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## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



Due to the Independence Day holiday, there will not be any recycle pickups in the housing areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground on Wednesday July 4. Recyclables will be picked up on Thursday, July 5.

Regular refuse pickup resumes on Thursday, July 5, and is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Holiday hours for post service agencies

The Main PX and Edgewood Area Shoppette will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Aberdeen Area Shoppette will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Troop Store will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Athletic Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Kirk U.S. Army Health Urgent Care Clinic will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; individuals can call the Nurse Triage Line at 410-278-1751.

The Commissary and Aberdeen Area and Edgewood Area fitness centers will be closed.

### Siren testing rescheduled for July 11

Siren testing in July will be held the second Wednesday, July 11, instead of the first Wednesday of the month, July 4, which is the Independence Day holiday.

The sirens, part of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, are located in six APG locations and nine locations in southern Harford County to help emergency managers provide maximum protection to the public near the Edgewood Area.

For more information, call Linda Nogle, APG Emergency Operations Center, 410-278-5225.

### Shared access to military treatment facilities

To better serve beneficiaries, the National Capital Area of the North Atlantic Medical Command will transition to a Single Host Platform Composite Health Care System, or CHCS.

This means that CHCS will share access to the Navy and

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# STYX, KANSAS, Survivor rock APG

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

They came in droves to revel in the sounds of yesteryear.

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Classic Rock Concert drew more than 4,000 people to Shine Sports field despite the dismal rains that dominated the day.

The heart-pumping music of STYX, KANSAS and Survivor drowned out any weather worries as the energetic performers blasted fans with the same pulsating rhythms that have brought them fame for decades.

Fans roared to the sounds of Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger," sang "Carry on My Wayward Son" with KANSAS and swayed to the captivating melodies of "Lady" and "Come Sail Away" by STYX.

Although an estimated 6,300 tickets were sold, organizers said the event was successful despite the lower than expected turnout.

"Food and beverage sales were not as high as normal but we still made about \$47,000 for the APG community," said Randy Moore, chief, Community Recreation Division, adding that funds go directly into post morale, welfare and recreation activities.

Moore sent out his appreciation to the garrison staff and volunteers who "came through like always" for the annual endeavor.

"We get great support from the Directorate of Public Works

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Photo courtesy of The AEGIS



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Clockwise, from top, Robbie Steinhart of KANSAS, Tommy Shaw of STYX, and Survivor's Jimi Jamison entertain rock fans during the Classic Rock Concert held June 16 on Shine Sports Field. The event drew more than 4,000 fans and garnered the post about \$47,000 for Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities

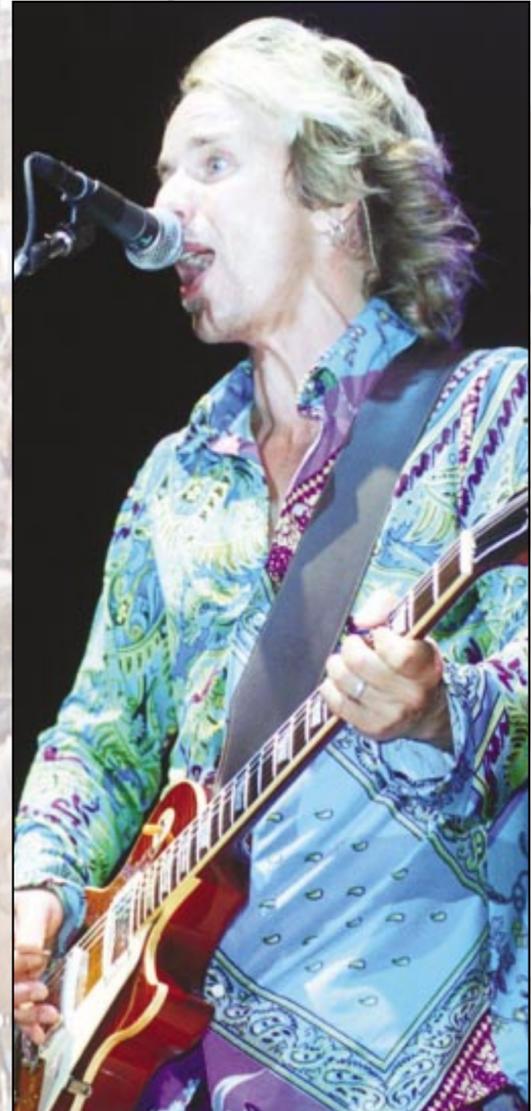


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## Shippee assumes command of 520th TAML



Photo by W. BEN BUNGER III  
Left, Col. Ronald L. Shippee, incoming commander, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, accepts the guidon from Col. C. William Fox Jr., 44th Medical Brigade Command, U.S. Army Forces Command.

By Evelyn B. Riley  
CHPPM and  
Sheila Little  
APG News

McBride Parade Field, on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, was the site of the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory Change of Command Ceremony held June 12, as Col. Clyde B. Hoskins relinquished command to Col. Ronald L. Shippee.

Col. C. William Fox Jr., commander, 44th Medical Brigade, Ft. Bragg, N.C., represented the headquarters for the TAML, and served as reviewing officer.

"The TAML is a one-of-a-kind, unique organization that provides our Army with a critical capability that is needed today more than ever," Fox said, "not just for wartime deployments, but for all of the other missions that our nation requires soldiers to serve on the ground.

"Our world is filled with nations, nation states, and radical groups who are capable of utilizing a wide variety of biological or chemical weapons, and the environment we deploy soldiers into, can also be just as threatening, with toxic chemicals, pollution, and infectious disease threats," he added.

"The TAML provides our deployed forces the ability to rapidly identify these threats and offer counter measures. Through their technical skills, leveraging state-of-the-art technology, and training to ensure that they can connect to the foundation of our medical research, they can identify and reduce these threats to our

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## APG's Army birthday ball commemorates the first 226 years

By Sheila Little  
APG News

Reflecting on the Army's key role in leading and defending the nation, over 250 Aberdeen Proving Ground personnel celebrated the Army's birthday with festivities that included a battle streamer ceremony focusing on the Army's 226 years of accomplishment and sacrifice, and an address covering plans for the Army's future. Party-goers donned formal dress for an evening filled with music, toasting, dining, dancing and laughter.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and installation commander, and his wife, Denise, served as host and hostess for an evening which began with a review of the 226 year history of the Army, via a traditional battle streamer ceremony.

After the presentation of colors by soldiers from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, personnel from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy participated in the battle streamer ceremony.

Dressed in era uniforms, the costumed participants placed 173 streamers on the U.S. flag, in commemoration of the number of major battles fought during 11 major war campaigns. The ceremony was narrated by Staff Sgt. George A. Torbert, from Nursing and Staff Education, Kirk U.S.

Army Health Clinic.

Doesburg noted the role the Army has played throughout the history of the nation in leading and defending its citizens, and noted the individual efforts of soldiers and the varied experiences which continue to receive international recognition as the top military force in the world.

"Thank you for supporting this great nation of ours and protecting our homeland," he said.

Introducing the guest speaker, Doesburg noted the many achievements of Lt. Gen. Roy E. Beauchamp, who enlisted and served as an Army cook nearly 36 years ago, and rose through the ranks to his current position as deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command. Beauchamp's career includes many awards and experiences at all levels of command.

Beauchamp spoke about what can be learned from the legacy of soldiers of the past. He expressed pride in

today's soldiers and confidence in future generations of soldiers, as they take part in the Army Transformation.

"Our Army was the midwife for the birth of our nation," Beauchamp said, as he reviewed the sacrifices of those who fought for freedom from oppression.

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## POST SHORTS

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Air Force CHCS and your provider at other military treatment facilities. This transition will occur Aug. 1 to 5.

During this period the pharmacy at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be without CHCS. The ability to process prescriptions, new and refills, will be extremely limited. If medication refills are needed during this period, call them in at least 72 hours prior to Aug. 1. If an emergency refill is needed during this period, bring the empty container to the pharmacy so that service may be expedited.

For more information, contact the chief of Pharmacy Services, 410-278-1939, or the pharmacy health systems specialist, 410-278-1946.

### Youth volunteer opportunities

The American Red Cross at APG is looking for young people, ages 13 to 18 years old, to volunteer at various APG agencies a few hours per week this summer. The seven-week program, scheduled for June 25 through Aug. 10, will offer students training, service opportunities and a chance to work in their area of interest. For more information and an application, call the Red Cross, 410-278-2087.

### Blue Cross/Blue Shield service visit

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

The representative will be available from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room B-14 (lower level).

The representative will be available in the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

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

### ACS offers Employment Readiness Workshop

By popular demand, the Army Community Service, Career Focus Center will sponsor another Employment Readiness Workshop from July 16 to 18, 9 a.m. to noon, building 2752, Rodman Road.

The workshop will prepare individuals for job interviews; teach how to avoid the usual (and some unusual) pitfalls when interviewing for a job; teach how to prepare a resume, including key words to place in the resume; search for hidden job markets and write a letter of transmittal and introduction to respond to an advertisement.

The workshop will be taught by Edward Kreiner Sr., a retired U.S. Navy officer and corporate executive of numerous national corporations.

Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to allow their personnel the opportunity to attend the workshop.

To register for this free workshop, call Marilyn Howard, employment manager, ACS, 410-278-9669, or fax 410-278-9685. Participants must attend all three days to receive a Certificate of Attendance from Harford Community College.

### Participants needed for ARL study on human hearing

The Auditory Research Team at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory will conduct an outdoor field study at Aberdeen Proving Ground on sound detection and distance estimation through July. Listeners need to be 18 to 25 years of age and not afraid of field elements such as flies, bees, ticks, beetles, etc. The total listening time will be about 4 hours. Each listener will be paid \$50 for participating.

Interested volunteers should contact Kim Fluitt, 410-278-5850, or E-mail: kfluitt@arl.army.mil, or Martha Dennison, 410-278-5918, or E-mail: mjdennis@arl.army.mil

### EEO Office seeks special emphasis program representatives

The Black Employment Program Manager is recruiting civilian and military personnel in all grade levels to be representatives on the Black Employment Program committee. This committee is open to all regardless of sex, race, disability, color, religion, age or national origin. For information, contact Penny White, 410-278-7074.

### Military Vehicle Preservation Association convention

Fort Lee, Va., will be the site of the 25th Anniversary International Convention of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association July 18 to 21.

Convention displays will be set up along A Avenue from the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum east to the Post Fieldhouse at 16th Street. Living history displays, Civil War to Vietnam, will be along the way leading to a 15-acre swap meet area. Restored historic military vehicles ranging from bicycles, jeeps, trucks and armor from all eras, pre-WWII to Desert Storm, will be on display.

In addition to association members' vehicles, the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps, U.S. Army Reserve, Virginia National Guard and

several defense contractors will provide mission and equipment displays.

The entire convention site is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. There is a requested donation of \$5 per person with children under 12 at no charge. Tickets are available at the Association Headquarters' tent located on the corner of 19th Street and A Avenue.

For more information and to coordinate your visit and entrance to the convention, call Joy C. Whitmore, media relations officer, 804-734-4558, or visit the Public Affairs Office Homepage [www.lee.army.mil/pao](http://www.lee.army.mil/pao).

## Pollution Prevention

*Keep your car well tuned. This will conserve gasoline and reduce harmful emissions.*



### Within your reach

Get answers about how the Army is safely eliminating the mustard agent stockpile stored at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. For information, call or visit the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 1011B Woodbridge, Center Way, Edgewood, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 410-676-6800, or [www-pmcd.apgea.army.mil](http://www-pmcd.apgea.army.mil).

### Accelerated training for OCS

The Army School System, or TASS, for Region B, comprised of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and the District of Columbia, will launch the Accelerated Training Program for the Officer Candidate School next summer.

Accelerated training is currently being conducted in South Dakota as a pilot program. Next summer, Region B will conduct the first class, attracting enrollees from all over the country.

Responding to the shortage of lieutenants, the goal of accelerated OCS training is to enhance the current output of lieutenants and alleviate time, family, and job conflicts for enrollees. The accelerated version of OCS training is approximately two months, compared with 12 months for traditional training.

The pilot program has resulted in 30 to 50 additional lieutenants for 2001. The program is expected to produce 15 more lieutenants a year, which will help minimize the lieutenant shortage.

For more information on the OCS Accelerated Training Program, call Col. Guy Campion, 410-724-5085.

### Library summer reading activities

The Community Recreation Garrison Library System annual Summer Reading Program is scheduled for July 11 through Aug. 29. Registration begins Wednesday, July 11, at both the Aberdeen Area and Edgewood Area libraries. Participants will be given reading kits at registration.

Back by popular demand is the "Read to Me" reading program for pre-school children. The younger children can participate by having someone read to them. The children in the "Read to Me" program will receive the same packages as the older children.

In the reading program, pre-school and primary school children are encouraged to read 20 books or more, middle school students are encouraged to read 10 books or more and high school students are encouraged to read five or more books. The reading does not have to be done at the library.

This summer there will be story time hour at both libraries for children 3 to 9 years old. The AA library will have story time hour on Wednesday afternoons at 3 p.m. from July 18 to Aug. 16. The EA library will have story time on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. from July 12 to Aug. 16.

For more information, call or stop by the AA Garrison Library at building 3320, 410-278-3417, or the EA Branch library at building E-4405, 410-436-3589.

### Emergency action officer list, notification roster

Each organization is responsible for reviewing their designated emergency action officer listing per APGR 500-2. It is critical that this listing be up to date to disseminate administrative/emergency information (emergency response support, severe weather warnings, post closings,

etc.) to the APG community during duty and non-duty hours.

Changes should be faxed to 410-278-4415 and any questions should be referred to Judy Michalski, 410-278-5225.

### Legal Office closed June 28

The Legal Assistance Office will be closed on Thursday, June 28. There will be no walk-in service to see an attorney and no notary service. Appointments are available by calling the Legal Assistance Office at 278-1583/1584.

### Ozone Action Days forecast on the Web

The Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment sends ozone notification on code orange and code red days only. Flags are hung at various locations across the installation so that residents will know of an action day. On code Orange and Red days, APG takes extra steps to help reduce air pollution, such as the closing of military vehicle gas stations (unless there is an emergency), and ceasing paint spray booth operations.

Visit the scrolling screen on the main page of [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil) to learn more about code green and code yellow Ozone Action Day.

For information on the APG Ozone Action Days plan, contact Rachel Swearingen, DSHE, 410-306-2268.

### Reserve Officers Association quarterly meeting

The Harford County chapter of the Reserve Officers Association will meet Thursday, June 28, 7 p.m., Vedder Building Conference Room, building E-3103, on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The purpose of the meeting is to plan the calendar and schedule guest speakers for the next fiscal year. Commissioned and warrant officers of all services, whether reserve, active, or retired, and whether ROA members or not, are welcome to attend.

For information, contact Maj. Gina Federico, 410-676-7909 or Col. Jonathan Newmark, 410-436-2230.

### Preparing for on-post emergencies

Are you prepared for an emergency on post? How is Aberdeen Proving Ground prepared to assist you if a natural or man-made disaster occurs on post?

Find out from Andre' Fournier, fire protection specialist with the Directorate of Safety Health and Environment's Fire and Emergency Services Division on Thursday, June 28, 3 p.m. at the Gunpowder Club (Osprey Room), in the Edgewood Area.

Presented by the APG Committee for the Disabled, Fournier is a life member of both Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of the National Fire Protection Association, Fire Marshals Association of North America and the National Fire Academy Alumni Association. The entire APG community is invited to attend.

For information, contact Angela Cheek, 410-278-1140, or Judy Mathews, 410-278-1050.

### WIC returns to post

Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, is back at Army Community Service, building 2754, every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call Diana Hayes, Parent and Children Together coordinator, 410-278-7474.

### ACS offers "Parents and Children Together" classes

Army Community Services will offer three lunch and learn classes of Parents and Children Together, or PACT, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., at ACS, 2754 Rodman Road.

Held on Thursday, June 28, is "What You Need to Know About Your Child (from birth to 4 years old)," Thursday, July 12, "Discipline and Beyond" and Thursday, July 26, "Building Better Behavior." Military families and APG civilian personnel are welcome to attend. All parents interested in registering may call Diana Hayes, program coordinator at ACS, 410-278-7474/7478.

### Restoration Advisory Board meeting

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, June 28, from 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include an update on the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action, the Emergency Destruction System, and the Other Edgewood study area. Board meetings are open to the public. All APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the information line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

### Army T&E Days Conference 2001

The annual Army Test and Evaluation Days Conference will be held July 10 to 12 at the Von Braun Center, Huntsville, Ala.

The conference registration form, golf registration form, and hotel information is posted to Web site [www.testevaldays.com](http://www.testevaldays.com). Continue to view the Web site for updates regarding the agenda, short courses, and other information pertinent to the conference.

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES



**The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will perform at 8 p.m., July 3, in the town of North East in the community park. On July 4, the band will perform in concert at 8 p.m. during 'Meadefest,' a weekend of Independence Day activities at Fort Meade. Call 410-278-8769 for information concerning band performances and 301-677-7785 for information on 'Meadefest.'**

### Bel Air

**Bel Air's Independence Day begins Wednesday, July 4, at 6:45 a.m. with a flag raising ceremony at Bel Air High School. Daylong festivities include a pancake and sausage breakfast, 7 to 10:30 a.m. at Bel Air Middle School, a hamster race, frog jumping contest, turtle derby and more. The traditional parade will be held at 6 p.m., on Main and Lee Streets, ending at South Main Street and Idlewild. A concert will be performed by the Bel Air Community Band, 8:30 p.m., followed by a fireworks display starting at 9:30 p.m. at Bel Air High School. Raindate will be Sunday, July 8.**

### Havre de Grace

**The fourth of July celebration will be held Sunday, July 1. The parade begins at 2 p.m. on Union Avenue in downtown Havre de Grace, followed by a concert beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the band shell in the yacht basin at Tydings Park. Fireworks will be fired from the Tydings Island at dark. The concert continues after the fireworks until 11 p.m.**

### Kingsville

**Kingsville will hold its Independence Day celebration on Wednesday, July 4. Sponsored by the Kingsville Civic Association and the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company, the parade will begin at 10:50 a.m., following pre-parade music and festivities at 10 a.m. A "flyby" from the Maryland Air National Guard will be at 11:10 a.m. to coordinate with opening ceremonies. Floats in the parade are expected to be designed in accordance with this year's theme: "A tribute to America's Independence."**

# Students recognize 'super teachers' at Roye-Williams



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Proclaimed 'super teachers' by their equally super students, the Roye-Williams Elementary School winners for May 2001 are pictured. From left to right they are student Latayia Brown, who nominated Instructional Aide Deshan Jordan, behind her, Ashley Harper, with second grade teacher Jaime Kelleher, Danielle Sistrunk, with her second grade teacher Joy John, Richard Latham, with Mark Joslin, fourth grade teacher, third grader Ashtan Lloyd, with her teacher Kristy Williams, Matthew McDuffie, with his fifth grade mathematics teacher Drusilla Herbert, Justin McDuffie, with music teacher Cynthia Bartlebaugh, and first grader Matthew Heinz, with his teacher, Lucinda Pierce. Not pictured is fourth grader Marissa DiRocco, who also wrote a winning essay about her teacher Mark Joslin, but was unavailable for the trip to Taco Bell.

**By Sheila Little**  
APG News

Seven teachers and an instructional aide at Roye-Williams Elementary School were singled out for special recognition last month as the subjects of winning essays submitted by students in all grade levels.

Sponsored by the Roye-Williams Parent Teacher Association, the competition for the voluntary student contestants

was judged by a panel of the school's teachers and headed by Susan Burnett, who holds a masters degree in secondary education and communications, and is the parent of middle schoolers.

"I was impressed with the enthusiasm and variety of things that the students noticed about their teachers," Burnett said.

"I had responses ranging from 'she really listens to me' to 'he's a

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# CHPPM hosts Asian-Pacific American cultural event



*Patricia Cowin, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, demonstrates making sushi.*

Photo by CAROLYN W. COLBURN

**By Evelyn B. Riley**  
*CHPPM*

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine hosted its first Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Observance on May 31. The program featured costume, dance, cuisine, memorabilia and photographs of historic places, events and notable Asian-Pacific Americans.

Terrence Lee, epidemiologist and master of ceremonies, coordinated the event to entertain, enrich, and educate attendees.

"I'm glad we were able to present small slices of culture from the diverse Asian-Pacific region," said Lee.

He provided Asian-Pacific American history posters, a Chinese scroll, two Indonesian Batiks, posters and pamphlets on famous Asian-Pacific Americans.

Cindy Orwig, office automation assistant, Disease and Injury Control Policy Program, presented a display on Hawaii, including hand-made quilted pillows and pot holders, uli uli, (gourd rattles)

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## Hoskins hands TAML guidon to Shippee

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deployed forces, ensuring the safety of our soldiers and the success of the mission.”

Hoskins, the outgoing TAML commander, expressed pride in the unit, and thanked his soldiers for their dedication to duty and support of the mission. Recognizing the contributions of the chain of command, he thanked the 44th Medical Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps, and the U.S. Army Forces Command, or FORSCOM.

“You’ve got the Army’s premier medical brigade in the Army’s premier war-fighting corps, in the Army’s premier force-providing major Army command,” Hoskins said as he addressed the unit. “When we really needed them or when they really needed us, things got done in a hurry. I’m very proud to have been a part of that team.”

Under Hoskins’ leadership, the TAML participated in its first joint field training exercise with representatives from the Navy and Air Force, exchanging ideas about the best ways to carry out a mission similar to that of the TAML, in all three branches of service. TAML also participated for the first time in an integrated field training exercise with the 83rd Chemical Battalion from Ft. Polk, La., and the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit, their battlefield partners. The exercise tested chain-of-custody issues for possible chemical and biological warfare agents, in simulated battlefield situations. In addition, Hoskins is credited with initiating a program with FORSCOM designed to modernize and

improve TAML testing equipment.

During his closing remarks, Hoskins, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, thanked his wife Jeanette, and daughters Katherine, 6, and Eileena, 4, for their support over the past two years. The veterinarian and his-family leave for his next assignment, as Chief of Staff for the Veterinary Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, at the end of the month.

Shippee arrived from Ft. Meade, Md., where he was the commander of the U.S. Army Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory. A research biochemist with a Ph.D. in nutritional biochemistry, his previous military experience includes service as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and nine years of service with the Army National Guard.

In addition to numerous military awards, in 1996, Shippee was named the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command Researcher of the Year.

“My mission over the next two years is very clear,” said Shippee. “First, to ensure that the high standard already in place continues to be the norm—quick to react during deployment, and continues at a high level of soldier performance and readiness. Second, to ensure that the TAML is armed with the best state-of-the-art detection, verification and identification methodologies available.”

TAML deploys worldwide and conducts theater-level health threat surveillance to protect and sustain the health of the force.

## Winning participants earn limousine ride, meal at Taco Bell

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lot of fun.’

She added that in addition to reinforcing her belief that there are many dedicated, caring teachers in the local schools, she was pleased that many students appreciate the hard work and time teachers spend making education enjoyable.

“If I still had children in elementary school, I’d be thrilled that they were going to Royce-Williams,” she said.

In response to a request for student essays on the subject of why they think their teacher is extra special, the authors of the winning essays and their “super teachers” were treated to a chauffeur-driven limousine ride for a free lunch at the Beard’s Hill Taco Bell. Lunches for the 16 teachers and students were donated by community businesses. Limousine services Hire Quality and Absolute Elegance each donated a limousine and driver.

Winners included ‘super teachers,’ authors of winning essays and a special category for teachers of music, art and physical education.

Aware of the quality of their competition and the number of great essays submitted, the teachers expressed surprise at being selected for special recognition.

“It was a huge surprise to me,” said Joy John. “I was on maternity leave last year and didn’t know about it.”

Kristy Williams, the third grade winner for ‘super teacher,’ completed her initial year of teaching on a definite high note.

“Being selected gives me a great impression of the first year,” she said.

Deshan Jordan, an Aberdeen Proving Ground resident completing her second year as an instructional aide at the school, was especially glad that teaching assistants were a part of the contest.

“This is the first year we were included, so I’m pleased about that, and very, very honored to be chosen,” she said.

Student comments on why they picked a particular teacher, ran the gamut from the expected statements such as “she’s nice,” “she’s pretty,” and “she helps me,” to the unexpected, “I love her laugh.”

Lunch turned into an expression of mutual admiration, as ‘super teachers’ and equally super students enjoyed time away from school in each other’s company.

After completing their meal, the group piled back into the limousines for an impressive return to the school, to complete an afternoon of classes.

# Community Notes

## FRIDAY JUNE 29 CHRISTIAN CONCERT

Live Christian music will be featured at McBride Field, Edgewood, 7 p.m. The 61st Ordnance Brigade Unit Ministry Team will present KAIX in concert. Free snacks and fellowship will be available.

## SATURDAY JUNE 30 WACVA BAKE SALE

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Maryland Free State Chapter No. 70 hold a bake sale at the Aberdeen Proving Ground PX, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds fund ongoing projects to help women veterans of Maryland.

For more information, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040.

## CHICKEN, FISH DINNER

The Smith family is sponsoring a Chicken and Fish Dinner beginning at noon at the home of Joyce Holly on 22 Asbury Road, Churchville. Dinners cost \$8 and include dessert. Deliveries can be arranged if ordering four dinners or more.

The Smith Family is sponsoring this event and donating the proceeds to Sisters Striving for Success, Inc.'s scholarship fund. Sisters Striving for Success, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that sponsors various fundraisers for the scholarship program. Scholarships are issued each year to graduating seniors within Harford County.

For information, call 410-734-9328.

## WEDNESDAY JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECIALTY MEAL

The annual Independence Day Specialty Meal will be held in Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility,

building E-4225, noon to 1:30 p.m. During this event all military, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine

The standard meal rate of \$3.20 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.65 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.



Independence Day specialty meal menu: Barbecued ribs, barbecued chicken, grilled hamburgers/cheeseburgers, grilled bratwurst, grilled frankfurters, baked beans, buttered corn on the cob, buttered green beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, assorted relish trays, assorted potato chips, assorted fresh fruits, assorted pastries, assorted beverages and assorted condiments.

NOTE: Menu is subject to change without notice.

For more information, call Edward Parylo, or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1399/1393/1398.

## SATURDAY JULY 7 WACVA MONTHLY MEETING

The Women's Army Corps

Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will hold their July meeting 10:30 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Center. Following the installation of officers, an informal lunch will follow.

All women who have served or are serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Army Corps, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to attend. Also welcome, as associate members, are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

For more information about the association, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040, or visit Web sites [www.wacva.com](http://www.wacva.com) or [www.armywomen.org](http://www.armywomen.org).

## MONDAY JULY 9 EFMP SOCIAL

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center will hold an Out-of-School Social for Exceptional Family Members and their families, 7 to 9 p.m. All family members are required to bring at least one refreshment. There will be live entertainment by DJ Bugg.

To make a reservation, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, by June 28, 410-278-7474/7478.

## FRIDAY JULY 13 LADIES NIGHT OUT

Top of the Bay presents "Ladies Night Out," from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Main Ballroom. Music will be provided by DJ Sir Knight.

Dress to impress - no jeans, boots, sweatsuits, sneakers or bandannas. Dress code will be enforced. A DVD player will be raffled is part of the evening's activities.

Tickets cost \$6 in advance, \$10 at the door. To purchase tickets,

call Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Copeland, 1-877-937-9936. You must be 25 or over and have valid identification to attend.

## THURSDAY JULY 19 WARRANT OFFICERS MEETING

The Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter of the United States Warrant Officer Association will hold its next meeting on July 19, 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay. Lunch will be pay as you go.

For more information, contact Chief Warrants Pete Hill or Jane Jones, 410-278-4979/3011.

## FRIDAY JULY 27 BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Police Association is sponsoring Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks, and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5.

For tickets, call Judy 410-272-7585 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.\

## FRIDAY AUGUST 17 ALABAMA TO PERFORM BENEFIT CONCERT

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will host the Metris 14th Annual Benefit Concert for Cystic Fibrosis, 7:30 p.m., at the Baltimore Arena. The event will feature Country Group of the Decade, Alabama.

Tickets go on sale 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, and can be purchased from Ticketmaster, 410-481-SEAT

For more information about the benefit concert, cystic fibrosis or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, call 410-771-9000.

# Annual mandatory security training scheduled

Annual Security Awareness Training is mandatory for all U.S. Army Garrison personnel, to include contractors, whose work assignments are on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The Intelligence Division, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, in conjunction with the Directorate of Information Management, produced an 80-minute training video to help accomplish the majority of this year's requirements. The video provides a basic overview of several security disciplines including: Information Security, Operations Security, Foreign Disclosure, Information Systems, and

Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the Army, or SAEDA.

This year's training meets the newly expanded Level 1 Force Protection briefing requirement.

A total of 44 training classes will be offered from June to August at the Post Theater in the Aberdeen Area and the Conference Center in Edgewood Area.

Seating is limited at the Edgewood Conference Center, so use of the Post Theater in Aberdeen Area is encouraged. If the seating capacity of the Edgewood Conference Center is reached, the doors will be closed. Early arrival is recommended.

Security managers in the Edgewood area are encouraged to reserve seating in advance in order to avoid capacity overflow.

Training classes will begin promptly and those not seated at the starting times will be asked to return for a future session. Attendees should plan on arriving at least 15 minutes before the posted starting times.

To receive credit for attendance, attendees must be present for the entire training session. Attendance slips will only be issued at the end of the presentation to personnel who fulfill this requirement. Participants should complete an attendance slip, retain a copy and

turn the original over to your security manager or training coordinator as soon as possible. Lost attendance slips will require repeat training attendance.

Personnel traveling outside of CONUS will still require an area specific briefing prior to departure, but will not be required to receive the basic training package if they attend this year's annual security awareness training.

For more information, contact your security manager or training representative.

## MOVIES

**ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50**

### THE TAILOR OF PANAMA

**Friday, June 29, 7 p.m.**

Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Geoffrey Rush

British spy Andy Osnard may have been banished to Panama, but he's got a secret weapon. Harry is an ex-con who has reinvented himself as a tailor to the rich and powerful. Famous for his storytelling, Harry inadvertently sets off a chain of events that threatens Panama and everything he values in life. (Rated R)



### KINGDOM COME

**Saturday, June 30, 7 p.m.**

Starring: LL Cool J, Jada Pinkett

The best and the worst of the Slocumb family are on display when Woodrow "Bud" Slocumb keels over from a stroke. As the town swelters in summer heat, family tensions reach a boiling point as the Slocumb clan comes together to remember their dearly departed. (Rated PG)

### ANGEL EYES (FREE ADMISSION)

**Saturday, June 30, 9 p.m.**

Starring: Jennifer Lopez, James Caviezel

While pursuing a suspect one night, officer Sharon Pogue nearly becomes the victim of a fatal ambush until a mysterious stranger named Catch intervenes, disarms the assassin and saves Sharon's life. A stroke of luck? A twist of fate? (Rated R)



## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Garrison Library has new books for your reading pleasure. Come by either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out the selections.

**"We regret to inform you: " The Stories of Twelve Former Prisoners of War** by William F. Rutkowski

**Warriors of God: Richard the Lionhearted and Saladin in the Third Crusade** by James Reston

**The Rescue: A True Story of Courage and Survival in World War II** by Steven Trent Smith



**One More Bridge to Cross: Lowering the Cost of War** by H. J. Poole

**The Myth of the Great War: A New Military History of World War I** by John Mosier

**The Man Who Never Was: World War II's Boldest Counterintelligence Operation** by Ewen Montagu

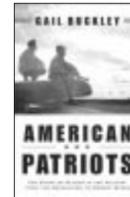


**Home to War: A History of the Vietnam Veterans' Movement** by Gerald Nicosia

**Green Berets in the Vanguard** by Chalmers Archer

**Gettysburg, July 1** by David G. Martin

**American Patriots: The Story of Blacks in the Military from the Revolution to Desert Storm** by Gail Lumet Buckley



The operating hours of the Aberdeen Area library are Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, closed and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Edgewood Area library will be closed Sunday through Tuesday and Saturday; and open Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

# Despite rain and mud, fans enjoy

**CONCERT, from front page**  
 and the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security whose people really stay in the thick of things," Moore said.  
 He gave a special thanks to the MWR staff and volunteers who worked from early in the day until the concert's end through worsening weather conditions in support of the installation.  
 "The event was relatively incident free, no different from previous concerts," added APG assistant provost marshal, Rob Krauer, who had a host

of plain-clothes officers working security throughout the night.  
 "People come out to have fun and it's our intent to let them have it unless they do something so flagrant that we have to act," he added.  
 KANSAS band members included Phil Ehart (drums), Billy Greer (bass guitar, vocals), Robby Steinhardt (violin, vocals), Steve Walsh (lead vocals, keyboard) and Richard Williams (lead and acoustic guitar).  
 STYX included Tommy Shaw (lead guitar, lead

vocals), James "JY" Young (guitar), Glen Burnik (bass guitar), Lawrence Gowan (keyboard, vocals) and Todd Sucherman (drums).  
 Survivor members were Frankie Sullivan (lead guitar), Marc Droubay (drums), Chris Grove, (keyboard), Billy Ozzelow (bass, vocals) and Jimi Jamison (lead vocals).  
 The show's sponsors were AT&T, Imported Avalon Natural Spring Water, Miller Lite, Jack Daniels Country Cocktails, Pepsi, 104.3 Baltimore Classic Rock, Chesapeake Publishing and Printing,

The AEGIS, Resun Leasing and Spot-a-Pot.  
 Moore noted that preparation is already underway for the Aug. 18 2001 Miller Genuine Draft Summer Concert featuring John Michael Montgomery, Diamond Rio and Tim Rushlow.  
 "We expect a sizeable turnout for these three great Country and Western acts," Moore said.  
 Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the gate and may be purchased through MWR outlets or Ticketmaster.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON  
 Above, Richard Williams of KANSAS plays the acoustic guitar that helps set the famous band apart from other groups. Fans chanted along with the Grammy Award-winning group as it performed the 1976 classic "Carry on Wayward Son." Top right, Billy Greer plays lead guitar as KANSAS performs "Dust in the Wind," a ballad that has endured into the new century. Right, KANSAS lead singer and keyboardist Steve Walsh, stomps to the rhythm of a KANSAS melody.

*Survivors*



Survivors' Frankie Sullivan, left, drummer Marc Droubay and Billy Ozzelow groove to their own soulful sounds. The group was the opening act for the 2001 Classic Rock Concert.



A soldier from Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion dries the stage. Ordnance Battalion and cadets from the Maryland National Guard grounds in and around the field in support of the Morale, Welfare and

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

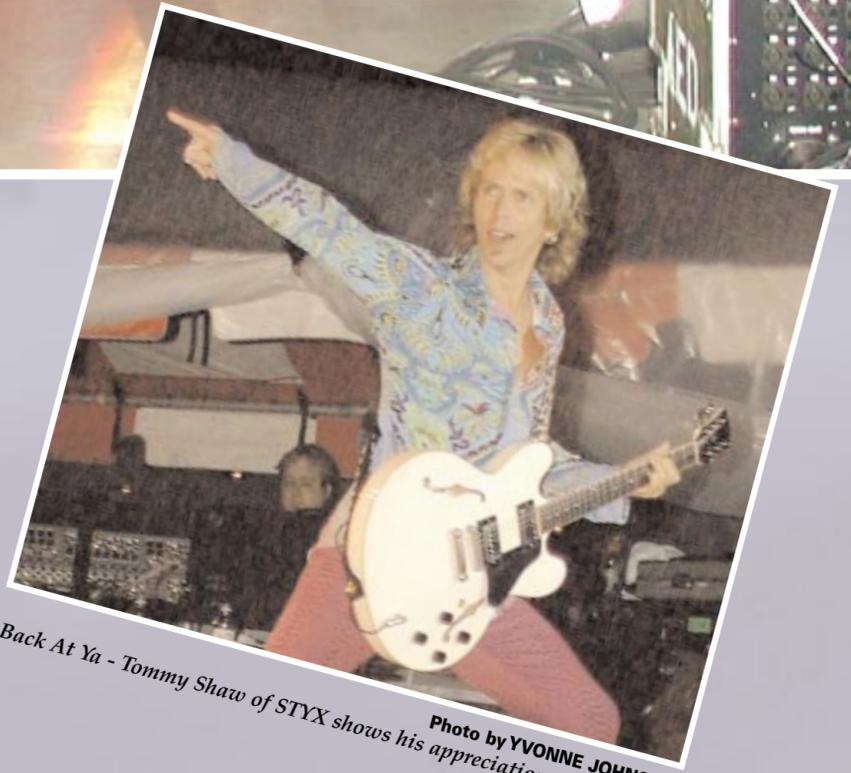
# Evening of classic rock at APG



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON  
Lost in the music -  
STYX keyboardist  
Lawrence Gowan, left,  
and guitarist Glen Burtnik,  
right, spur on an  
ecstatic APG audience.



Photo courtesy of  
The AEGIS  
STYX drummer  
Todd Sucherman  
pounds out the  
rhythm to a  
STYX classic  
song.



Back At Ya - Tommy Shaw of STYX shows his appreciation of the fans.  
Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON  
The floor between acts. Soldiers from the 16th  
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy policed the  
and Recreation operation.

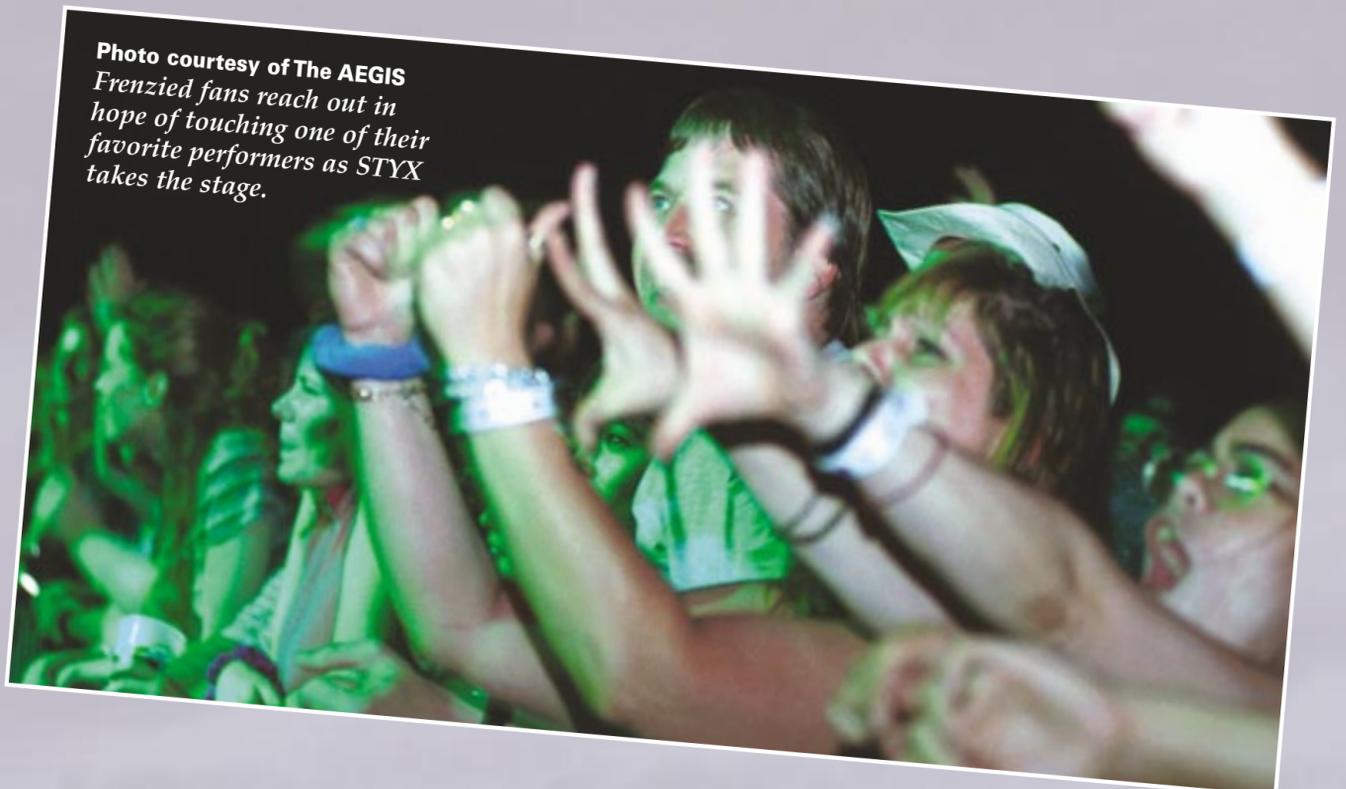


Photo courtesy of The AEGIS  
Frenzied fans reach out in  
hope of touching one of their  
favorite performers as STYX  
takes the stage.

# Construction accident injures two

## Work resumes following safety investigation

By Sheila Little  
APG News

Two contract construction workers were injured last week when a crane toppled over at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility construction site in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Crane operator Anthony Vandommel, 36, of Baltimore, sustained a broken right leg, and William Crook, 60, a carpenter from Forest Hill, suffered injuries to his left arm. Both men were transported to Upper Chesapeake Medical Campus, where they were treated and released the following day.

The accident, which took place during the afternoon of June 20, involved a hydraulic crane which tipped over on its side while placing concrete for a utility duct bank. Crane operations on the site were immediately suspended to allow for a review of safety procedures on Thursday, and the site remained closed on Friday for an ordnance sweep of the area, planned before and unrelated to the accident. No unexploded ordnance was found. Work at the site resumed Monday. The injured workers are recovering at home.

An incident investigation, involving safety representatives from both the Army and Bechtel, the site contractor, is ongoing. Results of the investigation are expected later in the week.

Joseph Lovrich, the Army's site manager, said the emergency

response following the accident was excellent.

"The Army and Bechtel have made the safety of the workers and the public a top priority," Lovrich said. "Both Bechtel and installation emergency workers responding to the accident worked extremely well together."

Lovrich added, both the Army and Bechtel are committed to reviewing safety procedures to assure the well being of everyone connected to the site.

"Safety is the single most important aspect of this job," said Bechtel Aberdeen project manager Jan Van Prooyan. "We will learn from this event and make this site even safer. We care too much about our people to do anything less."

The injuries are the first for the project since construction began over two years ago.

The injured workers are part of a 360-person work force under Army contract to Bechtel Aberdeen to build a state-of-the-art chemical disposal facility to safely destroy the stockpile of bulk liquid mustard agent stored at the site since World War II. Construction of the site is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2003.

*(Editor's note: Kathy DeWeese and Miguel Monteverde, Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Public Outreach Office, contributed to this article.)*

## Important safety rules to remember when swimming or diving

### Swimming rules

- Never swim alone, even if you are an experienced swimmer.
- Always have adult supervision for toddlers and small children.
- Know your ability – don't try to show off.
- Don't swim if chilled, overheated, overtired, immediately after eating, or in storms.
- Non-swimmers stay in shallow water.
- Choose a safe place – swim only in supervised swimming areas.
- Don't drink and swim.

### Diving rules

- Before diving, make sure the water is deep enough.
- Check to see if the water level has changed since the last time you dived.
- Always keep hands in front of your head.
- Upon reaching the water, steer up immediately with hands and head up. Keep arms outstretched, hands crossed, and turned up. Keep back arched.
- Never dive in unknown waters – check for submerged or floating obstacles.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE  
Wesley Thompson, 6, jumps into the water of the Olympic Pool in the Aberdeen Area, under the watchful eye of his father, Greg, an Air National Guardsman and employee of Survice Engineering. Younger brother Ryan, 5, prefers a 'catch me' approach as he anticipates his turn.

# Korea 50 years ago

## U.S. holds line, waits for peace talks

By Jim Caldwell  
TRADOC

U.S. troops dug in at line Kansas, and the nation attempted to establish peace talks, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

**June 21 to 25, 1951** — Retired Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley wraps up his two-day testimony at the MacArthur hearings on June 21. He says that shortly after the World War II Yalta meeting between President Roosevelt, Josef Stalin and Winston Churchill that Roosevelt worried that too many concessions were made to Stalin. The president sent Hurley to London and Moscow to “ameliorate” the agreement. Sen. Brien McMahon of Connecticut read testimony that Hurley had given to the Senate in 1945. Then Hurley had favored the Nationalist Chinese making concessions to the communists and compared the communists to Oklahoma Republicans, with the difference being the Republicans were not armed.

“Russia is not supporting the Chinese Communist Party,” he said.

Maj. Gen. David G. Barr, head of a mission to China in 1948, disagreed with previous testimony that the Nationalist Chinese lost the mainland because they didn’t get enough American arms and equipment. He said it was because of corruption and “atrocious leadership in the field and lack of will to fight.” He said Chiang Kai-shek let his crony generals literally rob the army. One example he used was when a division commander received the division’s payroll, he would keep half before paying the troops.

Barr agreed with the U.S. cutting off the Nationalists in 1949 and the MacArthur firing.

He said that Gen. Matthew Ridgway, then-Eighth Army commander, sided with MacArthur in wanting to let the Nationalists invade mainland China from Formosa. Sen. William F. Knowland of California read a summation of a letter Ridgway sent to Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army chief of staff, in which Ridgway said the Chinese reds were so deeply committed in Korea that the Nationalists could have easily invaded.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Emmett “Rosy” O’Donnell, the last witness, says June 25 that MacArthur was right in wanting to bomb Chinese targets in Manchuria in November. He said the Russians wouldn’t have “dared” to get involved and the U.N. could have won the war in 1950. Now that it’s too late, he thinks the U.S. should keep its “Sunday punch” in case Russia should begin a war.

The hearings conclude June 25 after 42 days and more than 2 million words of testimony. Senators feel there is enough material for at least two reports, and possibly three.

**June 22 to 27** — Soviet U.N. ambassador Jacob Malik is the target of a broadcast by the U.S. State Department’s “Voice of America” broadcast June 21. He is asked to comply with U.N. President Trygve Lie’s request that the communist “say the one word the whole world is waiting for.”

The next day, the U.N. Price of Peace radio program broadcasts a 15-minute recorded speech by Malik. After spending most of his time blaming the United States for the war, he ends with saying the Soviet Union believes the belligerents in Korea should begin negotiations, and that fighting forces should withdraw to each side of the 38th Parallel.

On June 24, Soviet newspapers, Izvestia and Pravda, print Malik’s entire radio message. The next day the Chinese communist newspaper, People’s Daily, endorses Malik’s comments. Peking radio follows, but says before peace talks can begin, U.N. troops must first meet the same conditions of pulling out of Korea. Following the broadcast, Malik refuses to elaborate on his comments and claims illness to keep from seeing Iran’s Nasrollah Entezam, president of the General Assembly, who wants to discuss the Soviet’s intent.

The State Department is leery of Malik’s comments and advises Ridgway that his statements may be an attempt to get the U.N. forces to withdraw south of the parallel. Officials tell him that intelligence reports no indication that the Chinese or North Koreans are preparing for more fighting rather than peace.

Ridgway had his staff develop plans for establishing outposts 10 miles north of line Kansas and a “cease-fire” line 10 miles above that. On June 25, Ridgway sends a staff officer to Korea to present the plans to Lt. Gen. Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander.

Van Fleet does not like the plan. Taking the Iron Triangle and the Punchbowl has been hard and costly. To advance another 20 miles, in leaps of 10 miles, will be at least as difficult, if not more so. The next day, Ridgway visits Van Fleet, who convinces his commander that his army could do it, but it’s not worth the price.

On June 27, Alan G. Kirk, U.S. ambassador to Moscow, speaks with Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko to get the Soviet’s stance on a peace settlement.

Gromyko says that while the Soviets do not know China’s real intentions, their view is that a military cease fire should be agreed upon by the U.N. and South Korean military commands on one side, and the Chinese and North Korean military leaders on the other. After that, leaders on both sides can agree on political and territorial arrangements.

The U.S. government will not make direct contact with the Chinese or North Koreans, so it’s a matter of waiting to see what will develop.

**June 23** - Sen. Irving M. Ives of New York says that Malik’s statement is proof that Russia “really pulls the strings” in the communist world. At the request of the United States, Lie asks the 39 countries who signed the resolution to drive the communists out of Korea, and for those who have not sent troops and arms to Korea to do so. As it turns out, a battalion of Colombian soldiers, the 16th and last country to provide forces to the U.N. command, landed in Korea June 16.

**June 26-27** — On June 26, the House passes a resolution stating that the U.S. government expresses friendship for all people of the world, including Russians. The following day, 26 senators on the combined Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees conducting the MacArthur hearings warn Russia that it will be destroyed if it starts a war.

(Editor’s note: The primary sources for this series are “United States Army in the Korean War - Ebb and Flow, November 1950 to July 1951,” Center for Military History, 1988, and “Facts on File, Weekly World News Digest, 1951.”)



## Korean War veteran leading commemoration efforts

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Anyone who regularly attends Harford County veteran ceremonies does not have to look far to find Raymond J. Astor. The retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel and Korean War veteran is among the most active of veterans involved in the county’s three-year commemoration of the war.

Astor is the chairman of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorating Committee, for the Susquehanna Museum in Havre de Grace. He also serves as the 2nd Vice Commander, Catholic War Veterans Post 1841, and is active in several veterans-related organizations and projects in the county.

A resident of Havre de Grace, Astor also is a WWII-era veteran who entered the Army in 1943 as a private and moved to the officer ranks after graduating from the Yale University Technical School in 1944.

In Korea, Astor commanded the 38th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company and served as the operations officer with the 4th Ordnance Battalion from 1952 to 1953.

He said he ran the only supply room in Korea that provided “same-day ordnance service.”

“We had an elaborate support system between support depots,” Astor said. “Our motto was “zero backlog.”

Serving near the 38th Parallel’s Demilitarization Zone, Astor was responsible for the repair, replacement and reissue of thousands of wheel and track vehicles, artillery, fire control, small arms and watches essential to the war effort.

He said his most memorable recollections of the war are when

Gen. Douglas MacArthur was relieved of his command and when the war-ending truce was signed, July 27, 1953.

“MacArthur had the right idea for a complete victory if the President had listened to him,” Astor asserted.

He recalled news of the truce signing as bringing a “big sigh of

relief and a big celebration to troops in Korea.”

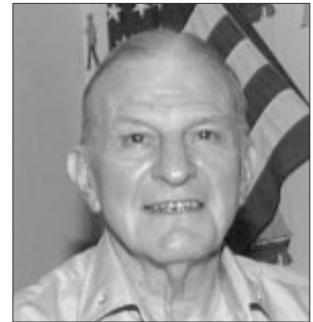


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

“We had waited so long for a truce. It was almost too good to be true,” Astor said.

From Korea, Astor went on to complete a 21-year career. He completed the Ordnance Officer Basic Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground in 1952 and the advanced course in 1956 and served in various assignments in Japan, Germany, Belgium and the U.S.

Following his military career, Astor completed 25 years as a Department of the Army civilian. As chief of the Tank-Automotive Command Engineering Division, Astor pioneered the placement of 400,000 engineering drawings on IBM microfilm cards to reduce storage and reproduction costs.

As chief of Missile Command Future Missile Systems Division,

he managed the initial research which culminated in the PATRIOT Missile System. He was a key player in the 50-year celebration of the ENIAC (electronic numerical integrator and computer) system, the world’s first electronic digital computer that was constructed on APG - a portion of which remains on display in the Ordnance Museum. Through Astor’s efforts, a U.S. postal stamp, commemorating the ENIAC was unveiled during a 1996 Aberdeen Proving Ground ceremony.

Astor retired from the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity in 1993.

At age 78, he shows no signs of slowing. He is involved in efforts to get the Korean War Veterans Association recognized by Congress, he volunteers at the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Perry Point as a chaplain assistant and produces a scripture study series which airs on COMCAST Channel 3 on Wednesday evenings. He and his wife, Alma, of 55 years, are active in Father Martin’s Ashley ministries in Oakington.

The Astors have two grown children, Ray Jr. and Regina Zierdt.

Astor said retirement enables him to devote time to projects near and dear to his heart.

“It’s not work, it’s a pleasure when you can do things to help others,” Astor said. “I plan to keep doing this as long as the good Lord lets me.”

He added that he receives the most pleasure ministering to patients at Perry Point.

“They are always so grateful,” he said. “It’s a blessing for them and for me.”

Photos courtesy of  
RAYMOND J. ASTOR

Above, retired Lt. Col. Raymond J. Astor sits at the desk in the office of his Havre de Grace home. The Korean War veteran and chair of the Harford County Korean War Commemorating Committee stays busy keeping the memory of the forgotten war alive. Right, in this 1952 photograph, then Capt. Raymond J. Astor stands next to a sign marking the 38th Parallel Demilitarization Zone. Astor served with the 38th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, and as the operations officer with the 4th Ordnance Battalion during the Korean War from 1952 to 1953.



Photo courtesy of [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil)

Soldiers use mine detectors to sweep the road clear of hidden Communist planted land mines for an advancing M-4 tank in June 1951.



Astor, second from right, and friends look over a 955th Field Artillery forward observation point overlooking the Kumwha Valley in 1953 Korea







# Employees share cultural differences

## ASIAN, from page 4

used for hula dancing, a wooden bowl and a bracelet made of Koa wood, a rare tree native to Hawaii.

Orwig's 6-year-old daughter, Leinani Keala Amorin, demonstrated the hula dance. The hula evolved as a means of worship, later becoming a forum for telling a story with chants and hand and body movement.

"We pass judgment on other cultural lifestyles and their foods and resources because we didn't grow up in that type of environment," Orwig said. "For those who don't get a chance to visit different countries, this type of program gives excellent insight on life style, how to survive from the land, and how to incorporate shelter, clothing, and food in ways that we never imagined. This event gives attendees a chance to taste food from other countries and see first-hand how they survived with what they had."

She added that she feels events such as the Asian-Pacific American program play a vital role in teach-

ing, understanding and accepting cultural differences within our diverse population.

Samatha Reddy, daughter of Dr. Gunda Reddy, toxicologist, Toxicology Directorate, performed an Indian classical dance called Bharatha Natyam, for 8 years.

Pete Leon Guerrero, intelligence officer, APG Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, entertained everyone with a coconut demonstration and invited attendees to dine on coconut cookies and candy.

Patricia Cowin, industrial hygienist, Industrial Hygiene and Medical Safety Management Program, demonstrated how to make sushi rolls.

"There is a common misconception that sushi is raw fish," Cowin said. "While some

sushi may contain raw fish, the word sushi simply means vinegared rice. Sushi can contain whatever ingredients suit your palate. As presentation is very important in Japanese culture, the appearance of the food is as important as the taste, so color should be taken into consideration when choosing the ingredients. Tradition also dictates that an odd number of ingredients be used when making the sushi roll," she said.

During the program, attendees were given the opportunity to make sushi rolls using ingredients of their choice.

Tom Smith, nurse consultant, Occupational and Environmental Medicine Program, provided a display called, A Taste of Korea, that included Bi Bim Bap (rice, snow peas, bean sprouts, red cabbage, shredded carrots, and chicken). His display was a variety of Korean Art.

Romeo J. Gallamoza,

Radiofrequency/Ultrasound Program, prepared Filipino-style egg rolls filled with ground beef and pork, green beans, carrots, and bean sprouts. He brought two books, "Strangers from a Different Shore: A History of Asian Americans," and "In Our Image: America's Empire in the Philippines," and shared old family photos taken in the Philippines, a shirt with a map, and a decorative wall ornament made with shells.

Attendees enjoyed tasting foods representing Asian-Pacific countries, such as Japanese horseradish peas, rice cracker snack mix, rice crackers with seaweed, seaweed snack (Nori) - eat plain or with rice or use to flavor soup; shrimp chips (popular in South-East Asia), Korean brown rice breakfast drink, Lychees (a fruit popular in China), grass jelly (used as a dessert in Taiwan), Lumpia (Filipino egg rolls from Gallamoza), Spam (a.k.a. Hawaiian steak from Maj. Myrna Callison), sushi (from Cowin) and coconut products (from Guerrero).



Photos by CAROLYN W. COLBURN

Above, A taste of Korea display by Tom Smith, nurse consultant, included paintings on cork, parchment, and rice paper. In the center is a vase of fresh peonies and five-foot tall stalks of bamboo. A variety of celadon (porcelain) vases, and authentic Korean jewelry are also seen. Right, Samantha Reddy, daughter of Dr. Gunda Reddy, Toxicology Directorate, and a 10th grade student at Fallston High School, performs an Indian classical dance. It is a composite art, whose message is not merely focused to the senses, but to the soul of the dancer and of the perceiver. It is an art that conveys spiritual expression requiring years of discipline, devotion and dedication. The dance calls for a total experience of body, mind and spirit.



Above, Nikki Jordan, epidemiologist, displayed articles from Mongolia including traditional clothing (silk dress, hats), painted wooden figurines (men, women, and children in traditional garments), original paintings, a camel hair blanket, tapes of traditional and contemporary music, and a replica of a Morin Khuur, a horse-headed violin. Left, Leinani Keala Amorin, 6 year-old daughter of Cindy Orwig, office automation assistant, and a student at Prospect Mill Elementary School, dances the old style hula, or hula kahiko. She gained first-hand experience of hula dancing from family members.

# Streamer ceremony salutes Army's history at birthday celebration

## ARMY BALL, from front page

"The history of our nation was written in the blood of those who gave their lives," Beauchamp said.

He urged everyone to remember the Army's role in U.S. history, including the pivotal role of the military in staging many successful campaigns against oppression, and "pause and reflect on the distinguished service and indomitable spirit of those who have served before us."

He praised those currently serving in the military, and said their contributions are particularly noteworthy, as they join the ranks of those who serve "not for fame or reward, not for place or rank, and not for ambition or necessity, but in simple obedience to duty."

He urged others to join the ranks of the military if they want to pursue a challenging and rewarding career, but warned that the move will not come without sacrifice.

"No other profession will demand more from you," he said.

Following his remarks, U.S. Air Force Maj. Curtis Schumucker, of Air Force Detachment 1, 361st Training Squadron, and detachment 1st Sgt. Todd Gilcrest, presented Beauchamp with a rendition of an eagle surrounded by Army, Marine and Air Force coins, representing the various service branches found on APG. The print included coins from APG and SBCCOM.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, garrison and deputy installation commander, thanked participants in the evening's celebration, led the crowd in singing the Army Song, and read a prepared address from Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Army chief of staff.

Shinseki's greeting included accolades for the military, as his statement read, "You represent what is most noble about our nation: liberty, freedom, and unity."

Thanking "the finest men and women the nation

has to offer," Spidel acknowledged that the American Army was unique in that it "was not created to conquer, but rather to preserve our American way of life and the freedoms that we so treasure."

Lt. Col. Larry Robinson, SBCCOM chaplain, offered the evening's invocation and benediction.

Bringing the formal events of the evening to a close in order to make room for dancing and informal socializing, APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings, who supervised the event's behind-the-scenes preparation efforts, acknowledged the assistance of others throughout the installation who worked to make the event a success.

Including everyone who played a role, Stallings thanked Top of the Bay staff, the 143rd Color Guard, the NCO Academy, the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), 1st Sgt. Clarence Ward and Renee Johnson of Headquarters Support Troop, Gilcrest of the Air Force Detachment

and Tykie McNearmy of the SBCCOM protocol office.

Soldiers from the NCO Academy participating in the streamer ceremony included Staff Sgts. Wibke Griffin, Fredrick Henley, Lashanda Hill, Augustin Leon, George Marshall, Andrew Nelson and Shawn Woodall, and Sgts. Jorge Rodriguez, Emmanuel Carbonell, James Kendrick, Mark Rowe, Ronald Shaffer, Michael Lennon, and David Cronberger. Staff Sgt. Steven Bunker served as noncommissioned officer in charge.

Rolling out the cake for the cake cutting ceremony was Sgt. Joshua Vincill, APG Soldier of the Year. Doesburg and Stallings were assisted in cutting the Army's birthday cake by the youngest soldier on post, Pvt. Stephanie Perkins, Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion. Perkins turned 18 last month.



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Left inset, Staff Sgt. Agustin Leon of the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, is shown in a turn-of-the-century uniform worn by soldiers who fought in military campaigns through World War I. Here he attaches streamers from the Philippine Campaign of 1899, as Staff Sgt. Cedric Buxton, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, holds the Army flag. Above, forming the Color Guard for the Army Birthday Ball celebration are soldiers from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion. From left, Sgt. Mark Wilson and Staff Sgts. James Tawanda, Cedric Buxton and Paul Ingham. The group was directed by Staff Sgt. Dwayne C. Peterson. In the foreground is a portion of a display in remembrance of those who answered the call to serve, but failed to return. Empty boots, a helmet, rifle and identification tags represent the missing. The display also consists of a small table with a place setting for one, with a single red rose in remembrance of the families of those who didn't return, and a red ribbon worn by those who demand a final accounting of those who are missing. On the plate is a slice of lemon to remind others of the bitter fate of the soldiers, and salt representing tears shed by the families left behind. In addition, the glass is inverted reminding others that the missing cannot raise their glass in a toast, and the chair is empty.