

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Dec. 5 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Army Band holiday events

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will not perform a holiday concert Dec. 8 as printed in last week's APG News. We regret the error.

The band will perform in two holiday parades this weekend, Dec. 1, 3 p.m. in Aberdeen, and Dec. 2, 3:30 p.m. in Bel Air.

For more information, call 410-278-8769.

### Santa is coming to APG

Army Community Service is sponsoring a holiday party Monday, Dec. 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Bring your family for an evening of fun with Santa Claus. There will be free photographs, face painting, music, games, prizes and food.

Reservations must be received at ACS, 410-278-7474/7478, by Dec. 10.

### EA Thrift Shop seeks bookkeeper

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop is seeking an individual to fill the salaried position of bookkeeper. The position requires 40 hours per month plus one Saturday and includes an annual paid vacation. A month of volunteering/training is required.

If interested, pick up an application at the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop, building E-1633 or call 410-676-4733, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or leave a message.

Closing date for submitting applications is Dec. 20.

### USO-Metro kicks off Holiday Hotel Program

The USO of Metropolitan Washington will hold the Holiday Hotel Program Dec. 20 through Dec. 30. USO-Metro will join with Washington area hotels to provide complimentary hotel/motel room nights to visiting families of servicemembers who are unable to travel home for the holidays. The program is designed to help junior

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# Dining facilities prepare 'feast for the eyes'

Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground dining facilities got all gussied up for the Most Festive Dining Facility competition held every Thanksgiving morning before the annual holiday meal.

Festive decorations, elaborate displays and a feast fit for a king greeted the selection committee members at the installation's three dining facilities in buildings 4219 and 4503 in the Aberdeen Area and in building E-4225 in the Edgewood Area.

Led by Ed Parylo, installation food manager, a team of judges moved through each facility before the 11:30 a.m. opening to critique and select the best organization for 2001. Parylo announced that in the closest competition in years, building E-4225 edged out its competitors by one point to win the Most Festive Dining Facility of 2001.

The team of judges consisted of Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Estronza, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Cpl. David Hibler, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, Airman Charles Givens, U.S. Air Force Detachment and Joyce Thane, property administrator for the installation food service office. Anita Howell, chief of the supply and warehouse division, Directorate of Installation

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Let's eat! A note on the hat of a pig on display in the Edgewood Area dining facility reads, "The weather is great in downtown Edgewood." The Thanksgiving display won the Overall Best Display award and was one of several created by employees in APG's three dining facilities for the annual Most Festive Dining Facility competition. The EA facility, managed by Ernest Cole, was named the winner on Monday.

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

## Native-American speaker works to educate, promote better future

Marguerite Towson  
APG News

The Seventh Annual Native-American Heritage Month Luncheon held Nov. 14 at Top of the Bay showcased Native-American tradition, culture and dance.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground, kicked off the celebration by stressing the contributions Native Americans have made to the military throughout its history.

"Just this past Sunday we celebrated Veterans Day and honored our veterans who gave so much in service to their country and who continue to do so," Mark said.

In November each year, it is a tradition to honor Native Americans and their contributions to our national heritage. It may be coincidental that these two celebrations overlap, but it is no coincidence that Native-Americans have made major contributions to the defense of our nation.

"American Indians have participated with distinction in the United States military for more than 200 years," she said. American leaders recognize their courage, determination and fighting spirit."

She noted the proud dedication American Indians have had in defending the nation during numerous military campaigns, including World War I, World War II, Grenada, Panama,

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Photo by APG PHOTO LAB  
Keith Colston, a Tuscarora-Lumbee Indian, performs the 'men's fancy,' a traditional Native-American dance.

## CA Update

### Employee asks question about contractor of CA Study

The CA Hotline, 410-278-7414, is available 24 hours a day to record employees' questions or concerns about the Commercial Activities Study. Employees are also invited to send e-mails to CA.Hotline@usag.apg.army.mil. In addition, "CA" is a choice on the first page of the APG Web site, www.apg.army.mil.

The following question and answer about the garrison's Commercial Activities Study is provided by the Commercial Activities Team.

**Q** 1. What is the integrity level of the contractor who is putting together the CA bid for APG? Is he disinterested? Was he the lowest bidder? What are his credentials? Has he ever represented federal employees? What is his success rate?

**A** American Operations Corporation is a Management Consulting firm with a highly successful record supporting industry A-76 proposals. AOC is using its expertise to support the A-76 process at APG that is meant to accomplish several goals:

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## 'Operation Postcards from Home' offers safe alternative

Michelle Frenkel  
AmazingMail™

With several thousand troops in the Middle East responding to America's terrorist threat — and tens of thousands more armed forces personnel on watch around the world — AmazingMail™ announces the launch of "Operation Postcards from Home."

In support of the time-honored American tradition of sending communications to our service men and women abroad, AmazingMail™ has committed 100,000 free, real postcards sent through U.S.

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## 'Outlook for dummies' on the way

Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

In an effort to make the Outlook Public Folders more user-friendly for computer users on Aberdeen Proving Ground, system administrators are implementing a series of helpful "tips" for users to get the most out of their systems.

"Our goal is to provide user education on the Outlook Public Folder net and an easier way to look up useful information," said Paul Melka, system administrator with the Directorate of Information Management.

The Outlook tips are based on assistance request calls received at the service desk, Melka added.

"We're assuming that many others have the same questions but don't realize how to get the answers," he said.

Tips will be issued indefinitely in both the Tips folder and in the APG News.

"If you miss an issue of the paper, you can access the Public Folder for the latest information," Melka said. Users also can respond to

the Outlook Information Mail Box to ask questions or to provide input for future tips, he added.

He noted that the Outlook Techniques folder provides "more in-depth" information for advanced techniques.

"Users will likely print that information out for future reference," Melka said.

He said that some information would be time-sensitive and would be upgraded or deleted as needed.

"We try to address the most common problems based on customer needs. Anyone can call the Service Desk to request assistance with how to do something in Outlook. We will investigate it to see if it can do done, and publish it as a tip. If someone has found a neat trick that they don't see published in a Public Folder, send an e-mail to Outlook Information so that a tip can be created and placed in the Public Folder for everyone to share," he said.

The APG News will publish a new Outlook Public Folder Tip every week beginning with this issue.

## Outlook Tip #1



### Recalling a Sent Message

Open the Sent Items folder. Locate the message to recall. Select Actions/Recall this message. The defaults work fine.

**Note:** If the message has already been read, you will not be able to recall it. (See Outlook Tip #1 located in the Outlook Tips Public Folder for more details. Select Public Folders, then All Public Folders, then APG, then Outlook Information and finally select Outlook Tips.)

## POST SHORTS

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enlisted personnel, many of whom do not have enough leave time accrued to travel home. Many are essential personnel at their duty stations and cannot leave.

Eligibility is limited to enlisted personnel in grades E1 to E6. No more than four family members may share a hotel room. All recipients are responsible for payment of incidentals such as telephone, parking, room service and more.

Interested applicants may apply directly through their senior enlisted advisor, command sergeant major, master chief petty officer or chief master sergeant. The application deadline is Dec. 8. For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth, 703-696-2552/3279.

### CPOC Web site updated

The new Telegraph is now available on the Civilian Personnel Operations Center homepage <http://cpolrhp.army.mil/ner/telegraph/tele1001/tellyframe.htm>.

### EA library hours change

The Edgewood Area library is only open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### Re-Nu-It centers announce winter hours

Winter hours for the Aberdeen Re Nu It Center are 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The Edgewood center is open the same hours on Wednesday and Friday.

To accommodate housing area cleanup, the Aberdeen Re-Nu-It Center will be open Thursday, Nov. 29, and Saturday, Dec. 1, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The Edgewood Re-Nu-It Center will be open the same hours on Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1. After cleanup, both facilities will revert to winter hours.

### Restoration Advisory Board to meet

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 29, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

The topics will include updates on the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action and the O-Field Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

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

### Register now for HCC's spring credit classes

Registration is currently underway for Spring 2002 credit courses at Harford Community College's Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, building 3146 Raritan Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and alternate Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, call 410-272-2338 or 410-278-0516.

Students may also register at the HCC Student Center Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Spring classes begin on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Students who register through Dec. 17 will be billed, with payment due on Jan. 10. For more information about registering for spring credit courses at HCC, call the Registration and Records Office at 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222.

### Discounts offered to military

Servicemembers interested in receiving discounts available for military personnel should visit the Military Discounts page at [Military.com](http://Military.com). The listing can be found at: [www.military.com/Resources/ResourceSubmittedFileView?ESRC=mr.nl&file=discounts.htm](http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceSubmittedFileView?ESRC=mr.nl&file=discounts.htm).

### MCSC shares cooking secrets

The APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club has put together a community cookbook with more than 280 recipes. This collection has been tried and tasted by service-members all over the world. A special section features recipes from active duty personnel in every branch of the military.

The cookbook will be available for purchase on payday weekends at the PX and commissary and at the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop. It sells for \$8 and all proceeds will benefit the local community. You can also purchase the cookbook by calling Angie Salamy at 410-272-6712. She will deliver to your office on post. These make great teacher gifts or a great treat to take home for the holidays.

### Apple pies available for purchase

Purchase delicious, homemade apple pies made by members of the Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses' Club while supplies last. The pies are available for purchase for \$5 each. All proceeds benefit the welfare and scholarship funds. You may arrange pick-up by calling Angie Salamy at 410-272-6712 or stopping by the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of

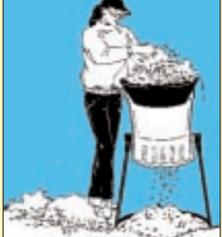
every month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### La Gregg's offers Thanksgiving special

La Gregg's food operation, located in building 4311 on Aberdeen Proving Ground is offering a Thanksgiving special through Dec. 15. Purchase any combination meal and receive 10 percent off.

La Gregg's features sandwiches and items from the grill to include hamburgers, French fries and hotdogs. La Gregg's also carries a variety of beverages including specialty coffee blends and cappuccino. La Gregg's is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch; Monday through Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m. for dinner; and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. La Gregg's is open to the public.

### Pollution Prevention



*Compost food scraps instead of using a garbage disposal.*

APG Pollution Prevention Program, Environmentally Preferable Product and Affirmative Procurement Policy

### TRICARE Beneficiaries urged to save receipts

TRICARE officials remind all beneficiaries that some of the programs called for in the National Defense Authorization Act went into effect on Oct. 1, but some programs are scheduled to be phased in over time. For this reason, beneficiaries are advised to save all receipts and other information related to claims for all services and benefits received since Oct. 30, 2000, until notification has been received that all programs have been put into practice.

One such program is the reduction of the catastrophic cap from \$7,500 to \$3,000 and coverage for school-required physicals for dependents under age 11. Keep in mind that physicals required to play sports are not a covered benefit. Having documentation available will ease the reimbursement process from the health services contractor, Sierra Military Health Services, Inc.

Information on the latest TRICARE benefits and when they take effect can be found on the TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil). Also, you can contact Sierra Military Health Services at your nearest TRICARE Service Center or talk with a Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator at a military treatment facility.

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### Update on FEHB 2001 Open Season

The 2001 Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season runs through Dec. 10. Brochures and comparison charts may be viewed/downloaded from the Office of Personnel Management Web site [www.opm.gov/insure/-health](http://www.opm.gov/insure/-health). All new changes will be effective Jan. 13.

Due to recent events and restricted access to Aberdeen Proving Ground, the annual health fairs have been cancelled this year.

### ARC offers health and safety courses

Pre-registration is currently being accepted for Central Maryland Red Cross CPR, first aid, and other safety courses held at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Red Cross Office, building 2477. Courses are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Participants must register and pre-pay in advance for the following courses:

**Adult CPR** (four hours). Adult CPR deals with victims eight years of age or older. This course covers all cardiac and breathing emergency skills, including how to perform rescue breathing, clear an obstructed airway and perform one rescuer CPR. Cost of the course is \$33. Course will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Standard First Aid** (Six and one-half hours). Learn rescue breathing, how to clear an obstructed airway, and how to perform one-rescuer CPR on victims eight years of age or older. Course also includes basic first aid skills such as how to treat life-threatening bleeding, burns, musculoskeletal injuries, shock and sudden illness.

Cost of the course is \$37. Course will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information, call 410-764-4609, 1-800-787-8002 or visit Web site [www.redcross-cmd.org](http://www.redcross-cmd.org).

### Homeland Security to be focus of technology convention

The 2002 Federal Convention on Emerging Technologies will take place Jan. 7 to 9 at the Riviera Hotel and Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nev.

The convention, which focuses on homeland security, is open to all federal employees and contractors sponsored by the federal government. The convention will include the 2002 Federal IT Pavilion, the newest addition to the largest trade show in North America, International CBS. Seminars include Homeland Security, Information Assurance, Cyber Threats/Terrorism, XML, Metadata, Collaboration Tools, Next Generation Search Engines, GSM and Global Wireless Communications and more.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Ruth A. David, president and chief executive officer of ANSER.

For more information about the convention or to register, call NCSI at 888-603-8899 or visit [www.federalevents.com](http://www.federalevents.com).

### Irish Veterans Memorial Project

Representatives of the Irish Veterans Memorial Project seek to establish a memorial in Ireland to all Irish men and women who served in military forces outside Ireland during the 20th century, in particular, those who made the ultimate sacrifice in U.S. conflicts and with other allied forces. The site chosen for the memorial will include a memorial to all who served as well as an historical exhibition and research center.

For more information, write to Declan Paul Hughes, Coordinator, Irish Veterans Memorial Project, Capel Chambers, 119 Capel Street, Dublin 1, Republic of Ireland, e-mail [dectwth@eircom.net](mailto:dectwth@eircom.net), or telephone 001-353-1-87 22 371.

### TSP open season approaches

The Thrift Savings Plan Open Season lasts until Jan. 31. During the open enrollment period employees may elect to enroll in TSP or change their current TSP deduction. TSP Open Season Update Pamphlets will be distributed to agency administrative offices upon receipt in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Employees are now required to contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian, or ABC-C, at 1-877-276-9287 or [www.abc.army.mil](http://www.abc.army.mil) to enroll in TSP or change the amount of their contribution. Employees must also contact the TSP Office at 1-504-255-8777 or [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov) if they wish to change their fund allocation. Personal Identification Numbers are required for both ABC-C and TSP. Employees who wish to change the way their current balance is invested must request a TSP Interfund Transfer. Interfund transfers can be made by calling the TSP office, using the Web site, or completing a TSP-50.

For more information, contact your servicing personnel assistant, Aberdeen Proving Ground CPAC. For more information call Jack K. at 410-734-4396.

### Troop 313 looking for alumni

Boy Scout Troop 313 is trying to locate anyone associated with the troop for its 75th anniversary. A celebration is tentatively scheduled for March 2002. For more information, call Barry Williams at 410-569-8927 or e-mail [barrywilliamsb@cs.com](mailto:barrywilliamsb@cs.com).

### VFW Post and Auxiliary 5337 in Abingdon seeks members

VFW Post and Auxiliary 5337 are looking for new members to help assist youths, servicemen and veterans. To be eligible you must have served in foreign service during a war. To join the auxiliary, your husband, father, grandfather, brother or son must have served. VFW Post and Auxiliary 5337 is a nonprofit organization. Call today to see if you are eligible to join.

For more information, call 410-272-7019 or visit VFW Post 5337 in Abingdon, Md., or you may contact the VFW nearest to you.

### White House ornaments on sale at ITR

The Information, Ticketing and Registration Office has White House ornaments on sale for \$16.25 each. If you buy four, the fifth one is \$14.25. For more information, call ITR at 410-278-4011.

### Post closing announcement info

Employees of Aberdeen Proving Ground concerned about whether or not to report to work should call 410-278-7669 (SNOW). Television channels 2, 11, 13 and 45, as well as radio stations WAMD, WXCX, WBAL, WIYY, WPOC, WDEL, WSTW, WSBA, WARM and WROZ will also carry this information.

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**Deadline for copy is Thursday at noon for the following Thursday's paper.**

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## PET OF THE WEEK

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON



### Wanna rock right now?

Rock is a 2 year-old male American Rotweiler. Housetrained and neutered, he makes a great indoor companion and watchdog. He is great with kids, playful and energetic. Rock's current owners are trying to find a nice family to adopt him because their youngest child has allergies. If you are interested or know someone who is, contact Julie at 410-676-4498.

# The APG News wants to hear from you

## Debi Horne

APG News

The APG News is the Aberdeen Proving Ground installation commander's communication tool for delivering command information to the APG community. The newspaper exists to educate, entertain and inform. It covers news from the APG community, Army News Service, and other contributing publications, feature stories, training events, sports events and leisure activities. Currently, a commentary is run every month.

The APG News office is located within the APG Garrison's Directorate of Information Management on the second floor of building 324. The office is open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, and the garrison RDO work schedule is followed. The office telephone number is 410-278-1150.

It is published on Wednesday and distributed to the community on Thursday morning, 51 weeks per year. A paper is not published the last week of the year.

The APG News is a commercial enterprise Army newspaper, and the printer, Homestead Publishing Company, Inc., has the contract to sell advertising, print and distribute. To place an ad, call Homestead at 410-838-4400. Their deadline for ad placement is Friday at 5 p.m. for the following week's paper.

## Staff

The staff includes Editor, Debi Horne, a Department of the Army civilian, and two contract journalists from Homestead Publishing, Yvonne Johnson (full-time) and Sheila Little (part-time), and one graphic designer, Diane Burrier.

If an APG News reporter is working with you on an article, your cooperation and timely response to their calls for information are greatly appreciated.

## Deadlines

The deadline is Thursday at noon for publication in the next Thursday's edition. By deadline, the editor should have the final story to include the name of the writer and organization, accompanying photographs, photograph attribution (full name of photographer), and cutlines (what is happening in photograph in present tense), to include full name of anyone pictured in the photograph and permission from the parents for pictures of children.

When an event happens during the weekend, it is unlikely to appear in the following Thursday's edition, due to staffing and time constraints. Also, we may not run everything provided to us

because space is limited due to the amount of advertising sold by Homestead Publishing.

## Your role

Every unit, organization and tenant can take an active role in contributing to the APG News. Call the editor as soon as you know about an upcoming event or something newsworthy that should be considered for publication. If a reporter is available, one will be assigned. The unit or organization is responsible for arranging for photographic support. APG News reporters can take pictures to accompany their story, but not for organizational use. Professional photographers are available at the Garrison Photo lab by calling 420-278-3391.

Anyone can submit information for publication for the Community Notes page, which covers specific dated material, or the Shorts section, which is general information applying to a larger APG News audience. Stories by 'stringers' (written by someone not on staff at APG News) and photographs are welcome with proper attribution.

All stories should be coordinated within the chain of command before final submission, and to ensure compliance with security, safety and human rights regulations.

Opinions, editorials, commentaries and letters to the editor are also welcome.

If you have a question about a story or how to get started writing a story, call the editor, Debi Horne, 410-278-1150.

## Writing style

All Army newspapers follow the Associated Press Style Manual. As such, it will look different from the military style of writing used in correspondence. Spell out all acronyms, and ranks are Lt. Col., Sgt. 1st Class, Spc. or Staff Sgt., not LTC, SFC, SPEC. or SSGT. All times and dates are written in the civilian format: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. not 0800 to 1500 hours, and Oct. 18 to April 24 not 18 October 2001 to 24 April 2002. Money is \$5 not \$5.00.

## Photographs

Any story has a greater impact when accompanied by a photograph or two. Photographs showing emotion or action are the best. If John Doe got recognized for volunteerism, try for a photo of Doe performing his volunteer work, rather than one taken at the recognition ceremony.

Digital images are preferred, and should be saved as JPEG or TIF files at the highest quality (300 resolution or better) and

dimensions must be at least 5 inches.

Black and white or color prints, color or black and white slides, or negatives are also acceptable. Polaroid photographs are not acceptable. Photos may be dropped off at the editor's office on the second floor of building 324. Photos should be picked up within a week after publication.

## How to submit a story in the APG News

The preferred method of submitting a story and/or photograph(s) to the APG News is via e-mail to editor@usag.apg.army.mil as a MicrosoftWord document, single spaced, Monaco font type and 12 point. Powerpoint is not an acceptable format for the MAC computer.

Do not indent and do not use all CAPS within the story. Include a point of contact, telephone number and an e-mail address.

If you cannot send your story and photos electronically, you may mail or fax them, but reserve these methods as a last resort, as stories received by either of these methods require typing and take time to get ready for publication.

The mailing address is U.S. Army Garrison APG, ATTN: AMSSB-GIM (APG News), Bldg 324, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5001. Fax copies of stories to 410-278-2570.

## Delivery

The paper is normally distributed on Thursday morning. Sometimes problems occur that delay distribution. These are matters that are dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

To arrange delivery contact APG News and provide organization name, building number, quantity to be delivered, point of contact and telephone number. Also state whether a newspaper rack/stand is required. It is best if a covered location is available for delivery.

It is not the responsibility of APG News to collect unused newspapers. Please empty newspaper racks prior to the following week's delivery.

## Web site

The Web site address for the APG News is [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil). Maintenance of the Web site is also performed by the contractor, but if problems are experienced when attempting to visit the site, contact the editor, 410-278-1150.

## CA

### From front page

- Recognize the value of incumbent employees
- Support a process that sustains a final decision
- Ensure a functioning garrison operation at end state.

AOC, like all consultant companies, works for many different customers at various times. It has been in business since the early 1980s, and would not be so successful if

they did not have integrity and respect proprietary information. There was no bid process for this consultant contract, we were working with a fixed price, though several potential contractors were interviewed. It was determined AOC represented our best chance to put together a good proposal package. Their success rate is over 2/3 wins, and though this is AOC's first time on the government side, we believe that they bring industry know-how to our side, which will benefit us in the end.

## Postcards from home

### From front page

Mail bound for APO/FPO addresses, used for military bases and ships in the USA and around the world.

"Our government has asked every American to help defend our freedom," said Steve Wilen, CEO of AmazingMail™. "AmazingMail™ is stepping up to the plate by providing the means for family and friends of U.S. military personnel to send support and encouragement via personal postcards."

AmazingMail™ ([www.amazingmail.com](http://www.amazingmail.com)) lets well-wishers create and send real color postcards from any Internet-connected computer – anywhere in the world.

Photos can be uploaded, or art and photography can be selected from the AmazingMail™ online galleries. Each postcard includes a personalized message of up to 800 characters. AmazingMail™ then prints the postcard in a secure facility. By the next business day the United States Postal Service takes over, delivering to recipient mailboxes and military locations.

To send a free postcard visit [www.amazingmail.com](http://www.amazingmail.com) and click on "Operation Postcards from Home." Cards received by servicemembers will feature a code which entitles them to five free postcards. They can in turn create postcards from any Internet-connected computer to send to their friends and family at home. The recipient must enter the code when they sign up at ([www.amazingmail.com](http://www.amazingmail.com)) to activate the five free cards.

## 'Soldiers' magazine sends seasons greetings, more

Courtesy of Army News Service

The December issue of *Soldiers* magazine is scheduled for distribution throughout the Army beginning the last week in November. In this issue, *Soldiers* showcases the training behind some of the Army's more unusual capabilities.

In "Sea-Tested Soldiers," Sgt. 1st Class Brenda Benner, of the 100th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, goes aboard the USS Tarawa for a look at arming and operating Texas National Guard AH-64

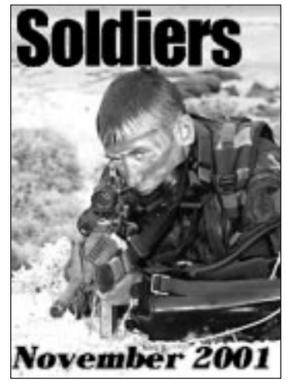
Apaches as part of the Joint Shipboard Integration Process. Similar JSHIP training has extended the reach of Army units deployed on Naval vessels serving as forward operating bases around the world.

Back on shore, Master Sgt. Vern Borth, of the 84th Division Public Affairs Office, Milwaukee, Wis., takes a look at what it takes to teach soldiers to operate locomotives and repair the rails they ride on, in "Army, Green, Silver Rails."

The next phase in the war

on terrorism no doubt will include Army linguists who provide assistance to refugees returning to their war-torn homelands and who gather information on factional groups to defuse hostilities before they erupt into violence. In "Linguists on the Line," Spc. Mitch Frazier, of the Defense Language Institute at California's Presidio of Monterey, describes the training that prepares these soldiers to translate under pressure in the quickly

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December issue to arrive this week.

# KUSAHC vigilant in face of national anthrax threat

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

With the mailing of anthrax spores being the latest terrorist threat to the nation, the U.S. Army Medical Command, or MEDCOM, has recommended the use of doxycycline as the drug of choice for those exposed, or thought to be exposed to anthrax.

According to Lt. Col. David Krieger, commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, the clinic plans to follow the recent recommendation to switch from Ciprofloxacin (Cipro) to doxycycline as the antibiotic of choice in treating anthrax exposure.

MEDCOM weighs recom-

mendations from national health organizations including the Centers for Disease Control, in Atlanta, Ga., and the National Institutes of Health, in Bethesda, in deciding on medical treatment recommendations for military personnel and civilian workers who may have been exposed to anthrax.

Following a recent recommendation from the CDC, Col. W. Michael Heath, MEDCOM Pharmacy Program manager and Army Pharmacy consultant, named doxycycline as the drug of choice for those who may have been exposed to anthrax.

Krieger said clinic personnel are prepared to follow the guidelines as recommended by MEDCOM.

Krieger said that although some cases of anthrax exposure are receiving medication through the clinic, they are all individuals who were exposed elsewhere.

"We've seen no anthrax exposures originating at APG," Krieger said, adding that medical personnel receive constant updates and are on the alert for any possible cases.

### Weighing the risks

Because all antibiotics have side effects, most are usually reserved to treat individuals after they develop signs or symptoms of illness. However,

in special situations, antibiotics may be given to prevent illness. A decision to use antibiotics to prevent an infection involves a balance between risks and benefits. The primary benefit of giving antibiotics before signs or symptoms appear is preventing illness. However, as with taking any medication, patients run the risk of developing side effects, some of which can be extremely serious.

Another risk of wide-scale use of antibiotics is the development of bacteria with antibiotic resistance. For each bacteria, only a few antibiotics are effective. If the bacteria becomes resistant to the medication, it may be very difficult to treat the individual and protect against the spread of the illness.

### Use of antibiotics in treating anthrax

Recently several medications have been used to prevent anthrax in persons who have been exposed. Treatment is limited to those persons with a credible exposure, such as persons working in mailrooms where anthrax spores were found.

A number of antibiotics have been considered for treatment of those exposed or thought to be exposed to anthrax, including penicillin,

ciprofloxacin and doxycycline. Because of the possibility of serious allergic reactions to penicillin, the medication is not recommended as the first choice. Ciprofloxacin has a number of side effects that occur relatively frequently, including central nervous system effects, allergic reactions and negative interactions with other medications. It is also the most expensive medication for treatment of anthrax.

Doxycycline causes fewer side effects and is less expensive. For those reasons, among others, the Centers for Disease Control has recommended that all individuals receiving treatment for exposure or possible exposure to anthrax be given doxycycline for 60 days. Some individuals may receive an initial five to 10-day course of therapy, pending confirmation of exposure. If exposure is confirmed, additional medication will be prescribed to complete a full 60-day course of treatment.

"Here at APG, medical authorities are closely monitoring the situation. We plan to follow MEDCOM guidelines, and are prepared to execute any measures that they recommend," Krieger said.

*(Editor's note: Col. W. Michael Heath, pharmacy program manager, U.S. Army Medical Command, contributed to this article.)*

## CHPPM prepares survey to capture employee experiences in Pentagon disaster

**Ann Ham**

DoD TRICARE Northeast Public Affairs

All employees – military, federal civilian, or contractor – assigned to the Pentagon, or who were in the building on Sept. 11, are urged to complete the Pentagon Post Disaster Health Assessment Survey.

Data from this survey will

be used to establish a registry for documenting injuries, illnesses, and exposures among different risk groups. It will also serve as a historical record of experiences resulting from this tragic event in American history. Completion of this survey will not only help the individual, but also co-workers and future occupants of the Pentagon.

The survey may be completed electronically at <https://medreg.apgea.army.mil> (if your computer is linked to a military network). It cannot be accessed from a home computer. To receive a paper copy of the survey, call 703-692-8861.

All information reported on the survey will be kept confidential. First, all electronic survey data are encrypted and scrambled during transmission. All answers – electronic or on paper – will NOT be placed in personnel records. Records will show only that a survey was completed. Healthcare providers or supervisors will not have access to

the answers without express permission from the employee.

The 60-question survey was designed by the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, coordinated through the military services and surgeons general, approved by Department of Defense Health Affairs, and endorsed by the Director of the Washington Headquarters Services.

The deadline for returning the completed survey has been extended to Dec. 31 to allow for fullest participation.

If you have questions or comments about the survey, call 703-692-8861 or DSN 222-8861.

Also, personnel are encouraged to call about survey questions, how the results will be used, or other information that will help in completing the survey.

Questions about Web-based survey access or difficulty with the site should be directed to the help desk at 410-436-3861 or DSN 584-3861.

## Caution needed in 'cyber domain'

*Courtesy of Military.com*

The World War II-era adage "loose lips sink ships" underlined the peril of uttering privileged defense information in public – possibly within earshot of enemy spies.

Today, the U.S. is engaged in a war against global terrorism and the need to safeguard classified -- and even unclassified -- information is especially acute over the World Wide Web.

Although the Department of Defense has a myriad of systems in place to mitigate possible probing of information-rich conduits such as email traffic, information

security is everyone's responsibility.

Military members, government civilians, contractors, and family members are all reminded to be suspicious of email that requests information about DoD operations. All personnel should be aware of the security impact of information in their business email, and avoid including official information in personal emails. People who suspect a breach of information security through DoD email traffic or Internet sites should immediately bring it to the attention of the appropriate person in their command.

# American, German soldiers share skills, earn badges

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Personnel from Aberdeen Proving Ground's Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security coordinated a joint weapons familiarization and qualification session on Nov. 14 with Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers and 33 members of the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada who came from their Reston, Va. headquarters.

The German soldiers were trained on and fired American M-16 weapons while 36 APG servicemembers and DLES personnel qualified on P-1 pistols and MP-5 machine guns.

At the end of the day, all had earned either American marksmanship badges or the Schuetzenschnur, the prestigious German weapons qualification badge.

"This is a most important badge because it reflects a complete knowledge of the weapons," said German Lt. Col. Von Keferalingk.

"German soldiers wear it proudly and they will wear the American marksmanship badge just as proudly."

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, welcomed Brig. Gen. Hans-Georg Atzinger, German Armed Forces commander to the Post Recreation Center for the award ceremony.

Also receiving awards were 31 APG servicemembers who earned the German Troop Duty Proficiency Badge, or GTDPB, during the past year.

Atzinger presented the German medals to the American troops while Mark issued Army marksmanship badges to the German soldiers.

Atzinger thanked the event organizers who included Officer James Toscano, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, who coordinated the range training, and Lt. Cdr. Ken Whitwell, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Muniz, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory and Sgt. Tony

John, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, the GTDPB liaisons for personnel on APG.

"Thank you for providing us this excellent opportunity to come together twice a year to practice our skills," Atzinger said.

He added that the German people are "deeply moved and impressed" by the American response to the Sept. 11 attacks and he announced that Germany is providing almost 4,000 troops to take part in the military action.

"It is a matter of sharing the risks," he said. "That is the way friends and allies should be."

A barbecue was held on the center's patio after the ceremony.

The Schuetzenschnur marksmanship badge represents successful familiarization, testing and qualification on specific weaponry within the German Army. American soldiers have been eligible to compete for the badge since the 1960s with the emergence of troop assignments to Germany during the Cold War. It is a performance-oriented award issued on three levels – gold, silver and bronze – in recognition of solid marksmanship performance.

The GTDPB was introduced in 1972, also on the levels of gold, silver and bronze.

Candidates must meet all

standards in the areas of general military, sports and overall performance to be eligible for the award.

Military performance includes demonstrating proficiency at rendering First Aid, marksmanship qualification on the P1 or Beretta pistols and completing a 20, 25 or 30-kilometer road march, carrying a 50-pound ruck sack. Sports performance consists of the following disciplines: 200 meter swim, broad jump, sprint, shot put and endurance running, and overall performance is judged by a duty performance/aptitude rating by the supervisor or first sergeant.

The GTDPB qualification is an integral part of affiliation-related activities by way of a partnership agreement between the German Armed Forces Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground begun in March 2001.

The badge may also be obtained through the German Navy Liaison Office at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis or from the German Army Liaison Office at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

To apply to compete for the GTDPB, contact your unit liaison or call the GAFC in Reston, Va., at 703-715-8213.

The following APG personnel earned the German Troop Duty Proficiency Badge:

Col. Ronald Shippee; Lt.

Cols. John Campbell and Brian Lukey; Maj. Tamra Barker and Matthew Schofield; Capt. Maurice Sipos, Alyson Hagan, Lee Lefkowitz, Patterson Taylor, Raymond Vazquez, Jerry Fogg, Clinton Schreckhise, Eric Feustel, Scott Newkirk, Ricardo Reyes and Jerry Fogg, Lt. Cody Wilson, Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class David Stevenson; Staff Sgts. Lori August and Andre Chance; Sgts. Kimberly Jones; Christian Novenario, Jimmy Cruz-Ferrera, Michael McRoberts, Eusebio Perez and Tony John; Spcs. David

Doran, John Elliott, Jeremy Ausmus, Laura Williams and Rosa Ciccarelli and Spc. Bryon Pieper and Pfc. Jonathan Montes.

The following APG personnel earned the German Army Marksmanship Badge, the Schuetzenschnur:

U.S. Navy Lt. Cdr. Kenneth Whitwell; Maj. Hugh Shoults; Master Sgt. Bruce Morris; 1st Sgt. Robert Bartholomew; Sgts. 1st Class Jesus H. Perez, Kenneth Holmes, Brian Mainor, Pamela Morgan and Richard Smith; Staff Sgts. Stephanie McGee, Tony Shivers, Brian Brillhart, Scott

Jackson, Wilson Mendez, Jonathan Muniz, Jose A. Sanchez-Rivera, David Williams, Steven M. Serisky and David Williams; U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Maurice Williams; Sgts. David Burton Jr., Lee E. Gladden Jr. and Marco Torres; Cpl. Jason Carter; Spcs. David Doran, Joshua Hillis, Leslie Koonce, Chris Owens and Bryon Pieper; Pvts. Nancy Duke and Michael Reed and police officers James Toscano, Onas W. Janson III, Scott Kotlowski, Eric Semke and Richard Workmann.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

German Brig. Gen. Hans-Georg Atzinger, right, commander of the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada, congratulates Staff Sgt. Jonathan Muniz, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, for earning the Schuetzenschnur, the prestigious German weapons qualification badge during an award ceremony in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

# AEC's Conservation Division preserving the past, protecting the future

**Cynthia Houston**  
AEC

(Editor's note: This article is part of a series outlining the reorganization of the U.S. Army Environmental Center, highlighting the Conservation Division.)

Army forces train on 14 million acres of land that contain some of America's most precious natural and cultural resources. Balancing conservation of resources with military operations is an ongoing challenge.

With this balance in mind, the 33 employees of the newly-formed Conservation Division at the U.S. Army Environmental Center, or AEC, intend to tackle the Army's stewardship mission with the same expertise, enthusiasm, vision and creativity they've shown over the past 18 years — when Conservation existed as a branch of the now-defunct Environmental Quality Division of the Environmental Center headquartered on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

## It's all about the mission

The creation of the Conservation Division is part

of a restructuring of AEC to streamline operations and improve performance of its key programs.

"The bottom line is the mission," said Dr. Paul Thies, once head of the Conservation Branch and now chief of the Conservation Division. "We're committed to supporting the Army's training mission and readiness requirements."

With natural and cultural resource operations being established as unique branches, the new division is comprised of specialists in Native-American relations, pest management, forestry, wildlife, ecosystem management and historic properties. Dedicated to protecting the health and safety of Army resources, they manage soil erosion to maintain training lands; protect and preserve historically significant properties and Native American heritage; manage the Army's forestry, noise and National Environmental Policy Act programs; and protect real estate, natural and cultural resources from damage by pests.

The role of the new division will remain much the same, said Rosemary Queen, Natural Resources branch chief.

"We'll provide support to Army headquarters in the management of the Army's conservation program. We'll also support major commands and installations in carrying out their stewardship responsibilities, while ensuring mission accomplishment," Queen said.

## Sustaining the land we defend

Through the conservation team's innovative habitat management programs and the efforts of environmental staff on installations, the Army works to sustain diverse

ecosystems around the globe — including playing a critical role in the recovery of 153 endangered species.

The Sandhills Region of North Carolina, home to Fort Bragg and the Army's XVIII Airborne Corps, is one example. The region supports the second largest population of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker in the United States.

To achieve species recovery, the Army joined forces with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the state of North Carolina and The Nature Conservancy to create a unique program called the Private Lands Initiative, or PLI. This partnership encourages cooperation between public agencies, private conservation groups and private landowners to recover the red-cockaded woodpecker and its habitat, the longleaf pine ecosystem.

"PLI is an innovative approach to comply with the Endangered Species Act, which addresses issues of conflicting land use, or encroachment, in a way that is both beneficial to the environment and the Army," said Queen.

## Preserving the Past

Earlier this year, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation awarded the Chairman's Citation for Achievement in Historic Preservation to Dave Guldenzopf, AEC Cultural Resources branch chief, and Scott Farley, of AEC's Office of Counsel. Their development of alternate procedures for management of the Army's historic properties could allow the Army to avoid costs of \$1.5 to \$4.2 million annually.

Across the Army's 14,500 historic buildings and structures, and 55,000 archaeologi-

cal sites, the Army's Alternate Procedures will leverage existing Army historic properties management policy, programs and participants to create deliberate and rational cultural resource planning and management, said Guldenzopf.

## New ways to communicate

Conservation Division staff such as Lee Foster, Cultural Resources team leader and Native American program coordinator, lead the Army's efforts to work with federally-recognized tribes by communicating with them on a government-to-government basis. Foster facilitates communication to address unique concerns between the tribes and military installations.

"The Army has established itself as a leader among the Defense Department and other federal agencies in Native American cultural resources management," Foster said.

## Key to performance

Several new Conservation Division programs are expected to increase performance thanks to the AEC reorganization.

"The Residential Communities Initiative, Sustainable Ranges and Installations and Technology Transfer are all critical environmental programs that will benefit from the new division structure," Queen said.

"Ten years from now," said Guldenzopf, "we hope to be continuing the exceptional track record we have set in our support to the mission of the U.S. Army. We have impact at all levels — from the installation to the Army Secretariat — through the ongoing development of innovative strategies for compliance and stewardship."



Photos courtesy of AEC  
The George Beasley Ranch House stands in Soledad Canyon, Fort Bliss, Texas. The post won the cultural resources award for partnering efforts with Native-American tribes and for adaptive re-use programs that support the post's mission in a cost-effective manner.

# Sports & Recreation

## HHC 16th takes fourth consecutive flag football championship, 26-13

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Headquarters and Headquarters Company 16th Ordnance Battalion surprised few people in winning the post intramural flag football championship for the fourth year in a row in a Nov. 19 win over Company E 16th Ordnance Battalion, 26-13.

Led by veteran coach Joe Jefferson, the feisty team that went undefeated through the post-season tournament took the lead early and never looked back.

"It was smooth sailing through the playoffs," Jefferson said as his team, nursing a 7-6 lead in the first quarter took over on downs after an incompletion on fourth down by Company E.

"We warned everybody else that they were playing for second place," he added.

Company E 16th coach, down at the halftime break, said he still liked the team's chances.

"We're playing aggressive and setting up a good defense," the player coach said. "Our chances look good."

Things might have worked out for Company E 16th if HHC

16th's Berwin Wade hadn't shown up. Virtually a one-man wrecking crew, the agile receiver ran all over defenders, scoring two touchdowns and cashing in on several offensive plays.

Buoyed by the throwing accuracy of HHC 16th quarterback Lester Daniels, who rushed for his own end-zone-to-end-zone game-ending touchdown the team marched to victory scoring 19 unanswered points in the second half.

Washington said he was still "very proud of this team."

"They played hard, but they were up against a very experienced team," he said.

Naming Wade the games' most valuable player, Jefferson said the win was a great way to end an "up and down season."

"We had our share of losses but we got everybody together and came back," he said. "That's what defending champions do."

The 2001 Intramural Flag Football Championship team consisted of James Burrell, Anthony Dorsey, Timothy Switzer, William Rippey, Brian Smith, Rodregus Jacobs, Antonio Wade, Andre Edouard, Anthony Harris, Lester Daniels, Tony Ricks,

Shepherd White, Berwin Wade and coach Joe Jefferson.

The 2001 Flag Football runner up, Company E 16th Ordnance Battalion, included William Alley, Charles Conway, Timothy Edwards, Cecil Laizure, Matthew Mehmert, Hurcules Murray, James Simon, Corey Smith, Michael Stephens, Paul Hubbard, Michael Revels and coach Vinson Washington.

(Editor's note: A referee for Harford County schools, Joe Jefferson has piloted his unit volleyball, softball and football teams for the past four years. He retires in February and will return to his Florida home.)



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

*Left, HHC 16th players celebrate their fourth consecutive post intramural football championship following the award ceremony on Shine Sports Field.*



*Left, A Company E 16th player tries to contain HHC 16th's Berwin Wade, 34 as he comes down with a completion during fourth quarter action in the intramural football post championship.*

### Football Update

The following results were reported for the intramural flag football post season tournament.

Nov. 17  
Company C 16th, 23;  
Company B 16th, 6  
HHC 16th, 20; Company E 16th, 12  
Company C 143rd, 28; SBC-

COM, 15  
HHC 143rd, 14; Company C 16th, 7  
HHC 16th, 26; Company C 143rd, 6  
Company E 16th, 34; SBC-COM, 7  
Company C 143rd, 24;  
Company B 16th, 6  
Company E 16th, 27;

Company C 16th, 26  
Nov. 18  
HHC 16th, 21; HHC 143rd, 14  
Company E 16th, 34;  
Company C 143rd, 14  
Company E 16th, 32; HHC 143rd, 29

**Nov. 19 Championship**  
HHC 16th, 26; Company E 16th, 13

# Community Notes

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 1**

**ARMY BAND PLAYS IN ABERDEEN PARADE**

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will perform in the Christmas parade in Aberdeen at 3 p.m. For more information, call 410-278-8769.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held at the school, 810 Aikens Avenue, Perryville, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5.

For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**BINGO LUNCHEON**

The Pilottown Rod and Gun Club, Belle Manor Road, Conowingo, will hold a prize bingo luncheon at noon. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch and 20 games on paper cards.

Fifty-fifty specials will also be available at an additional charge. Other light refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, call 410-378-0096 or 410-378-3338.

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 2**

**ARMY BAND PLAYS IN BEL AIR PARADE**

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will perform in the holiday parade in Bel Air at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-278-8769.

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 5  
BUSTRIPTO THE APOLLO**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to "The Original Amateur Night Live at the Apollo," in New York City, where many performers, such as Michael Jackson, James Brown and more got their start.



The price is \$60 per person, and includes charter bus transportation and a ticket to the show. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. There will be time for shopping and dinner before the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

**THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 6  
ABERDEEN AREA TREE LIGHTING**

The Aberdeen Area tree lighting will take place at the Post Theater, building 3245, at 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 7  
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a

non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing each Friday at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The instructor will announce lessons. Everyone is welcome.

Cost of admission is \$10 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**ABERDEEN POLICE ASSOCIATION BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Aberdeen Police Association will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5.

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

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 8  
HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR**

The Prince of Peace Church, 2600 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood, will hold a holiday craft bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reserve a table now for \$20.

For more information, call 410-679-5850.

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 9  
TREE LIGHTING IN THE EDGEWOOD AREA**

The tree lighting in the Edgewood Area will take place at the Edgewood Area Chapel, building E-4620, at 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 11  
ASMC ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Chesapeake Chapter, will host its annual holiday luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Giovanni's Restaurant, Edgewood. Cost of the luncheon is \$13 for members, \$14 for non-members.

For more information or if interested in attending, call Peggy Morrison, 410-278-1229, or Tina Allen, 410-436-7208.

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 12  
EA-OWC COOKIE EXCHANGE**

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club will meet at the home of Denise Doesburg, 4670 Parrish Road, for a time of holiday sharing. Social time is 11:30 a.m., followed by a soup and salad lunch at noon. You do not have to exchange cookies to attend the luncheon.

Exchange participants are asked to bring a cookie container and five dozen cookies; one dozen on a plate to share, three dozen to exchange, and one dozen wrapped for the freezer, to be shared with those soldiers on gate duty over the holidays.

There is a \$5 charge to defray the cost of the luncheon. Make reservations no later than Dec. 7, to Linda Kuchar, 410-838-5265, or e-mail linku2000@aol.com.

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 9 to 16  
ABERDEEN LIONS PLANS VALENTINE CRUISE**

The Aberdeen Lions Club is sponsoring a seven-night Valentine cruise to the Western Caribbean in 2002. The public is invited to join the Lions on the newest Norwegian

Cruise ship, Norwegian Sun, from Miami to Georgetown, Grand Caymen; Roatan, Bay Islands; Belize City, Belize; and Cozumel, Mexico. Snorkel on the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere, swim with dolphins or stingrays, or just relax on the ship.

The package includes complimentary round-trip transfers from Aberdeen to Baltimore-Washington International Airport, round-trip air from BWI to Miami, all meals and entertainment, all port charges and taxes, and a pre-cruise get-together. Call now and receive a \$50 shipboard credit per stateroom. Enjoy a romantic Valentine cruise while helping the Aberdeen Lions Club raise funds for their community service activities.

For information, call Lions club members Joyce or Ron Landbeck, 410-272-5649. For reservations, call Accent-on-Travel, 1-800-848-3273. Prices range from \$1,269 to \$1,743 depending on cabin location. Final payment is due immediately.

**MOVIES**

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50  
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard

**THE OTHERS**

Friday, Nov. 30, 7 p.m.

Starring: Nicole Kidman, Fionnula Flanagan



On the secluded Isle of Jersey in the final days of World War II, three new servants arrive at Grace's home to replace the one that inexplicably disappeared. Startling, supernatural events begin to unfold. Grace begins to sense that intruders are at large. Who are these trespassers? And what do they want? (Rated PG-13)



**BANDITS (FREE ADMISSION)**

Saturday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.

Starring: Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton

Joe and Terry are bank robbers, fugitives hoping a final string of scores will finance their South of the Border retirement dreams. Known as the "Sleepover Bandits," they kidnap bank managers the night before their robbery, spend the night with their families, and then go to the bank in the morning to get the dough. Things get more complicated when they meet Kate who joins the bandits on their cross country spree and eventually she steals something too, their hearts. (Rated PG-13)



**TRAINING DAY**

Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 p.m.

Starring: Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke

Alonzo, a corrupt veteran cop escorts Jake, a rookie on his first day with the LAPD's tough inner city narcotics unit. Jake is confronted with corruption within the unit perpetuated by his partner. Will this rookie turn on his partner or be drawn into the dark underworld? The only thing more dangerous than the line being crossed is the one who crosses it. (Rated R)

**LIBRARY BOOK CORNER**

The Aberdeen Area Garrison library will be open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, and has some new books for your Thanksgiving holiday reading and cooking pleasure. Come by and check them out.

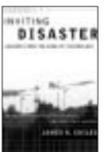
**The Burning: Massacre, Destruction, and the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921** by Tim Madigan



**Dearest Friend: a Life of Abigail Adams** by Lynne Withey

**Looking for Alaska** by Peter Jenkins

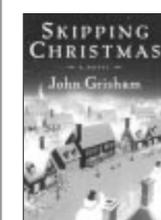
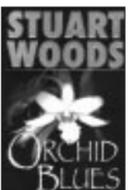
**Inviting Disaster: Lessons From the Edge of Technology: an Inside Look at Catastrophes and Why They Happen** by James Chiles



**What if? 2: Eminent Historians Imagine What Might Have Been** edited by Robert Cowley

**Futureland** by Walter Mosely

**Orchid blues** by Stuart Woods



**Skipping Christmas** by John Grisham

**Last Man Standing** by David Baldacci

**Blood and Gold, or, The story of Marius** by Anne Rice

**OC&S LIBRARY**

The OC&S Library has a bulletin board book display in honor of Native-American Month.

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

## Gift Wrap Schedule

**November:  
Thursday 29 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic  
NCO Fellowship  
Staff Sgt. George Torbert,  
410-278-1765

**Friday 30 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Protestant Women of the Chapel  
Nancy Brugh, 410-272-1098

**December:  
Saturday 1 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Roye Williams PTA  
Sam Real, 410-444-6200

**Sunday 2 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
U.S. Air Force Detachment  
Staff Sgt. Richard Worthington,  
410-278-9717

**Monday 3 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
203rd MI Family Support Group  
Darlene Wayland, 410-278-7825

**Tuesday 4 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Military and Civilian Spouse Club  
Julie Koob, 410-297-6630

**Wednesday 5 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Edgewood Elementary PTA  
Billie Brantley, 410-676-6045

**Thursday 6 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
16th Ordnance Battalion  
Family Support Group  
1st Sgt. James Branson,  
410-278-5405

**Friday 7 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Roye Williams PTA

Sam Real, 410-444-6200

**Saturday 8 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
AA/EA Youth Services Teens  
Angela Shannon, 410-278-4995

**Sunday 9 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, Family Readiness Group  
Marcie Perez, 410-676-6994

**Monday 10 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
U.S. Army Research Laboratory  
Dottie Kirk, 410-278-9233/5807

**Tuesday 11 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic  
Family Support Group  
Joyce Steininger, 410-278-1801

**Wednesday 12 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Warrant Officer Association  
CW4 Pete Hill, 410-278-4979

**Thursday 13 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, Family Support Group  
Marcie Perez, 410-676-6994

**Friday 14 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (AIT)**  
Warrant Officer Association  
CW4 Pete Hill, 410-278-4979

**Saturday 15 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, Soldier Support  
Sgt. 1st Class Jesus Perez,  
410-436-7147

**Sunday 16 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic

NCO Fellowship  
Staff Sgt. George Torbert,  
410-278-1765

**Monday 17 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Edgewood Elementary PTA  
Billie Brantley, 410-676-6045

**Tuesday 18 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Protestant Women of the Chapel  
Nancy Brugh, 410-272-1098

**Wednesday 19 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
389th Army Band (AMC's Own)  
Staff Sgt. Kay Reynolds,  
410-278-8769

**Thursday 20 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, Soldier Support  
Sgt. 1st Class Jesus Perez,  
410-436-7147

**Friday 21 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic  
Family Support Group  
Joyce Steininger, 410-278-1801

**Saturday 22 – 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.**  
520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, Family Support Group  
Marcie Perez, 410-676-6994

**Sunday 23 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
FCC Parent Advisory Board  
Ellen DiCuirci, 410-272-5349

**Monday 24 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
203rd MI Family Support Group  
Darlene Wayland, 410-278-7825









Keith Colston leads a group of audience members in a participation of the snake dance. Photos by APG PHOTO LAB



Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Ford, ANCO, and Staff Sgt. Kenneth M. Johnston, BNCO, demonstrate the crow hop as Keith Colston gives instructions.



Sgt. 1st Class Mitchelen Cyrus, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, performs a healing dance at the Native-American celebration. Cyrus is a member of the Crow tribe.

## Native

From front page

Somalia, and the Persian Gulf. (See summary box for more information.)

"In many respects, Native Americans are no different from others who volunteer for military service," Mark said. "The Native Americans' proud warrior tradition is best exemplified by those qualities which are said to be inherent to most if not all American societies — strength, honor, pride, devotion and wisdom.

"These values sound much like the Army's values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, integrity and personal courage," she said. "All in all, a perfect fit with military tradition."

The guest speaker was Keith Colston, a member of the Tuscarora-Lumbee Indian tribe of North Carolina, and Native-American Cultural Director for the Baltimore American Indian Center and a commissioner for the Maryland Commission on Native peoples.

Colston gave an impassioned presentation on Native-American culture, including inter-tribal native dances and singing, and focused on honor and respect. He also discussed the many myths and stereotypes that people have about American Indians, and explained all aspects of Indian life.

"I am here not to be an entertainer, but to be an educator," said Colston, "to give you the truth about my people.

"My job here today is to give you the beauty of my people, which is the culture, traditions, the teachings, the movement of my body and to the words that come from my mouth, but more so from my heart," Colston said. "A lot of times you see Native people come up and speak and we don't have anything written down, because we speak what we know, what we feel. And it's so very important to us."

Colston also said that Native-American dancing relates much to "how we are, what we feel, and what we show to each other."

Following his introductory remarks, Colston brought out a hand drum and asked the audience to stand. He explained that when there aren't enough people to sit around one large drum singing all at the same time, the hand drum is used for the same purpose.

"The songs that we sing are also very important to us," Colston said. "It's not about screaming, it's not about yelling, but yet it's about feelings that are put into sounds that express so much of who we are."

He stated that Native Americans have songs that honor many individuals. Part of Native-American protocol at each one of their gatherings is to honor the military and their warriors, native and non-native by singing. Singing a song out of respect not only for those who are present but for those who are away protecting our freedom, continues the tradition.

Colston wears his regalia when he speaks because it truly represents much about his people. Whenever tribes hold meetings, or what they refer to as 'pow-wows,' it is a time when they can dress in their regalia, or their suit of honor. The weight of their regalia can be between 20 to 30 pounds each time they dance. The outfits the ladies wear may weigh 30 pounds or more with accessories that make the dress jingle.

"Everything I have on has a purpose and a meaning, it's not just for decoration. The design represents who I am and my area of the country. It represents a progression in our culture," Colston said. "It also says that we are able to adapt to all and any situations. This has been true throughout our history."

When Native Americans dance, they honor not only their style of dancing but to partake in the circle with other tribes and represent their communities in our area.

"Instead of you seeing us as jumping up and down and making a lot of noise, it's more so like prayer and motion," said Colston.

Sgt. 1st Class Mitchelen Cyrus, of the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, was the host performer. Wearing a buckskin shingle dress strung with silver cones, Cyrus performed a healing dance. Cyrus is member of the Crow Tribe.

Traditional Native-American dances showcased included the crow hop and the men's fancy. Several members of the audience joined Colston for the snake dance. The program concluded with Colston engaging full audience participation in a community round dance.

Mark then presented plaques to Colston, Cyrus and the Native-American Committee, and thanked them for their efforts.

## Soldiers Magazine

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changing environment faced by today's peacekeepers.

Next, in "Focus on People," the Institute of Heraldry's Sarah LeClerc describes what it meant to her to design the Defense of Freedom Medal that honors the Department of Defense employees injured or killed while on duty during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Then the editors profile Sgt. 1st Class Grant Singley, the first soldier to win the National Service Rifle Championship three times.

In "Postmarks," read about the Army medics who found themselves chasing terrorists, in addition to their anticipated duties in Kosovo, and about Fort Lewis soldiers who deployed to fight fires in Washington's Virginia Lake

region.

You can also pull out and post the 2002 MWR Sports Calendar to help you keep track of coming military athletic competitions.

This month's focus on the holidays includes a search for "Trinkets and Treasures" that can be found in thrift shops on and near military installations. Other "holiday" stories include suggestions on how to dispose of your Christmas tree and advice on perhaps the most valuable gift of all - the "gift of life" through organ donation.

If you missed the November issue, which includes continuing coverage of the war on terrorism, visit "Soldiers Online" at [www.soldiersmagazine.com](http://www.soldiersmagazine.com).

Look for the December issue of *Soldiers*, coming to your installation soon.

(Editor's note: "Soldiers" begins distribution of its November issue on Nov. 23.)

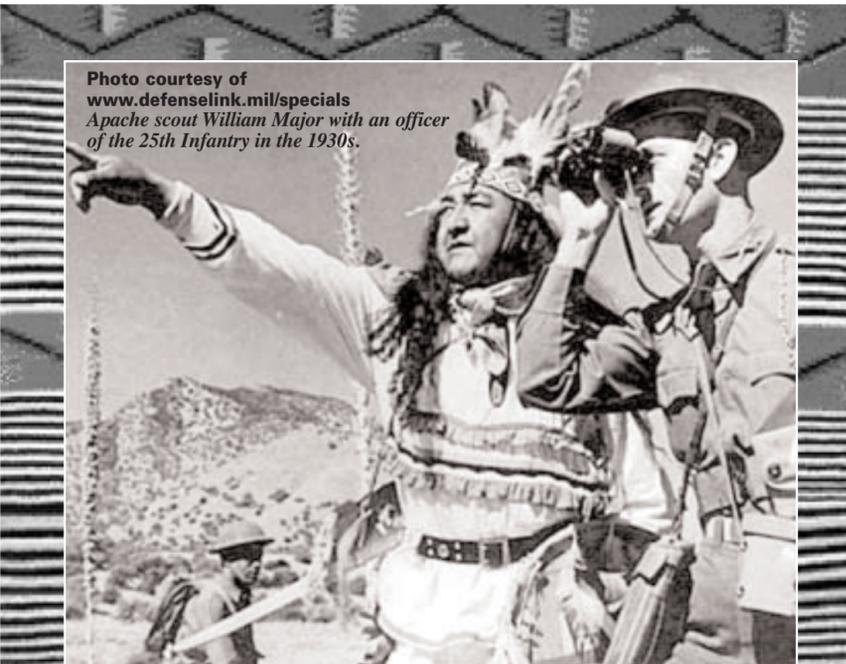


Photo courtesy of [www.defenselink.mil/specials](http://www.defenselink.mil/specials)  
Apache scout William Major with an officer of the 25th Infantry in the 1930s.

## Did you know...?

courtesy of <http://www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq61-3.htm>

It is estimated that more than 12,000 Native Americans served in the United States military during World War I. Choctaw Indians were used as code talkers during World War I.

Although now eligible for the draft by virtue of the Snyder Act, which gave citizenship to American Indians in 1924, conscription alone does not account for the disproportionate number of Indians who joined the armed forces.

The outbreak of World War II brought American Indian warriors back to the battlefield in defense of their homeland.

More than 44,000 American Indians, out of a total Native American population of less than 350,000, served with distinction between 1941 and 1945. Native American men and women on the home front also showed an intense desire to serve their country, and were an integral part of the war effort. More than 40,000 Indian people left their reservations to work in ordnance depots, factories, and other war industries. American Indians also invested more than \$50 million in war bonds, and contributed generously to the Red Cross and the Army and Navy Relief societies.

Battle-experienced American Indian troops from World War II were joined by newly recruited Native Americans to fight Communist aggression during the Korean conflict.

During World War II, one of the more notable contributions of Native Americans included the efforts of Navajo "Code Talkers" in the Pacific and European Theater. The Navajo "Code Talkers" took part in every assault the United States Marines conducted in the Pacific from 1942 to 1945. They served in all six Marine Divisions, Marine Raider battalions

and Marine parachute units, transmitting messages by telephone and radio in their native language — a code that the Japanese never broke.

Comanche Indians, part of the Fourth Signal Company, also known as Code Talkers, used their native language to prevent the enemies of the European Theater from intercepting messages for the allied troops during World War II. The unit was instrumental during the Normandy invasion.

The Native American's strong sense of patriotism and courage emerged once again during the Vietnam era. More than 42,000 Native Americans, more than 90 percent of them volunteers, fought in Vietnam. Native American contributions in United States military combat continued in the 1980s and 1990s as they saw duty in Grenada, Panama, Somalia, and the Persian Gulf.

Entering the 21st century, there were nearly 190,000 Native American military veterans. It is well recognized that, historically, Native Americans have the highest record of service per capita when compared to other ethnic groups. The reasons behind this disproportionate contribution are complex and deeply rooted in traditional American Indian culture.

In the twentieth century five Native American have been among those soldiers distinguished by receiving the United States' highest military honor, the Medal of Honor. Given for military heroism "above and beyond the call of duty," these warriors exhibited extraordinary bravery in the face of the enemy and in two cases made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. They were Jack C. Montgomery, a Cherokee from Oklahoma; Ernest Childers, a Creek from Oklahoma; Van Barfoot, a Choctaw from Mississippi; Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., a Winnebago from Wisconsin; and Charles George, a Cherokee from North Carolina.

## People Need to Learn

People need to learn...  
that they cannot make anyone love them.  
What they can do is to let themselves be loved.

that love them dearly,  
but simply do not know  
how to express or show their feelings.

To learn what is most valuable,  
is not what they have in their lives,  
But who they have in their lives.

People need to learn...  
that it is not always enough  
that they be forgiven by others,  
but that they have to learn  
to forgive themselves.

People need to learn that it is not good  
to compare themselves to others,  
all will be judged individually  
on their own merits, not as a group,  
on a comparison basis.

People need to learn...  
that a true friend is someone  
who knows everything about you,  
and likes you anyways.

People need to learn...  
that a rich person is not the  
one who has the most,  
but is the one who needs the least.

People need to...  
thank the "Creator" for all  
that he has done  
for them and their family.

You need to learn that two people  
can look at the same thing  
and see it totally different.

People will forget what you said.  
People will forget what you did.  
However, people will never forget  
how you made them feel.

People need to learn...  
that it only takes a second  
to open profound wounds  
in the ones they care about,  
and that it takes many years to heal  
that wound.

There is so much to learn,  
and as people,  
we sometimes think we  
know it all,  
then we forget what  
there is to be learned.

People need to learn...  
to forgive, by practicing forgiveness.  
To learn that there are people

These words of wisdom  
passed on by  
Grayeagle Morningsun

## Final day for CFC

The Combined Federal Campaign solicitation period concludes today.

As of Nov. 26, the count stands at \$342,176.60 with 449 Oriole, 250 Cardinal, 117 Falcon and 77 Eagle awards distributed. The final figures will be in next week's APG News.

Also, Carol Gibbs was incorrectly identified as the winner of the drawing for two airline tickets. Gibbs' name was selected for the statewide CFC drawing that will be held in Baltimore on Nov. 30. APG News regrets the error.



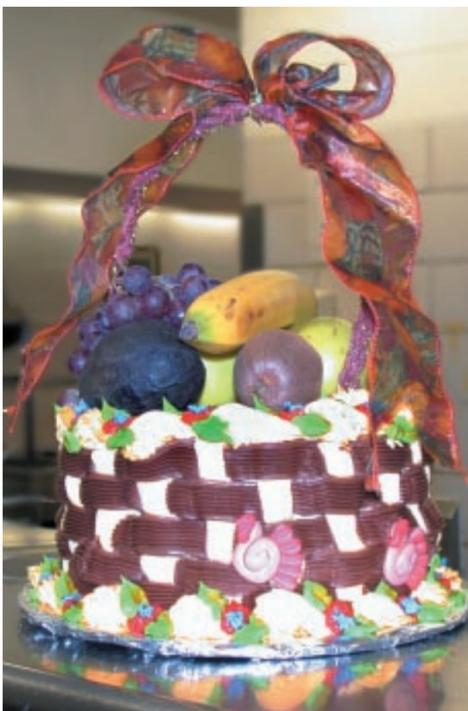
Ira Phillips, a cook in building 4503, stands near the steamship round he prepared for the Thanksgiving Day meal.



Photo courtesy of APG PHOTO LAB  
A bread display in the Edgewood Area dining facility features a red rooster and pumpkins.



From left, Robin Sunderland and Regina Webster prepare dinner rolls for the Thanksgiving meal in building 4503.



Fruit sits atop a colorful basket cake on the serving line in building E-4225 in the Edgewood Area.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON  
An ice carving of a swan resting in the leaves garnered a gold medal for its creator.



Zaida Alcaraz, dining facility manager for building 4219, shows off the turkey and Cornish hen display she created for the main dining hall with mashed potato topping.

# Dining

## From front page

Operations, accompanied the group.

Parylo issued checklists and briefed the team on the areas of inspection prior to the tour while Thane handed out gold, silver and bronze medals for noteworthy displays to the judges.

"They will be prepared and looking their best, Parylo told the team. Be sure to award any outstanding achievements."

The evaluation consists of a point system on which the facilities are graded on the appearance of the dining area, including tables, menus and displays, the serving line area and the competency of food service personnel.

A wide array of colorful displays was featured throughout the dining areas in each facility and along the serving lines. Starting in the kitchen, the judges moved through the food preparation and storage areas, the serving lines, and into the dining areas.

Displays included ice sculptures in the shape of fruit bowls, dolphins and swans and fruit-filled cornucopias made of bread. Decorative place mats, menus and candy cups sat on the tables.

A bread display on the EA serving line featured a teepee with Indian and pilgrim figurines that was illuminated with a small light bulb on the inside. A stuffed pig with a sun hat, sunglasses and a swim-

suit on the fruit table garnered the Best Overall Display award.

Other displays included a gingerbread house and a cake of the American flag with the inscription, "United We Stand" which earned a silver medal.

Thomas Brandys, foodservice project manager and Ernest Cole, dining facility manager conducted the tour of the building.

"They're very creative," Cole said of the food service workers who designed the displays, adding that some preparations began as early as a week before. "This is a team effort that they all look forward to so we let them do their thing."

In building 4219, supervised by dining facility manager Zaida Alcaraz, a turkey and four Cornish hens topped with a mashed potato spread and leaves made of cucumber and carrots adorned the fruit display in the main dining area. Eggplant and melon "flowerpots" that were filled with peppers and onions cut and shaped to resemble flowers surrounded it.

"The ice carvings are the main thing that can't be prepared too far in advance," Alcaraz said, agreeing that she also lets the employees "do their own thing."

"They have fun with it and they're very good at what they do," she said.

The main display in building 4503 held a white cake with the emblem of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools in the center. A pink waterfall with a spinning ballerina on top, an assortment of fruits and flowers and a gold swan ice carving filled out the display. Gerard Laruffa, din-

ing facility manager conducted the tour and was assisted by Linda McClinton.

"Year after year the food service workers work so hard for the soldiers and they just love it," McClinton said. "We stand back because we know they know what to do."

Hibler and Givens said the experience gave them a better appreciation of their dining facilities.

"This is the first time I paid attention to how much work and preparation goes into it," Hibler said. "I usually just go eat. Now I'll take the time to appreciate it."

Givens said he was impressed with the eye-catching creativity of the displays created by the workers.

"All the themes were very strong, attractive to the eye, and offered something you don't see every day," Hibler said.

While he enjoyed the dining room décor, Estronza focused on the food storage and preparation areas, ensuring that refrigerator temperatures, food warmers, ice machines and inspection rosters were within standards.

"I'm impressed with the overall sanitation and cleanliness," Estronza said.

Parylo handed out commemorative medallions to the staffs, thanking them for giving the servicemembers, retirees, civilians and family members of APG a Thanksgiving to remember every year.

"We really appreciate your efforts. Thank you for a job well done," Parylo said.



A patriotic cake by Joan Guyer in the Edgewood Area dining facility receives a silver medal.



A gingerbread cake by Bong Wheeldon, a cook in building 4503, features a gumdrop roof and a fence made of gingerbread men.



Photo courtesy of 1ST SGT. ROBERT BARTHOLOMEW

The soldiers of Company C 16th Ordnance Battalion run through the streets of Baltimore during the 10/5-K run sponsored by the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training Nov. 4. It was the unit's first time participating in the annual event.

## OC&S unit competes in Baltimore MCVET 10-K

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Volunteer runners from Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, participated in the annual 10/5-K race to benefit the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, or MCVET, held Nov. 4 in Baltimore City.

Led by 1st Sgt. Robert Bartholomew, 40 soldiers in physical training uniforms ran the entire 5-K race in formation, finishing in 26 minutes, 30 seconds.

"That's impressive for a formation that size," Bartholomew said, adding that every soldier remained with the formation without falling out.

The 10-K course began at the War Memorial Plaza in downtown Baltimore and went to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and back.

The 5-K course was just a shorter version of the 10-K.

The unit participated as part of an outreach event coordinated with MCVET.

Drill sergeants, Brian Mainor, Kenneth Holmes and Brian Brillhart called cadence the entire race.

"The sound of the soldiers sounding off through the streets of Baltimore caught everyone's attention," Bartholomew said adding that the hilly course was a challenge

for the soldiers who were used to Aberdeen Proving Ground's flat roads.

After the race, the unit remained for refreshments and the award ceremony.

Nine Company C 16th soldiers competed in the 10-K with Pvt. Patrick Muturi finishing third overall with a time of 32 minutes, 39 seconds.

Bartholomew said the troops received numerous compliments from spectators and from the race organizers who invited them to run again next year.

Col. Charles Williams, MCVET director, presented the group with a limited-edition print of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Noting that many of the soldiers who participated have expressed "a real interest in racing," Bartholomew said they have participated in three races since then.

"There is no doubt that the soldiers enjoyed themselves and will remember this day for the rest of their lives," he said.

MCVET is a nonprofit organization that provides comprehensive services to veterans who are homeless or have special needs to enable them to rejoin their communities as productive citizens.