

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, March 7, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### Ambulance transfers for pediatric patients

Children treated at the Harford Memorial Hospital Emergency Room who require hospitalization will be transported to Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Bel Air. TRICARE beneficiaries may be charged a copayment for the civilian ambulance transfer to Upper Chesapeake Medical Center for pediatric admissions.

However, if your child should require emergency medical services for life-threatening conditions such as poisoning, convulsions, high fever and other acute conditions, call 911 or seek care at the nearest civilian hospital emergency room.

### KUSAHC to brief on new benefits

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and Sierra Military Health Services will hold a briefing at the Post Theater on March 13, 20 and 27 at 9 a.m. on the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program and the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program. Retired beneficiaries do not want to miss this informative briefing on newly approved benefits.

### Garrison libraries temporarily change hours of operation

The Aberdeen Garrison Library system will temporarily change its hours of operation effective Monday, March 12. The new hours will be:

**Aberdeen branch:**  
Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.  
Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday and Friday, closed.  
**Edgewood branch:**  
Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.  
Wednesday and Thursday, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, closed.

### APG Information Technology Expo 2001

There will be a one-day Information Technology Exposition held on Thursday, March 1 at the Top of the Bay Club Ballroom.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is

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# High praise, spirited song mark Wilbert Davis Gospel Night

## Faith newly found in old time religion

By Yvonne Johnson

APG News

From aged spirituals and modern gospel to messages defining the African-American community, the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 28th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night successfully fulfilled the legacy of pride in heritage begun by its namesake.

Community and post choirs performed the uplifting musical celebration Feb. 18 in the Post Theater.

Noting African-American achievements grounded by faith, Command Sgt. Maj. Sammy Brinson, the master of ceremonies, told the audience, "We don't meet every year just to sing. This gathering is for a purpose - to change your life."

A well-known musician and vocalist, Brinson delighted listeners with several selections accompanied by his brother, Tim Brinson from Lexington, Ky., and his son, Kaleff Brinson, on keyboard.

The musical ministry included selections by the Mount Zion Mass Choir, the St. James A.M.E. Youth Choir and the Vernon Sewell Ensemble from Havre de Grace, the River Rock Safe Church Choir from Elkton and the Moment of Truth Choir from the Aberdeen Area chapel's gospel service.

Pulsating rhythms and jubilant cries of joy rocked the building during the joyous celebration.

Adding to the excitement was a stimulating testimony by Sgt. 1st Class Rodney Yelder who spoke about the impact the church has had on the African-American community.

"It's always been about love," Yelder said, adding, "we must continue to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. I would not be standing here if not for the sacrifices of slavery."

Highlighting the program were Aberdeen Proving Ground equal opportunity advisors who presented messages based on the program's theme, "Creating and Defining the African-American Community: Family, Church, Politics and Culture."

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Moment of Truth Choir makes a joyful noise during Wilbert Davis Gospel Night. The talented choir closed the Feb. 18 program in the Post Theater. From left, Tawana Perkins, Kenneth Taylor, Chief Warrant Officer Louis Henderson, Shanae Henderson, Dorris Tisdale, Lakeya Brown and Taisha Perkins. Not shown are Marie Henderson, Pamela Greenhow, choir director Regina Mack, drummer Clarence Weaver and keyboard player Jean Jackson.

## Aberdeen's outstanding African Americans

By Yvonne Johnson

APG News

In honor of Black History Month, this article pays tribute to three Aberdeen Proving Ground African Americans who share similar responsibilities.

All three have occupations requiring constant contact with people whose lives they must positively impact - no easy task, even for people as dedicated as they.

Working with a commodity as precious yet as volatile as human beings requires a certain amount of skill and patience. Doing it every day and doing it well, requires devotion and a caring heart.

For this reason, we salute them and others like them who put people first.

### Sgt. Donna Pope

For Sgt. Donna Pope, Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion, being a drill sergeant is a dream come true.

Originally from Tacoma, Wash., Pope is the daughter of a retired U.S. Air Force chief master sergeant.

"He was my friend and my mentor," Pope said. "I could go to him about anything."

Pope said she remembers the times when her father would come home from work, change his clothes, and head out to night school.

"That willingness to extend yourself made me want to strive to do more," Pope said.

She realized what 'more' meant when she joined the U.S. Army and met her first drill sergeant, she added.

Assigned to APG since 1999, Pope was selected by the Department of the Army to be an instructor at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools. Now a DA-selected drill sergeant, Pope said she is proud to hold a specialty that doesn't allow for many E-5s.

"You have to be good because the training is tough," Pope said.

Complicating her bid for drill sergeant was the fact that she was notified shortly after the birth of her second child.

"People said I couldn't make it so soon after having a baby," Pope said. "I did it through



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Sgt. Donna Pope stands near the Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion barracks. The 31-year old soldier, wife and mother of two, said she inherited her love for the military from her father, a retired U.S. Air Force chief master sergeant.

prayer and a lot of hard work."

Pope's career has carried her to such far away assignments as Kuwait, Egypt, Hungary and Bosnia.

Now settled with her family in Maryland, she is living out her dream as a moldier of young troops.

"It's an honor for me to put on that drill sergeant hat every morning," Pope said adding this life she has chosen leaves "little time to relax."

With a toddler, an infant and a husband who also works full time, Pope's days start early and end late.

"I'm usually up by 4 a.m. and home by 7 p.m.," she said. "My children spend more time with

the babysitter and their father."

Despite the toll it takes on her personal life, she said she is happiest "being occupied and staying busy."

She added that being a drill sergeant is more challenging now than it was when she entered the military.

"Soldiers today are smarter but less inclined to manual labor," Pope said. "This may stem from a lack of self discipline. Our job is to weed out the ones who can't make the adjustment and polish the good ones."

She said she advises soldiers to take advantage of education opportunities during their time in the service.

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## SBCCOM Aviation Detachment wins Army safety award

By SBCCOM PAO

The U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command's Aviation Detachment received the Army Accident Prevention Award of Excellence in Safety - Aviation from Gen. John G. Coburn, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command. SBCCOM Commander Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg presented the award at a ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Phillips Army Airfield.

The presentation marks the second time the Aviation Detachment has won the Army Accident Prevention Award. In 1995, the detachment won its first Army Accident Prevention Award for Safety for 14 consecutive years of accident-free operation.

This latest award recognizes 20 consecutive years of accident-free flying covering the period between Dec. 3, 1980 and Dec. 2, 2000. A record seldom accomplished in Army aviation, this reflects the professionalism and dedication of the aircraft pilots and the maintenance crews.

In a memorandum to Phillip Hazard, chief of the SBCCOM Aviation Detachment, Coburn writes that the award "truly reflects the professionalism, dedication and close attention to detail that the Army demands of all personnel involved with flight operations."

The SBCCOM Aviation Detachment is based at Phillips Army Airfield and has the primary mission of providing dedicated fixed and rotary wing transportation to support the deployment of the Service Response Force, the Chemical Biological Rapid Response Team and the Technical Escort Unit Emergency Response Team. The detachment also supports the Army research and development mission by providing air transportation of quantities of chemical materiel and supporting captive flight test programs.

Established in 1977, the flight detachment transports people and cargo in support of Army research and development, servicing the Edgewood chemical operations from its base in Morristown, N.J. In 1993, the detachment was transferred to Aberdeen Proving Ground to be closer to Edgewood Area enterprises.

## Nine community leaders honored by Chief of Ordnance

By E. C. Starnes

USAOC&S

Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, the United States Army Chief of Ordnance, recently honored nine civilian leaders of the local community for their significant contributions to the Department of Defense and the United States Army.

"Last summer we were asked to identify individuals who had made significant contributions to the Total Army, the Association of the United States Army and our connection to the community at large," Stevenson explained. "Today is our formal recognition and thank you for that commitment."

Honored during a ceremony in the Ordnance Corps Regimental Room at Top of the Bay were retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Joe Brooks from Bel Air, retired U.S. Army Col. Dwight Hair from Elkton, Ron Kupferman from Aberdeen, Raymond Sordiff from Port Deposit, Lee Van Ormer from Elkton, Jim Cameron and Chuck Jacobs from Havre de Grace. Two other honorees unable to attend the ceremony were Hank Passi of Elkton and Jean Mear of Aberdeen.

All were cited for their support of the Army's Outreach Program. Stevenson presented them with an engraved certificate of achievement plaque from the Association of the United States Army for their efforts. Each also received a "Go Army" coffee cup and a bottle of Ordnance

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open to all personnel located at APG. Exhibitors will demonstrate the latest innovations. There is no fee to attend the event and complimentary refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Janin Hardin at 1-800-878-294-0244, ext. 244 or 301-206-2940 or e-mail janin@fbcdb.com. Visit [www.fedpage.com/events](http://www.fedpage.com/events) for a listing of exhibitors.

### Warrant officer career briefings

The Army's Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Knox, Ky., will brief on opportunities to become a Warrant Officer March 12, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater.

More information can be found on the Internet at [www.usarec.army.mil](http://www.usarec.army.mil) or by contacting Jessie Street, 410-306-2351, or Chief Warrant Officer Garrett Smiley, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, at 1-800-223-3735, extension 60478 or e-mail garet.smiley@usarec.army.mil.

### Drive the winter blues away - volunteer today!

If the winter blues have you down, you need something to do or want to meet new people, have some fun and learn new skills, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Education Center is looking for you.

Both the Aberdeen and Edgewood area education centers are looking for volunteer receptionists to help with the day-to-day office operations. Some duties include directing phone calls, filing, providing general information to visitors and assisting with special projects.

All of the volunteer hours accumulated, training received and skills acquired are documented and can be used to advantage when filling out future job applications.

Anyone interested in learning more about these positions should contact Dori Lawton, education specialist, at 410-278-3515 or Alice Surette, volunteer coordinator, at 410-278-5469.

### The Greatest Show on Earth discount tickets available

The Information/Ticketing and Registration office has discounted tickets (\$16 each) for two circus show dates at the Baltimore Arena. Patrons may prepay for the tickets, but not later than March 8.

Twenty-five tickets each are available for March 17, 3:30 p.m., level 1, section 114, rows C and D, and March 18, 1:30 p.m., level 1, section 114, rows B and C. Call 410-278-4011/4621 for phone charge (VISA or Mastercard are accepted), or stop by the ITR office, building 3326, to pick up tickets.

### MCSC offers scholarships

The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses' Club is currently accepting applications for scholarship money. Applicants must be spouses or children of military members (active duty, retired, or reserve). Applications are available on Aberdeen Proving Ground at the Post Office, library, Thrift Shop, and Education Center. They are also available at Harford Community College and local high schools. The deadline for applying is March 15. For more information, contact Tannia Ross at 410-297-4972.

### MCSC has funds for charities, organizations

The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will donate funds to organizations and charities this spring. Groups interested in placing a request for funds should do so in writing. Requests should include name of organization requesting funds, the manner in which the funds will be used, list of other fund raising efforts, and a contact person for the organization (name, address and telephone number). Requests must be postmarked by April 2. Submit requests to the Military and Civilian Spouses' Club, P.O. Box 752, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005.

For more information call MCSC at 410-273-9663.

### EAOWC to donate funds

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club will donate funds to services and charities this spring. If your group or organization is interested in receiving a donation, submit a request in writing by March 15 to: Susan Burnett, EAOWC Services and Charities, 3 Plumb Point Loop, APG, MD 21005. Be as specific as possible in stating the purpose for which the funds will be used. Also, include the name, title, address and phone number of a contact person.

### Scholarships offered by EA Officers' Wives Club

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club will administer a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of the United Services Planning Association and Independent Research Agency Educational Foundation. Additional scholarships will be offered as funds allow.

Applicants must be a high school senior or college student and the child or spouse of an active duty, retired or deceased servicemember who will attend college during the 2001-2002 school year. Reserve and National Guard members are not currently eligible. Applications may

be obtained at all Harford County high school guidance offices, the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop and the EA branch library. Completed applications must be received by March 14.

(The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses' Club is also administering USPA and IRA scholarships using identical forms. Students can apply for both scholarships, but may win only one of the two.)

### Summer program has openings for first through ninth graders

The Aberdeen and Edgewood School Age and Middle School Services has summer openings for children who are presently enrolled in first through ninth grades. The program, June 19 through Aug. 18, Monday through Friday, 6:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., offers safe, fun-filled, developmental opportunities for your child, such as swimming, bowling and field trips. You may sign up for the weeks that fit your summer schedule.

Tuition fees are based on total family income and will be determined at the time of registration. Mark your calendar. Spaces are limited. Open registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration packets and appointments will be available at the Central Registration Office, building 2485, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

March 19 to 23 is registration for single military and civilians, dual military and military with a working spouse. March 26 to 30 is registration for civilians with a working spouse. April 2 to 6 is registration for contractors and all other civilians and military personnel.

For questions or further information, call the Central Registration Office at 410-278-7479/7571.

### Hispanic Employment Program Committee to meet March 20

The Hispanic Employment Program is seeking individuals, both military and civilian, to participate in committee activities. There are many projects available to learn essential skills for furthering your career. The focus of the committee is to educate people about Hispanic heritage and deal with employment issues. The next meeting will be held in the Aberdeen area, building 2043's conference room, on Tuesday, March 20, from 2 to 3 p.m.

For more information contact Joanne Holloway (Edgewood Area), 410-436-3628 or Cindy Sepulveda (Aberdeen Area) 410-278-1131.

### Submit AFAP suggestions today

APG community members are invited to submit suggestions on improving the quality of life at Aberdeen Proving Ground for consideration at the Army Family Action Plan, Symposium XVI.

Suggested topics include medical, dental, commissary, AAFES, housing, youth, education, employment, safety and relocation. Issues should answer the following questions: What is the problem? Why is it a problem? What is the solution? Suggestions must include your name and telephone number and answer all three questions to be considered. Send them to building 324, First Floor, ATTN: Alice Surette or FAX 410-278-7011, by March 20.

The symposium, intended to identify quality of life issues, will be held April 10 through 12 at Top of the Bay.

Representatives from throughout APG will participate in one of four workgroups. A special youth work group will be held on April 11 to discuss issues that concern the youth in our community.

If you are interested in being a delegate or would like to find out more about the AFAP process, contact Alice Surette at 278-5469.

### APG Red Cross blood drives

Give the gift of life - donate blood at any of the upcoming Red Cross blood drives at APG. Thursday, March 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aberdeen Test Center, Ginger Loeschner, 410-278-2661; Monday, March 12, 5 to 9 p.m., 16th Ordnance Battalion, Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, 410-278-8595; Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Edgewood Chapel, Larry Kaye, 410-278-2087; and Tuesday, March 20, 4 to 8 p.m., 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 1st Lt. Amanda Akers.

### Easter Bunny to make appearance at Easter brunch

The post's Sunday brunch series continues with an Easter Brunch scheduled for April 15. The first seating will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; the second seating is from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The late seating fills first, so make your reservations early.

The menu will include an omelet station, French toast, waffles, sausage, bacon, creamed beef with biscuits, home fries, grits, Danish, muffins, cereal, carved top round of beef and smoked ham, seafood creole, roast leg of lamb with peaches and mint jelly, pasta, potatoes and rice, vegetables, desserts, and beverages, including champagne and bloody Marys. The Easter Bunny will give baskets to children.

Cost is \$13.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children ages 6 to 11 and free for children under age 6. Price does not include gratuity. Make reservations

by April 12. Advance payment with a major credit card will be accepted. For reservations, call 410-278-3062/2552.

### 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 410-278-4995 or 410-278-9061 Monday through Friday to set up an appointment.

For more information about the tutoring program and other activities, contact the Aberdeen Youth Center at 410-278-4995.

### Ordnance to be destroyed

APG's Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, in conjunction with Aberdeen Test Center, is destroying unexploded ordnance at a remote area in the Aberdeen Area. The destruction does not include chemical warfare munitions, and will be conducted on Fridays and Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For more information, contact George Mercer, chief, APG Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147 or 1-800-688-8705.

### Within your reach!

Get answers about how the Army is safely eliminating the mustard agent stockpile stored at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Call or visit the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office located in the Woodbridge Station Shopping Center, 1011B Woodbridge Center Way, Edgewood, 410-676-6800.

The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Current information is also available at [www-pmcd.apgea.army.mil](http://www-pmcd.apgea.army.mil).

### Flu shots

TRICARE beneficiaries who have not yet received the influenza vaccine may receive an inoculation through the Immunization Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Monday through Friday, 8 to 11 a.m. Call the clinic, 410-278-1746, for additional hours and more information.

The Occupational Health Clinic is no longer offering flu shots to civilian employees not covered by TRICARE. Civilians wishing an inoculation against the virus are urged to call the Harford County Health Department, 410-638-8459, or their private physician, for more information.

### Register now for HCC college classes

Registration is currently underway for credit classes in Harford Community College's Spring Term II. Classes begin March 19; students may register in person or add a class up to March 17. Courses for the session include Accounting, Automotive Technology, Business Administration, Biology, Criminal Justice, Interior Design, Mathematics, Physical Education and Psychology.

Registration is accepted at HCC's Aberdeen Proving Ground Center Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and alternate Fridays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., March 2 and 16.

For more information, call 410-272-2338. Students may register in person in the Office of Registration and Records in HCC's Chesapeake Center: 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. Payment is due at the time of registration.

The college accepts VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Mail-in or fax registrations, with payment by credit card, will be accepted through March 17.

Registration must be accompanied by credit card payment information, including account number, expiration date, and signature. The fax registration number is 410-836-4169.

Forms are available in the Schedule of Credit Classes catalogue, which was mailed to all Harford County residents, from HCC's Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, or from HCC's Office of Registration and Records.

For more information, call 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222, or stop by the Registration and Records area in the Chesapeake Center on campus.

### 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 to 11 a.m.

For more information, please contact the Legal Assistance Office at 410-278-1583/1584. For any non-emergency situation, call the office to schedule an appointment.

### Army Emergency Relief campaign begins today

The Army Emergency Relief campaign begins on post today and will run through May 31. This non-profit program endeavors to ease financial hardships experienced by Army family members. Ninety-five cents of every dollar donated to AER can be used for such things as food expenses, rent, utilities, travel emergencies, etc. Maj. Clifton Johnston, commander of Headquarters Support Troop is this year's chairman and can be reached at 410-278-2104. See article on page 5.

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## MCSC winter fundraiser



Photo courtesy of MCSC

On March 14, the Military and Civilian Spouses' Club is raffling an "Americana Star" queen-sized quilt made by members of the MCSC. Tickets are available from Diane Wilson at 410-297-8508, or at the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop for \$1 each or six for \$5. All proceeds benefit the club's welfare and scholarship funds.

## Three who touch lives in positive ways

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"It's getting tougher to get promoted," she said. "The best way to better yourself is by going to school."

A member of Union United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, Pope is considering a nursing career after she leaves the military. She said she expects her faith to guide her through that challenge as it has all the others.

"I leaned on the Lord all through drill sergeant school," she said. "When people ask me how I survive, I tell them 'by faith, through prayer and a lot of hard work.'"

Pope lives in Havre de Grace with her husband, Chris Pope Sr., her 3-year old daughter, Chynnah and 1-year old son, Christopher Jr.

### Cardelia Lee

Cardelia Lee is a "self-professed people lover."

An employee of APG's Youth Services division, Lee is the youth director at the Edgewood Area Youth Center.

Affectionately referred to as Ms. Dee by co-workers and patrons of the center, Lee said she and her seven brothers and sisters inherited a giving spirit from their mother.

"We were blessed with a caring and kind mother who always put the needs of others first," Lee said. "She was my best friend and the strongest influence on my life."

Though she primarily works with teens on special events such as seminars, fashion shows, talent shows, and trips, Lee meets with teens and parents regularly as a mentor, counselor or just a shoulder to cry on.

She calls her work "more of a passion than a job."

"Being a part of and making a difference in these kid's lives is so fulfilling for me," Lee said. "I have children all over the world," she added referring to her 18 years of government service.

"I always try to impress upon them to be all they can be and to observe the golden rule," Lee said. "It's always been my personal philosophy and it can be theirs too."

Originally from Alexandria, Va., Lee has lived in Maryland since 1990.

Since she met her husband, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Sylvester Lee in 1969, she has traveled the world with him. In government service since 1980, Lee soon will retire to help with the family business, The Ultimate Driving School, which opened in Aberdeen last year, and to volunteer in community youth-based programs.

"I'm interested in working with 18- to 25-year-olds who are still searching for direction," Lee said. "I see a need to help youths get back on the right track."

A member of John Wesley Methodist Church in Abingdon,



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

**Above, Chaplain, Lt. Col. (P) Larry Robinson, installation chaplain for APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, recently arrived from Heidelberg, Germany, said he wants people to know that APG chaplains are here to serve them. "We want to be your first line of defense in terms of guidance," Robinson said. Above right, Cardelia Lee, Ms. Dee, a youth director at the Edgewood Area Youth Center, soon will be retiring from government service. She credits her mother with providing the "given spirit" that has become Lee's trademark in the Edgewood Area.**

Lee said she would like to be remembered as "someone who really cared from the heart."

"I really love these kids because they are the future," Lee said. "They're the only part of the future we actually get to see."

Lee lives with her husband in Abingdon. They have a son, Capt. Gerald Lee, Maryland Air National Guard, a daughter-in-law, Karen Lee and their granddaughter, Maya Gabrielle, 2.

### Chaplain (Lt. Col. (P)) Larry Robinson

Chaplain (Lt. Col. (P)) Larry Robinson serves as the chaplain for the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and for the installation. He took on the newly created role in November after a three and one half-year tour of duty in Heidelberg, Germany, with the 26th Area Support Group.

Robinson said he values the relationships he has established in the community and looks forward to his role in helping to enhance

the quality of life in the APG community.

"We are getting some bright soldiers in the military now and many of them are attending chapel services," Robinson said.

"The chaplaincy is moving forward and accomplishing great things. With their help we can do so much more," he added.

Robinson said his goals for the post chapels include increasing soldiers' involvement in the ministry and increasing overall attendance at chapel services.

"We want to reach out to those not attending any service and let them know they are welcome in the chapels," Robinson said.

His faith and his basic love of people are what guide him, he added. The most enjoyable aspect of his job is "providing pastoral care and counseling and delivering the word," he said.

"Basically, I believe in treating everyone the way you would want to be treated. There is a uniqueness in all of us. We all have value, and we all

want to be treated right and fairly."

The pastor of the Aberdeen Area chapel's gospel service, Robinson said he wants people of all faiths to realize APG chaplains are there for them.

"Chaplains are here to serve the full community," Robinson said. "We should be your first line of defense in terms of guidance."

"We're staff officers but we're ministers also and we're proud of that."

Originally from Hogansville, Ga., Robinson lives in Edgewood with his wife, Debbie. Their son, Christian, is a student at the University of Georgia in Athens.

# Black History luncheon offers reflection, motivation

## Morris tale leaves listeners counting their blessings

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Black History Month luncheon is an annual observance focused on honoring and preserving the aspects of the African-American community.

Those who attended this year's program, sponsored by the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, said it offered far more than that.

Highlighted by an uplifting gospel selection, provided by Lisa Lyons, the program was made memorable by an address from guest speaker Allen T. Morris an engineer with the NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

U.S. Air Force Maj. Cora Randle was the mistress of ceremonies. She introduced the program's host, Col. James Romano, USAMRICD commander, who remarked on the advantages of having a "wonderfully diverse" work force before he introduced Morris.

"We could all move up a rung or two on the ladder of tolerance if we considered how we respond to others not like ourselves," Romano said. "I challenge you to think about where you stand on that ladder."

Morris presented himself as "an Army of one in regards to the personal battles in my life."

"Black history is also American history along with the history of Asians, Hispanics and other groups," Morris said adding, "each ethnic group has had to overcome obstacles in its path."

"The correlation is that each group has been on a battlefield of its own, beginning with the battle in the heart and in the mind," Morris said.

The second oldest of six children, Morris told the audience he was raised in the Chicago slums,

by alcoholic and abusive parents.

"I was abused by my parents in every way imaginable. Sexually, verbally and physically," Morris said.

His earliest memory was of being "kicked outside in the snow and ice at the age of four," he said. "As early as that, I used to wish fervently that I had never been born."

Some of the punishments he received, many of which came with no warning, included being knifed in the hand and nailed in the feet. He said he was always told he was stupid and would never amount to anything.

As horrible as it all was, Morris said he remembers standing outside his front door on many occasions begging to be let back in.

When he was 14, his mother packed him into the car and drove out of Chicago, not stopping until they were in Tupelo, Miss.

"She put me out, turned around and drove back to Chicago," Morris said. "I never saw her again."

Forced to live on his own in an unfamiliar place, Morris said he slept in abandoned cars and scrounged food wherever he could, sometimes drinking water from mud puddles to quench his thirst.

"It was the worst of all possible worlds," Morris said. "I didn't even have the basic survival skills of an average soldier."

Eventually thrown in jail as a vagrant, Morris ended up at the Alpha House, a home for boys.

"It was here that I was told for the first time that I could be whatever I wanted to be if I was willing to work hard enough for it," Morris said.

It was also there, he said, that he developed self-esteem and the determination to succeed.

"Education became the most

**Col. James Romano, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, presents a commemorative plaque to Allan T. Morris following the Aberdeen Proving Ground Black History Month Luncheon at Top of the Bay. Morris, an engineer with NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., was the guest speaker for the USAMRICD-sponsored program.**



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

**Above, Lisa Lyons entertains listeners with her rendition of "In the Midst of it All" by Yolanda Adams. Lyons is the wife of Staff Sgt. Stephen Lyons of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools. Left, some members of the organizing committee pose with Col. James Romano, fourth from right and guest speaker Allan T. Morris, center, after the luncheon. From left, Helen Wells, Darlene Johnson, Maj. Charles Asowata, Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mayers, and Staff Sgt. Vanessa Wilson.**

important thing to me," he said.

After three and one half years in Alpha House, and several stints in foster homes, Morris graduated from Tupelo High School in 1985 at the top of his class. His hard work earned him recognition from NASA and a full scholarship in electrical engineering at Mississippi State University. During college, he alternated semesters between study at MSU and at the NASA Langley Research Center.

He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from MSU and Old

Dominion University respectively, and a George M. Low Fellowship from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Morris is currently working on a doctorate in system engineering at the University of Virginia.

"My story shows that it is not what others tell you that makes you, it's what you tell yourself," Morris said.

In conclusion, he asked that people learn to have harmony in their lives.

"Black history is really about today," Morris said. "Honor it by taking lessons learned and applying them to your lives. Remember, you are an 'Army of one.'"

A lengthy ovation followed

Morris' inspiring words.

"What a truly amazing presentation," Romano said at the program's end. "We were very fortunate to have him with us today."

He thanked Morris, Lyons and organizers for the memorable program.

"It takes a good group of people to put something like this together," Romano said.

"What he's been through makes my life look like a piece of cake," added Maj. Charles Asowata, USAMRICD executive officer.

"I wish we had more time to spend with him and him with us."

Organizers for the APG Black History Month Luncheon were:

Maj. Cora Randle, Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mayers, Staff Sgt. Vanessa Wilson, Sgt. James Mitchell, Carleen Jackson, Helen Wells, Darlene Johnson and Robin Burch from USAMRICD.

Organizers extend sincerest thanks to the following:

Chaplain (Capt.) Theiring Alexander, 16th Ordnance Battalion, Sgt. 1st Class Shelton Torbert, APG garrison equal opportunity advisor, Eva Mims, Edgewood Chemical Biological Command, Lisa Lyons, the USAMRICD Color Guard, Top of the Bay staff and the staff of the Defense Printing Plant.

# Council discusses APG concerns

## Topics include budget issues and summer concerts

By Sheila Little  
APG News

The February meeting of the Community Action Council took place at 9 a.m., Feb. 15, in the conference room of garrison headquarters.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, garrison commander and deputy installation commander, presided over the meeting which covered budget issues and news of upcoming activities and concerts.

### Budget concerns

Spidel opened the meeting with an update regarding funds for APG. He commended post residents and employees for continuing cost-cutting measures throughout the installation, but added that APG's conservation efforts are not enough to meet that of the army family housing budget, which was cut by 42 percent within the last year.

"There is a \$4 million shortfall for APG," Spidel said.

The commander said the housing utilities budget has been without funds since January, but the garrison has received assurance from the U.S. Army Materiel Command that the bills will be paid.

Spidel added that cost-cutting measures such as reducing installation building heat or air conditioning during long weekends, and asking residents to adopt similar measures during vacations away from their assigned quarters have been extremely successful. He asked all APG employees and residents to continue implementing the cost-cutting measures.

Citing other installations with similar budget concerns, Spidel assured council participants that Army officials are aware of the funding issue, and noted that it is not limited to APG.

"We are not alone in this problem," Spidel said. "It's Army-wide."

### Health issues

Col. Walter E. Egerton, commander of Kirk U. S. Army Health Clinic, announced that the Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Bel Air is now the hospital of choice for TRICARE beneficiaries needing in-patient pediatric care. Those who use Harford Memorial's emergency room and require pediatric admission, may be charged a co-payment if they need ambulance transportation for pediatric admission to UCMC. Patients who feel they have medical conditions requiring emergency care, should continue to proceed to the nearest hospital emergency room for treatment.

Egerton also said that patients assigned to a clinic at Kirk, are being assigned a primary care manager within the clinic, and will be notified by mail of their

assigned primary care manager.

He added that TRICARE personnel currently located at the Higher Education and Applied Technology Center will be moving to KUSAHC this spring.

### Shopping and contests

Steve Bielefeldt, manager of APG's Army and Air Force Exchange Service, said those military identification card holders in grades 6 through 12 with a B plus average or above are urged to bring in their grade reports for a valuable coupon book featuring gift certificates to local food outlets and theater coupons.

He also said a local Marine won \$1,000 by participating in a contest at the APG Burger King. The contest is ongoing.

Commissary Manager Richard Nornhold said 18 students applied for the \$1,500 scholarship sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency. The APG recipient of the scholarship will be announced in the spring.

Nornhold said photo imaging as a form of cake decorating, is now available in the bakery department with 24-hours notice.

### Special events

A matchbox-car derby for children of eligible commissary patrons, ages 5 to 12, is planned for March 3. Racing will take place at the commissary from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Saturday in March. Prizes will be awarded. Bring your favorite car or use a commissary loaner.

Roy Ballinger, director of Community and Family Activities, said a Beef and Burgundy night is scheduled for Top of the Bay on March 21, and an Easter Brunch will take place on Easter Sunday, April 15. Two seatings are planned for 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The menu includes the usual breakfast and lunch selections, and includes leg of lamb. The Easter Bunny will be there with baskets for his young fans. Cost is \$13.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children 6 to 11, and free for those under 6. Reservations are being accepted through April 12 at 410-278-3062.

Ballinger also announced summer concert plans.

Styx, Kansas, and Survivor will take to the stage on June 6. The Dog Days of Summer Concert Series brings LeAnn Rimes as the headliner on Aug. 18. Plans and coordination for a Rhythm and Blues concert is ongoing.

### AER

Major Clifton Johnston, commander of APG's Garrison Headquarters Support Troops, reminded attendees that the Army Emergency Relief campaign takes place March through May, and urged participation and support from all tenants of APG. This

year's goal is \$40,000. Funds are distributed via loans or grants to active duty and retired Army personnel and their families, including widows and orphans, in times of emergency need. More information on the campaign is available in the APG News, on channel 3, or through APG's campaign manager, Johnston, at 410-278-2104.

### Safety

Susie Ashby, representing the Safety Office of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, said a recent house fire served as a reminder regarding the dubious safety of some halogen lamps. Alerted by their smoke detector, which was part of a recent replacement of older smoke detectors by the housing office, the residents avoided injury and suffered only minor damage to their home. Halogen bulbs, particularly the tubular ones found in torch lamps, burn at a significantly higher temperature than lamps with regular light bulbs. Residents are urged to avoid the lamps and are especially cautioned against purchasing halogen lamps that are uncovered at the top because they gather dust and other particles. Bedding, draperies and clothing that come in contact with the halogen fixture can lead to a fire.

The policy regarding trampoline usage on APG and whether or not bicycle helmets must be worn when riding scooters, should be out shortly. Until then, residents are urged to hold off on trampoline purchases, and encourage children to wear helmets when riding scooters.

Retired Col. Charles Shadle, retiree representative, said planning discussions are underway for a possible retiree open house in the fall.

Representing the Coast Guard, Shadle reminded boaters that those under age 30 are required to pass a boating safety course in order to operate a boat in the area. Exceptions can be made for advanced individual training students in the area for brief periods. Older boaters are not required to take the course, but are urged to participate as a refresher. The course is being offered periodically on the installation and is free. Cost for the book is \$25.

He said law enforcement personnel are checking for those piloting a boat while under the influence of alcohol, and reminded everyone that the charge is serious and a growing problem.

Shadle said a free vessel safety check is available in the area, beginning in April. Contact Shadle, 410-663-9263, for details on classes and safety checks.

### Mayoral elections

Housing Chief Pat Hector said

the election for neighborhood mayors is scheduled for March.

### Traffic change

Gregory Grabus, civil engineer in the Directorate of Public Works, gave a presentation highlighting the traffic lane change from Aberdeen Boulevard onto Maryland Boulevard. The two right turning lanes will be reduced to one beginning March 11.

Director of DPW, Lt. Col. Thomas Kuchar, said the change was initiated following a study that noted the high rate of motor vehicle accidents at the intersection.

### Spring cleanup, housing issues

Preparations are underway for spring cleanup, scheduled to begin with tenants from April 17 to 21, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools from April 24 to 28, and housing areas from May 1 to 5. Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings, in charge of installation cleanup, said all soldiers and housing residents are expected to participate, including the families of those on temporary duty or stationed elsewhere.

Stallings said he will meet with senior area coordinators before the cleanup to offer suggestions on how to enhance community cooperation. He said common areas are to be cleaned by all residents, regardless of whether they or family members use them.

Stallings added that residents who refuse to participate will be reported to tenant commanders to ensure compliance.

"I am not playing around with spring cleanup this year," Stallings said. "It's a privilege to live on post, not a right."

Spidel said if lack of participation during cleanup continues to be a problem, chronic, nonparticipants will be asked to find off-post housing.

Also in relation to spring cleanup, Kuchar announced that due to the budget shortfall, the Re-Nu-It centers will not be distributing flowers or mulch in the spring, and Saturday summer hours for the centers will be discontinued. Kuchar thanked residents for facing budgets constraints with patience, and urged all to continue to cut back wherever they can.

"We are hurting very badly," Kuchar said. "Whenever you can conserve, do it."

The next meeting of the Community Action Council will take place at 9 a.m., Thursday, March 22, in the auditorium of the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E-4810.

### FINANCIAL TIP

Use credit wisely

Paying off credit cards should be a top financial priority. Why? The average American pays more than \$450 a year in interest, and carries a balance of \$2,500 on two or three credit cards. Paying them off gives a guaranteed rate of return of as much as 20 percent, depending on the rate charged by the credit card issuer.



Let's examine two soldiers' financial situations here at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Soldier one is carrying a \$2,500 balance on his credit card and paying only the minimum payment of \$50 a month at 20

percent interest. It will take this soldier almost 10 years to pay off the balance and he or she will pay twice as much in interest.

Soldier two pays off the \$2,500 balance when receiving the bill, then deposits \$50 a month for the next 10 years in an investment vehicle earning 20 percent. This soldier will earn \$34,597.

Which soldier would you rather be?

For more information on these or other financial topics, call Tricia Jewitt at Army Community Service, 410-278-4372.

## AER campaign starts today

By Sheila Little  
APG News

We often hear of others suffering financial hardship and crisis as victims of unforeseen emergencies. Army Emergency Relief is a non-profit program that endeavors to address financial hardships within the military family.

Organized in 1942, AER is the only organization dedicated solely to helping soldiers and their families in time of emergency financial need. AER is not federally funded but supported by voluntary contributions from active duty and retired Army personnel and others interested in easing financial needs for the Army family. AER is available to servicemembers, active duty and retired, their families, widows and orphans. Aid is also available to Army National Guard and reservists who have served on active duty over 30 days.

Marge Fissel of the local AER office, said soldiers helped by the organization receive aid for many reasons, but the top requests

# Sports & Fitness

## HHC 61st stops HHC 16th, on way to first place finish in Aberdeen Division

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

It's official. The road to the intramural basketball championship will run through Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade.

Few doubters remain after the team's 61-54 victory over Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion in an exceptional Feb. 21 contest.

Controlling the rhythm for much of the game, HHC 61st took advantage of turnovers and a dominant defense to send HHC 16th to an uncharacteristic loss and possible elimination from the playoff picture.

Play began with several missed attempts as both teams sought to control the pace early.

When HHC 16th's Tony Caver sank two to break a 2-2 tie three minutes into the game, things got rolling.

Waking up, HHC 61st jumped out to a 7-4 lead highlighted by back-to-back jumpers by Ulysses Thomas, one off his own offensive rebound.

A few minutes later, threes from Caver and David Hester put HHC 16th up 17-14.

HHC 61st's Angelo Pennyamon sparked his team's comeback with several blocks under the basket.

Clawing their way back in, Thomas and David Thompson went to work, powering their way through a stiff HHC 16th defense to establish a 28-23 halftime lead.

Pleased, but far from satisfied, HHC 61st coach Bryan Copeland



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

**Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade's Ulysses Thomas, 20, dribbles around Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion's Dave Belle, 3, and David Hester, 5, during the second half of their Feb. 21 game. HHC 61st won 61-54 to tighten its hold on first place in the Aberdeen Division. The 2001 intramural basketball regular season concludes this week with the post-season playoffs set to begin.**

told his team they needed to "spread the floor and stop penetration" to pull out the win.

"I want them to talk to each other out there," Copeland said. "Communication is the key."

Tempers flared slightly as the second half got underway.

As HHC 61st galloped to a 35-28 lead, HHC 16th players complained about missed fouls by the game's referees.

Regrouping, HHC 16th scored six unanswered points off contributions by Greg Dingle, Dave Belle and Hester to close within one.

HHC 61st's Cole and Thompson responded with four more to take a 39-34 lead and force an HHC 16th time out.

The short rest worked to HHC 61st's advantage. Like a wolf

smelling fear, the team went wild. Thompson and Thomas, almost disregarding the HHC 16th defense, forced in shot after shot, leading at one point by 10 to cruise to a 61-54 win. Thomas and Thompson finished with 16 points each. HHC 16th's Hester led the team with 16 points followed by Michael Perez with 13.

"Our biggest weakness is that we have no real big man," said HHC 16th coach Lonnell Williams after the game.

Citing "problems on the boards" as another contributing factor, Williams, noted his teams desire to make the playoffs is still strong.

"We'll rebound," he said. Confident but not cocky, HHC

61st players feel they now can take their game all the way to the

post championship.

"We're like mechanical parts," Thompson said. "Each part knows what it has to do to get the job done."

Pennyamon said the team's defensive strategy was to keep good things from happening on the other side of the ball.

"Coach told me to go at them on defense," Pennyamon said about his six blocks.

1st Sgt. Jeffrey Averett, who also was suited up to play, added that the team has "all the pieces needed to represent the brigade proudly."

"I believe in supporting the team," Averett said. "If the soldiers see the leaders into it they'll come out and perform."

"We plan to continue to dominate like we've been doing," added coach Copeland. "They're too talented not to win it all."

## Basketball update



**The following results were reported for intramural basketball for the week ending Feb. 23.**

### Aberdeen Division

#### Results

Feb. 20

Company E 16th, 57;

Company C 16th, 54

USMC, 53; Company A 16th, 34

Feb. 21

HHC 61st, 61; HHC 16th, 54

NCOA, 51; KUSAHC, 40

#### Schedule

March 5

6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. USMC

7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 16th

#### Standings

HHC 61st

USMC

NCOA

Company C 16th

HHC 16th

Company E 16th

KUSAHC

Company A 16th

11-1

10-3

8-3

9-5

8-7

7-7

6-9

3-11

### Edgewood Division

#### Results

Feb. 21

HHC 143rd, 45; 520th TAML,

37

Company C 143rd, 64;

Company B 143rd, 36

#### Schedule

March 5

6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs.

Company C 143rd

7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs.

Company B 143rd

#### Standings

Company C 143rd

12-0

HHC 143rd

9-3

Company A 143rd

6-6

Company B 143rd

5-7

520th TAML

2-10

### The week's high scorers

#### Aberdeen Division

Feb. 20

Company A 16th, Palmer 8

USMC, Barfield 19, Andrew 12

Company C 16th, Laws 13,

Strong 13, Williams 13

Company E 16th, Givens 17,

Gibson 16, Alexander 12

Feb. 21

HHC 16th, Hester 19, Perez 13

HHC 61st, Thomas 16,

Thompson 16, Upperman 10

NCOA, White 11, Smith 10

KUSAHC, Cosby 15, Jackson

10

#### Edgewood Division

Feb. 21

520th TAML, Smith 13, Bryan

12

HHC 143rd, Patterson 11, Ham

10

Company C 143rd, Coleman 17,

Bennett 12, Davidson 12

Company B 143rd, Montes 10

# Community Notes

## THURSDAY MARCH 1 AMC APPRAISAL FUNDRAISER

The Harford County Chapter of the national volunteer organization, AMC Cancer Research Center, Denver, will hold Appraisal Day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Bel Air United Methodist Church, 21 Linwood Avenue. The entrance fee is \$3 plus a \$2 fee per appraised item. Limit six items per sitting. Pictures of items too large to carry will also be appraised. Licensed gemologists and appraisers will evaluate antiques, silver, jewelry, fine art and furniture. Proceeds will benefit the AMC Cancer Research Center and the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology Center. For more information, call 410-838-7706.

## SATURDAY MARCH 3 WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS VETERANS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter 70 will meet at 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center. All women of the Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard who are active duty or retired or honorably discharged may join as members of our chapter or as members at large (this includes the women who served in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, the Women's Army Corps and the Army Nurses Corps). Women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard may join as associate members. For more information call Wanda Story at 410-272-5040 or check their web sites at www.wacva.com and www.armywomen.org.

## EAOWC BASKET BINGO AND RAFFLE

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club invites everyone to play Longaberger Basket Bingo at the Gunpowder Club. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and games will start at 7 p.m. All prizes will be Longaberger baskets. Advance tickets are \$10 and include admission, 20 games of bingo and door prizes. Refreshments will be available. To purchase tickets contact Karen Chambers at 410-676-9142. Space is limited so at-the-door ticket sales are not guaranteed.

Three Longaberger baskets are also being raffled: the Oval Laundry Combo Basket, valued at \$198; the Large Mail Basket, valued at \$115 and the Small Wash Day Basket, valued at \$139. Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5. Raffle tickets are being sold at various locations on post, including the EA Thrift Shop and the APG Post Exchange.

Contact any EA Officers' Wives Club board member or Karen Chambers at 410-676-9142. The drawing will be held on March 3. All proceeds from this event will benefit local charities.

## LONGABERGER 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.

## MATCH BOX CARS

Nabisco Cookies will sponsor a non-powered Match Box car race-off, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Commissary. Children of commissary patrons, ages 5 to 12, are eligible to compete for prizes. The fastest time wins. Bring your own Match Box car or one will be loaned to you. Prizes include: first place, portable television; second place, DVD player; third place, Nilla Gorilla Animals; and fourth place, Honey Bee Stuffed

## MWR UPDATE

Edgewood Arts & Crafts is a Morale, Welfare Recreation facility and is open to active and retired military, civilians, and contractors working on Aberdeen Proving Ground and their dependents. We are located in building E-4440 next to the military police station near the troop store. Our hours of operation are Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 410-436-2153 during listed hours.

## WOODSHOP ORIENTATION

The woodshop will hold a safety orientation on Saturday, March 3 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. There is a \$3 user fee. This required class will introduce and familiarize patrons with the woodshop and equipment available.

## CERAMIC CLASS

A basic ceramic class will be held on Saturday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class teaches the basics of mold pouring, glazing, and painting. Ceramic projects range from beginning to advanced level, holiday decorations, decorative lamps, water fountains in a variety of styles, etc. Cost is \$7 plus supplies.

## PORCELAIN DOLLS

A beginning porcelain doll class making a Sugar Britches doll will be held on Fridays, March 9, 16 and 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class size is limited. Pre registration is required. Cost is \$30 plus supplies.

## STAINED GLASS

A beginning stained glass class will be held Saturday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will make a simple suncatcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.

## FRAMING CLASS

A beginning matting and framing class will be held on March 29 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame and pre register in advance because class size is limited. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

## CUSTOM FRAMING

A professional picture framer is available to help with all of your framing needs. We frame photographs, diplomas, limited edition prints, posters, oil paintings or just about anything. There is a wide selection of mats and frames to choose from. Large or small pictures can be framed for your home or office. VISA or Master Card are accepted, including Government VISA Cards. We do quality work at reasonable prices.

Noted military artist Don Stivers is featuring his print signing of his latest work entitled "Service on the Line" in May, for Ordnance Week. To celebrate this special signing, the Arts and Crafts Center is offering \$10 off custom framing labor for any Don Stivers print, custom framed at the Arts and Crafts Center through June 30.

Animals. For more information contact the commissary at 410-278-3926.

## SUNDAY MARCH 4 NO BASKET BINGO

The entry in last week's paper concerning basket bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall was a misprint. Disregard. For the correct entry, see Saturday, March 24 for The Water Witch Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary basket bingo.

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 14 OWC/MCSC LUNCHEON

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club is holding its annual OWC/MCSC luncheon on Wednesday, March 14 at Top of the Bay. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Deborah Egerton, Ph.D., a noted motivational speaker, will present the program, "Women, Challenges and the New Millennium."

Lunch will consist of the following buffet priced at \$9, including tax and gratuity: garden salad with dressing, fried chicken, beef ala burgundy, noodles, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, beverages and assorted cakes and pies. Call Diane Payne at 410-569-5116 or Jenna Edens at 410-459-5467 with your reservation by Friday, March 9.

## THURSDAY MARCH 15 USA WARRANT OFFICER ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter of the United States Army Warrant Officer Association will hold its March meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay in the Gunpowder Room. Please come and bring a fellow warrant officer. Lunch is available. For more information contact Chief Warrant Officers Pete Hill or Jane Jones at 410-278-4979.

## TUESDAY MARCH 20 IRISH SPECIALTY MEAL

The annual Irish Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 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 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.

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

**Irish specialty menu:** Broccoli and cheese soup, simmered cornbeef, beef pot pie, savory baked chicken, baked knockwurst with sauerkraut, grilled rubeen sandwiches, parsley buttered potatoes, mashed potatoes, fried cabbage, seasoned carrots, brown gravy, cole slaw with creamy dressing, country style tomato salad,

## LIBRARY UPDATE

The post's libraries have new books for your reading pleasure. Come by either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out some books.

**The Body Artist** by Don DeLillo

**A Darkness More than Night** by Michael Connelly

**The Death of Vishnu** by Manil Suri

**Ella in Bloom** by Shelby Hearon

**Gangster** by Lorenzo Carcaterra

**The Last Star** by William Proctor

**Nappily Ever After** by Trisha Thomas

**On Bear Mountain** by Deborah Smith

**Riley in the Morning** by Sandra Brown

**When We Were Gods** by Colin Falconer

## TEMPORARY HOURS OF OPERATION

**The Aberdeen Area Library is located at building 3320 on Aberdeen Boulevard. Temporary operating hours are:**

Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, closed.

Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

**The Edgewood Area Library is located at building E-4405 on Austin Road. Temporary operating hours are:**

Wednesday and Thursday, 12:30-18:30.

Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, closed.

Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

## MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3 CHILDREN \$1.50

## CAST AWAY

**Friday, March 2, 7 p.m.**

Saturday, March 3, 7 p.m.

Starring: Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt

A FedEx systems engineer whose personal and professional life are ruled by the clock, must transform himself physically and emotionally to survive a crash landing on a deserted island. (Raged PG-13)

## THE PLEDGE

**Saturday, March 3, 9 p.m.**

Starring: Jack Nicholson, Aaron Eckhart

Detective Jerry Black, a retiring police chief in a small town, has made a promise he can't break. He's pledged to a mother that he will catch the killer of her young daughter. (Rated R)

assorted breads, carrot cake, snickerdoodle cookies, Boston creme pie, soft-serve ice cream, coffee, tea, milk and soda (Note: The menu is subject to change without prior notification.)

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 21 BEEF AND BURGUNDY

Beef and Burgundy will be offered at Top of the Bay, 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$13.95 for adults, \$5 for children, ages 6 to 11 and five and under are free. For more information, call Top of the Bay at 410-278-3062/2552.

## FRIDAY MARCH 23 LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Football Program will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be food, drinks and baked goods available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (three cards), and \$5 for additional sets of three cards. For tickets, call Pat Guary, 410-272-4445, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332. Proceeds benefit the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation football program.

## SATURDAY MARCH 24 BASKET BINGO

The Water Witch Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Longaberger Basket bingo at the VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit, 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per ticket (3 paper cards); extra cards are available at \$5 per set. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be food, drinks and baked goods available. The fundraiser benefits the Water Witch Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. For tickets, call Brenda Conjour, at 410-273-7332.

## SUNDAY MARCH 25 SHRIMP AND BULL ROAST

The Ladies Auxiliary of Aberdeen Memorial VFW Post 10028, 821 Old Philadelphia Road (behind Wal-Mart) is sponsoring a shrimp and bull roast. The menu consists of steamed shrimp, pit beef, Chesapeake chicken, Italian sausage w/peppers, a side-dish buffet offering a wide variety of salads and vegetables, plus draft beer and soda. Food will be served 1 to 5 p.m. DJ music will be 2 to 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$23 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call 410-272-1218 or 410-569-0127 for more information.

## FRIDAY MARCH 30 MORE BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, will hold a Longaberger Basket bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per ticket (3 paper cards); extra cards are available at \$5 per set. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be food, drinks and baked goods available. To purchase tickets, call Nicki Leonetti, 410-272-8275 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332. The fundraiser benefits the Aberdeen High School Junior and Senior Prom.

## OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement in building 3071. Hours are Monday and Thursday, 12 to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 to 7 p.m., and Friday, 12 to 4 p.m.

## LEAVE DONATION

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

Ameneh M. Arasten (maternity)	Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Nicholas J. Lombardo, Jr. (heart attack)
Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)	Stacy Miller (maternity)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Mary V. Overstreet (twisted and sprained wrists and legs)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Tammy Budkey	Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Mary E. Pettitway
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Geraldine S. Cragg	Michael Reynolds
Bonnie K. Day (surgery)	Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
William H. Davis (recovering from illness)	Denise Robinson (maternity)
Tricia Lin Dietz	Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Fred Dill	Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Surinder K. Dillon	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Joseph R. Dugan	Ralph A. Scutti (care of daughter)
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)	Ronald L. Taylor (chronic pulmonary disease)
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasitosis, fibromyalgia condition)	Frances L. Thomas
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity)
Wayne A. Jaynes	Cecelia Walton (respiration problems)
Evelyn K., Johnson (surgery)	Willie Williams
Carole Jones	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	Amber M. Vanakin (care of husband)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)	Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)
Beverly King (caring for husband)	
William Klein	
Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)	

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







# OC&S adds community-based theme to annual celebration

**GOSPEL NIGHT, from front page**

Sgt. 1st Class Ismael Martinez, OC&S, spoke on the African-American family's struggle to overcome obstacles of discrimination to build a respectable position in society.

"Today we celebrate the victory of a determined community," Martinez said.

Speaking about the impact music has had on the African-American culture, Sgt. 1st Class Mitchelene Bigman, equal opportunity advisor to the Noncommissioned Officer Academy said gospel music has flourished through changing eras as a cultural mainstay.

"Even contemporary gospel is using the same paragon to achieve its desired intention," Bigman observed.

Addressing political achievements, Sgt. 1st Class James Davis added, "without the perseverance of the African-American citizen we would not have prospered to the status that we have today as a nation."

"With the honoring of past leaders here tonight, we have helped to ensure that neither they nor their contributions will ever be forgotten," Davis said. "Command presence for such an occasion means a lot to the observers and participants."

Command support was provided by Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, OC&S commander, Brig. Gen. Dean Ertwine, commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, Col. John R. Hills, commander, 61st Ordnance Brigade, and Command Sgts. Maj. Ronald Stallings, Timothy Ayers and Jeffrey Cathcart from APG Garrison, USAOC&S and the 61st Ordnance Brigade, respectively.

"This event honors our relationship with the African-American community," Stevenson told the audience.

At the program's conclusion, Stevenson presented plaques to the participants and a commanding general's coin to Mary Carol Skaggs, volunteer sound technician from Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Bel Air.

"This was another wonderful experience for everyone involved," said Sfc. Shelton Torbert, garrison equal opportunity advisor who delivered the invocation and benediction.

In the benediction, Torbert gave thanks "for everything said and done here tonight" and wished all in attendance a safe journey home.

"Thank you all for joining in this annual event that means so much to OC&S," added mistress of ceremonies Sfc. Pamela Irlle. "Thanks to you, I feel blessed tonight."



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

**Above, Lynda Mack leads the Vernon Sewell Ensemble in song. Mack is a housekeeping leader in the Swan Creek Inn. Right, Moment of Truth choir member, Clarence Weaver sets the rhythm for the Moment of Truth Choir. Below left, Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, left, commander U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, presents a plaque to Sgt. 1st Class Pamela Irlle, mistress of ceremonies for the 28th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night concert, an evening of praise and song sponsored by USAOC&S. Below center, Command Sgt. Maj. Sammy Brinson, center, plays guitar and sings a modern-day version of "Blessed Assurance" with his brother, Tim Brinson left, from Lexington, Ky., and his son, Kaleff Brinson on keyboard.**



## FWP annual training conference March 7

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women's Program is sponsoring its 11th annual training conference March 7, 8 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. in the Edgewood Area Conference Center. The conference is open to all active-duty military and civilian personnel. The commander's welcome will begin promptly at 8 a.m.

Topics include self-defense, business etiquette, RESUMIX job application kit, psychological threats to women in today's work environment, increasing your effectiveness, productivity and feeling successful and dealing with conflict in the workplace.

Training must be approved by supervisor prior to submission of registration forms.

Registered attendees must pick up conference materials in the Conference Center, building E-4811, from 7 to 8 a.m., prior to beginning the morning sessions.

For those who will attend only the afternoon sessions, conference materials must be picked up between 12 and 1 p.m.

To register, visit <http://www.apg.army.mil/garrison/fwp/fwp.html> and provide all requested information. Diane Siler, 410-278-1137, or Sheryl Coleman, 410-306-0713, are available to assist with registration off line or to provide additional assistance as needed. Seats are limited so register soon.

Course descriptions can be viewed at the above web site by clicking on the topic of choice.

Attendees are invited to bring a brown bag lunch to the Edgewood Community Club, building E-4650, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. A seminar on breast self-examination will be available during the lunch break. Light refreshments will be available.

## Help soldiers in need by giving to AER

**AER, from page 5**

generally involve funds for emergency travel involving a medical situation or death in the family, initial rent and deposit when moving to the area, and essential and unanticipated car repairs, payments or insurance. AER distributions at APG last year reached over \$277,500.

"AER helps our commanders take care of their soldiers by easing the financial burden in emergency situations," Fissel said. "Through their individual AER contributions, soldiers are helping other soldiers."

Maj. Clifton Johnston, commander of Headquarters Support Troop, is the Aberdeen Proving Ground chairman for the 2001 campaign. Johnston reminds soldiers that AER is not covered through donations to the Combined Federal Campaign, but conducts a separate fund-raising effort each spring. This year's AER goal for APG is \$40,000.

"Contributing to AER is an opportunity for each soldier to help the men and women in uniform who work around them every day," Johnston said. "It's soldiers coming to the aid of other Army family members in need."

AER aid comes in the form of interest-free loans, grants, or a combination of the two. Funds can be used to cover a variety of needs including food expenses, rent, utilities, travel emergencies, unexpected auto repairs, funeral costs, or medical or dental bills.

Ninety-five cents of every dollar raised by AER goes to help those in need in the Army family. AER raises funds through contributions received during their annual campaign, which runs March through May each year, investments and re-payment of loans offered to Army families.

Donors may contribute through allotment, cash or check, and may select a general fund contribution or target a specific program, such as education or widow's assistance. Johnston said each tenant organization has an AER representative who is available to offer assistance and accept donations to this year's campaign, or call Johnston at 410-278-2104.

## Lent and Easter 2001 church service schedule

Aberdeen Area Chapel - Catholic		
March 7	Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.
March 14	Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.
March 21	Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.
March 28	Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.
April 4	Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.
April 11	Ecumenical Tenebrae service and confessions	7 p.m.
April 8	Palm Sunday mass	8:30 a.m.
April 12	Holy Thursday mass	11:45 a.m.
April 13	Good Friday service	11:45 a.m.
April 15	Easter Sunday mass	8:30 a.m.
Aberdeen Area Chapel - Protestant		
March 1	Christian study	6 to 6:45 p.m.
March 8	Christian study	6 to 6:45 p.m.
March 15	Christian study	6 to 6:45 p.m.
March 18	Lenten pot luck fellowship	11:30 a.m.
March 22	Christian study	6 to 6:45 p.m.
March 29	Christian study	6 to 6:45 p.m.
April 5	Christian study	6 to 6:45 p.m.
April 12	Seder supper	6 p.m.
April 12	Easter Cantata	10:15 a.m.
April 13	Community Good Friday service (Grace United Methodist Church Downtown)	12 to 2 p.m.
April 15	Sunrise service at Edgewood (McBride Field)	7 a.m.
Edgewood Area Chapel - Catholic		
March 1	Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.
March 8	Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.
March 15	Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.
March 22	Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.
March 29	Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.
April 5	Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.
April 10	Ecumenical Tenebrae service	7 p.m.
April 12	Holy Thursday mass	7 p.m.
April 13	Good Friday service	7 p.m.
April 14	Easter vigil	8 p.m.
April 15	Easter Sunday mass	10:45 a.m.
Edgewood Area Chapel - Protestant		
April 13	Good Friday service	5 p.m.
April 15	Easter sunrise service (McBride Field)	7 a.m.
April 15	Reception	8 a.m.
April 15	Easter worship service	9:15 a.m.
April 15	Easter bible study	10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Edgewood Area Chapel, 410-436-4109, or the Aberdeen Area chapel, 410-278-4333.

## Citizen contributions earn recognition of Corps

**LEADERS HONORED, from front page**

wine presented by the United States Army Ordnance Corps Association.

During the luncheon that followed, ideas were exchanged concerning how the Army can stay connected to the local citizenry.

"We in the Army are trying to reach out to our local communities," Stevenson explained. He noted that the Outreach Program has three purposes.

"The first," he stated, "is that we are your Army. As you'll recall, in the early 70s, we went from a draft Army to a totally volunteer Army. But even though we are a volunteer Army, we must remain connected to the country we are sworn to serve and defend."

He also stated that there is a lot of goodness in the Army that needs to be shared.

"Secondly," he continued, "we want to demonstrate that we are good citizens, and

even though each of us is only temporarily assigned here, we are still part of the community."

Stevenson outlined two programs in which soldiers go into the community to do good things.

"Each of our 50 classes that go through the Noncommissioned Officer Academy is required to do a community service project to qualify for graduation. In our officer courses, the classes are required to do the same."

The general noted that the projects don't often receive attention in the media, but are noticed by the people and projects they support.

"Our outreach program is important because we are competing in the market place for the same valuable assets that private industry is competing for . . . the young men and women of this great country," said Stevenson.

"If you take the total of all 17- to 21- year-

olds in the United States [as potential soldiers], you have to immediately take away 40 percent who don't meet our educational requirements [to be soldiers]," he explained.

"Then take away 20 to 25 percent, depending if they are male or female, who are medically or morally disqualified, you find that two-thirds of the 17- to 21-year-old population couldn't join the Army if they wanted to. From the remaining one-third, you have to take away the 15 percent who are in college.

"Despite this challenge, we recruited 80,000 soldiers into the active Army last year because the Army is a good place to be," he said. "We need to recruit 76,000 this year — I think we'll make it."

He told the honorees that the Army would make its goal because of the contributions of citizens like them who help tell the Army story and spread the word about all the goodness in America's Army.