratory and the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center.

Some of APG's technologies and resources available for commercialization include: networked autonomous systems and learning robots, prognostics for automobiles, vehicle propulsion system technologies, and materials evaluation and non-destructive testing.

ATC demonstrated how their collaboration with the Maryland Transit Authority helped diagnose and fix a mechanical problem with its Baltimore City buses.

"The MTA's successful use of technology developed at APG is a perfect example of how companies in the private sector, as well as public sector organizations, can work with the Army's research facilities," said William Connon, senior mechanical engineer for ATC.

"These partnerships serve the important purpose of accelerating the delivery of advanced technologies to the marketplace, and we look forward to creating more collaborations as a result of today's showcase," Connon said.

After the presentations, APG officials led attendees on a tour of several of ATC's facilities, including: the Roadway Simulator, the Munson Test Course and the Assault Breacher Vehicle obstacle course.

For businesses wanting more information on this showcase or upcoming showcases in 2004, contact Ron Kaese at 410-715-4170, e-mail rkaese@marylandtedco.org or visit www.MarylandTEDCO.org.



Photo by MEGHAN BOWEN
Karen Heroux, ECBC, demonstrates how to use the four-foot chemical glove box on the 28-foot self-contained mobile trailer called STORM (Stations of Robotic Monitoring) on display at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Technology Partnering Showcase at Top of the Bay June 3. The unit can do the job of up to six laboratories.

D-Day

From front page

Gilchrest presented Kelly with a certificate of appreciation and offered his thanks to Kelly.

"I'm here to give you two things, a certificate from Congress and what's in our hearts and minds," Gilchrest said.

"You had history on your side and you made history," he told Kelly. "We are proud of you, Mr. Kelly and all those who served with you."

Kelly spoke humbly, offering a solemn and occasionally humorous look at what went on during the days leading up to the invasion, and afterward.

"First off, I want it known that I'm no hero," he said.

Serving with the 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, Kelly was one of thousands of paratroopers who jumped into France on D-Day. He said he landed flat on his back in a ditch in German territory, 15 miles from his objective.



Photo by YVONNE BOWEN
Former Staff Sgt. Ralph Kelly, a World War II veteran who parachuted onto Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944, recounts his experiences to the audience at the Commemoration Ceremony on the 60th Anniversary of D-Day at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum June 4.

He used his British command knife to cut himself free from his parachute and that the first thing he noticed was that the German soldiers "were just a bunch of young kids too."

"I learned quick that you either kill or be killed," Kelly said.

He said groups of Soldiers from different units formed up and "went after the Germans."

"It was pretty hairy," he said. "I started out with two bandoliers and six hand grenades. By the next morning, I had no grenades and three rounds of ammunition left."

He said with the fierce fighting, units were decimated at times particularly during the battle at Bastogne where out of 1,250 men only about 250 survived.

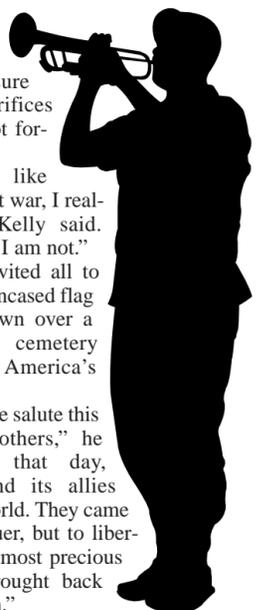
"I didn't realize what we were fighting for until we liberated a concentration camp in Austria," Kelly said. "We were told not to give any weapons or blankets to the prisoners. But one man came up speaking English. He was an American Soldier who had been captured. He asked for a gun and I gave it to him. He walked away, we heard a few shots, and then he came back and said, 'I wanted to make sure that bastard didn't hurt anyone ever again.'"

He thanked all for listening, commenting that he takes no pleasure in discussing the war except as a way to ensure the sacrifices made are not forgotten.

"I don't like talking about war, I really don't," Kelly said. "And a hero I am not."

Shafer invited all to observe an encased flag that had flown over a Normandy cemetery filled with America's war dead.

"Today we salute this band of brothers," he said. "On that day, America and its allies saved the world. They came not to conquer, but to liberate, and the most precious gift they brought back was freedom."



TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program resolving initial concerns

DoD

The new TRICARE Retail Pharmacy program began nationwide operations with Express Scripts Inc., St. Louis, Mo., June 1.

Within hours, significant problems arose for all ESI customer accounts, including TRICARE beneficiaries. The immediate and comprehensive efforts expended by ESI, private sector consultants, and TRICARE experts resulted in restoration of commercial customer business and improvements for TRICARE beneficiaries.

System improvements continue daily and until all system errors and "time-

outs" within the communications infrastructure are resolved, the TRICARE Management Activity will provide updates on its Web site on a 72-hour basis.

"Our primary concern is that our beneficiaries receive the prescriptions they require," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "To that end, we continue to support efforts to resolve the problems. We apologize to our beneficiaries and the 53,000 pharmacies across the United States who have experienced the difficulties associated with these processing problems. Many people, from the network

pharmacy staffs to the management of the pharmacy chains, to ESI's staff and consultants as well as our own TRICARE staff, have actively engaged in sorting out the difficulties and implemented solutions to meet the needs of our beneficiaries. This dedicated effort continues."

TRICARE and ESI expect that as initial prescription submission throughout improves, the program will stabilize and reach a steady and continuing pace. On June 7th and 8th, more than 180,000 claims were processed and paid each day. These numbers significantly exceed the standard of 125,000 TRICARE claims

usually processed and paid on Mondays and Tuesdays. Nevertheless, higher than normal rates of claims rejection continue and problems exist in some areas. The ESI provider-relations team is working with individual pharmacies and pharmacy chains alike to resolve both systems problems and the particular problems experienced by those pharmacies.

"We fully recognize that this situation has been difficult for beneficiaries and pharmacies. We apologize to those who have been inconvenienced and commit to rapidly resolving the problems," said Barrett Toan, Express Scripts' chairman and chief

executive.

This new TRICARE Pharmacy program introduces a standard, national approach to retail pharmacy use that offers TRICARE beneficiaries the same benefit wherever they may be in the United States and its territories; it is a fully portable benefit. Beneficiaries who experience difficulty with their prescriptions during this initial period may contact the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy (TRRx) Customer Service Center at 866-363-8779. For those who purchased their medications at full price, they may file a paper claim (DD Form 2642, available on the TRICARE Web site,

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/> to: Express Scripts, PO Box 66518, St. Louis, MO 63166-6518.

Express Scripts Inc. is one of the largest pharmacy benefit management companies in North America, providing pharmacy benefit management services to more than 50 million members through facilities in 13 states and Canada. Express Scripts serves thousands of client groups, including managed care organizations, insurance carriers, third-party administrators, employers and union-sponsored benefit plans. Express Scripts Inc. has the ability to process in excess of one million claims daily.

Nanotechnology Nobel Laureate visits APG

Brad Forch
ARL

One of the world's leading scientists from Rice University, Houston, Texas, visited the U.S. Army Research Laboratory to pres-

ent a lecture titled "The Brave New World of Buckytubes" April 29.

Professor Richard E. Smalley was the co-recipient of the 1996 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the discovery of

fullerenes, in particular C60, also called Buckminsterfullerene, or simply the "buckyball", a soccer-ball-shaped molecule (named after the American architect Richard Buckminster Fuller).

Together with other fullerenes (buckytubes), they now constitute the third elemental form of carbon (after graphite and diamond).

Smalley's discovery and subsequent award of the Nobel Prize sparked a worldwide exponential growth in nanotechnology research.

Much of Smalley's current research focuses on the chemistry, physics, and potential applications of these single wall carbon nanotubes that are two nanometers in diameter. These elongated fullerenes that are essentially a new high tech polymer, following on from nylon, polypropylene, and Kevlar. But unlike any of the previous wonder polymers, these new buckytubes conduct electricity.

"In addition to their remarkable electrical properties, carbon nanotubes are incredibly strong," Smalley said. "Pulled end-to-end, they have a tensile strength about 30 times greater than steel, while having only 1/6 of its weight, making it the strongest fiber that will ever be made."

Nanotechnology refers to the ability to control and manipulate the properties and

function of individual atoms and molecules that form the building blocks of the world. Nanotechnology represents the enabler and genesis for the "new industrial revolution" that may lead to major advances in electronic devices, energy storage and conversion, materials, and all chemical and biological systems.

High-level government interest by the Clinton and Bush administrations raised nanotechnology to the level of a federal initiative, officially referring to it as the National Nanotechnology Initiative. For more information, visit <http://www.nano.gov/>.

The Army Research Office and ARL are actively involved in nanotechnology research within many of these areas. The primary goal is to efficiently and effectively accelerate the transition of scientific discoveries into innovative technologies that have the potential to provide substantial benefits to the Army's Future Combat Systems and Future Force.

Technology acceleration requires significant leveraging of resources, facilities, organizations, people and sharing

information. Technology transfer between world-class researchers within the federal labs and universities is one of many critical elements needed to remain on the cutting edge of innovation.

In the past several years, Smalley has been intensely involved in creating an awareness about the world's energy problems and a need to develop cheap, innovative, and practical technologies that can provide the world with this most desirable of all necessities, the energy. To further this mission, Smalley personally visits and gives public lectures to young high school students to inspire them and challenge them to become a scientist and save the world.

The day following his lecture at ARL, Smalley visited C. Milton Wright High School to give a lecture to 1,200 students.

"We need American boys and girls to enter physical sciences and engineering as they did after Sputnik," Smalley said. "Perhaps we can inspire them with a sense of mission—"Be a scientist, save the world."

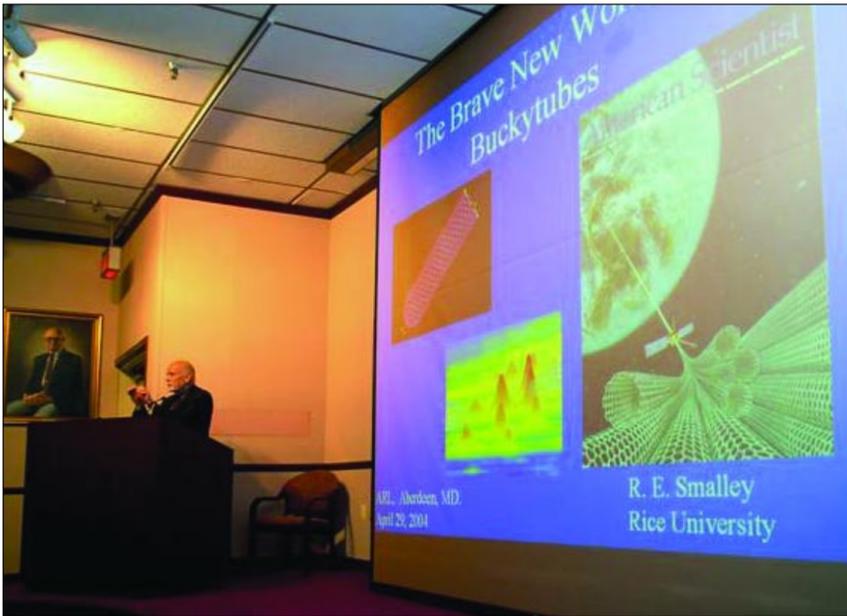


Photo courtesy of ARL

Nobel Laureate Professor Richard E. Smalley presents information on "The Brave New World of Buckytubes" to U.S. Army Research Laboratory personnel April 29. His discovery of fullerenes constituted the third elemental form of carbon and led to receipt of a Nobel Prize.

Motorcycle

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and friends.

Another benefit of this course is the students get to learn the characteristics of their motorcycle and their own performance limitations in a secure environment.

"You get to practice in a secure environment the things you wouldn't really be able to practice on the street," Rexrode said.

To take the course, riders must have their license and the motorcycle must be insured. Appropriate riding gear would be DOT approved helmet, full-fingered gloves, long sleeved

shirt or jacket and shoes that cover over the ankle.

This course is not a beginner's course and is only for personnel who already have a motorcycle license. It is geared to sharpen existing riding skills. To learn how to ride a motorcycle, contact the Motor Vehicle Administration for the next available class at one of their training sites.

Aberdeen Proving Ground's instructor David Backert is a Motorcycle Safety Foundation certified instructor who has been riding for over 25 years and who has taught the class for the past two years. His course consists of a morning of practicing skills such as making an emergency

stop, stopping on a curve, swerving multiple times in succession, braking then swerving, and then classroom instruction along with a written exam students must pass.

To be scheduled for the course, contact Backert at 443-910-1213 or e-mail him at dvwast@aol.com. Selection will be military first, government employee's second, dependents third, contractors and all others last.

Future class dates are June 29, July 13 and 27, Aug. 3 and 31, Sept. 14 and 28 and Oct. 12.

Anyone with questions that can't be answered by Backert should call Rexrode at 410-306-1098.



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Instructor David Backert shows Staff Sgt. Douglas Demski, U.S. Army Technical escort Unit, the type of tire that is good for off road riding.



Backert instructs Maj. Deerrick Bryant, 203rd Military Intelligence on the proper way to secure a helmet and how inspect it for cracks.

Survived

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is a legacy of the endurance of the American Soldier, his faith, and the will to survive.

After the war, Manny Lawton, most of the survivors of Baatan, like millions of veterans who survived World War II, didn't talk much about the war because they figured nobody would care and nobody would ever believe what happened. But attending reunions of the survivors of the 'Bataan Death March' changed all that.

Hate and rage for the Japanese abated as Manny Lawton was encouraged to not

only tell his side of the story, but to get other 'eye witness' accounts from other veterans who were there. The result: Some Survived, by Manny Lawton.

In 1942, numerically superior Japanese forces are zeroing in on the kill as American and Filipino forces, the remnants of almost 80,000 men are abandoned to their fate. There will be no saving reinforcements. Sick, wounded, and without adequate food, water or medicine, former Army Capt. Lawton and 10,000 other Soldiers surrender to their captors rather than be slaughtered.

Then the infamous death march begins with nearly 100

miles at rapid pace in a sick or wounded, totally exhausted condition, no food or water, just keep up or die!

The roadsides were littered with prisoners who could not keep up and were either shot, clubbed, bayoneted, or doused with gasoline and burned to death by merciless Japanese soldiers!

For others, the hell on earth is just beginning. Thousands more would die in the suffocating cattle train cars, the pathetic POW camps, the hard forced labor, and the horrible "hell ships," where, if you survived in the dark, airless, waterless holds, or the strafing and bombing by U.S. warplanes, you had the slave mines of Formosa, Japan, and Korea to look forward to.

A strip of cloth was basically all any one POW had to wear. So their skin baked under the hot sun of the Philippines, and froze and convulsed during the ship's voyage to the cold northern climates on the way to Korea. By the war's end in 1945, after America had dropped two atomic bombs on Japan, less than 300 American



Photos courtesy of ALGONQUIN BOOKS OF CHAPEL HILL

American and Filipino troops carrying some of their comrades in blankets during the Bataan Death March

Boldiers of the almost 10,000 captured had died!

Some Survived is a triumph of individual struggles to survive and a quiet faith that sustained the men of the 'Bataan Death March,' followed by the horrible aftermath that awaited them through those tortuous years of captivity at the hands of

the Japanese army.

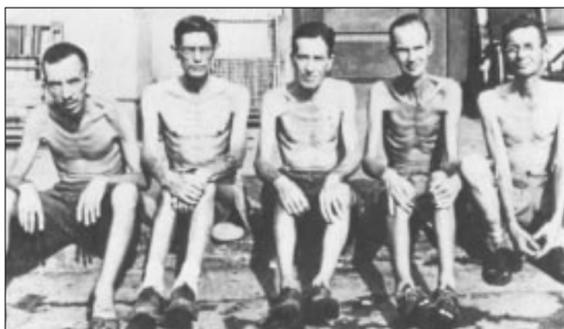
The writing of Some Survived was Lawton's way of letting others know what happened so that this and future generations will fight to never let it happen again.

Lawton and those Soldiers who lived and died through the 'Bataan Death March' and beyond are true American

heroes.

America owes these courageous and valiant men an eternal dept of gratitude; one way to honor them is by reading their story.

For more information, contact Lawton's daughter Dori, an APG Education Center education counselor, at 410-278-3515.



Five American ex-POWs immediately after the surrender of Japan, 1945.

APG color guard symbolize American pride for young patriots at local school

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

Churchville Elementary School honored fifth grade students who earned the right to be called patriots during a ceremony April 20.

Co-sponsored by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, the event featured the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Marine Corps color guard who presented the colors during the opening.

Donna Smucker, the elementary school program coordinator, addressed the color guard at the ceremony where students, faculty and government delegates gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the young patriots.

"To take time out of your day to do this, you don't know how much this means to us," Smucker said.

The four-member color guard included Sgt. E. J. Finnicum, Sgt. Jared Cosby, Sgt. Mark Wagner and Corp. Joel Berberena, whom students approached after the ceremony for autographs.

Harford County Executive James Harkins noted the student's appreciation and respect for the Marines color guard presentation.

"Everyone's eyes were attached to [the color guard] as they presented the colors," Harkins said. "We have a renewed interest in patriots and their sacrifices. All gave some and some have given all," he said.

In order to achieve the title "patriot," 34 fifth graders completed 14 extracurricular requirements, including memorizing and reciting the Gettysburg Address, the Preamble to the U. S. Constitution and Star

Spangled Banner.

Students also had to write a report on a patriot, defining in their own words what it is to be a patriot and how to be one in today's society.

Part of the ceremony included a demonstration of proper flag folding performed by Samantha Engleman and Todd Piper.

The patriot's community service several students chose to write to Soldiers in Iraq.

Denise Jordan, ARL analyst with the Survivability and Lethality Analysis Directorate, awarded the Churchville Patriots medals for their achievements, which included her fifth grade daughter Elise.

Congressman Wayne Gilchrest presented a round piece of an Elm tree that was damaged during Hurricane Isabel at his Eastern Shore home.

Gilchrest described how wide rings on the cross section of Elm wood represented a good year for the tree and the thinner rings meant it had been a bad one.

Gilchrest used the tree as a metaphor for community for the patriots.

"The tree started as a seed and needed help. It needed a relationship with the world



Congressman Wayne Gilchrest presents a piece of an elm tree from his eastern shore home to fifth grade 'Patriots' at Churchville Elementary at the Patriot Day assembly April 20. Gilchrest used the tree as a metaphor for 'community' for the young patriots.

around it, because it couldn't grow alone. Our nation is strong today because of the relationships we build with the world around us," Gilchrest said.

Churchville Elementary School Principal Martha Elliot, remarked on how the patriot program for students is an asset to the community.

"We have, as citizens in the U.S., a treasure worth keeping. We started these students out very young and took them through fifth grade with the patriot program," Elliot said.

"We hope you never stop carrying these skills and talents and that you treasure them in your hearts and minds. To do that, think about learning more and take some actions as citizens. My challenge to you is to say it doesn't stop here."



Todd Piper, left, demonstrates how to properly fold the U.S. flag with Samantha Engleman, right, at the Patriot Day assembly at Churchville Elementary April 20.



Cpl. Joel Berberena, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Marine Corps Detachment, right, photographs the patriot certificate of fifth grader Jared Werneke, left, after the Patriot Day assembly at Churchville Elementary April 20.

APG locals explore the past during National Historic Preservation Week

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

Historians discussed their insights about Aberdeen Proving Ground with visitors from the local community at the Mitchell House, building 5650, May 4 to celebrate National Historic Preservation Week.

The Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment Cultural Resources Center hosted the open house, which displayed pictures and artifacts from historical buildings around post, pictures of gas masks and wildlife exhibits.

Mark Gallihue, cultural resource manager and garrison historian, commented on the craftsmanship of the house that makes buildings like the Mitchell House important to preserve.

"The trick to these old buildings is that many things were custom made and that means it took a lot of skilled labor to create," said Gallihue, who noted that the "Save America's Treasure's" legislature has helped preserve the

buildings.

Colonial, Georgian and Federal architectural styled buildings were featured in displays.

One picture showed two men looking at a house with a diamond pattern in glazed bricks at the gable end of a lodge, which is now obscured by a modern chimney added to the house in the 1940s.

Some buildings and properties retained names that were given to them by the early settlers.

"Properties weren't described by streets back then. In the Aberdeen Area there's an old part of farmland that used to be called 'Penny Come Quick,' said Jack Davis, Northern Chesapeake Archeological Society volunteer. "Spesutia Island was once known as 'Nathaniel Utie's Hope."

Local family members of past Edgewood Area personnel came to see the displays and talk with historians.

Kathleen Bowker Crabill, attended with her mom Caroline Bowker Predmore,

wife of deceased Maj. Henry Bowker who was stationed at the former Edgewood Arsenal Chemical Corps to see some of the gas mask displays.

The Bowker's were trying to identify an old family friend, former Sgt. Albert Fox, who worked with the gas masks in Edgewood Arsenal.

Other displays featured facts on the local eagle population, environmental aspects of APG and waterfowl life.

"We have the largest colony of blue herons on the East Coast here at APG," Gallihue said.

Gallihue commented on how APG helps preserve the wildlife because of its proximity to the Chesapeake Bay.

"Aberdeen Proving Ground is the largest landowner of Chesapeake Bay Watershed with 13 miles on shore land. There are areas behind the fence that are so beautiful, because they've remained undeveloped," Gallihue said.

According to Gallihue, around the Maxwell Point area of APG there are still some exotic trees left from an early

landowner who used to travel around the world collecting the rare specimens and planting them in Maryland.

Joe Ondek, Sveredrup Technology, Inc. contractor, greeted visitors attending the open house.

Ondek studies the wildlife areas of APG, when photographing the natural world, using Global Positioning Systems to locate eagle's nests on post.

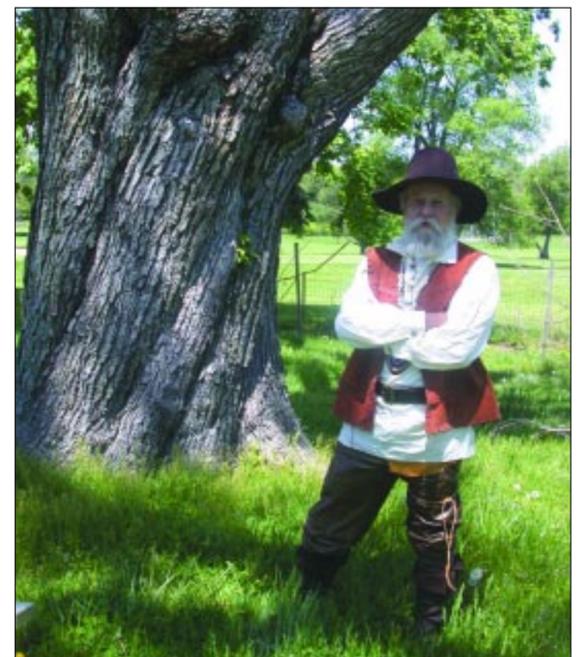
Ondek came attired in historical mountain-man clothing made of deer and elk skins, and boar's hide shoes, which took him eight years to create.

The Mitchell House once belonged to Malcolm Mitchell who made money locally in the canning business, but now serves as both a museum and office space for the Cultural Resources Center.

One visitor appreciated the detail the Mitchell House Museum area pays to local APG history.

"In some respects this is a better museum than the Ordnance [Museum], because it deals with more local histo-

ry than nationwide history," said Jim Redding, retired contract specialist from the Aberdeen Area.



Joe Ondek, Sveredrup Technology, Inc. contract environmental specialist, greets visitors to the Mitchell House open house May 4 attired in historical mountain-man clothing made of deer and elk skins, and boar's hide shoes, which took him eight years to create.

Reflecting on the past—Gunpowder Meeting House

Mark Gallihue
APG Historian

In the Edgewood area, on the way to the Magnolia road gate, a small and unassuming brick structure stands by the side of the road. Edgewood Area visitors can see one of the oldest structures on post, building E-5715, the Gunpowder Meeting House.

Built about 1830 (the exact construction date is uncertain), this single room structure is believed to be one of the oldest Methodist Churches in America and has seen significant restoration over the past

25 years.

According to research done by U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command historian Jeffery K. Smart, the church was originally used by one congregation until the group divided in 1886 and sold the structure to an African-American congregation in 1890.

During the years before the Army acquired the property, it was also used as a school.

In 1917, the Army paid the Harford County Board of Education \$225 for the structure, and it was used for band

practice and even storage of explosives.

Edgewood Arsenal grew around the old church. The drainage changes caused by construction of rail spurs and paved roads caused moisture to build up under and in the building. Poorly designed installation of a concrete slab, closing of natural ventilation, and roof insulation combined to trap moisture where it damaged timbers and mortar.

In 1963, the Facilities Directorate recommended that the decaying building be demolished. The action was postponed and when Col. William W. Stone Jr., took command of Edgewood Arsenal in 1966, he directed that no demolition take place until further research had been done.

When Stone learned of the heritage of the structure, he was convinced that demolition would be a mistake.

In the interim, the National Historic Preservation Act had been implemented. In essence, the law requires that federal facilities take into consideration any action that may affect historic properties. An Executive Order further directed the Army toward preservation of buildings such as the Gunpowder Meetinghouse.

In 1983 the Army placed

the structure on the National Register of Historic Places and celebrated a church service inside for the first time in 66 years.

Although some of the work done during the 1970s did not last, it had the effect of stabilizing the building. Ultimately, most of the building has been restored as closely to the original as possible.

Brickwork was pointed, the roof was replaced, and modern furnishings were removed. The most critical aspect of the restoration addressed the drainage. A small but effective French drain was installed to pull harmful water away from the structure. Grading of the site contributed to this function and an archaeological team researched the site in preparation for these excavations.

Inside, a new floor was created using yellow pine to replicate the original floor. Some minor work remains, but the structure is closer to the original condition and appearance than it has been in 150 years.

Contractors did some work, but much was done by craftspeople of the Directorate of Public Works, now the Directorate of

Installation Operations.

An album of photographs that illustrates the restoration of E-5715 is available for

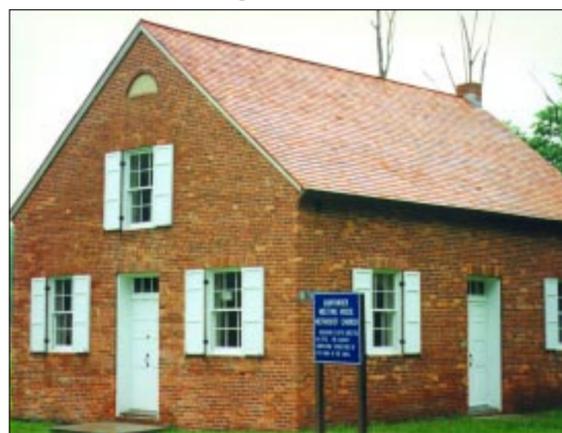
public perusal at building 5650, the Mitchell House, near the Maryland Boulevard gate of the Aberdeen Area.



Bill Hose, a project supervisor with the Williamsport Preservation Training Center, prepares shingles during re-roofing of building E-5715.



Photos courtesy of MARK GALLIHUE. A rafter exposed during renovation shows damage from an earlier fire, date unknown.



The Gunpowder Meeting House, built in approximately 1830, is believed to be one of the oldest Methodist churches in America. In 1917, the Army paid the Harford County Board of Education \$225 for the structure (used by them as a school), and it was used for band practice and storage of explosives.

APG fire department receives mass casualty unit

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Mindful of the need to provide first-rate emergency care for an increasingly dense populace, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire Department and Harford County have increased their capabilities ten-fold by adding a new mass casualty treatment and triage unit to their inventory.

Thanks to a Memorandum of Understanding between military and civilian emer-

gency responders, more than \$40,000 in equipment, enabling the simultaneous treatment of 50 casualties, was purchased by the county and is being maintained by APG firefighters.

"This is a natural concept to sustain the level of cooperation we already have with the county," said APG fire chief Ed Budnick.

Harford County had the equipment available but lacked the method to store it or transport it to the scene,

Budnick said. The APG fire department volunteered to provide a trailer to store the equipment.

"With this agreement, the county is responsible for purchasing and re-supplying materials while APG maintains the equipment, upkeep of the trailer, and transports it to the scene."

"We are free to use it for on-post occurrences as well as in support of county incidents," Budnick said.

Post and county officials

displayed the trailer and its newly purchased items at the Aberdeen Area fire department for the formal acceptance of responsibilities June 7.

On hand were Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, as well as Budnick, Tom Schaech, chief of the Bel Air Fire Company and president of the Harford County Fire and EMS Association; Steve Hinch, Aberdeen fire chief; Tim McNamara, director of



Stacks of backboards line the walls of the trailer that houses the Mass Casualty Treatment and Triage Unit.



Emergency triage equipment making up the Mass Casualty Treatment and Triage Unit for joint use by Aberdeen Proving Ground and Harford County emergency responders, sits on display outside the Aberdeen Area Fire Department June 7.

the Directorate of Installation Operations; Joseph Craten, civilian deputy to the garrison commander; R.B. Campbell, assistant chief of emergency medical services; and Douglas W. Richmond, Harford County Emergency Manager.

"This is a joyous time for the command," Mark said. "September 11, 2001 was a wake-up call for all of us. God forbid we ever need it but it's good to know that APG responders are well-trained, well-equipped, and ready for anything."

"This is critical to the county," Richmond said.

"While it was purchased with responding to a Weapons of Mass Destruction incident in mind, it can be used for any emergency or disaster on APG or in the county."

The unit will be indispensable in handling mass casualty situations such as plane crashes, multi-vehicle accidents on I-95, severe weather disasters, or terrorist-related activities, added Schaech.

He said that emergency operations and county government officials obtained funding for the unit through the federal WMD program.

"We've been working on funding for 10 years," he said. "When WMD came into being, Chief Budnick suggested this partnership."

"APG has been extremely supportive," he added. "They just took the ball and ran with it and now we have capabilities we can all be proud of."

The concept is that companies responding to an emergency who determine there is a need for this resource, notifies APG to respond to the scene," he said.

"The equipment is compartmentalized so one container can handle 10 people at a time."

The inventory includes disposable blankets, cervical collars, backboards, splints, burn sheets and several other disaster relief items including 10 Minilator systems that allow for the feeding of oxygen to up to 50 people at one time.

"This is the first of many steps we are taking to address WMD incidents," Schaech said. Future endeavors include the forming of a countywide building collapse rescue team and the training of responders to national standards by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute.

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