

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling scheduled pickup for Wednesday, May 12, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### AER Campaign

The 2004 Army Emergency Relief campaign ends May 15.

This year's coordinator is Maj. Anissa M. McNeill and the assistant campaign coordinator is Sgt. 1st Class Lisa R. Flecha.

They can be reached at 410-278-2104.

### PWOC presents mother/daughter event

Join PWOC at the mother/daughter function 10 a.m. to noon, May 8 at the main Chapel.

Those without a daughter can share with someone else. There will be entertainment and special treats.

To make a reservation, call Amy at 410-272-2804 or Laura at 410-273-0161 by May 1.

### Orientation for newcomers

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Information Forum will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, May 19, 1 to 3 p.m.

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

Over 60 representatives of support agencies/organizations will be present to discuss the latest and greatest information on their activities. Giveaways will be available and door prizes awarded.

For more information, call Godofredo Posadas, Relocation Readiness program manager, Army Community Service, 410-278-2453/7474.

### Blue Cross/Blue Shield service visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground on May 11, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage.

No appointment is necessary.

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

For more information, contact Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

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## Army Reserve firefighters return from Iraq

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

Members of the 369th Engineer Detachment (Fire Fighters), an Army Reserve unit from Pennsylvania, returned to Aberdeen Proving Ground April 28 after a one-year deployment to Iraq in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

The detachment processed through APG last year after being called up following the outbreak of the Iraq War.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, joined the large group of family and friends to greet the 25 Soldiers at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

1st Lt. Hanna Maxcy, detachment commander, said the unit, whose mission included providing firefighting support to Baghdad, handled it "extremely well."

"They responded to each mission in a timely fashion under less than ideal circumstances," Maxcy said. "Most

do this for a living and it showed. I would gladly serve with them again."

Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Crego, fire chief, said the unit ran the international fire department headquartered at Baghdad International Airport, supported by an Air Force firefighting detachment.

"The Air Force covered the flight line and we covered everything structural," Crego said.

Despite a previous deployment to Bosnia, Crego said that this one was longer and tougher than expected and that although APG was not home to the unit, they were happy to return.

"We thought we'd be gone about six months but it was one year and two days," he said. "This sure feels better than Baghdad."

"It was too long," added Spc. Justin Huntsman of his first deployment. "We had our gripes and complaints, but when it comes down to it, we were doing our part to make a difference," he said.



Spc. Andrew Boyle, center, a 369th Engineer Detachment firefighter, embraces his mother and son, Andrew, 20 months, during their reunion at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center upon his return from Iraq April 28.

"We did our jobs; can't ask for more than that," said Spc. Kate Morton, an administrative specialist with the unit who became engaged to co-worker Spc. Matt Hulme during the deployment.

Hulme's mother Pam Hulme welcomed her only

child and future daughter-in-law gleefully.

"We really, really missed him. We didn't know he was coming in until earlier this week," she said. "It's the best news I've had in a year."

Welcomed by his parents and fiancé, Spc. Christopher

Brody said the deployment was "a lot more than I expected."

"The mission varied on a daily basis," Brody said. "Sometimes there was nothing going on and other times there were five or six things going

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## Shirley Caesar to headline gospel extravaganza Discount ticket sale ends May 10

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

The "First Lady of Gospel," Shirley Caesar will return to Aberdeen Proving Ground for an outdoor concert on Shine Sports Field July 18.

Tickets at a special discount price of \$10 went on sale May 3. The sale lasts to May 10. After that, tickets cost \$20 in advance; \$25 the day of the concert.

Also appearing with Caesar will be gospel songstress Evelyn Turrentine-Agee, the BCD Ensemble and several local choirs.

Raised in North Carolina, evangelist Shirley Caesar has been recording more than 40

years. Her awards and honors include two NAACP Image Awards, 11 Grammy awards, 17 Grammy nominations, and 18 Dove awards.

She appeared in the 2003 Paramount Pictures movie, "The Fighting Temptations," with Cuba Gooding Jr. and Beyonce and made guest appearances on UPN's "The Parkers."

Caesar has performed at the White House for presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton, at Disney World's 25th Anniversary Celebration, on Broadway, and in a host of other television and broadcast venues.

Caesar's latest accomplish-

ment was the release of her much celebrated CD, "Shirley Caesar and Friends," which



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debuted in September 2003. Musical collaborations on the CD include duets with Patti Labelle, Gladys Knight, Kirk

Franklin, Oleta Adams, Dottie Peoples, Desmond Pringle and Faith Evans.

### Evelyn Turrentine-Agee

Turrentine-Agee has been singing and performing in the St. Louis area since the age of 3. After moving to Detroit, her career took off and she produced her first recorded songs, "Precious Lord," and "He Won't Forsake His Own," with the group, The Tylerettes.

In 1990 she became the first gospel artist to sign with Platinum Entertainment/CGI Records. Her solo recording, "In God's Own Time," followed in 1992, earning her a Stellar nomination for Best Traditional Female Artist.

Her trademark song, "God Did It," stayed at the top of radio and retail charts for more than a year, and spent more than 40 weeks on Billboard.

Also an ordained minister with a degree in industrial psychology, Turrentine-Agee finds time to organize and spearhead the Gospel Unity Awards in Detroit where she also founded the "War on Sin" youth ministry, which offers positive social activities, educational opportunities and Christian role models to troubled youths.

### BCD Ensemble

The BCD Ensemble, By

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## Ordnance Week to celebrate 192nd birthday of the Ordnance Corps

**E.C. Starnes**

U.S. Army Ordnance Corps

Ordnance Week 2004 will feature a variety of activities to celebrate the 192nd birthday of the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps at Aberdeen Proving Ground between May 12 and 15.

The 7th Annual Ordnance Corps Association Golf Tournament will kick off the activities on May 12, 7:30 a.m., at Ruggles Golf Course.

Senior leaders of the Ordnance Corps will gather to discuss current ini-

tiatives and exchange information as part of the Ordnance Senior Officer Advisory Meeting, the Ordnance Senior Warrant Officer Advisory Meeting and the Ordnance Senior Enlisted Advisory Conference May 13 and 14.

Eleven individuals will be inducted into the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame on May 13 at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum.

The 192nd Anniversary Review will take place on May 14, 3 p.m. at Fanshaw Field.



Commander of Troops Col. Kevin Smith will lead Soldiers, Airmen and Marines during the review. Sharing the podium during the review will be Lt. Gen. Richard Hack, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, and Brig. Gen. William M. Lenaers, the Army's chief

of Ordnance and commanding general of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

Later that evening, Lt. Gen. Claude V. Christainson, Army deputy chief of staff, G-4, will be the featured speaker during the Ordnance Corps Officer Anniversary Ball.

Sgt. Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston will be the guest speaker on May 15 as part of the Ordnance Corps Enlisted Anniversary Ball.

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Grace Meredith, daughter of Col. Paul D. Meredith, commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade at APG, lights a candle at the 'Days of Remembrance' ceremony April 21 at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater. Fellow Aberdeen High School students from left, Derek Buckley, Shawn Campbell, Margi Patel and Rachel Sanchez, as well as Rabbi Tsvi Schur, APG Post Chapel, look on.

## Remembering the Holocaust

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

Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers, civilians, and local middle to high school students attended the 'Days of Remembrance' ceremony where a Holocaust survivor spoke at the Post Theater April 21 sponsored by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

"Sixty-two years ago the Second World War broke out and in the six years that followed...the Jewish population suffered from the Nazi plans to eliminate all the Jews," said Felix Kestenberg, an 82-year-old Holocaust survivor of several concentration camps, including Majdanek, Auschwitz and Dachau. "Six million died. But not everything was lost, for the memory has lived on. The main reason I'm standing here today is to make sure the Holocaust will never happen again."

The ceremony opened with a welcome by Dr. Ellen Haas, ARL, and an invocation by Rabbi Tsvi Schur from the APG Post Chapel.

Schur also invited six Aberdeen High School students to the stage to light candles to remember those who went through the Holocaust.

One Aberdeen High School 10th grader, Grace Meredith,

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Robert Sheppard, 18, enjoys the view from the co-pilot seat of a Black Hawk helicopter at Weide Army Airfield.



Drill Sgt. Petra Casarez, right, Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, marches JROTC cadets from Patapsco High School to the unit barracks for a tour during the group's March 31 visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

# JROTC cadets tour OC&S facilities

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

A group of cadets from Patapsco High School's JROTC program were afforded a chance to glimpse what could be their not too distant future during a tour of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School's facilities on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground March 31.

Led by retired Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald V. Stallings, commandant, and former enlisted head of the APG Garrison, and Lt. Col. Bruce Kahl, senior Army instructor, the group of about 80 cadets in grades 9 through 12, toured the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, its barracks and training facilities, the Ordnance Museum, and got up close and personal with Black Hawk helicopters at Weide Army Airfield.

Stallings said the JROTC program is enjoying its first successful year at the school.

"There are already 150 signed up for next year, up from 90 this year," Stallings said.

Of the 80 cadets present, 20 graduate in June, two with ROTC scholarships, and 15 have already enlisted in the armed forces," he added.

"The bottom line of the program is to make better citizens. We can talk to them about the military but not about joining the Army, although many are inclined toward the military," Stallings said.

At the Conference Center, 143rd Ordnance Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Robert M. Pastorelli, and Command Sgt. Maj. Neslie Etheridge presented an overview of the battalion, detailing its goals and missions before showing "A Warrior Life Cycle," a film by the Directorate of Information Management that details the life cycle of an Advanced Individual Soldier.

Pastorelli told the cadets that the rite of passage from AIT student to AIT graduate includes passing the Army Physical Fitness Test, a Class-A uniform inspection, a test of military common task knowledge and a barracks inspection.

The success rate with which OC&S Soldiers complete their requirements reflects well on the battalion and demonstrates the strength of will power, Pastorelli said.

"You can do anything you set out to achieve," he told the cadets. "We see it everyday. It's a constant cycle. Every week, we're graduating Soldiers and every week, we're picking up

Soldiers."

A taste of the rite of passage greeted the cadets as they arrived at the Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion barracks. Drill Sergeants Petra Casarez and Michael Barcena took over from the tour guides, causing many of the cadets to cringe as barked orders and commands fell on their ears. Forming up into two groups, they marched to the barracks entrance calling cadence all the way.

Casarez assembled her group in the first floor day room and then told them to relax.

"This is where they [AIT students] come to relax with the few minutes they have," Casarez said.

She referred to the cadets as Soldiers and commended them for putting on the uniform.

"That's why you become a Soldier. You get paid to defend your country. Not everybody gets to do that," she said.

After viewing the sleeping areas, taking in the highly polished floors and sparkling clean surroundings, the cadets seemed impressed as Barcena explained the standards governing daily upkeep of the barracks that all Soldiers must meet.

"There's a lot of do's and don'ts," Barcena said. "As long as you do as you're told, fine. When you get your own ideas, that's when you get into trouble."

From there, they went to Donner Hall, where Director Richard Hoy, department operations officer Chief Warrant Officer 4 Joseph Zielinski, and Master Sgt. Gerald Oliver, chief instructor, greeted them.

Oliver told them they were about to tour "one of the finest institutions of learning in the world."

"This is seven acres of nothing but learning," Oliver said.

After briefing his group on the levels of maintenance, such as organizational and direct support, Oliver led a tour of the facility.

With about 7,000 trainees annually, the school has about 75 instructors," Hoy said. "Most are retired military and 50 percent of them are senior instructors."

The cadets viewed the focus of the schools' maintenance and repair missions, including a Multi Launcher Rocket System, MTV 5-Ton vehicles, Howitzer engines, HEMMIT wreckers, M880 engines and more.

After leaving Donner Hall behind, a short trip to Weide Army Airfield found them on the flight line exploring two Black Hawk

helicopters from the Maryland Army National Guard's 29th Aviation Brigade under the watchful eye of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Gilbert Dougherty.

Several seniors said they were impressed with APG, and were grateful to the JROTC program that has influenced their decisions to pursue military careers.

"I'm happy with it," said Jennifer Meyer, 17. "This program got me focused and taught me leadership. I'd definitely recommend it."

Ebonie Doughty, 17, who along with her twin sister and classmate Essince, has enlisted in the Army, under the Delayed Entry Program, is set to attend Fort Lee, Va., to become automated logistics specialists.

She said the tour was "rewarding."

"It lets me know what to expect as far as training and living conditions. I'm looking forward to it," she said.

Committed to the U.S. Navy as a future Navy maintenance assemblyman, senior Robert Sheppard, 18, said that thanks to JROTC he had a "great senior year."

"It's been fun. I've learned things that puts me ahead of everyone else," Sheppard said.

"I'd recommend JROTC because it teaches you to prepare for anything. It motivates you," added senior Lawrence Thomas, the group's company commander. After graduation, Thomas will attend basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., before becoming an Army computer operations systems analyst.

Cpl. Joshua Frazier, who has enlisted in the Army to become a Cavalry Scout, said he made up his mind to join the week before.

"Today was an eye opener. I'm so ready. I've got 38 days of school left and I can't wait," Frazier said.

He added that he wished the JROTC program existed four years ago.

"This changed me as a person. I never made the honor roll before and I've made it all year," he said. I give all credit to my instructors."

Patapsco High School is the 11th JROTC unit in Baltimore County's 25 high schools and only the second affiliated with the U.S. Army.

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Master Sgt. Gerald Oliver, chief instructor, shows JROTC cadets a HEMMIT engine during their tour of the Edgewood Area's Donner Hall.

# CAC meeting emphasizes cleanup, gardening and safety



Marcus Lucas, mayor of the Aberdeen Area Mobile Home Park, reads the April 8 edition of APG News while waiting for the April 8 Community Action Council meeting to start.

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

Spring cleanup, gardening and trampoline safety were a few of the main topics discussed at the April 8 Community Action Council that met in building 305 chaired by Joseph Craten, civilian deputy to the garrison commander.

Approximately 35 members of various APG community organizations were present to contribute to the top issues, however five Senior

Area Coordinators were absent from the meeting.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby asked neighboring SAC's to help improve CAC meeting attendance so that every community gets the important information disseminated to them.

"Please help me out to get the missing mayors to show up," Irby said.

Irby also spoke about the installation spring

cleanup campaign, and made maps available that showed which housing areas were responsible for the clean up of playgrounds and basketball courts.

"It's important to stick to the schedules, because we don't have enough equipment for people to be doing stuff all the time," he said in reference to returning borrowed equipment to the Re-Nu-It centers promptly.

Irby also reminded personnel to hand these letters of instruction directly to individuals instead of placing papers in their mailbox, to ensure that the information was distributed.

Other information distributed in handouts at the CAC meeting informed members about proper lawn mower safety measures like waiting for the grass to dry before mowing after a rain or heavy dew, tips on tree mulching, heat injury prevention guidelines, recycling services, the heating and air conditioning policies, and recommended actions depending upon the air quality on ozone action days. (These topics will be covered in upcoming issues of APG News.)

Community issues were discussed in a roundtable discussion where each representative got their turn to speak.

"Thanks to all of you for your assistance and help in preparing for our commissary national competition," said Anne Morrison, Aberdeen Commissary representative. "We couldn't have made it look this good without your help."

Col. Charles Shadle, APG Retiree Council chairman, said that the retirees were still trying to convince Congress that the Survivor Benefit Payment cutbacks from 50 to 35 percent of their base pay when they reach age 62 were unfair, since the SBP is their sole source of income and not sufficient to live on.

Shadle also requested assistance in getting the Coast Guard radio station tower moved to

building E-5137 so that it can become operational again.

One guest, Rebecca Smith, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, sitting in for Lorel Lenaers, brought up the issue of ruts left in the yards of some Plumb Point Quarters after the Hurricane Isabel cleanup and cleaning of the gutters.

"The ruts are more of a safety issue than a beauty issue if you have kids and dogs," Smith said.

Sgt. Maj. F. Rick Hurley, Bayside Village SAC, raised a concern after he noticed two children bouncing on a trampoline unsupervised.

Craten said there was already a policy letter out on the issue.

All residents desiring to erect and use trampolines in the family housing areas must comply with the guidelines listed in the APG Memorandum, AMSSB-DIC, subject: Trampoline Policy, Feb. 21, 2001, available at the installation Family Housing Management Office located in building 2727.

Lt. Col. Stephen Parke, SAC for 100 Block Plumb Point Loop, inquired about having a community area for residents to use for gardening.

"Twelve years ago the DCFA Garden Club was created, but Soldiers PCS'd [Permanent Change of Station] out and no one else wanted to take responsibility for upkeep, so it was stopped," said Barry Decker, Directorate of Installation Operations, in reference to previous attempts at a community gardening plot.

The other option of a private garden on resident quarter's yards was discussed, but is prohibited by housing regulations due to the frequency of Soldier's PCSing.

The next CAC meeting will take place 1:30 p.m., May 27, in the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E-4810.

## Remember

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daughter of Col. Paul D. Meredith, commander of the 61st Ordinance Brigade, participated in the candle lighting ceremony.

"They aren't that far along in the history of the world yet, but the Holocaust was a significant period in world history and a visit to this event was appropriate for the class... to hear from an eyewitness about

a happening of world history significance," said Meredith of his daughter's Advanced Placement World History class trip to APG.

Kestenberg shared many Nazi atrocities in his account of the Holocaust.

"For three days, 300 prisoners working in two shifts, had been made to dig three ditches, two yards deep and about a thousand yards long. Approximately 100 SS men were lined up in two rows to form a gauntlet," recalled Kestenberg. "The prisoners were forced to undress, get in

the ditch, lie down and then were gunned down by the SS soldiers. This continued for two days.

While 18 thousand people were killed, the loudspeaker was blaring marches, gay ballads and dance songs to drown out the screams of the victims."

Kestenberg talked at length about further atrocities endured by those persecuted.

Many died in transport from one concentration camp to another because the trains were poorly ventilated, had no toilet facilities, and would

travel for days without opening the people-packed cars to feed the surviving riders, according to Kestenberg.

He recalled the Auschwitz concentration camp where people were constantly being exterminated on a daily basis.

"The stench of burned flesh was heavy in the air," he said.

Some members of the Post Theater audience wiped away tears as Kestenberg shared his memory of the Holocaust.

Linda Cauthen Klein, a speaker from the Red Cross Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center, informed the

audience of efforts to reunite Holocaust survivors with their families more than six decades later.

Klein told some of the survivors stories to give the audience an impression of what people went through to reunite.

"The irony of the Nazi horror is that they kept very good records, which helped us to reunite victims," Klein said.

Klein also showed a Red Cross video that showed clips of families being reunited.

Besides the Red Cross and ARL, the Baltimore Jewish

Council, the U.S Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Post Chapel and Equal Opportunity Office supported the ceremony.

Approximately 421 students from Bel Air and Perryville Middle schools, Aberdeen High School, and the Maryland National Guard's Freestate ChalleNGe Academy attended the ceremony.

Most took a part of history home with them from Kestenberg's experience.

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# ACS Family corner

## A month in review-ACS recaps Month of the Child

**Laura Reich**  
ACS

During the month of April, Army Community Service devoted classes and events to promote the well being of children in celebration of Month of the Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Many classes were offered on parenting, stress in the family, children with special needs, money management and teen education.

"ACS would like to thank all of those who helped make the month a huge success," said Celestine Beckett, ACS officer.

ACS enjoyed and celebrated children at the "Our Children Are Our Future" parades at the Aberdeen and Edgewood area Child Development Centers during the month.

"All the children at the center had a great time decorating their sun visors and creating banners for that special day," said Chantay Averett, program lead,

Edgewood Child Development Center.

The month of celebration also included information booths at the Post Exchange, Commissary and the Edgewood Area Shoppette promoting positive parenting, and provided child abuse awareness materials, along with a calendar of classes and events for the whole family.

"It is always great to see how much ACS has to offer the community," said Toni Evans, an employee with the APG Transportation Office, as she stopped by the PX information booth April 1.

Towards the end of the month, ACS offered information at the Child and Youth Services Spring Fest. This was a day full of activities for families from face painting to playing in the moon bounce to making science bottles. It also offered a variety of tables where information was available for both parents and children.

"It was a great opportunity for families to spend time together and not have to

worry about the cost," said Diana Hayes, Parents and Children Together coordinator. "It is always a pleasure to work with Child and Youth Services to promote healthy and enjoyable living."

"We hope that everyone in the APG community who shared in our events enjoyed themselves and we hope to see you again," Beckett said. "Remember, ACS always has something going on, so please check our Web calendar and the APG News for upcoming events and classes."

The next ACS event will be May 27 when we will be honoring military spouses.

"Visit the ACS table at the Post Exchange, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., May 27 for something sweet and to help us say thank you to all the wonderful spouses who give so much to help our military members meet their missions," Beckett said.

## Coffee Connections, Boot Shop services offered at APG Mini-mall



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

**The Boot Shop**

Boot Guy Jim wants the rest of APG to know what the troops already know, *The Boot Shop*, which offers boot shining services and repair services and a variety of styles and accessories for sale, is

Located between Boothby Hill Road and Susquehanna Avenue in the parking lot behind building 4304 is building 4311, a small mini-mall that offers a variety of services.

The mall is well known to most Aberdeen Proving Ground service members, but little known to the civilian populace.

"Most people don't realize we're here or that anyone can make purchases here," said Sherry Trunck, manager of Coffee Connections, a sandwich and beverage shop that opened in December.

Trunck said the shop was doing well until the Soldiers stopped coming in during the lunch hour.

"Their drill sergeants stopped them from coming so now we're only open in the evenings," she said, adding that she hopes to get the word out to the housing areas and to the civilian work force that an evening meal alternative is available on the installation.

The shop offers a fast food menu, including burgers, subs, fries and salads, as well as coffee and other beverages. Deliveries on the installation are a special benefit to busy customers, Trunck said.

"We can bring it to you, or you can call in ahead to have your order ready for pick up," Trunck said. "And be sure to check out

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# Public Notices

## APG invites public comment

### Proposed plan for Bush River Study Area available for review

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The U.S. Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground is seeking public comment on a proposed environmental action at APG's Bush River Study Area located in the Edgewood Area.

APG is proposing to excavate and remove a two-acre parcel of soil containing elevated levels of lead from a site within its Bush River Study Area.

APG is holding a public meeting for interested citizens to ask questions or make comments May 4, at the Edgewood Senior Center, 1000 Gateway Drive, Edgewood. An informal poster/information session will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by a formal presentation at 7:15 p.m.

Written comments must be postmarked by June 4 and should be sent to Ken Stachiw, Directorate of Safety, Health, and Environment, ATTN: AMSSB-GSH-ER, 5179 Hoadley Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010; Frank Vavra, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street (3HS13), Philadelphia, PA 19103; or, Butch Dye, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd., Suite 625, Baltimore, MD 21230.

As early as 1918, the Army used portions of the Bush River Study Area for training, test activities, chemical storage and waste disposal. The southern part of the peninsula was used for artillery firing, training, testing, and for

smoke and incendiary munitions testing. During World Wars I and II, the area was a storage and shipping depot for chemical-filled munitions.

"We considered several different options such as constructing a soil cover over the area, using phytoremediation plants, or excavating the soil," said Don Green, APG's project manager. "We are recommending removing approximately 4,305 tons of soil and covering the area with clean backfill. We would also reuse excavated soil considered non-hazardous within the Bush River Study Area as a base layer under landfill caps."

According to Green, the cost of the preferred alternative is \$1,018,200.

The Army may modify its preferred alternative, or select a new alternative, based on public comments.

Community members can review copies of the Proposed Plan and the Focused Feasibility Studies for the Bush River Study Area at the Edgewood and Aberdeen branches of the Harford County Public Library and Miller Library at Washington College in Kent County. Community members can also review the Proposed Plan and submit comments through APG's Web Site at [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil).

Citizens can request a fact sheet on the proposed action by calling APG's Environmental Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.



Photo courtesy of ATC

A Ukrainian T-80UD Main Battle Tank prepares to give a demonstration of its capabilities as part of the Roll Out ceremony held at Aberdeen Test Center Feb. 18.

## PEO STRI rolls out four Ukrainian T-80UD Main Battle Tanks

Susan Hagan, ATSS  
ATC

Program Executive Office Simulation, Training and Instrumentation hosted a Roll-Out Ceremony for the Ukrainian T-80UD Main Battle Tank at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center Feb. 18.

"These tanks represent the state-of-the-art in [Ukrainian] tank production..." said Col Stephen Rust, Office of PEO STRI. "The purpose of this purchase is to add to our fleet of [foreign] combat vehicles, which are constantly used in support of testing and training. These vehicles not only expand our existing fleet of foreign material, but also increase the quality of our training and the value of testing by providing an unmatched level of technology."

Initial acquisition negotiations for the tanks began in May 2001 when Steve Reeves, an ATC employee representing PEO STRI, traveled to the Ukraine.

In December 2002, Fernando Silva and Phillip Murphy, Aberdeen Test

Support Services contractor employees at ATC, participated in three weeks of operational and maintenance training on the T-80UDs in the Ukraine.

In June 2003, Silva returned to the Ukraine to assist with acceptance testing.

"This transaction did not take place overnight. It took the committed efforts of many individuals from both the Ukraine and the United States working together to make this a success," Rust said.

The four tanks arrived at ATC throughout December 2003 and January 2004. Initial safety inspections and safety testing will be conducted for PEO STRI. Other testing will also be performed as requested by customers.

"The tanks you see before you will not only allow us to provide training for our troops that is second to none," Rust said, "but will also assist us in developing and fielding the most advanced and modern weapon systems so that we can protect the United States and its allies throughout the 21st century."

ATC became a Primary Operations Center for PEO STRI in 1991. Currently, they have 77 pieces of PEO STRI equipment for use in testing and training. ATC provides maintenance and operator support as well as spare parts for the equipment.

"Because of the excellent partnership between ATC and PEO STRI, we will be able to continue to provide outstanding service to the Warfighter," said Col. Mary Brown, ATC commander.

Attendees at the ceremony were given the opportunity to examine the vehicles and were given a brief demonstration of some of its capabilities.

## APG scheduled for environmental assessment

Frances E. Mason  
USAGAPG

A team of Army environmental experts will visit Aberdeen Proving Ground June 7 through 18 to conduct a review of the APG environmental program for the Army's Environmental Performance Assessment System, or EPAS.

The EPAS is an initiative by the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and the

Installation Management Agency to assist Army installations with identifying potential environmental problems before they endanger the health of Army personnel, cause expensive cleanups, or violate any federal, state, or local regulations.

A multi-disciplined team of environmental engineers and scientists from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine will conduct the review. The team will review operations that

have environmental impacts at APG to include both tenant and contracted operations.

Following the review, the commander, APG, will receive a briefing on problems identified and possible solutions.

Anyone with questions on the upcoming EPAS assessment should contact Ralph Cardenuto, APG, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, 410-306-2259/2260.

**First Baptist Church of Aberdeen**

<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45 a.m.
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
<b>Discipleship Training</b>	4:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m.

- Youth Ministry Teams
- SBC Children's Mission Program (3 yrs. - 6th grade)
- Prayer Meeting

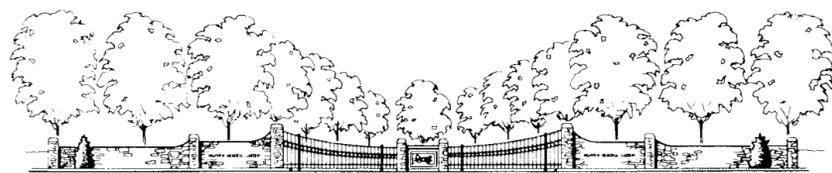
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**Asian Pacific American Heritage luncheon planned**

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command will sponsor the annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 18 at the APG Recreation Center.

The guest speaker will be U.S. Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo from Guam.

The free program will include a display of Asian and Pacific cultural items and food sampling. The event is open to everyone.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Duffie Robertson, DTC EO adviser at 410-278-1053.

**Voting assistance training offered**

The Deputy Installation Commander at Aberdeen Proving Ground will host a workshop for Unit Voting Assistance Officers May 11, 9 to 11 a.m., at the Post Recreation Center, building 3326.

The training is free, and is open to units on APG and surrounding installations.

To register, call Maj. Anissa McNeill, 410-278-2104.

**CWF hosts trips**

For more information or to make a reservation for the following Civilian Welfare Fund trips, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

**Cape May, N.J.**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to Cape May, June 25 through 27.

Oceanfront hotel accommodations will be available at the Grand Hotel of Cape May.

Cost per person is \$349 for single-occupancy; \$199 for double-occupancy; \$179 for triple-occupancy and \$159 for

quad-occupancy. A \$50 per person deposit is due upon reservation.

The charter bus will depart the Aberdeen Area 9:30 a.m. on June 25, and will depart Cape May 5 p.m. on June 27.

**New Orleans**

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a trip to New Orleans Sept. 12 through 15.

Tour the French Quarter, try a taste of Cajun cuisine, enjoy music, experience Bourbon Street and more.

Rooms are booked at the Iberville Suites, owned by the Ritz Carlton, located in the French Quarter, two blocks from Bourbon Street. A full breakfast is served daily.

Cost per person is \$519 for singles; \$449 for double-occupancy; \$429 for triple-occupancy; and \$409 for quad occupancy. Price includes cost of roundtrip airfare from Baltimore Washington International Airport. A \$100 per person deposit is due upon reservation.

**Collect Striker toys during Bowling for Bucks**

The APG Bowling Center will offer Bowling for Bucks, May 15 through July 15. This popular series allows customers to purchase bowling bucks to buy prizes at an auction party at the end of the two-month promotion.

**Military Spouse Appreciation Month**

In honor of Military Spouse Appreciation Month, the Army Community Service will hold a cake-cutting ceremony 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 27, at the PX. Everyone is invited to stop by and visit the information table.

**Sampson AFB Veterans Association, Inc. seeks veterans**

The Sampson Air Force Base Veterans Association, Inc., is searching for all personnel who served or trained at Sampson Air Force Base from 1950 through 1956, to include basic trainees, permanent party, "WAFS," students in special schools, officers and noncommissioned officers stationed at Sampson.

The Sampson Memorial Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 1 through 31, weekends only; May 31 through Sept. 6, Wednesday through Sunday; and Sept. 6 through Oct. 11, weekends only. The gate closes for the last tour at 3:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Chip Phillips, P.O. Box 331, Williamsville, NY 14231-0331 or e-mail [Chip34@aol.com](mailto:Chip34@aol.com).

**Limited tickets available for Montgomery Gentry concert**

Tickets for the Montgomery Gentry concert on July 17 cost \$20 in advance, \$25 on the day of the show.

To purchase tickets, call Ticketmaster at 1-800-551-SEAT; visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) or MWR Registration, build-

ing 3326, 410-278-4907; or Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210, 410-436-7134.

For more information and disabilities accommodations, call 410-278-4621, Fax 410-278-9083, or TTY: 410-278-4110, or e-mail [mwr\\_registration-usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration-usag.apg.army.mil).

**Free German class scheduled**

The Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program will offer a free Basic German Language class for active duty military personnel, civilian personnel, and family members May 19 through June 30 every Wednesday, 6 to 7 p.m.

Learn the basic structure and vocabulary of the German language and to communicate in German.

Call for specific dates, and location.

For more information or to register, call Relocation Readiness at 410-278-7474.

**Warrant officers needed**

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Airmen to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties to those that qualify. Applicants with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information and all forms/documents required, visit Web site, [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant) or call 502-626-0484/0458.

**2004 Army Birthday Ball**

Celebrate the Army's 229th birthday including dinner, entertainment and dancing at the 2004 Army Birthday Ball, June 19, at the Washington Hilton and Towers Hotel in Washington, D.C.

All U.S. Army Soldiers, family members, Department of the Army civilians, contractors, retirees, veterans and their guests are invited to attend the event.

Tickets cost \$50 each. A limited number of discounted tickets at \$15 each will be available for Army staff sergeants and GS-7 civilians and below.

Seats are limited.

For more information or to register for the 2004 Army Birthday Ball, visit Army Knowledge Online, [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil), and follow the link to the ball.

**AMSAA celebrates D-Day anniversary**

The U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity is sponsoring a Commemoration Ceremony of the 60th anniversary of D-Day 10 to 11 a.m., June 4, at the APG Ordnance Museum. A memorial plaque will be unveiled as well as a tree planting to celebrate the occasion. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call Bill Fisher, 410-278-6464 or Patrick J. O'Neill, 410-278-6450.

**Heat injury prevention**

Heat injuries are prevented by educating soldiers and leaders, and through command

influence.

Leaders at all levels must work to prevent heat injuries.

During the next several months, unit commanders should emphasize that Soldiers drink plenty of water and take rest periods during strenuous activities in hot weather.

They also should train their Soldiers to recognize the causes, symptoms, and first aid measures for heat injuries, using the Soldier's Manual of Common Tasks as a guide.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Preventive Medicine and Wellness offers classes on heat injury prevention and/or a packet with information sheets and a CD power point presentations covering hot/cold weather injury prevention.

For more information, call Capt. Parrie or Pfc Williams, 410-278-1964.

**School Age/Middle School Services Summer Program**

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

The program is open to all qualifying children who have completed 1st through 8th grades.

Enrollment does not require attendance at all 10 sessions.

There will be a \$20 non-refundable deposit required at the time of registration for each week selected.

Tuition fees are based on total family income.

Waiting list forms may be picked up at the Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902, the Aberdeen Youth Services, building 2522 or the Outreach Services building 2752 during regular working hours.

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

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

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

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

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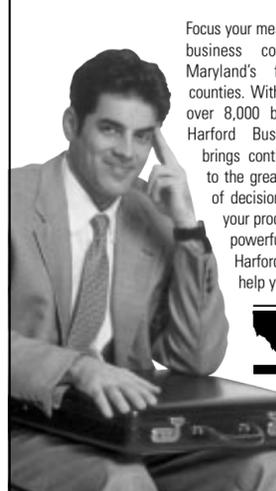
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# Community Notes

## MOVIES

**ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard. To verify listing, call 410-272-7520. Free admissions have been discontinued.**

### ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND

**Friday, May 7, 7 p.m.**  
Starring: Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet

Joel discovers that his girlfriend Clementine has had her memories of their tumultuous relations erased. He contacts the inventor of the process to have Clementine removed from his own memory. (Rated R)



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### THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

**Saturday, May 8, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.**  
Starring: James Caviezel, Monica Belucci

The Passion of The Christ focuses on the last 12 hours of Jesus of Nazareth's life. The film begins in the Garden of Olives where Jesus has gone to pray after sitting the Last Supper. Jesus must resist the temptations of Satan. Betrayed by Judas Iscariot, Jesus is then arrested and taken within the city walls of Jerusalem where leaders of the Pharisees confront him with accusations of blasphemy, and his trial results in condemnation to death. (Rated R)

### SCOOBY-DOO 2: MONSTERS UNLEASHED

**Saturday, May 8, 1 p.m.**  
Starring: Sarah Michelle Geller, Freddie Prinze Jr.

An anonymous masked villain wreaks mayhem on the



### THURSDAY THRU SATURDAY MAY 6 THRU 8 31ST ANNUAL EAST COAST RALLY

The annual East Coast Military Vehicle Rally, Show, Swap Meet and Flea Market (formerly known as the Aberdeen Rally) will be held site at Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen, just west of I-95 Exit 85. The event features a large militaria flea and swap market, with 200 plus vendors and military vehicle displays.

Reenactors, living history groups and MVPA chapters wishing to exhibit military or historical displays are welcome and will receive complimentary spaces. Drivers of military vehicles entered for display or judging also receive free entry. Free camping.

For more information, call Tom Buonaugurio, 443-243-1000, or e-mail [abderdeenrally@aol.com](mailto:abderdeenrally@aol.com), or visit the Rally Web site, <http://www.wacbgmvt.org/ecr/>.

### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MAY 7 AND 8 RIDE YOUR BIKE TO WORK DAY

The Baltimore Metropolitan Council will sponsor the fifth Annual Celebration of Bike to Work Day, 7 to 8:30 a.m., at the Harford County Administrative Office Building in Bel Air. The event will spotlight commuters who choose the two-wheel alternative method to get to work.

All registered Bike to Work Day participants will receive an event T-shirt, an on-the-go snack and the chance to win a commuter bicycle and bicycle accessories.

Riders on Aberdeen Proving Ground are reminded to wear appropriate reflective gear, with helmet and eye protection.

Bike for Breast Cancer

## Mall

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our weekly specials." Trunk said she hopes to expand the menu and hours should business pick up.

"All we had at first were hamburgers, grilled chicken and drinks," she said, adding she plans to add cappuccinos and espresso should the schedule expand for breakfast.

The wife of Sgt. 1st Class James Trunk, Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion, who is serving in Korea, Trunk said this is her first business venture on her own.

"I went to apply for a cashier position and they made me a manager," she said. "If I could get the troops back in here it would be awesome."

The shop is open 5 to 8 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Representative Kathy Betz is scheduled to attend Bike to Work Day to meet and speak with bicycling commuters. A bicycle rodeo will be held at Festival Park in Aberdeen on May 8. The rodeo includes city policemen offering safe bicycling riding tips to area children and bike makers available to perform safety checks. Bicycle helmet inspections will be made and adjustments made, if necessary. A limited number of helmets will be given away.

For more information and registration, see [www.bike2workcentralMD.com](http://www.bike2workcentralMD.com).

For more information about local car and vanpooling opportunities, call Stephen Smith, Harford County Ride Share coordinator, at 410-638-3103 or 1-800-924-8646.

### FRIDAY MAY 7 YOUNG MARINES FUNDRAISER

The Jarrettsville Young Marines, who have been frequent volunteers for the City's annual Armed Forces Day event, will hold a Bull Roast fundraiser, 7 p.m., at the Jarrettsville VFW. For more information, call Rick Freetage, or e-mail [multi-man54@comcast.net](mailto:multi-man54@comcast.net), or visit their Web site, [www.jarrettsvilleyoung-marines.com](http://www.jarrettsvilleyoung-marines.com).

### COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8. Cash bar is available, and no dance lessons.

For more information, call 410-272-8318.

### SATURDAY MAY 8 PRE-MOTHERS DAY DANCE

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, is sponsoring a Pre-Mothers Day Dance featuring the R&B Band "BADD" 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Donations are \$20 per person and \$35 per couple and include buffet, door prizes, raffle and cash bar.

Dress to impress—no jeans, boots, sweat suits or sneakers.

Tickets can be purchased at VFW Post 6054 or by calling Post Commander Terry Robinson, 410-688-3188 or Ladies Auxiliary Senior Vice President Linda Smith, 443-857-8823.

### BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Port Deposit Heritage Corporation will be held at the VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Bingo starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10 for all paper cards, and are available by calling Anne Gibson at 410-378-3338, JoAnne Bierly at 410-378-3320, or Brenda Conjour at 410-273-7332.

Door prizes and raffles are available. No smoking is allowed

### THURSDAY MAY 13 LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

To begin the annual "May is

Lyme Disease Awareness Month," the Harford County Lyme Disease Support Group, Inc. will sponsor a program on ticks and tick borne diseases for physicians and the general public, 7:30 p.m., at Highland Presbyterian Church, 701 Highland Road, Street.

The guest speaker will be Sandy Evans, a biologist from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Evans will discuss the threat of major tick borne diseases in the United States, tick habitats, tick life cycles, the prevention of tick bites, personal protective techniques, proper removal of ticks and tick control around the home. After the program there will be a question and answer period.

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# Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## Activities

MWR has exciting and entertaining events planned for APG. Upcoming concerts include the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour pre-

senting Montgomery Gentry, and Blue County on July 17 and Shirley Caesar returns to APG for another concert July 18.

To learn more, visit <http://www.apgmwr.com>. To view intramural bowling scores visit [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil).

### Methods of registration

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

### Match Play Golf Tournament

Play some good old match play golf on June 7 at Ruggles Golf Course. Tee times are to be determined by the number of entries. Cost is \$20 plus applicable daily fees.

This tournament is open to all players, but they must have a USGA handicap. Ninety percent of handicaps are used for competition. All play will be from the white tees.

There is a strict three-week match window schedule for all matches to be completed. One hundred percent of all prize money will be awarded. Register by May 31.

### Cape Cod and Beyond

Enjoy four night accommodations in Cape Cod, Mass., June 20 to 24. Trip includes an escorted tour of Hyannis Harbor, featuring the Kennedy Compound, Nantucket Island, Plymouth and Boston.

The bus will depart from Vitali's Restaurant in Edgewood at 7:45 a.m. on Sunday and return at 10 p.m. on Thursday.

Cost is \$489 for single and \$399 for double. Price includes welcome reception, baggage handling, gratuities, motor coach transportation, driver and guides. Register by May 14.

### APG National Health and Fitness Day

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will conduct a Mini Health Fair May 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the APG Fitness Center, Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center.

Take advantage of blood pressure screening, body composition analysis and information on nutrition, injury prevention, heart disease and diabetes.

The AA Fitness Center will have a chiropractor and acupuncturist on site.

There will be a 5K Fun Walk/Run beginning at 11:45 a.m. Receive a massage from a licensed massage therapist from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be prizes to the first 50 participants, free water bottles, and more.

For more information contact the Hoyle Health & Fitness Center at 410-436-

7134/7135 or the APG Health & Fitness Center at 410-278-9725/9759.

### Swim Lessons

Swim lessons run July 12 to 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 to 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.

#### August 2 to 13

Adults, age 19 and older, 7 to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$35 per person with a 10 percent discount 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](mailto:outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Reserving the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area

All military units and civilian agencies on post have preference when reserving this picnic area for office picnics for use on weekends/holidays for a \$250 user fee.

Items available at the picnic area include an ice machine, public address system, refrigerator, picnic tables, pavilions, restrooms, volleyball courts, basketball court and horseshoe pits.

### May specials at the Bowling Center

On May 7 Cosmic Bowling will begin at 9 p.m. to closing. Games are \$2 each and shoes can be rented for just \$1.

May 9 is the day to bring mom to the Bowling Center for \$0.50 a game. Mothers will not be charged for their shoes.

Red Pin Special runs May 19 through 21, 5 p.m. till closing. Throw a strike on a red head pin and receive a free game of bowling.

Bowl all you want Special May 26 through 28, 1 to 6 p.m. for only \$7 per lane per hour. Shoes are even included.

### Chesapeake Challenge is open

The Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park opened May 1 for weekends only, Friday, 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday, 1 to 10 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 8 p.m.

Amusements include Go-Kart rides, miniature golf, batting cages and the arcade room. Parties, special events and group packages are also available.

For more information or for group rates, contact Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or send an e-mail to [outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil).



Illustration by DEBBIE BROOKS-HARRIS

### APG Miniature Golf championship

This double elimination tournament will be played 6 to 10 p.m., May 21, at Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners based on the number of entries. Players must abide by existing course

rules during play.

Cost is \$10. Register by May 18.

### APG Wrestling championship

This contest of skill, strength, and endurance, 1 to 5 p.m., May 22 and 23, will test wrestler's ability to survive in a combat environment.

Tournament is open to the public. This event is designed to offer the participant the challenge he or she has always dreamed about.

It's a real life battle to the finish using all the gusto and force a wrestler can muster to reach that triumphant goal of defeating an opponent on the field of battle.

This will be round robin competition based on a point system. Register by May 20. Cost is \$20.

### NYC highlights tour

Take New York City by land and by sea with this highlights tour and skyline cruise. On June 19, enjoy the beautiful New York skyline with a one-hour Circle Line Cruise, visit Chinatown for a family style lunch and some shopping followed by a guided tour to Ground Zero, Times Square, the Empire State Building, 5th Avenue, and more.

Bus will depart from Vitali's Restaurant in Edgewood at 7:45 a.m. and return at 10 p.m. Cost is \$85. Register by May 14.

## SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

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### FINANCIAL AID 101

Different types of financial aid are available to help pay for college. Grants and scholarships are funds that don't have to be repaid. They are based on financial need, merit, special activities or a combination, and are provided by the federal government, schools and private sponsors. Work-study programs are set up to help the student earn financial aid by working on or off campus. The federal government offers a variety of low-inter-

est loans that have to be paid back over time such as the Stafford Loan, the Perkins Loan (for students with exceptional financial need), and the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students. The Corporation for National Service offers funding in exchange for volunteer service. Visit [www.cns.gov](http://www.cns.gov) to learn more.

Tuition payment plans are available at different schools that split tuition costs into monthly payments.

Other ideas worth checking include military service and local community colleges.

Two great resources, the 'How Do I Pay For College' brochure, and the 2003-2004 'The You Can Guide To Financing Your Education' are available at the School Liaison/Youth Education Office, building 2752, Room 200.

Other transition support resources include [www.militarystudent.org](http://www.militarystudent.org) and [www.MilitaryChild.org](http://www.MilitaryChild.org). For more information, contact Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857 or e-mail [ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil).

## Caesar

From front page

Christ's Direction, is a trio of sisters from Maryland.

Formed in 1984, the group sings a blend of down home, contemporary and a cappella gospel music.

In 2003 they were the featured artists at the First United Methodist Church in Bend, Ore., where they gave a concert, led a choir workshop and sang for two worship services.

They also have performed in Alaska, California, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Tennessee and in Maryland.

Rosetta Dennis, Faye Wilson and Ginger Craig hail

from a family of 12 children.

They are the daughters of the late Deacon Alonzo and Elder Francis Wilson.

The local group appearing on this year's program is the Rev. Michael German & The Praise Team of Holy Temple Urban Connectional Church and choirs from New Destiny Evangelists Ministries and Helping Hands Ministries.

To purchase tickets, call Ticketmaster at 1-800-551-SEAT; visit Morale, Welfare and Recreation 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](http://www.apgmwr.com).

## 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 of the recently received films available on DVD at the APG MWR libraries:



### Rabbit-Proof Fence

The title refers to a 1,500-mile fence, separating desert from the farmlands of Western Australia. It is here, in 1931, that three aboriginal girls are separated from their mothers and transported to a distant training school, where they are prepared for assimilation into white society as

domestic servants. This film follows their escape and tenacious journey homeward, while a stubborn policy enforcer (Kenneth Branagh) demands their recapture.



### Master and Commander: the Far Side of the World

starring Russell Crowe

### The Greatest Show on Earth

starring Charlton Heston and Betty Hutton

### Brother Bear

Walt Disney animation

### Schindler's List

starring Liam Neeson and Ben Kingsley

### Something's Gotta Give

starring Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson

The library's Web site:

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

## Lucky Bucket 2 underway at Ruggles Golf Course

### Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Ruggles Golf Course is hosting the Lucky Bucket 2 Sweepstakes, a spring golf driving range promotion targeting golfers of all ages and skill levels.

Through June 30, nine red "lucky" balls will be dropped in the range ball machine each week.

Instant prizes are awarded on the spot to those who find a red ball in their bucket.

Prizes include a Vivitar digital camera; Wilson Staff true velocity golf balls, a Dirt Devil hand vacuum, Samsonite "Legacy Sport" 2-piece luggage set, and more.

In addition, with every purchase of a bucket of balls at the driving range, patrons will receive an entry form for the grand prize, an all-expense paid golf vacation package for two at a championship golf resort.

The golf vacation packages will be drawn randomly at the CFSC headquarters on or about July 31.

Sharpen your golf skills and enter to win great prizes.

For more information, contact Ruggles Golf Course at 410-278-4794 or visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site, [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

## Ricketts Point Road closure scheduled

### Jerry Norris

DIO

Ricketts Point Road will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, for the installation of water and storm sewer lines. Work is being performed as part of the Advanced Chemistry Laboratory construction by Poole and Kent Company for the Baltimore District, Corps of Engineers.

The closure is scheduled to start at 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, and is scheduled to be completed no later than the following Sunday afternoon.

The closure will occur between the south entrance to the E-3300 parking lot and Beech Point Road.

Access to the parking lot will not be affected but all traffic with destinations beyond the lot entrance will be required to use Wise and Otto Roads as the detour route.

All access to Gunpowder Neck ranges must use the detour route.

In advance of the actual road closures, there will be lane closures with flagmen for preparatory work during the preceding week.

These dates and durations are subject to weather and environmental factors and may slip in both date and duration. Motorists are requested to use caution and to obey all traffic controls and detours.

In addition, any building occupants requiring access to E-3330/E-3331 are requested to access the sidewalk between E-3300 and E-3331 and to avoid the construction areas.

Additional Ricketts Point Road closures will be necessary later this year to install additional utilities and notices will be posted.

For more information, call 410-306-1159.

## LEAVE DONATION

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

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

### Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Juanita Carter  
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)  
Sarah Blevins  
Barbara Boyd  
Christina Bryant  
Jane E. Calahan  
Kenneth Carey  
Melanie Carns  
Barbara Crossley  
David Fletcher  
Renee Gaffney  
Janice Johnson, diabetic neuropathy  
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasitosis, fibromyalgia condition)

Richard Hoffman  
Beth Kelly  
Beverly King (caring for husband)  
Danny Kopp (lung cancer)  
William B. McLean (kidney failure)  
Linda M. D. Queen  
Tess Ramos (lung surgery)  
Michael Reynolds  
Cheryl L. Roark  
Matthew Ryan  
Marguerite Soper  
Alison Tichenor  
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)

# Eleven to be inducted into the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame

**E.C. Starnes**

*U.S. Army Ordnance Corps*

The Chief of Ordnance will induct 11 individuals into the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame on May 13 at the U.S. Army

Ordnance Corps Museum as part of Ordnance Week 2004.

Slated for induction (all are retired ranks) are Lt. Gen. Malcolm R. O'Neill, Maj. Gen. Norman E. Williams, Brig. Generals Benedict Crowell, James W. Boddie Jr., Colonels

Samuel L. Chappell and Ronald W. Mordecai, Chief Warrant Officers 5 Willard W. Batiem, Michael D'Antonio and Troy A. Daugherty, Command Sgt. Maj. Joshua C. Hooper and Olga V. Suppes.

## Contemporary inductees



**Lt. Gen. Malcolm R. O'Neill**

O'Neill began his military career in 1962 following graduation from DePaul University and an ROTC commission in Field Artillery. He then completed the U.S. Army Ordnance Guided Missile School at Redstone Arsenal, and volunteered for duty in South Vietnam where he served as Senior Advisor to the Reconnaissance Company of the 21st ARVN Division. He subsequently served a second tour in Vietnam.

He went on to earn a master's and doctorate in physics from Rice University.

O'Neill was a pioneer in space-based lasers and, following a tour as the Project Manager for the Multiple Launch Rocket System, or MLRS, was selected to head a directorate with President Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative Office (commonly called Star Wars).

He later commanded and/or managed major research and development activities and took the lead in organizing the Army's Acquisition Corps.

He retired in 1996 after 34 years of distinguished service that included an unprecedented 200 months of program management and research experience.



**Brig. Gen. James W. Boddie Jr.**

Boddie began his Army career in 1968 with an ROTC commission. While commanding the largest battalion in U.S. Army Europe (3rd Ordnance Battalion), he accepted delivery of the Pershing I missile and assumed responsibility for USAREUR's chemical weapons storage sites.

Later, as Deputy Commanding General for Procurement and Readiness at the U.S. Army Armament, Munitions, and Chemical Command, he played a key role in dispatching Ammunition Support Teams and managing the air and sea shipment of ammunition to Somalia for Operation Restore Hope. During his final assignment as Commander of the U.S. Army Armament, Research, Development, and Engineering Command and Picatinny Arsenal, his command was honored as the 1995 Research and Development Organization of the Year and received both the 1996 Community of Excellence Award and the Presidential Award for Quality.

Boddie retired in 1997 after 30 years of distinguished service.



**Col. Samuel L. Chappell**

Chappell entered the Army in 1969 and received his commission through the Army Officer Candidate School. He re-energized the efforts to recognize the position of the Chief of Ordnance and the Office of the Chief of Ordnance while serving as the chief, Management Division, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools. He also established the *Ordnance Magazine* as the Ordnance Corps' professional journal and developed the initial Chief of Ordnance coin.

While serving with the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, he served as the catalyst and driving force in developing the Army's logistics transformation and modernization effort often referred to as the Army's "Revolution in Military Logistics."

He culminated his military career as the Army Chair and Professor of Military Strategy and Strategic Logistics at the National Defense University where he mentored nearly 100 Army leaders.

He retired in 2000 after more than 30 years of distinguished service.



**Col. Ronald W. Mordecai**

Mordecai completed the Ordnance Officer Candidate School in 1943. During World War II, he served in England where he was responsible for ferrying ammunition from depots to Army Air Corps bases.

He left the Army in 1947, but returned to active duty in 1950. During the Korean War, he supervised 1,500 personnel and was responsible for the shipment of some 100,000 tons of ammunition from Hozono Ammunition Depot, Japan, to the troops in Korea.

As part of the Army's buildup for the Vietnam War, he directed the storage programs of 12 continental U.S. munitions depots for the U.S. Army Materiel Command. During the Vietnam War, he managed an 80,000-ton stockpile of conventional ammunition and guided missiles for the entire II Corps Tactical Zone.

Mordecai's final assignment was as chief, Weapons and Munitions Division, Director-ate of Maintenance at AMC.

He retired in 1970 after 24 years of dedicated service and died earlier this year.



**Maj. Gen. Norman E. Williams**

Williams received his commission in the Ordnance Corps through the Loyola College ROTC program in 1964. In Vietnam, he restructured all Army of Vietnam units to reflect modernized equipment and developed the concept of Mobile Maintenance and Supply Teams to train them. He earned a reputation for improving maintenance and supply operations in every unit in which he served.

At the Army Logistics Evaluation Agency his "War on Batteries" program saved millions of dollars. He played a key role in establishing multifunctional combat service support battalions, in funding the Palletized Load System, and in developing support concepts for Air-Land Battle future. Williams was the first ordnance officer to command the Army and Air Force Exchange System in Europe.

He culminated his career as Chief of Staff of the Army Materiel Command where he was the lead in a program that disposed of \$495 million in excess and obsolete depot stock. He retired in 1999 after 34 years of distinguished service.



**Chief Warrant Officer 5 Troy A. Daugherty**

Daugherty entered the Army in 1970 as a tank turret repairman and received a warrant officer appointment in 1976. While stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., he was selected to test and evaluate the M198 Howitzer for the Operational Test and Evaluation Agency and was subsequently assigned as the M198 Fielding Project Officer for the entire XVIII Airborne Corps.

In Europe, he served as the Force Modernization Officer for the 7th Support Group, monitoring the deployment of 72 new systems to the units supported by the Group.

As part of the Materiel Division of the Combat Development Directorate at the OC&S, he led the coordination between civilian industry and the Army on maintenance management and training requirements for 12 projects, to include the Fire Support Team Vehicle. He became the second Commander of the Warrant Officer Candidate Company at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

He culminated his career as the Combat Service Support

Proponency Warrant Officer for the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command, where he was responsible for all personnel proponency actions concerning combat service support warrant officers.

He retired in 1997 after more than 26 years of dedicated service.



**Chief Warrant Officer 5 Michael D'Antonio**

D'Antonio began his Army career in 1967 as a CH-47 helicopter mechanic and was appointed a warrant officer in 1976. He subsequently earned a reputation throughout the Ordnance Corps as the expert in all aspects of metalworking and recovery operations.

He was handpicked in 1985 to serve as advisor and training team chief to the U.S. Military Group, El Salvador. While there, he trained local nationals to maintain vehicles and equipment and assisted in the establishment of El Salvador's first ever combat vehicle production facility as part of a \$6 million dollar program.

At the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, he led the Metalworking Services Division, and was the project officer for the construction of a \$7.6 million state-of-the-art training facility for metalworking services (now known as Cohen Hall).

Because of his expertise and experience, he was handpicked for his final tour where he was given the mission to create a technical training center, equivalent to the OC&S, for Honduras. The result was the Honduran Technical Training Center.

D'Antonio retired in 2000 after 33 years of dedicated service.



**Chief Warrant Officer 5 Willard W. Batiem**

Batiem entered the Army in 1966 and served as a mechanic and maintenance supervisor until he received a warrant

## Historical inductee

### Brig. Gen. Benedict Crowell

Crowell had already established himself as a successful leader in the steel and mining industries when he was appointed a major in the Officer Reserve Corps in 1916.

He was appointed to the Kernan Board, which conducted one of the first systematic surveys of American industrial capacity for producing military materiel. He went on to serve as Assistant Secretary of War and Director of Munitions during World War I, founded the Army Ordnance Association in 1919, and became a special consultant to the Secretary of War during World War II. He was a framer of the National Defense Act of 1920, President of the Army Ordnance Association for 25 years, and a member of several committees that were key to military materiel production and personnel management. He died in September 1952.



officer appointment in 1979. As Maintenance Officer and Advisor to the Bahrain Defense Force, he served as the liaison between the U.S. Embassy and Bahrain Defense Force as it fielded M60 tanks and M88 recovery vehicles with all supporting equipment.

He served in Operation Desert Storm as part of the 71st Battalion Logistics Task Force in support of the 1st Armored Division.

As an action officer with the Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Batiem was instrumental in the evolution of the Integrated Sustainment Maintenance program; worked in the Velocity Management group; and was involved in the development of the Equipment Repair Shelter.

He culminated his military career as maintenance systems research, development, test, and evaluation officer at the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command where he was responsible for an operational evaluation of a \$1.6 billion program designed to modernize the Standard Army Management Information Systems (STAMIS).

He retired in 2000 after 34 years of dedicated service.



**Command Sgt. Maj. Joshua C. Hooper**

Hooper entered the Army in 1972 and spent the first 17 years of his career in the 82nd Airborne Division.

A veteran of Operation Desert Storm, he served as a command sergeant major with four different units before being selected in 1997 to be the Ordnance Corps Regimental Command Sergeant Major.

In this position, he was instrumental in the development of the Multicapable Maintainer Concept for the M1 Abrams Tank and the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

He also played an important role in the development of new programs of instruction for the 63B Light Wheeled Vehicle Mechanics Advanced Individual Training, the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, and the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course.

Under his leadership, the Ordnance Corps' Noncommissioned Officer Academies at Aberdeen Proving Ground and Redstone Arsenal, Ala., were accredited by the U.S. Army Sergeants Major

Academy on their first inspection, with no deficiencies noted.

At the 'Home of Ordnance' he played a key role in the implementation of OC&S' Outreach and Home Town Recruiter Assistance Programs.

He retired in 1999 after 28 years of dedicated service.

### Olga V. Suppes

*(No photo)*

Suppes began her career with the Army in 1918 as a messenger in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance while she was still a high school student.

Prior to World War II, she rose from the position of minor clerk to senior clerk. When President Franklin Roosevelt decided to provide aid to Great Britain following Germany's domination of France, she was tasked with organizing the Lend-Lease Section of the Ammunition Supply Division, which was involved in shipping ammunition, bombs, powder, and TNT to the beleaguered British.

Suppes went on to play a key role in managing the expansion of the Ordnance Department during World War II as the senior administrative assistant in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance and later as the administrative officer to the Chief of the Field Service Division.

From 1951 to 1963, she oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Field Service Division ultimately assuming the position as supervisory management officer in the Field Service Division.

Suppes retired in 1963, after 45 years of dedicated service. She died in 1993.

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*From front page*

on at the same time. There was more than enough to keep us busy."

His parents, William and Carol, said his older brother Damon left for Iraq March 23.

"He was gone longer than we expected but we kept in touch well," Carol said. "We made it with lots of prayer."

For families experiencing the same anxieties of having a child overseas, she offered the following advice: "Get through it with prayer, and don't watch too much CNN."

The 369th Firefighters are an Army Reserve Firefighting Detachment that deploys worldwide to provide fire protection to a theater of operation in support of American forces.

The unit provides aircraft crash, structural, vehicle, confined space, and high angle rescues, and responds to hazardous material emergencies.

# Veterans' voices

## National ladies auxiliary president visits local chapters

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Nearing the end of a nationwide tour, the national president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Evelyn McCune, met with representatives from Harford and Cecil counties during an official visit to Maryland March 28 and 29.

Bernice Shimizu, of Aberdeen, president of the Maryland Ladies Auxiliary VFWs, hosted a dinner in McCune's honor at the Jerry Sklivanek VFW Post 8185 in Port Deposit, March 29 after leading a tour of local chapters.

McCune, who relinquishes her one-year term during the national convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, in August, said that one of her goals was to visit every state to thank the auxiliary's nearly 700,000 membership "for all they do in our communities."

"Our focus has been on taking care of our deploying service members and their families, promoting our youth programs, and keeping in touch with our cancer aid and research projects," McCune said.

Near and dear to her heart has been Operation Uplink, which provides long-distance telephone cards to deploying troops and to hospitalized veterans.

"Our job is to make sure that our troops know we care about them all during their lifetimes," McCune said.

She commended Shimizu for the projects Maryland auxiliaries conduct to benefit their communities.

"It's mind-boggling the time they spend helping veterans and their families," she said. They do an outstanding job."

### National programs of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

#### Americanism

Americanism activities during 2002 to 2003 included donating 600,429 American flags to community groups, holding 4,653 POW/MIA programs, and participating in 8,236 "Get-Out-the-Vote" activities.

#### Buddy Poppy

Ladies auxiliaries used a total of 7,686,243 Buddy Poppies during 2002 to 2003 activities. Proceeds from donations assist needy veterans and help support the VFW National Home for Children. Hospitalized veterans, who assemble the poppies, receive compensation through incentive therapy programs.

#### Cancer aid and research

For the 15th consecutive year, auxiliaries raised more than \$3 million to support research and to provide small grants to members who have cancer. Recipients for cancer

research donations, 2002 to 2003, included The Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc., Johns Hopkins Hospital; University of Texas Health and Science Center at San Antonio; University of South Dakota at Sioux Falls; Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y., and the Providence Cancer Center, Anchorage, Alaska.

#### Community service

Ladies auxiliary members donated 18,509,427 hours and \$79,250,606 to help others. Community service projects include donating items to homeless shelters, conducting food drives and cleaning up playgrounds. Special projects include "Make a Difference Day," "Adopt-a-Unit," "Plant a Tree to Honor a Vet," "National Family Volunteer Day" and "March of Dimes" walks.

#### Hospital volunteers

More than 100,000 Veterans Administration Hospital volunteers, serve more than 2.3 million hours in medical centers and nursing homes, annually. Volunteers are asked to write letters for patients or simply chat with them. Auxiliaries also hold special holiday events and bingo parties. In addition, 33 states and 5,346 members participated in the Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project.

#### Junior Girls

The auxiliary sponsors 164 Junior Girl units, totaling 2,222 members. During the year, the units conduct

several activities to help those affected by the War in Iraq.

The Heart of Gold Achievement Badge encourages members to learn about their country, community, family, the auxiliary and other organizations. Scholarships are available to outstanding junior girls, ages 13 to 16, in a national competition with awards ranging from \$100 to \$10,000.

#### Youth scholarships and awards

National Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

Top award: \$10,000 scholarship  
Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award

Top award: \$5,000 Savings Bond  
The Voice of Democracy  
Top award: \$25,000

National Youth Essay Contest (Patriot's Pen)

Top award: \$10,000 Savings Bond

#### VFW National Home for Children

Located in Eaton Rapids, Mich., this VFW and auxiliary-sponsored home is a place where children and grandchildren of members whose parents are deceased, disabled, or cannot provide for themselves are able to stay together as a family unit. A new rule instituted since the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom allows for the care of children of deployed parents. Auxiliary members donated more than \$111,000 to support this

effort, to secure items such as educational materials, sports equipment and musical instruments.

#### Rehabilitation

Through this program, members help veterans who are not hospitalized but have special needs such as assistance with utility bills, childcare, food, clothing and transportation. In all, \$1,935,794 was donated and 535,393 hours were volunteered to provide services like the "Adopt-a-Vet" program. Auxiliaries also asked Veterans Service Officers to present programs on veterans' entitlements.

#### Legislative

The auxiliary supports the VFW legislative and National Security Priority Goals by writing letters to bring issues affecting veterans and their families to the attention of lawmakers on all levels. Members contact local, state and national officials in person or via e-mail, faxes and letters. They also sponsor public forums or "Meet the Candidate" events.

For more information on local VFW Ladies Auxiliary chapters in Harford and Cecil counties, contact a local VFW or call Bernice Shimizu at 410-272-4020.

For more information about the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, call 816-561-8655, e-mail info@ladiesauxvfw.com, or visit Web site, http://www.ladiesauxvfw.com.

## Museum historian wins Leopold award

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

Dr. Peter S. Kindsvatter, command historian for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, has received the prestigious Richard W. Leopold Prize for his book, "American Soldiers: Ground Combat in the World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam."

The Organization of American Historians selected Kindsvatter for the award, which he received from OAH president Jacquelyn Dowd Hall at the annual awards ceremony in Boston March 27.

The Leopold Prize is presented every two years for the best book written by a historian connected with federal, state or municipal governments.

Kindsvatter, who maintains an office in the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, said that he was unaware the book was under consideration because a mentor from his college days at Pennsylvania State University submitted his name without his knowledge. Sadly, the mentor passed away before Kindsvatter could let him know of his selection.

"He was one of the top three sources in the nation in military history," Kindsvatter said.

A retired lieutenant colonel, Vietnam-era and Gulf War veteran, Kindsvatter holds a bachelor's and master's in journalism and a doctorate in history. He said this selection validates a 15-

year process to be recognized as a historian.

"To win this award means that I'm no longer just dabbling in military history," Kindsvatter said. "I now have a nationally recognized book to my credit."

As the OC&S historian, Kindsvatter's duties include writing articles for the Ordnance Magazine, teaching ordnance history classes, conducting staff rides and battlefield tours for Ordnance Corps officers and preparing annual historical reports.

He also tends to command related projects such as researching biographies for Ordnance Hall of Fame inductees and answering more than 100 queries annually that require intense archival research at the Military Historical Institute and National Archives at Carlisle Barracks, Penn.

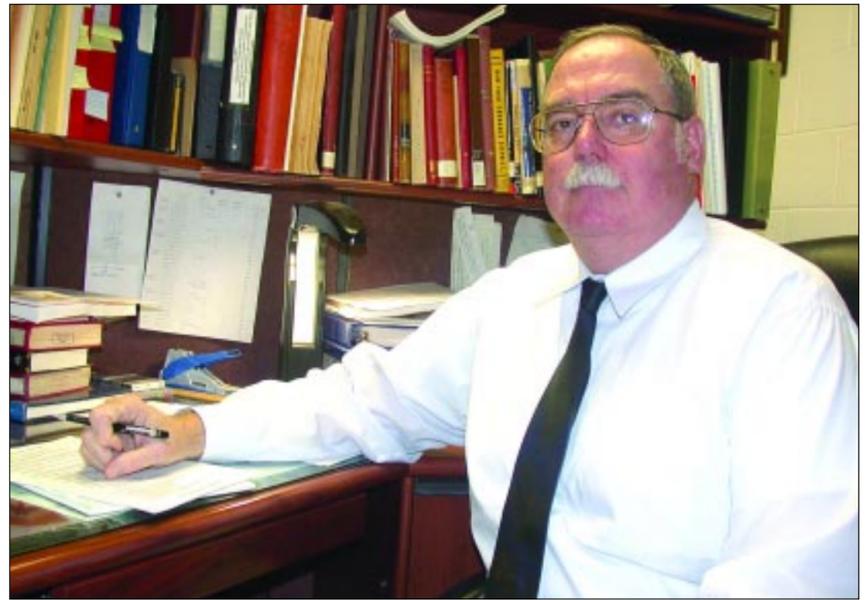
Kindsvatter said he has as much pride in his Ordnance Magazine articles as he does in his recent accomplishment.

"Each one has a little bit of originality in it," he said.

His latest article, titled, "Ordnance Support to the American Expeditionary Forces in Air Service in World War I," focuses on the Army air mission before the Air Force.

Kindsvatter has served as the command historian of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools since 1999.

His articles on Ordnance Corps history regularly appear in Ordnance Magazine. He also has



U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Command Historian Dr. Peter S. Kindsvatter, winner of the 2004 Richard W. Leopold Prize from the Organization American Historians, sits at his desk in his Ordnance Museum office.

been published in the Parameters, Military Review, Army, Armor, and Army Logistician magazines.

Kindsvatter's book, "American Soldiers:

Ground Combat in the World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam," is currently being considered for an award by the Society of American Historians, which has awarded Pulitzer Prize winners.

## Push is on for new Ordnance Museum



Ordnance Museum volunteers Rich Carnegie, left, chairman of the board of the Ordnance Museum Foundation, and Mike DiAntonio, make adjustments to the model, the focus of the ongoing building campaign to house the museum's large artifacts. The model is on display in the Ordnance Museum lobby.

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

The Ordnance Museum Foundation has begun its drive to create a new edifice that will protect its priceless artifacts from the elements.

Led by museum curator Ed Hoesley and foundation director Paul J. Wooddell, a group of local business leaders attended a March 17 reception at the museum to officially kick off the campaign.

Wooddell said the ultimate

goal is to protect the valuable collection that is part of "our national heritage."

"Some 300 military vehicles and military pieces have been at the mercy of the elements in outdoor displays since World War I," Wooddell said. "Many are rusting away and will not survive much longer without protective storage and major restoration."

The campaign hopes to garner enough funds to construct 10 buildings on the museum grounds that will house the

artifacts as well as a classroom, theater and restoration shop.

Labor would be provided by several units of the Army and Marine Corps according to Wooddell.

"We just need to raise money to purchase the materials," he said.

The U.S. Army Ordnance Museum attracts as many as 200,000 visitors a year. It houses the largest ordnance collection in the nation.

While attendance dropped



An aerial view shows the current structure and the 10 additional structures that will house the museum's entire large artifact collection.

off after Sept. 11, 2001, with access to the installation restored, the museum expects to regain its previous visitation levels.

A multi-million dollar restoration project has been underway since 2000 and numerous pieces have been externally restored to their original paint and markings.

Many are on display around

the installation as well as on the 25-acre tank/artillery park that surrounds the museum.

"We must provide shelter or the deterioration will begin again," Wooddell said.

The U.S. Army Ordnance Museum is open 7 days a week, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. It is closed on national holidays except Armed Forces Day, Independence Day, Veterans

Day and Memorial Day.

Access to the installation for non-government ID card holders requires a valid photo ID.

Those who would like more information can contact the Ordnance Museum Foundation, Inc. at 410-272-3622 or access the Web site at [www.ordmusfound.org](http://www.ordmusfound.org) or e-mail the museum at [ordmusfound@erols.com](mailto:ordmusfound@erols.com).



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