

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Jan. 10, is paper.



Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Ice—a danger to all

Venturing onto ice along the shores of the bay, its tributaries, or ponds on the installation is dangerous and prohibited. Fluctuating temperatures and water currents make such practices particularly dangerous. Col. Robert J. Spidel, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison commander, asks commanders and parents of children on APG to ensure this is enforced.

Help line available for parents

When parents and caregivers feel like the stress of child rearing is at its limit, call the Family Stress Line. Whether you are concerned about how to discipline or manage your adolescent, worried about school performance, or any stress related to parenting, the StressLine is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-243-7337. Family Stress Line, a program of The Family Tree child abuse prevention agency, is a confidential hotline. Professionally trained, non-judgmental and caring volunteers are available to help you.

Parenting Classes

The Family Advocacy Program is sponsoring classes for parents with school age children age 6 to 12 years Jan. 24 through Feb. 28 on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Army Community Service, building 2754. If childcare is needed, please respond by Jan. 21.

For information and reservations, call 410-278-7474/7478.

Legal Office offers advice

For emergency legal advice, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Garrison Legal Assistance Office continues to see eligible clients on a walk-in basis every Thursday in building 310, wing 2, 8-11 a.m. For further information, please contact the Legal Assistance Office at 410-278-1583/1584. For legal advice that does not involve an emergency, contact the Legal Assistance Office to schedule an appointment.

Christmas tree pickup for housing occupants

Monday, Jan. 8, is the date for Christmas tree pickup in the Aberdeen and Edgewood housing areas. If you have any questions, call Chris Barwick at 410-278-4747.

Freestate Challenge sponsored by the Maryland National Guard

The Maryland National Guard currently offers an alternative education program for area high school dropouts between 16 and 18. Freestate Challenge, coordinated through the Maryland Guard and the State of Maryland's Partners in Prevention pro-

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OC&S officers, NCOs make 2000 Exodus at BWI a 'huge success'

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

If practice makes perfect, then the officers and noncommissioned officers of Aberdeen Proving Ground's U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools have just about perfected Exodus, the annual holiday rotation that sends hundreds of the school's students home for the holidays.

Despite a wintry mix of frigid temperatures and frozen precipitation, more than 1,300 soldiers departed Maryland through the Baltimore/Washington International Airport, Dec. 20, with most of them due to return this week.

Expertly planned and executed by OC&S cadre, the rotation took weeks of planning and coordination with travel agents, transportation companies and host facilities for a smooth transition.

"It really went smooth," said 143rd Ordnance Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Sam Brinson, noting that the first bus full of students departed APG for the airport about 2:30 a.m.

The airport's United Service Organization International Gateway Lounge served as a stag-

ing area for the APG travelers.

With a contingency plan in place for bad weather, Brinson added that the evening's wintry conditions did not impact the operation.

"Everything went like clockwork," Brinson said. "Exodus controllers should be commended for their professionalism and the USO, for its hospitality."

Elaine Rogers, president of USO, Metropolitan Washington, and USO/BWI director Adrienne Trout, led a host of volunteers who offered the soldiers pastries, beverages and the use of the lounge facilities for the duration of their stay.

Also on hand were six Washington Redskins cheerleaders and the Oriole Bird from Camden Yard, all of whom took turns posing for Polaroid snapshots with the soldiers.

"We try to make Exodus better every year," Trout said. "We want our young soldiers to know we respect and appreciate what they're doing."

Staff Sgt. Ray Watson was the lead Exodus controller. Watson supervised a contingent of about 50 NCOs; most of whom

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Three happy Exodus soldiers from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion clutch their boarding passes as they wait to board a flight to El Paso, Texas. The two brothers, Pvts. Chris Valle, left, and Alan Valle, right, were able to get a flight home for the holidays with their best friend, Pvt. Juan Herrera, center.

Volunteer uncovers 'fountain of youth' in giving to others

By Sheila Little
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's January volunteer of the month, the first volunteer of the millennium, is Barbara Davies.

Her selection for the honor is not a surprise to those who know her. Davies has been a volunteer since she began helping in her church as a preteen in Michigan, and the opportunities through the military, to help all over the United States and the world, have made her a treasure trove of advice and experience.

After many years of offering a helping hand and lending a listening ear, Davies chose to continue her service in the volunteer arena. The local area has benefited from her services since an assignment brought the Davies family to the area 35 years ago.

After graduating from Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in home economics and a major in retailing, Davies became a volunteer with military connections in 1940, through marrying her college sweetheart, Walter.

Life with a lieutenant during and throughout World War II required more than the usual portion of adaptability. Davies was up for the challenge and encouraged and traveled with her husband through nearly 32 years of active duty military service, raising a son and daughter, and volunteering in countless capacities and locations along the way.

Through the years, in addition to becoming quite adept at organizing, packing and moving with a

moment's notice, Davies donated sewing skills, organized dinners and social functions, scheduled appointments for hospital clinics, worked blood mobiles, and conducted hearing tests. In post-war Japan, Davies accepted the assignment of teaching English to a group of former Japanese soldiers earmarked as potential English interpreters.

Arriving at Edgewood Arsenal in 1965, Davies immediately began helping where needed. Always a member of the local military spouse group, Davies became president of the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club within the year. Since that time, Davies held a position on the board nearly every year.

Now serving as the consumer affairs liaison, attending monthly community meetings and preparing written and oral reports for the membership, Davies has represented the EA-OWC as the chairperson of the hospitality, activities, services and charities and scholarship committees, in addition to duties on rotating committees and supporting fundraising and social activities of the club.

Donna Welch, current president of the EA-OWC, said Davies is admired by all club members for her support and encouragement.

"She's steadfast in what she does, and always has a good word," said Welch. "She has a willing and cheerful heart, and should get a lifetime achievement award for her services."

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Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Aberdeen Proving Ground's volunteer for January, Barbara Davies, takes a few moments to admire poinsettias during a recent social function of the Edgewood Area Officers Wives Club. The volunteer has served on the EA-OWC board nearly non-stop since coming to the area in 1965.

Y2K has come and gone and left its name to carry on

Story and photos
By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The year 2000 was as tumultuous and compelling as we anticipated it would be.

From the Super Bowl to the Elian saga, from Tiger Woods to the 2000 Olympic Games, from the USS Cole tragedy to the historical presidential battle for the White House, the year produced unprecedented occurrences that will be taught in classrooms and debated in lounges and courtrooms for years to come.

The following is a look at some of the stories that affected the Aberdeen Proving Ground community during the year 2000.

Though most lack the notoriety of national news stories, they are just as compelling to APG News makers and readers.

Here's hoping for another great year of providing information that is "published in the interest of the people of Aberdeen Proving Ground."

Happy New Year!

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Staff Sgt. Richard Martinez, left, from the 2/101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, looks on as Maryland Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer Shawn Branch, the aircraft maintenance supervisor at Weide Airfield, checks out an AH-64 Apache Longbow attack helicopter. The Edgewood Area's 29th Aviation Regiment supported 15 aircraft from Fort Campbell, Ky., in town for the 101st Army-Navy football game at Baltimore's PSiNet Stadium in December.

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is a 22-week, military-oriented resident program at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The program is free. The next class begins on Jan. 20 and ends on June 23. The resident portion of the program is followed by an intensive year-long mentoring phase to adjust to the world of work and follow-on education.

Freestate ChalleNGe places a strong emphasis on commitment, concentration and concerted effort. A primary program objective is to prepare enrollees for the G.E.D. examination.

To qualify for Freestate ChalleNGe, participants must: be drug free, not be in the juvenile justice system, be a high school dropout and be able to pass a ninth grade aptitude test.

For more information on Freestate ChalleNGe contact Chaplain (Maj.) Ron Martin-Minnich, program director, or Charles Rooks, recruiter, at 1-800-820-6692 or visit a Maryland National Guard Armory.

Winter weekend getaway to Jack Frost and Eagle Rock

The Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Information, Ticketing and Registration Office is offering a winter weekend getaway Feb. 16 to 18 to Jack Frost and Eagle Rock for snow skiing. The trip includes round trip escorted motor coach transportation, two nights hotel accommodations at Days Inn, Danville, Pa., four smorgasbords, entertainment and open bar available (must be 21 with legal photo identification).

Rates per person for a quad (four per room) is \$200, for a triple (three per room) is \$224, and a double (two per room) is \$230. Payment in full must be received no later than Jan. 22.

For more information call 410-278-4011/278-4621.

Snow ski rental packages available at Outdoor Recreation

Are you planning a ski trip this winter? If you are, stop by the Equipment Resource Center at Outdoor Recreation and rent your skis today.

We are offering a downhill ski season package (skis, boots and poles) for \$100. Keep the equipment until April 1, 2001. This also includes three free ski tunings through the season. You can also rent skis for the season for \$70 or boots for \$30.

We rent skis for \$7.50 a day, boots for \$5 a day and poles for \$2.50 a day, or get the whole set for \$14.00 per day. Take 25 percent off when you rent ski sets for four or more days.

The Equipment Resource Center has snowboards for \$15 a day, and ski bibs and car rack for \$5 a day.

Stop by the Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, and get pre-fitted for skis. For more information call 410-278-4124/5789.

Post Theater holiday hours

The theater will reopen Saturday, Jan. 5. For information call 410-278-3351.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine will host APG's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 10, at Top of the Bay. Guest speaker will be the Honorable Judge Angela M. Eaves, District Court of Maryland, District 9, Harford County. Tickets go on sale Dec. 11 and cost \$7 per person.

To purchase tickets for the breakfast, contact the following unit representatives: Master Sgt. James Davis, OC&S, 410-278-2529; Sgt. 1st Class Rodney Yelder, 61st Ordnance Brigade, 410-278-5598; Staff Sgt. Michael Jackson, KUSAHC, 410-278-1749; Sgt. 1st Class Herbert Johnson, DTC, 410-278-1053; Sgt. 1st Class Shelton Torbert, SBCCOM, 410-278-1534; Sgt. 1st Class Mitchelen Bigman, NCOA, 410-278-7381 or David Burbey, APG Garrison, 410-278-1145.

Boater Safety Course

Outdoor Recreation and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-04 is offering a 13-lesson Boating Skills & Seamanship Course, starting on Tuesday, Jan. 16. Classes will be held in the Edgewood Area, building E-4733 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. A fee of \$25 covers the cost of textbook and study guide.

Completion of the first six lessons of this 13-lesson course meets the State of Maryland requirement for those born after 1972 who wish to operate a power boat or personal water craft on Maryland waters (including at APG).

Maryland law specifies that PWC operators must be 16 years of age

and have a safety certificate. Boating safety is important to boaters of

all ages and all levels of experience. Upon successfully completing the course, you will receive a certificate. This certificate can reduce your insurance premiums, meet the Maryland law requirements, and most importantly, enhance your knowledge of boating safety.

Class is limited, so make your reservations early. For more information, contact Pat Cowin, 410-569-8093, Charles Shadle, 410-838-2265, Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

Curtailment of furnishings turn-in

Due to the curtailed service at the Single Stock Fund Turn-In Section until Feb. 15, the Furnishings Management Branch will not accept turn-ins from units until the first week of February. For more information contact Carol Lamp at 410-278-4655.

KUSAHC tobacco cessation

Kirk will help you kick butts during four health clinic tobacco cessation classes to be conducted on Thursdays from 12 to 1 p.m. on Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Training will be conducted in the Preventive Medicine conference room (room A-12), Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All military beneficiaries are eligible. Class size is limited, so please preregister.

For more information and to schedule for the first class, please call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

Diabetes Education Classes at Kirk

Four 2-hour diabetes education overview classes for ALL diabetics will be conducted Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Class instruction will cover nutrition, exercise, blood glucose monitoring, latest trends and medications. This also is an opportunity to share your ideas, network with others and develop coping skills.

A certified diabetic educator and registered dietician will instruct the course. Classes are scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Preventive Medicine conference room (room A-12), Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All TRICARE beneficiaries are eligible to attend.

For more information, or to schedule for the first class, please call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964

Small Business Program update

The Small Business Program will be the topic of the National Contract Management Association's 2001 Luncheon presentation by Bonnie Maliszewski, small business specialist, at Top of the Bay's Gunpowder Lounge Jan. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Acquisition employees will earn one continuous learning point for attending. No advance reservation is necessary. For information contact Elaine Millard, 410-278-0747, elaine.millard@sbccom.apgea.army.mil.

EA Thrift Shop Consignment Room

Effective Jan. 2, the Consignment Room of the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop will close at 1 p.m. on Thursdays, because of a shortage of afternoon volunteers. For more information, call the EA Thrift Shop at 410-676-4733.

Tutors available at Aberdeen Area Youth Center

Wendy Haslup is available for tutoring every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Aberdeen Youth Center. Call her there Monday through Friday to set up an appointment, 410-278-4995 or 410-278-9061. For more information about our tutoring program and other activities, contact the Aberdeen Youth Center at 410-278-4995.

NECPOC announces training course

Leadership Skills for Non-Supervisors will be offered Apr. 10-11, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School. Tuition is \$245.

This course is designed for team leaders, office coordinators, special emphasis program managers and all non-supervisory employees who want to enhance their leadership skills. It includes instruction in handling different personality types, the art of giving constructive feedback that minimizes defensiveness, effective delegation, overcoming conflict without making enemies and building teams that work well together and get results.

Nominations must be received in the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center, by Jan. 19.

For more information contact Karin Hancock, 410-306-0065 or e-mail her at Karin.Hancock@cpocner.apg.army.mil.

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season

Thrift Savings Plan is open for changes to enrollment until Jan. 31. During the open enrollment period employees may elect to enroll

in TSP or change their current TSP deduction. Thrift Savings Plan Open Season Update Pamphlets will be distributed to agency administrative offices upon receipt in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Employees must now contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) to make an open season change. Enrollment form TSP-1 can no longer be completed or processed by the CPAC. Employees may call the ABC-C at 1-877-276-9287 or access the website at www.abc.army.mil to enroll in TSP or make a change.

Employees who wish to change the way their TSP account balance is currently invested must request a TSP Interfund Transfer. Interfund transfers can be made up to once a month by calling the ThriftLine at 504-255-8777 or by completing a TSP-30, Interfund Transfer Request, available on the TSP website, www.tsp.gov. The TSP website includes current TSP information, forms and publications.

Register now for HCC spring credit courses

Credit classes for Harford Community College's Spring 2001 semester begin on Wednesday, Jan. 17. Registration is now taking place in the College's Chesapeake Center. Sign up Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students may also register for courses by mail or FAX through Jan. 16.

In addition, registration is accepted at HCC's Aberdeen Proving Ground office Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and alternate Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-2338.

For more information about registering for spring credit courses at HCC, call the Office of Records and Registration at 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222. For more information or to obtain forms, see the Spring Schedule of Credit Classes that was mailed to all Harford County residents. Students can also access the Schedule of Classes at www.harford.cc.md.us.

Family Housing Office hours

The Family Housing Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The office participates in the compressed work schedule, with every other Friday off. For more information call 410-306-2010.

ACS needs volunteer drivers

The American Cancer Society needs volunteer drivers to participate in its Road to Recovery program. Volunteers drive cancer patients to and from treatment. You must own a car, have a safe driving record and have a few spare hours per month. Call 1-888-670-0427 and find out more about becoming a volunteer.

Help available for workers' compensation

The Workers' Compensation Office is located in the Installation Safety Division, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, building 4304. The office is open for walk-in assistance on Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, the office will schedule appointments.

For more information contact the Workers' Compensation Office at 410-306-1091 or program manager, Susie Ashby, at 410-306-1057.

PTA needs volunteers

Roye-Williams Elementary School needs volunteers for the PTA. You do not need to be a parent to volunteer. For more information or to volunteer, call Tom DiCuirci, 410-272-5349, or Sue Osborne, 410-273-5536. Your support will help make this year a great success for our children.

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Passport photos taken on Thursdays

The APG Garrison Photo Lab takes passport photos on Thursdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m., on a walk-in basis. For information about photographic services on post, call 410-278-3391.

APG News

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PET OF THE YEAR



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

"Splash" was adopted from the Veterinary Treatment Facility shortly after this photo ran in the APG News. His unique coloring and regal air has made him the Pet of the Year. Call the VTF to find your pet in 2001 at 410-278-4604.

Y2K fears fade with hustle and bustle of new year

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January 2000

Sanya Rivera, the wife of Sgt. 1st Class Saul Rivera of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, gave birth to the first baby of the New Year at 5:16 a.m. on Jan. 1 in Franklin Square Hospital.

The Department of Defense and APG Garrison declare no ill effects from Y2K.

APG hosts a meeting between current paratroopers from 1st

Battalion, 509th Infantry, Fort Polk, La., and World War II veterans of the same unit who were the first ever to parachute into combat.

APG digs itself out after winter storm dumps 14 inches of snow on the region.

Jim Toscano named APG Police Officer of the Year.

February 2000

Staff Sgt. Nino M. Nelson and Spc. Barbara P. Monge named APG's NCO and Soldier of the

Year.

Brig. Gen. Lester Martinez-Lopez assumes command of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Spc. Alexandr Efros is named Soldier of the Year at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine - Main.

APG Sports Office's Annual Intramural Bench Press Competition draws 90 competi-

tors. The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment won the first-place team trophy.

APG donors boost area blood supplies after the American Red Cross reports critical blood supply shortage due to recent severe weather.

E.F. "Smiley" Williams, director of the U.S. Army Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency, achieves permanent ranking with the Senior Executive Service.

The name of U.S. Army Environmental Center employee, Matt Andrews, is inscribed as a Baltimore Ravens Ultimate Fan in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Sgt. Jeffrey M. Rada, of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, is named Soldier of the Year for the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command.

Skippers Point mayor Mike O'Hern is named APG Volunteer of the Month.

Post and local groups celebrate 27th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night at the Post Theater hosted by 61st Ordnance Brigades' Col. Hugh Hudson, Sgt. 1st Class (Evangelist) Felicia Grantj and Staff Sgt. (Minister) Stephen Lyons.

March 2000

Anthony's Pizza opened for business inside the Main Post Exchange.

Fourteen Non-Appropriated Fund Employees honored at employee of the Year ceremony at Top of the Bay. Mary Brousseau, Mary Busker and Gwynn Dolzine take top honors.

Plumb Point Loop resident Moira Kearney is named Volunteer of the Month.

Intramural basketball's American Division takes the All-Star finals over the National Division, 64-62, 66-45 in back-to-back games.

APG's Legal Assistance Office wins 1999 Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance for fiscal year 1999.

Team NCOA wins intramural volleyball's pre-season Tournament.

April 2000

APG fire chief, Charles Jones, oversees the controlled burn of building 4603, the old DSHE headquarters.

Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion assumes command of APG Garrison. Command Sgt. Maj. Sammy Brinson replaces Stallings at the 143rd.

Opening Day Scramble draws

132 golfers to Ruggles Golf Course. Steve Hinch, Jack Buettner, Suzanne D'Elicio and Frank Wilson take first-place honors.

Post commanders praise Aberdeen Test Center employee Maurice Lee for foiling an attempted theft of sheet metal outside the Welding and Metal Working Shop in building 315. APG police apprehended the would-be thieves after their vehicle ran out of gas.

A new electric supply substation, with projected annual savings of \$600,000, is installed on APG near the Maryland Boulevard gate.

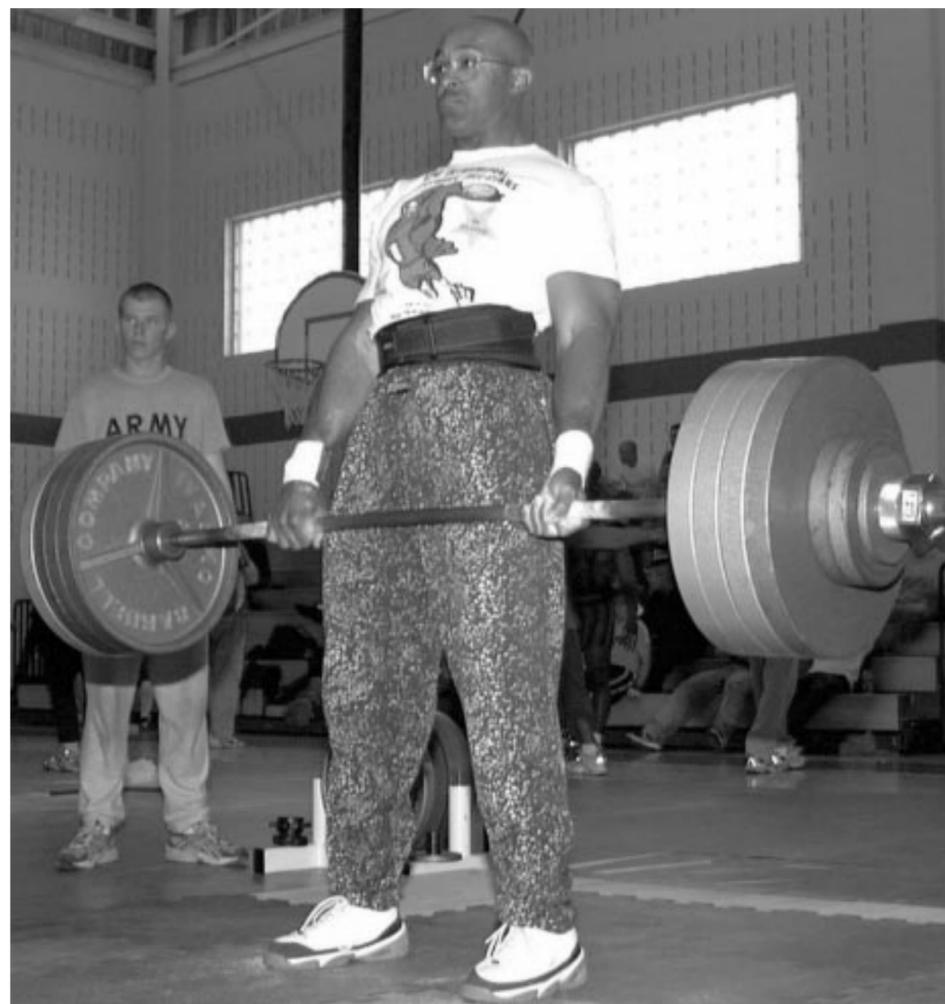
Contractor Soon Dumbault retires from the APG Alterations Shop after 27 years.

U.S. Congressman Wayne Gilchrest visits the Aberdeen Test Center Underwater Explosion Test Facility.

The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment captures first-place in Intramural Bowling's post-season roll-off.

Top volunteers are honored in Top of the Bay ceremony. Winners are Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, Sgt. 1st Class (Ret.) Archie Hamon, Moira Kearney, Veronica Brown and

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1st Sgt. Michael Bennett, Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, lifts 385 pounds in the Edgewood Area's Hoyle Gym during the annual Intramural Bench Press Competition. Bennett came in second to the U.S. Marine Corps' Gunnery Sgt. Zachary Rhodes who lifted 480 pounds in regulation and 500 pounds in exhibition during the February 2000 contest.

Sixty plus years of caring for the military family

VOLUNTEER, from front page

Diane Payne, membership chairperson of the club, has known Davies since an initial assignment at the installation 15 years ago. Describing her long-time friend and mentor as someone who should be considered a national treasure for all her contributions, Payne said Davies "knows the right thing to do and does it without fail. She's a lady of class who's quietly helpful."

Payne added that Davies' continuous service is not limited to one organization. The American Red Cross and Edgewood Area Chapel are among APG organizations that have received nearly continuous support from Davies. The active senior has been volunteering for the American Red Cross since 1960. While at APG, she continued her service by donating one day each week to the clinic on the Edgewood Area and assisting in blood drives when needed.

Davies and her husband Col. Walter Davies are long-time members of the Protestant congregation at the Edgewood Area Chapel. Over the years, she has served three times as president and also as treasurer of the Protestant Women of the Chapel, playing a role in many chapel programs including dinners, special ceremonies and meetings, and taught Vacation Bible School.

Following her husband's last local assignment as deputy post commander of Edgewood Arsenal in 1971, the couple settled in Bel Air. Her new role as spouse of a military retiree did not slow her down. She continued to serve the military community.

Davies and her husband celebrated 60 years of marriage in September as she also marked 60 years of donated service to the military and affiliated organiza-

tions. The parents of two children, Richard, a minister and professor in Indiana, and LeVoy Francisco, an office manager who lives in Bel Air, they also have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Not willing to retire from her life of volunteerism just yet, Davies said she will keep on going until she no longer is able to do it.

Crediting her energy and keen mind to keeping busy by

helping others, Davies is a walking advertisement for what giving to others can do for the giver.

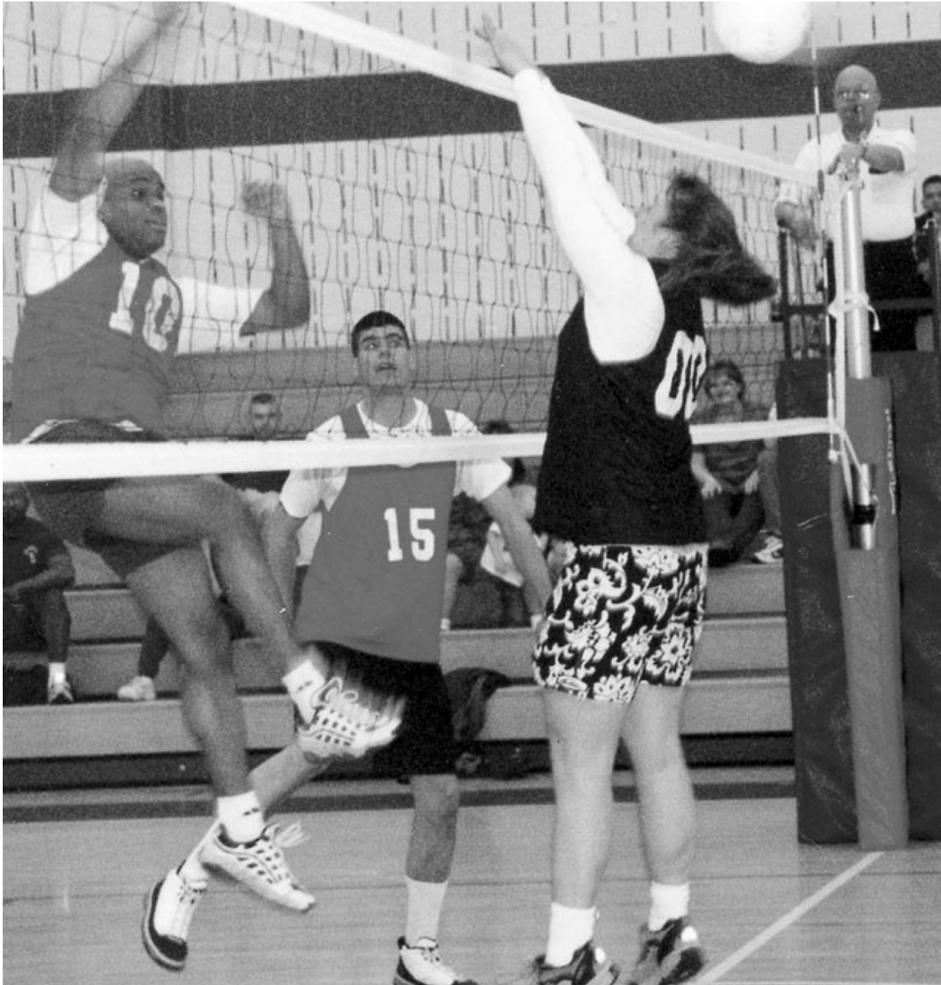
"I'm interested in what takes place in the military and how things are going," Davies said. "Being involved through volunteering helps keep you going, interested, and active, and keeps your mind working a little bit too. I think the key to staying young is to get out of the house, meet others, and do things to help wherever you can," she said.



Cheryl Harris enjoys a light moment with her son Justin, 3, during Playmorning, the Army Community Service-sponsored program for parents and toddlers held Wednesday mornings in the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center.

2000 brings new honors for veterans past, present and future

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Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, APG commander, second from left, accepts congratulations from Maryland legislators in front of the Edgewood Area Cemetery, site of Doesburg's 1999 Memorial Day speech that inspired the passage of the "Minute of Remembrance" proclamation signed by Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening. With Doesburg, from left, are Patricia McClung, Garrison public affairs specialist and author of the speech; Maryland Delegate B. Daniel Riley; and State Senator Bob Hooper. Left, Staff Sgt. Robert Bauerle, a musician with the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), echoes the somber notes of "Taps" during a Memorial Day ceremony in May. Above right, NCOA's Terri Stemper, right, defends against U.S. Marine Corps' Frantz Altevs, left, and Curtis Ridenhour during the Intramural Volleyball pre-season finals in the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center in March. NCOA won the game 14-7.

Jeremy Grasz.
Helen Lacher, from the 203rd Technical Intelligence Unit Family Support Group, is named Volunteer of the Month.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic commander Col. Walter Egerton salutes the organization's volunteers of the year during annual award luncheon. Honored are Mary Alexander, Barbara Davies, Annaliese Rogers, Imogene Squires, Ludmilla Cizewski, Marie Palumbo and John Massey.

Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion wins annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Col. Edward W. Newing and the U.S. Army Environmental Center team with Edgewood Elementary School to plant trees in annual Earth Day Celebration.

Former WWII prisoner of war Capt. (Ret.) George Duffy speaks at the Staff Judge Advocate's Law Day luncheon.

May 2000
Swan Creek Inn holds its first Transient Lodging Employee of the Year awards ceremony. Top honorees are Darlene Hornes, Michael Zyski, Mable Henson, Julian Christy, Eva Susan Sarver, Douglas Tillman, Christine Caudill and Neil Vaught.

APG commanders discuss housing, childcare, TRICARE and other subjects at the 15th Annual Army Family Action Plan Symposium.

Ordnance Corps announces names of 11 inductees into the Ordnance Hall of Fame during upcoming Ordnance Week celebration. They are Col. Frederick G. Crabb, Dr. Constance McLaughlin Green, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Dennis L. Benchoff, Col. (Ret.) Donald L. Porter, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) William R. Holmes, Kenneth E. Carroll, Dr. John von Neumann, Maj. William G. Washington, Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Charlie Miller II, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Patrick McRae Roddy and

Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Richard Vega.

Sweeping changes to Department of the Army Regulation 600-8-19 and DA Form 3355, the promotion point worksheet, alter the promotion landscape for enlisted personnel in grades E4 to E5.

The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment wins APG's Annual Deadlift Competition.

Holocaust survivor Ben Schreiber and second-generation survivor Genie Glucksman are keynote speakers at annual Days of Remembrance program commemorating the Holocaust.

U.S. Army Ordnance Corps celebrates its 188th birthday with an Anniversary Review on Fanshaw Field, and Anniversary Ball at Top of the Bay, an open house and golf tournament and the formal induction of 11 new members of the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion defeats the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense in a decisive Rally Game, 15-9, to win the Intramural Volleyball Post Championship.

Armed Forces Day festivities draw hundreds to APG for Fun Run and parade despite rainy weather. The evening's concert and fireworks are postponed.

The new Military Personnel Division in building 4503 is named the Janet M. Barr Soldier Support Center in memory of the former Military Personnel Division employee who died in 1994.

"Voices for the Millennium" is the theme of APG Garrison's annual Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration. Lt. Col. David W. Coker, commander of West Desert Test Center, Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, is the guest speaker.

A simulated chemical leak is the focus of a Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program exercise held in the Edgewood Area involving dozens of players from APG organizations and county, state and federal authorities including the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Girl Scout volunteer and Military and Civilian Spouses Club board member Maggie Hardy is Volunteer of the Month.

Nora Farrell, of the office of the staff judge advocate, is named APG Garrison Secretary of the Year 2000 in the eighth annual ceremony.

June 2000
Post and community leaders speak at Memorial Day ceremonies in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

Headquarters Support Troop's Staff Sgt. Robbie Powell, brings home the gold after helping the All Army women's basketball team to its ninth consecutive Armed Forces Championship at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. It was Powell's second gold at the All Army level.

APG Korean War Veteran, Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Samuel A. Gilliam is selected as a member of presidential mission to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War held in South Korea, June 23-27.

APG Garrison's Uniform Compressed Work Schedule is credited with saving post nearly \$1 million in energy.

Company 143rd defeats defending intramural softball champion HHC 16th, 13-3 to win the preseason tournament.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, is lauded by state and local legislators for inspiring the passage of the "Minute of Remembrance"

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Community members grow, persevere and learn from their mistakes

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proclamation signed by Maryland Governor Parris Glendening.

Fifty-nine APG employees are honored at the Baltimore Federal Executive Board award ceremony. Five receive gold awards, 23 receive silver awards and 31 receive bronze awards.

Veterans of the 29th Infantry Division, a National Guard unit made up of Maryland and Virginia residents, are honored at the Post Theater celebration of "Operation Overlord" or "D-Day."

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg and U.S. Representative Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. present 19 Medals of the Jubilee of Liberty to Maryland veterans. France created the medals for participants in the Normandy landing on D-Day.

Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas host Flag Day activities at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools headquarters and on McBride Field.

Gen. Eric Shinseki, chief of staff of the Army, visits APG's Aberdeen Test Center and other laboratories after a similar visit by his vice chief of staff, Gen. John Keane in May.

Allman Brothers Band draws 6,000 to APG for Department of the Army Miller Lite Dog Days of Summer concert.

July 2000

Wayne Doyel shoots a 155 to win Ruggles Golf Course Senior Championship. Sam Miller and Harvey Lee shoot 156 to take second and third place.

APG Garrison addresses community concerns over long Commercial Activity process.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's David Bish and Sylvia Saporta enhance the capabilities of Lipid Goal Manager, a cholesterol-tracking software program used by health care practitioners nation-wide.

Col. James A. Romano Jr. assumes command of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense from Col. James S. Little, the activity's commander since 1995.

Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel E. Torres assumes command of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Noncommissioned Officer Academy from 1st Sgt. Robert L. Kyler.

U.S. Air Force inspector general, Lt. Gen. Nicholas B. Kehoe, is the guest speaker at the Civil Air Patrol's 2000 Tri-Wing Encampment.

The body of an Abingdon woman is found in the Gunpowder River in the Edgewood Area of APG.

Brig. Gen. (P) Mitchell H. Stevenson becomes 31st chief of ordnance, assuming command of the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps and Ordnance Center and Schools from Maj. Gen. Dennis K. Jackson.

Charlie Hudson, a member of the Military and Civilian Spouses Club, is the Volunteer of the Month.

Aberdeen Area softball players win the Maryland Armed Forces State Tournament in Laurel, Md. sponsored by the U.S. Slow Pitch Softball Association.

MRICD's Maj. Charles A. Asowata receives a special recognition award from the American Medical Technologists Agency for developing a study program in which MRICD soldiers may receive AMT certification.

August 2000

Col. Stanley H. Lillie assumes command of the U.S. Army Environmental Center from Col. Edward W. Newing who becomes chief of staff of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

Col. John "Rocky" Hills assumes command of the 61st Ordnance Brigade from Col. Hugh Hudson.

APG's Science and Technology Board announces opening of Team APG Business Development Office.

Unit Ministry Teams from APG and its outlying sites gather at the Post Chapel to celebrate the Chaplain Corp's 225th Anniversary.

More than 9,000 people attend Miller Lite Dog Days of Summer concert featuring the country recording group, Alabama and singer Tracy Lawrence. Concert called one of APG's "most successful."

APG selected to implement the Headquarters, Department of the Army's new government travel system, Defense Travel System Limited.

Education Division hosts 22 academic institutions in the post's 12th annual College Fair at the Post Recreation Center.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion wins intramural softball's post championship, beating the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment 6-3, 15-12 in back-to-back games.

Dick Holman fires a 153 in sudden death playoff to defeat Stefan Buitron for the Ruggles Golf Club Championship.

APG Garrison announces start of transition to information services Most Efficient Organization by accepting applications for Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay from employees affected by the Commercial Activities information services package.

Patricia Tate Taylor, director of Global Learning Services for the National Security Agency, is the guest speaker at the Federal Women's Program's Equality Day Ceremony. Charlotte Evering is named FWP Outstanding Woman of the Year. Joyce Roberts is named supervisor/manager of the year and the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity is named organization most supportive of FWP goals.

Lt. Col. Buck Tanner, a supporter of Boy Scout Troop 429, and project manager with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, is the

Volunteer of the Month.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's Timothy Rhodes and Andrew Ignatz win intramural golf's post championship, defeating KUSAHC co-workers, Dustin Behr and Brian Testerman who placed second.

September 2000

Edgewood Area School-Age Services earns accreditation by the National School-Age Care Alliance.

Thirteen soldiers from the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada, earn American marksmanship badges after training with members of APG's Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

Three families escape from a pre-dawn Patriot Village fire. Described by investigators as "accidental in nature," the fire renders the unit uninhabitable.

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense is named the 2000 Army Research and Development Organization of the Year.

The Noncommissioned Officers Academy defeats Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion to win the intramural flag football pre-season tournament.

The Edgewood Area's Hoyle Gym reopens after a five-month renovation that included the installation of a new gym floor.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic implements nurse triage telephone service to decrease the waiting time for appointments and determine degree of urgency to better serve the clinic's patient population.

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) entertains hundreds at the City of Aberdeen's Millennium Concert. Guest performer is the U.S. Army Band Chorale from Washington, D.C.

The largest of four communication huts is assembled in the Edgewood Area as part of a system upgrade that will provide centralized communication for EA personnel.

Dickson Hall conference center is dedicated to Maj. Gen. James W. Ball, a former U.S. Army Chief of Ordnance and a member of the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame.

Sgt. 1st Class Lester Daniels Jr., from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion earns the U.S. Armed Forces silver medal at the U.S. Armed Forces Softball Championships in Miramar, Calif.

The U.S. Army Environmental Center celebrates National Public Lands Day with planting of BayScapes garden in the Edgewood Area.

American Red Cross volunteer, Annelise Rogers, a long-time volunteer at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, is the Volunteer of the Month.

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Matthew Thies, from Boy Scout Troop 777 in Bel Air, poses in front of the newly planted BayScapes demonstration gardens in the Edgewood Area. Thies, along with volunteers and employees of the APG Garrison and the U.S. Army Environmental Center planted the gardens in celebration of the first National Public Lands Day. Left, Brian Testerman, from Kirk, U.S. Army Health Clinic putts on Ruggles Golf Course during the intramural golf finals. A member of team KUSAHC No. 2, Testerman lost to KUSAHC No. 1. For the first time in recent memory, the first and second-place finishers were from the same unit.



An early-morning fire temporarily displaced three Patriot Village families in September. Three people suffered minor injuries in the blaze, which was ruled accidental. All three families have since received permanent replacement quarters.

The community that plays together, stays together



Above, Staff Sgt. Robbie Powell, from U.S. Army Garrison Headquarters Support Troop, poses with her daughters Jehovana, 8, left and Alishia, 4, shortly after returning from the Armed Forces Women's Basketball Championships held in Randolph Air Force Base, Texas in April. Powell helped the Women's All Army team win its ninth consecutive championship. She is wearing the U.S. Armed Forces and All Army gold medals she earned. Above right, A Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion defender pulls the flag off a NCOA rusher who steps out of bounds during the Intramural Flag Football semi-finals in November. Company C advanced to the finals but lost to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion in the Post Championship. Right, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg and Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Estronza point to each other jokingly as they await the start of the 18th annual Gas Mask Dash in the Edgewood Area in October.



October 2000
More than 200 runners participate in the Edgewood Area's 18th annual Gas Mask Dash sponsored by the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command to benefit the Chemical Corps Regimental Association and the Chemical Corps Museum.

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School names its top instructors. They are Capt. Gregory D. Peterson, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gregory A. Gouty, Staff Sgt. Donald McCasland and Lynwood K. Turlington.

Retreat ceremony hosted by the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School's U.S. Air Force Detachment marks the 53rd anniversary of the U.S. Air Force.

APG Garrison announces housing budget cut meaning dramatic reduction in available housing units.

Brig. Gen. Lester Martinez-Lopez, commander of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine gives the keynote address at the annual Hispanic-American Heritage Day Luncheon honoring 38 Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients.

APG receives the 2000 Federal Energy and Water Management Award from the U.S. Department of Energy and the Federal Interagency Energy Policy Committee.

Team APG's Business Development Office opens on APG. An outgrowth of the APG Science and Technology Board, the center comprises APG tenant activities, Harford County, the Northeastern Maryland Technology Council and Harford and Cecil Community Colleges.

About 1,000 people attend the 12th Annual Job Fair, coordinated by Army Community Service, at the Post Recreation Center.

Susan Lindamood, a volunteer with the Technical Escort Unit

Family Support Group, Edgewood Elementary School and the Edgewood Area Officer's Wives Club, is the Volunteer of the Month.

SBCCOM establishes training partnership with Maryland State Police in the Domestic Preparedness Chemical Weapons Improved Response Program.

Nearly 100 area retirees, family members and survivors take part in APG's Retiree Appreciation Day activities at the Recreation Center.

Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley visits APG soldiers and organizations in a three-day tour of APG.

APG's Disability Awareness Month observance held at Top of the Bay. Guests include John Kemp, chair of the civil rights committee on the National Council on Disability and Ginny Owens, a blind singer, songwriter and Dove Award recipient.

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command is selected Public-Sector Employer of the Year by the Harford County Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

November 2000

The 6th Annual Native American Heritage Month Luncheon is held at Top of the Bay. David White Buffalo, a full-blooded Lakota Indian, is the guest speaker.

APG Housing Division restricts work orders, accepting only emergency or urgent requests in answer to budget cuts.

Former APG commander and Maryland's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Warren D. Hodges is honored at reception sponsored by the Susquehanna Chapter of the Retired Officers' Association.

HHC 16th Ordnance Battalion wins its third consecutive intramural flag football championship, defeating Company C, 143rd

Ordnance Battalion, 24-12.

Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion defeats Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 1-0 to win post intramural soccer championship.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic announces delay in delivery of winter season's flu vaccine.

Army Chief of Ordnance, Brig. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, promoted to Major General in ceremony attended by Gen. John N. Abrams, commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Aberdeen Test Center wins 2000 Harford Award for technology efforts to enhance Harford County's business climate.

Dining Facility 4503, operated by Gerard Laruffa, wins the 2000 Thanksgiving Day competition.

Army Community Service volunteer Lisa Costas is the Volunteer of the Month.

U.S. Army Research Laboratory network securities pioneer Michael John Muuss is killed in a multi-vehicle accident on I-95.

The Department of the Army names Brian C. Zeichnef, from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Master Consultant.

December 2000

APG supports the 101st Army-Navy game and the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division with equipment, mechanics and fuel for 15 Apache aircraft housed at Weide Airfield in the Edgewood Area.

One veteran and two teens named Harford's Most Beautiful People in the Maryland You Are Beautiful Program. They are Ronald E. Stallings, the son of APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald E. Stallings; Baise Christian Thomas, the son of Mark Thomas, an engineer with the U.S. Army Research

Laboratory; and Master Sgt. (ret.) Otis Russell (Reds) Redmond, famous in the Aberdeen community for his toy donations to local organizations.

APG Garrison announces plans to reshape in response to budget reductions and Department of the Army directives to proceed with the ongoing A-76 Commercial Activities study.

A grease fire in building 4210, a single-soldier barracks, causes \$1,800 in damage and one minor injury.

Maryland Freestate Challenge Academy drill team wins first-place in drill competition held in Fort Stewart, Ga.

The U.S. Army Materiel Command Acquisition Center is renamed the U.S. Army Robert Morris Acquisition Center

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Whipple, from Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion is invited to a professional Soccer Combine sponsored by InfoSport for professional scouting organizations.

Ron Roberts, a computer specialist with the Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency, sings with the Welsh choir Cor Cymraeg Rehoboth at the New York wedding of actor Michael Douglas to Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, wins intramural basketball preseason tournament.

Actor John Amos speaks at the Maryland Army National Guard's Freestate Challenge Academy's 15th graduation ceremony. Amos offers to return and perform fundraiser for Academy.

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security graduates 12 police officers in Dickerson Hall ceremony.

Julie Koob, of the Military and Civilian Spouses Club is the December Volunteer of the Month.

Community Notes

WEDNESDAY

January 10

COMMEMORATIVE PRAYER BREAKFAST

APG's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Prayer Breakfast, will be from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay. Guest speaker is the Honorable Judge Angela M. Eaves, District Court of Maryland, District 9, Harford County. Tickets cost \$7 per person.

To purchase tickets for the breakfast, contact the following unit representatives: Master Sgt. James Davis, OC&S, 410-278-2529; Sgt. 1st Class Rodney Yelder, 61st Ordnance Brigade, 410-278-5598; Staff Sgt. Michael Jackson, KUSAHC, 410-278-1749; Sgt. 1st Class Herbert Johnson, DTC, 410-278-1053; Sgt. 1st Class Shelton Torbert, SBCCOM, 410-278-1534; Sgt. 1st Class Mitchelen Bigman, NCOA, 410-278-7381 or David Burbey, APG Garrison, 410-278-1145.

JANUARY 10

EA OFFICERS' WIVES CLUB ANNUAL BINGO LUNCHEON

The EA Officers' Wives Club will hold its annual Bingo Luncheon at the Gunpowder Club. Social hour begins at 11 a.m. and a buffet lunch, including a variety of cold cut platters, salad, coffee, soda and choice of dessert will be served at 11:30 a.m. Bingo will begin at 12 p.m. One bingo card is included in the \$6 cost of the luncheon, and additional cards will be available for \$1 each. Call Diane Payne at 410-569-5116 or Jenna Edens at 410-676-1487 with your reservation by Friday, Jan. 5.

SATURDAY

JANUARY 13

LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen High School Booster Club will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street. Doors will open at 6 p.m. There will be food, baked goods and drinks available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (three cards), and \$5 for additional sets of three cards. For tickets, call Brenda Griffey, 410-272-5228, or Vicki Simpson, 410-272-6933. Proceeds benefit the Aberdeen High School Booster Club.

LEAVE DONATION

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Ameneh M. Arasten (maternity)	Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)	Nicholas J. Lombardo, Jr. (heart attack)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Stacy Miller (maternity)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Mary V. Overstreet (twisted and sprained wrists and legs)
Tammy Budkey	Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Angela D. Cheek	Lylis Payne
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Dawn Crouse (surgery)	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Bonnie K. Day (surgery)	Michael Reynolds
William H. Davis (recovering from illness)	Janice M. Rice (assist ill mother)
Tricia Lin Dietz	Denise Robinson (maternity)
Fred Dill	Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Surinder K. Dillon (son has cancer)	Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Joseph R. Dugan	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Messina Enderlein	Sherry Schaffer
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)	Lena Shelton
Willa Freisheim	John E. Smith
Penelope K. Galoff (maternity)	Motoko Stahl
Norman L. Greear	Rachel Swearingen
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)	Frances L. Thomas
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Joseph Walker (wife has cancer)
Wayne A. Jaynes	Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity)
Evelyn K., Johnson (surgery)	Cecelia Walton (respiration problems)
Larry Jonas	Willie Williams
Carole Jones	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	Josephine O. Wojciechowski
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)	Josephine O. Wojciechowski
Beverly King (caring for husband)	(care for elderly parents)
William Klein	

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial; 410-278-1524; or fax 410-278-7877.

LIBRARY UPDATE

The Aberdeen Area Library in building 3320 on Aberdeen Boulevard is open Monday through Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., closed Thursday and Friday and open Saturday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

The Edgewood Area Library in building E-4405 on Austin Road is open Wednesday and Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. It is closed Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

Art Class: Complete Guide to Painting edited by Simon Jennings
ASVAB: Complete Preparation Guide Collected Writings of Dante Gabriel Rossetti
The Complete Idiot's Guide to XML by David Gulbransen
Encyclopedia of Space Exploration by Joseph A. Angelo
The Great American Tax Dodge by Donald L. Barlett
Java and XML by Brett McLaughlin
Mozart: A Cultural Biography by Robert W. Gutman
MP3: The Definitive Guide by Scot Hacke
Postal Worker Exam, 2nd edition
Programming Perl by Larry Wall
The Renaissance by Paul Johnson
A Scattered People by Gerald W. McFarland
XML Unleashed by Michael Morrison

TUESDAY

JANUARY 16

ITALIAN SPECIALTY MEAL

The annual Italian Specialty Meal will be served in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities (buildings 4219 and 4503) and Edgewood Area dining facility (building E4225) between 5:30 and 7 p.m. During this event all military, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate for dinner (\$3.20) applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and their guest. The discount meal rate for dinner (\$2.65) applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal and members of organized non-profit youth groups at either the national or local level and permitted to eat in the dining facility by the commander of the installation.

For more information call Ed Parylo or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1393/1398.

Italian specialty menu

Minestrone soup
 Spaghetti with meatsauce
 Lasagna
 Vegetable lasagna
 Chicken cacciatore
 Baked Italian sausage
 Ravioli - pizza - meatball subs
 Noodles with pesto sauce
 Rissole potatoes
 Seasoned corn - broccoli parmesan
 Pasta salads - fruit salad
 Toasted garlic bread
 Assorted pastries
 Assorted beverages

NOTE: Menu subject to change without prior notification.

SATURDAY

JANUARY 20

MORE BASKET BINGO

The Good Shepherd Catholic School located on 810 Aiken Ave., Perryville, will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be a bake sale and drinks available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (three cards), and \$5 for additional sets of three cards. For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School at 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332. Proceeds benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School.

PATS ON THE BACK

USAEC EMPLOYEES RECEIVE COMMAND KUDOS

Col. Stanley H. Lillie, U.S. Army Environmental Center commander, presented a number of awards and promotions at a ceremony Nov. 22.

John Buck, environmental scientist within the Environmental Restoration Division, received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for his work in Army base realignment and closure and restoration programs from August 1995 through August 2000.

Martin Stutz, an environmental scientist in the Technology and Transfer Branch, received a Commander's Award for Civilian Service for his work from July 1999 through June 2000.

Promoted to GS-12 Information Systems Management Specialists were **Carolyn Barry** and **John Montanary**, Information Management Branch. **Hank Pabst** and **Bob Rodeheaver**, also of IMB, were promoted to GS-12 Computer Specialists.

Aldona Pryce was honored for 30 years of civilian service, and **Rodeheaver** received a 25-year certificate. **Robert Mulhy**, of the Northern Regional Environmental Office, received a 20-year award. **Barbara Schmidt**, **Mary Ellen Mays** and **Janmichael Graine** were honored for 15 years of service.

Larry Kalck, **Len Maiolatesi** and **Bob Shifflett** received USAEC coins for their work on the BayScape garden and gazebo project.

Kim Michaels and **George Teachman**

received certificates of appreciation for their work at the ninth annual Integrated Training Area Management Program conference in August.

Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, assistant Army chief of staff for installation management, presented a number of awards to USAEC employees during a Nov. 27 visit to the center.

George Robitaille, Technology Transfer Branch, received a note and coin from Van Antwerp in honor of a patent he and others were awarded recently on a device used to characterize chemical constituents in soil conditions at Department of Defense installation cleanup sites worldwide.

The conservation liaison program received a note and coin from Van Antwerp in honor of their receiving a Vice Presidential Hammer Award for reinventing government.

Conservation Branch Chief Paul Thies accepted on their behalf.

Rick O'Donnell and **Jim Heffinger**, Technology Demonstration Branch, received a note and coin in honor of a Hammer Award bestowed on the USAEC contingent of the Army Green Ammo team. (See separate article on page 3.)

Brenda Blair received a coin from Van Antwerp for her achievement as chair of the USAEC Combined Federal Campaign program. Aldona Pryce accepted the coin for Blair, and received one of her own for a poem she wrote in support of the CFC.

GRADUATE ENGINEERING COURSES TO BE HELD AT HEAT CENTER

The Whiting School of Engineering, Johns Hopkins University and the Harford Community College successfully signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Nov. 29 enabling JHU to bring graduate courses to the HEAT Center. The spring semester begins Jan. 22. An information session for interested students will be held Jan. 10 from 4 until 6:30 p.m. at the HEAT Center. Applications and registrations will be accepted.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING: HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

The course addresses traditional and innovative technologies, concepts, and principles applied to the management of hazardous waste to protect human health and the environment. Topics include regulatory requirements; fate and transport of contaminants; physical, chemical, and biological treatment; land disposal restrictions; guidelines for design, construction, and closure of hazardous waste landfills; environmental monitoring systems; management of medical waste and treatment options; management of underground and above ground storage tanks; toxicology and risk assessment; pollution prevention and waste minimization; hazardous waste generators and transporters; permitting and enforcement of hazardous

waste facilities; closure and financial assurance requirements; and RCRA Subtitle C Corrective Action and CERCLA/Superfund remediation processes.
 575.422.61 Wednesdays
 H. Alavi \$1,830 5 to 7:45 p.m.

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING: INTRODUCTION TO POLYMER SCIENCE

Topics include bonding in polymers, polymer morphology, molecular weight characterization, polymer solubility and solutions, transitions in polymers, condensation and free-radical polymerization, copolymerization, rubber elasticity, viscoelasticity, polymer processing.
 545.427.61 TBD
 G. Murray \$1,830 6:15 to 9 p.m.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING: DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING

Basics concepts of discrete linear shift-invariant systems are emphasized, including sampling, quantization, and reconstruction of analog signals. Extensive coverage of the Z-transform, discrete Fourier transform, and Fourier transform is given. An overview of digital filter design includes discussion of impulse invariance, bilinear transform, and window functions. Filter structures, finite length register effects, round-off noise, and limit cycles in discrete-time digital systems are also covered. Prerequisite: A working knowledge of Fourier and Laplace transforms.

525.427.61 On-line
 H. Ambrose \$1,830

MATERIAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING: ALLOY SELECTION FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN

This course examines mechanical property design requirements including code base design requirements. Alloy selection for strength, ductility, fatigue life, cost fracture toughness, corrosion resistance, and wear are studied. The joining of materials by welding and brazing is addressed. Alloy systems, nomenclature, and physical properties are examined with attention to information sources.
 515.414.61 Tuesdays
 R.Pond \$1,830 6:15 to 9 p.m.

Admission requirements:

Applicants taking a graduate-level course must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or be in the last semester of undergraduate study. As an alternative to mailing an application, prospective students may apply on line at <http://www.jhu.edu/pte/form.html>.

For more information call 1-800-JHU-ENGR (1-800-548-3647) or e-mail pte@jhu.edu or visit <http://www.jhu.edu/pte>.

Upcoming classes at EA Crafts

Porcelain Dolls

A beginning porcelain doll class making a Sugar Britches doll will be held on Fridays in January on the 5th, 12th and 19th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class size is limited. Preregistration is required. Cost is \$30 plus supplies.

Custom Framing

A professional picture framer is on staff to do your framing. Photos, limited edition prints, posters, paintings or just about anything can be framed. A wide selection of mats and frames is available to choose from.

Edgewood Arts & Crafts is open Thursdays from 1 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is available to all active duty military, civilians working on post and their dependents. It is located in building E-4440 next to the MP station. For more information call 410-436-2153.

OC&S LIBRARY UPDATE

New books available at the U.S. Army Center and Ordnance Schools library:

Acceptable Loss by Gregg P.S. Jorgenson

Available CD Roms

Builder's Guide to Wells and Septics by R. Dodge Woodson

Dept of the Army Electronic Library

Math for Construction, Workshop and the Home by Robert Scharff

The United States Army World War I

The Best Distance Learning Graduate Schools by Vicky Phillips and Cindy Yager

United States Army Select Field Manuals/Training Circulars

The Vital Guide to Combat Guns and Infantry Weapons by Editor, Chris Bishop

Web sites of interest

Once an Eagle by Anton Myer

NCO information - www.vbnhq.com/non-com/links.html

War Comes to Alaska (The Dutch Harbor Attack - June 3-4, 1942) by Norman E. Rourke

Gen. Dennis J. Reimer Trng/Doctrine

Eyes of Artillery (The Origins of Modern U.S. Army Aviation in WWII) by Edgar F. Raines

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Army Research Laboratory establishes process for recycling and disposing of scrap materials



Photo by FREDTHOMPSON

Piles of scrap materials used at experimental facilities await transport from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory Solid Waste Experimental Residue Consolidation Facility. ARL is the first tenant to develop a process for disposing of these materials.

By Virginia Doleman Bailey
ARL Public Affairs Office

In March 1997 a civilian worker was killed and two others were injured in Barstow, Calif., by a live anti-tank shell from inert scrap material purchased from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.

This tragedy prompted the Department of Defense to re-evaluate its policies on residue from ranges turned in as scrap metal. The Defense Department asked each installation to develop a Memorandum of Understanding on how they would dispose of range residue. The U.S. Army Research Laboratory decided to address residue scrap first, since it is less complex than ammunition components.

Range residue scrap is defined as wood, plastic, steel, metals, ammunition, polymers or kevlar that has been exposed to an explosive material.

Military installations in the United States generate large amounts of material and waste each year as by-products of mission activities. Scrap metals are commonly recycled due to their high value.

A range residue committee at Aberdeen Proving Ground was formed comprised of representatives of tenant activities and organizations with experimental facilities or ranges on the proving ground.

Dan Serrano, an explosives safety specialist „served as the ARL representative.

“I suggested that the committee work first on a sound method and plan for disposing of scrap materials,” Serrano said.

After a year and a half of meetings, multiple drafts, and reviews of the APG MOU, it went forward to the DRMO and was approved in June 1999.

Just before the committee completed the MOU, Serrano realized that a storage yard would be needed, complete with operating procedures on how to store materials until they could be transported off the installation. He investigated six different sites on the proving ground for storing of residue scrap generated from the 17 ARL experimental facilities. The storage facility had to be a secure collection point equipped with fencing for containers to safeguard and protect materials already rendered safe from other explosive materials, theft, or unauthorized access.

Since a suitable storage facility in the most efficient location did not already exist, ARL’s Risk Management Office fabricated the Solid Waste Experimental Residue Consolidation Facility for storing salvage material until it could be transported to a recycling facility off the installation. Two employees of HAZMED, INC., Fred Thompson, an environmental manager, and Earl Pumphrey, an envi-

ronmental technician, staff the consolidation facility located on Spesutie Island. Patrick Eures, the radioactive waste manager, was responsible for acquiring the containers used to sort and move the materials from each experimental facility.

Serrano completed the internal operating procedure, which describes precise procedures for ARL personnel to remove range residue generated on the experimental facilities to the consolidation facility. Thompson was responsible for completion of the internal operating procedures, which describes procedures for management, and proper disposal and recycling of the range residue once generated and certified at ARL’s experimental facilities. After completing the internal operating procedures for the consolidation facility, Serrano then forwarded it to the APG Garrison and to DRMO at Ft. Meade, Md., to ensure that all information was within Defense Department requirements. After final approval from Ft. Meade, Serrano arranged mandatory training sessions for all experimental facility personnel.

“The training sessions explained not only the recycling process, and how it could be done, but it addressed the concerns and reservations of personnel working at the experimental facilities, and how dedicated we at APG are in ensuring that hazardous materials do not leave this installation,” Serrano said.

The SWERC became fully operational this past March. Since then, ARL has turned-in more than 2.2 million pounds of residue such as steel, aluminum, titanium, brass and copper to the consolidation facility for recycling. To date, ARL has shipped approximately 80,485 pounds of range residue off-site to recycling facilities.

In dollars, that equates to about \$6,000. Proceeds from the sale of qualifying recycled property when sold as scrap can be used for the cost of installation recycling operations, and maintenance and overhead for processing recyclable materials. If after such funds are credited a balance remains, up to 50 percent of that balance may be used for pollution abatement, energy conservation, environmental improvements and occupational health and safety programs. The remaining balance may be transferred to the non-appropriated Morale, Welfare and Recreation account for any approved programs.

ARL is the first tenant at APG to develop a working procedure for disposing of these materials.

“It’s been a learning experience for all of us. We want to protect the environment through recycling, but most of all we want to render our scrap turned-in as safe, so that what happened in 1997 won’t happen again,” Serrano added.

Retirees for January

Ernest M. Atwell, ATC, 32 years
Frederick C. Baldauf, SBCCOM, 41 years
Sylvia M. Bauer, PMCD, 42 years
Margaret K. Boyle, ATC, 16 years
Flora W. Bradley, DTC, 27 years
William A. Broadhurst Jr., ATC, 30 years
Edward F. Carson, DSHE, 40 years
Charlotte E. Case, ARL, 25 years
Clarence L. Choate, SBCCOM, 37 years
Aivars K.R. Celmins, ARL, 36 years
Edward F. Colburn, SBCCOM, 28 years
Peter W. Dolan, TEU, 32 years
Donna W. Donache, DTC, 32 years
Francis W. DuBois Jr., ATC, 37 years
Julia DuBois, DTC, 25 years
Patricia A. Easter, DLES, 33 years
Warren T. Eller, SBCCOM, 39 years
Michael G. Finkle, AEC, 43 years
Richard J. Graham, SBCCOM, 41 years
George J. Gray, SBCCOM, 38 years
Glen R. Gray, ATC, 40 years
Phyllis A. Gray, SBCCOM, 36 years
Charles B. Haley, ATC, 23 years
Joseph Huerta, SBCCOM, 35 years
Janet W. Hurley, ATC, 20 years
George A. Jack, ATC, 35 years
John D. Jackson, PMCD, 30 years

Franklin O. Johnson, ATC, 34 years
Walter K. Jones, ATC, 34 years
Richard E. Kehoe, OC&S, 41 years
Louis T. Kline Sr., DPW, 14 years
John R. Kopczynski, SBCCOM, 22 years
Frank G. Lattin, SBCCOM, 32 years
James C. Libby, DTC, 39 years
Malcolm E. Little, SBCCOM, 37 years
Thomas A. Lucas, ATC, 32 years
Frank J. Malkin, ARL, 39 years
Janet M. McMillion, SBCCOM, 37 years
Robert A. Miller, SBCCOM, 38 years
Donald H. Nesbit, SBCCOM, 25 years
Robert T. Pakulski, DPW, 27 years
Joseph A. Rehrmann, SBCCOM, 37 years
Betty G. Sexton, ATC, 20 years
Joanne M. Sexton, DRM, 20 years
Elaine R. Smith, AMC Acquisition Center, 33 years
William E. Smith, SBCCOM, 33 years
Ronald R. Sommer, ATC, 31 years
Richard A. Stephens, ATC, 39 years
Robert M. Taylor, ATC, 29 years
Audley J. Thomson, DPW, 5 years
Carlos Torres Costa, OC&S, 46 years
Betty J. Wyman, AEC, 37 years
John G. Zdenek, IRAC, 35 years

KUSHAC brings Women's Clinic to APG

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

There's a new clinic in town. Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic has opened a new Women's Health Clinic on the first floor of its health facility. Focused exclusively on women's wellness, the clinic is staffed by women for women.

The facility opened its doors Dec. 4 and the enrollment period began Jan. 2.

"Women's wellness is like a sub-specialty to general medicine," said Jan Spellman, patient advocate for KUSAHC.

"The benefit is that it is staffed with all female providers focused on keeping patients healthy, preventing hospitalization and catching conditions early," added Maj. Marie Schech, the primary care head nurse who oversees the clinic.

Located on the first floor at the end of the hallway near the Eye Clinic, the Women's Clinic consists of three examination rooms and a reception area filled with informative pamphlets on wellness and ailment prevention.

The staff includes one physician, two nurse practitioners, one gynecological nurse, two nurse's aids and a receptionist.

Schech said women currently enrolled in General Medicine may obtain appointments to the clinic by requesting female primary care

providers.

"We are open to active-duty military, retirees and their dependants," Schech said. "Active-duty are automatically enrolled and those enrolled in TRICARE prime will have priority."

Schech stressed that those enrolled in TRICARE standard "should get signed up for prime."

"We are funded only for our prime patients. The more prime patients we have, the better we can support our patient care," Schech said.

She added that practitioners will focus on making sure people are aware of personal wellness issues such as breast self-examinations, pap smears and mammograms.

"With a full staff, practitioners will have a longer time to spend with their patients to discuss diet, exercise, existing conditions and preventive life styles," Schech said.

They also will be able to provide referrals for pregnant women to civilian care providers. Though it doesn't offer obstetrical care, women may return for post natal care and set up well baby appointments, she added.

As a patient advocate, Spellman said she has sought the establishment of a facility like this for the APG community for some time.

"The goal is to provide a one-



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Maj. Marie Schech, right, leads the team of female health care providers in Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's new Women's Clinic. From left, Maj. Jacqueline Schuler, nurse practitioner, Lan McCarthy, receptionist, Phyllis Naujokas, nurse practitioner and Dr. Carol Stauffer, family practitioner.

stop shopping concept," Spellman said. "We want to provide women with a relaxed atmosphere where they can have time to chat so they don't feel like they're being rushed in or out; a total women's health and prevention program that provides more attention to the patient and a quicker referral rate."

Noting pending changes in pharmacy and TRICARE coverage, Spellman added, "There is a

lot of information we need to get out. This provides us the opportunity to ensure patients are informed."

One change already in effect is that DEPA contraceptives, a monitored program formerly handled by Primary Care, now is only available in the Women's Clinic.

Schech cautioned that patients calling the toll free 800 number for appointments should pay close attention to the prompts.

"Don't hang up when you hear them say, 'You have reached the Walter Reed Health Care System'" Schech said. "That's us. Walter Reed took over the system from Sierra because of complaints about long waits."

Patients should follow the prompts and be sure to give the name of their provider, she added.

The clinic's providers are Schech, nurse practitioners Maj. Jacqueline Schule and Phyllis

Naujokas, and Dr. Carol Stauffer, a family practitioner on staff at Kirk since 1996.

Stauffer said the greatest benefit for patients is that "we now have the resources to better serve the female community."

"A staff our size can provide same-day availability which helps with urgent care situations," Stauffer said. "It's primary care medicine that's preventive medicine oriented."

Scholarships available at Harford Community College

By Sheila Little
APG News

The Harford County Chamber of Commerce has multiple scholarships available both for graduating high school seniors and one for an adult returning to school. The eight scholarships are funded through the Chamber of Commerce, the Harford Community College Foundation, Inc. and local businesses, some of which provide internships with the grants.

Anyone attending a Harford County public or non-public high school, or who lives in the county but attends an out-of-county school, is eligible.

The COC sponsors two to three \$1,000 scholarships, which will be awarded to students planning to pursue degrees in three areas. The technical scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a technical field of study. The teacher education scholarship is for a high school senior planning on pursuing a degree in teaching. The returning-adult scholarship is awarded to a resident taking at least six credits per semester at HCC, pursuing a technical program.

The remaining five scholarships provide two year, full-tuition grants for recipients attending HCC and focusing on the following areas.

The business scholarship and paid internship will be awarded to a student pursuing business at HCC. The award may also include a paid internship with the Harford Financial Group, a co-sponsor of the scholarship.

The medical-health scholarship and paid internship is for an HCC attendee pursuing a health-related field. An unpaid internship is available through Upper Chesapeake Health, a co-sponsor of the scholarship.

Three high performance manufacturing scholarships, and possible corresponding paid internships will be awarded to students pursuing an associate of science degree. Internships are with Chlorox Products Manufacturing Company, Independent Can Company, and Johnson Controls, Inc., co-sponsors of the scholarships.

Applications are available through local high school guidance offices, the Chamber of Commerce office on Bond Street in Bel Air, or at the Harford Community College Financial Aid Office.

Deadline for receipt of applications is April 16. Call the Chamber of Commerce, 410-838-2020, for more information.

Officer candidate school board announced

By Steve Schultz
SBCCOM Adjutant

On March 1 the U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Meade, will convene a board for soldiers applying for attendance at the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School. Along with the United States Military Academy and the Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Officer Candidate School remains an important source of commissioned officers for the Army.

This year, the Army approved an increase in the number of soldiers who may attend Officer Candidate School. Candidates apply through local boards - Fort Meade for Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers - and those selected begin a rigorous, 14-week course of instruction at Fort Benning, Ga.

APG soldiers who wish to become commissioned officers should prepare their applications early.

The key prerequisites for eligibility are:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Have a GT score of 110 or higher.
- Pass the Army Physical Fitness Test score 180.
- Pass the Scholastic Aptitude Test minimum 850 or American College Test minimum 19.
- Have at least 90 semester hours of college study.
- Achieve a score of 80 or higher on the English Comprehension Level Test (if primary language is not English).
- Be at least 18 years old and less than 30 (can waiver age up to

35). Have a complete physical exam six months prior to date of application.

Completed packets must be submitted to the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command Military Personnel Office not later than Friday, Feb. 2. Each application will consist of one packet containing all original documents, and two photocopies of the original packet.

Additional information may be found in Army Regulation 351-5 (Officer Candidate School) or the OCS web page <http://www.army-ocs.com/home/>. The APG point of contact for OCS applications is the SBCCOM Adjutant's Office; email milpo@cbdcemh1.apgea.army.mil; or call Joyce Scott at 410-436-4141 or Steve Schultz at 410-436-3239.

CPSC announces recall of Diamondback, Raleigh and Univega bicycles

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USPCSC

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Dec. 6) - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, DiaTech USA, of Kenmore, Wash.; and Derby USA, of Kent, Wash., are recalling about 5,000 bicycles for repair. The disc brakes on these bicycles can stick and prevent the brake pads from returning to the proper position when the brake lever is released. This can cause the rider to lose control and crash.

DiaTech USA, the manufacturer of the brakes, and Derby USA, the importer and distributor, have received one report of a consumer who lost control of his bicycle when the brakes failed to disengage, and suffered broken ribs.

These are 2000 model bicycles with the following brands and models:

Brand	Model
Raleigh:	M600, M800, M8000

Diamondback: Zetec Comp, X-2
Univega: DS950, Alpina 700
They have ballistic spiral stop disc brakes. "DIATECH" is written on the brake.

Raleigh, Diamondback and Univega bicycle dealers nationwide sold these bicycles from November 1999 through June 2000 for between \$800 and \$1,200.

Consumers should stop riding these bicycles immediately, and return them to their dealer for free replacement of the front and rear brake calipers.

For more information or to locate the nearest dealer, contact Derby USA at 1-800-222-5527 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

To see a picture of the recalled product(s) link to the following address:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01045.html>.

USAEC Green ammo team receives Hammer award



Photo by MIKE CAST

Green ammo in production at Lake Cities Army Ammo Plant.

By Deborah Z. Elliott
USAEC

The Joint Working Group for Non-toxic Ammunition received a Vice Presidential Hammer Award in November, making it the second U.S. Army Environmental Center program to receive the honor within two months.

The Hammer Award, conferred by the National Partnership for Reinventing Government, recognizes federal partnerships that have made significant contributions resulting in a more efficient government that costs less to operate.

The group was honored for its contributions in developing non-toxic ammunition, better known as 'green ammo.' Green ammo bullets consist of a tungsten-nylon or tungsten-tin core that, unlike tra-

ditional lead, is benign in the environment.

The introduction of green ammo significantly supports installations by minimizing the environmental impacts of lead contamination on Army ranges, and would save millions of dollars in range clean-up costs if cleaning of Army ranges were required by regulatory agencies.

The partnership includes members from USAEC, the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development & Engineering Center, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Crane and Indian Head Naval Surface Warfare Centers, the U.S. Army Operational Support Command and the Army Training Support Center. The green ammo effort began in 1996.

Youth Services Update

Aberdeen Youth Services

All programs listed below are located at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522. For more information call Donna Woodards at 410-278-4995.

Edgewood Youth Services

Openings are currently available in the following programs:

The Ballet and Jazz Program for children ages three and a half and older, 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Cost is \$65 now through May 2001.

Karate Classes, ages 8 and older, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$30 per month.

Gymnastics Classes, ages 3 years and older, 1:30 p.m., Saturdays. Cost is \$35 per session; one session includes 10 weeks.

Edgewood and Aberdeen Youth Services are in the process of signing up boys and girls, ages 4 years and older for basketball. Youths ages 4 to 6 may participate in a six-week **Basketball Clinic**. The cost to attend the clinic is \$15 per person. Youths ages 7 to 14 are eligible to participate in Basketball League Program, starting in Jan. 2001. Cost to participate in the Basketball League is \$30 per person.

A quick reminder - Youth Services members need to update their annual registration when they sign up for basketball. Annual registration costs only \$15 - use your coupons (coupons will be given at registration). For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-278-4995 or 410-306-2297.

USO at BWI hosts more than 1,300 APG soldiers during Exodus rotation



Photo above by YVONNE JOHNSON, photo right by ADRIENNE TROUT

From left, Pvs. Eli Stewart, Crystal Mendoza and Justin Wheeler from the 16th Ordnance Battalion, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, chat with USO volunteer Marion Ries in the USO International Gateway Lounge at Baltimore/Washington International Airport. Right, nearly 2,000 Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers enjoyed refreshments and visits from the Washington Redskins cheerleaders and the Oriole Bird while waiting for flights home during the annual Exodus leave.

EXODUS, from front page

remained until the last soldier departed the airport that evening.

“At that point we make our final checks to ensure every soldier is safely on their way,” Watson said. He added that about 1,328 soldiers left the command by air, bus, train and automobile.

“Beginning at 5 a.m. about 600 soldiers caught flights out within the first two hours,” Watson said. “We have 10 courtesy patrols and the entire chain of command on hand to see to their needs should anything go wrong.”

As with any operation this size, a few things did go wrong, but representatives from Carlson Wagonlit Travel, in the APG Travel Center, put out any “last minute fires.”

“Our biggest challenge was getting departure

times changed from late afternoon or early evening to this morning,” said Carlson Wagonlit supervisor Michelle Johnson.

Some of the soldiers had tickets that were purchased over the Internet or sent by family members, she added. Many of the departure times and dates conflicted with Exodus.

Johnson and three travel counselors were available at 4:30 a.m. to assist soldiers with travel problems. In one extreme case, Johnson replaced a lost ticket for a soldier by putting it on her credit card.

“She saved my life,” said Pvt. Augusto Avalos a soldier from Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, who’s privately purchased ticket to Los Angeles, Ca. had him leaving at 6 a.m. the next morning. Johnson got American Airlines to reschedule

Avalos for a 9:44 a.m. flight that day.

“I didn’t know what I was going to do,” Avalos said. “I will definitely buy a ticket from her next time.”

For most military travelers the day moved along smoothly. By 10 a.m., about 30 soldiers remained in the USO lounge, most either watching television on the wide screen TV or catching a nap on one of the Sleep Room recliners.

“The support here has been great,” said Pvt. Eli Stewart, a U.S. Army reservist bound for Little Rock, Ark.

“This is nothing like when I arrived and had to find my own way around.”

Noting that air travel is a new experience for him, Stewart said he was grateful for assistance from con-

trollers and Carlson Wagonlit personnel.

“I never traveled before the Army, and airports throw me off,” Stewart said. “This place is a lot bigger than Ozark, Ark.”

The military presence in the airport from APG included Exodus controllers and OC&S cadre, staff and senior leaders, including both 16th and 143rd battalion commanders, Lt. Col. Frank Merritt and Kevin Moore, and 61st Ordnance Brigade’s executive officer, Lt. Col. Bernard Hughes, Command Sgt. Maj. William H. Miller, Maj. Gwen Roland, Sgt. Maj. Charlie Shields and Master Sgt. Jim Davis. Assisting the cadre of 50 Exodus controllers was Sgt. 1st Class Allan Silberstein from the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion at Fort Meade.

Swan Creek Inn honors star employees at December ceremony



Photos by ANN GENTRY

Two Swan Creek Inn employees were recently honored for superior performance in a Dec. 13 ceremony. Penny Guyer, right, receives a Swan Creek Performance Pin, certificate and pink carnations from Kathy McKinzie, supervisor of custodial services. Debbie Wassum, left, receives the Star Performance Pin and pink carnations from McKinzie. The Swan Creek Performance Pin is the highest of three performance awards in the Inn’s Performance Plus Program. The Star Performance Pin is the second highest. Facilities manager Richard McClain, not shown, hosted the awards.