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Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Sept. 26 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Town hall meeting Sept. 20

A Town Hall Meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 20, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

The meeting will focus on what is happening on Aberdeen Proving Ground due to the events of last week. Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG deputy installation and garrison commander, will provide information on the current issues that affect the APG community as well as address any questions or concerns that the community may have. All military personnel, civilian employees, family members, contractors and retirees are invited to attend.

If you cannot attend, tune into WAPG-TV, Channel 3. The meeting will be broadcast live throughout the APG community. Members of the viewing audience may call in questions during the meeting by dialing 410-278-0214.

Base 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. When in doubt, contact your supervisor.

School bus drop offs reiterated

If the Harford County public schools experience an unscheduled early dismissal and there is not an adult available to meet young children, or if a bus cannot access an on-post bus stop, the bus will take the children to the Youth Centers. Youth Center staff will attempt to contact the parents.

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Left, Aberdeen Proving Ground chaplains Maj. Michael Wallman, Capt. Shawn McCammon, Lt. Col. Larry Robinson and Lt. Col. Gregory Black lead the patriotic hymn, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," during the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance Ceremony on Sept. 14. More than 1,100 people filled the Aberdeen and Edgewood area's chapels for the national observance initiated by the president in the wake of the Sept. 11 attack on America.

By Sheila Little and Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With hearts weighed down by the tragic events of the previous 72 hours, more than 1,100 members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community came together Sept. 14 for the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance.

Initiated by President George W. Bush, the day was set aside as a time for reflection and prayer for the victims, survivors, family members and recovery workers of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on America.

The APG observance was held simultaneously at the Aberdeen and Edgewood area chapels, and included the national pledge of allegiance, prayer, scripture reading and music designed to comfort and assure attendees of the power of prayer and of a nation willing to yield leadership to God. The chapels were packed to overflowing with those wishing to offer prayer in support of the nation.

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Message from the Secretary of Defense to America's veterans



DOD Photo by R.D. WARD
Firefighters and military personnel on the roof of the Pentagon unfurl a large American flag during the Sept. 12 visit of President George W. Bush. As the flag was draped over the wall, disaster workers and the President sang "God Bless America."

As the men and women who have fought America's wars, you — more than all others — understand what the September 11th attack on freedom and democracy means for the days ahead.

More than simple acts of terrorism by radical or unbalanced individuals, this was an attack on our way of life, our country, our home.

In a recent message to U.S. armed forces here and abroad, I spoke of the memorable moments that have marked all great crises throughout our history, images that live forever in our hearts and in our minds.

Not surprisingly, we've seen many such moments during this crisis as well — moments of remarkable courage and selflessness; moments of fierce patriotism and pride: policemen and firefighters working night and day, with no thought for themselves; men, women and children giving blood until the banks are overflowing; businesses and corporations donating coffee, food and water to sustain those who would not stop working; chaplains counseling distraught families; friends and total strangers reaching out in loving gestures of human support.

And everywhere — the American flag, on buses and taxicabs, in windows and over doorways, as armbands, on jackets and hats, and most especially, waving in glorious defiance above the smoking and twisted wreckage our enemies have wrought. One such flag, unfurled by firefighters, proudly hangs huge and proud near the gash in the Pentagon wall.

But I also warned that more — much more — will be asked of Americans in the weeks and months ahead.

We face well-organized and sophisticated enemies, made all the more powerful by the terror they are so willing to unleash. Now that terror has been brought to our door, we owe it to ourselves and — as the president has said — to all future generations, to stop it, eliminate it and destroy it at its core.

Today, all Americans are united in anguish and anger. But we must also be united in purpose and in will.

While the immediate task of vanquishing freedom's enemies will fall to our military men and women, all of us — particularly those like you who understand the price of freedom — will be called upon to strengthen our national resolve.

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Message from the Deputy Installation Commander

This is a time of great tragedy and loss for our country. A sense of profound shock, horror and sadness is shared throughout the nation and the world. I can add little except to extend my concern and condolences to those who may have lost family members, friends, neighbors or co-workers.

I mourn with you. I came to Aberdeen Proving Ground from an assignment at the Pentagon. Regrettably, some of my friends are on the list of the missing.

I want to note the overwhelming courage, resolve and unity that I have seen here and around the country. Over the past week I have seen countless acts of selfless devotion and service to our nation and people.

Let me take this opportunity to remind you there are many ways to serve. Please consider donating blood and contributing to the Combined Federal Campaign and the Army Emergency Relief Fund. The need is tremendous, and it is a small, yet very important way to help.

I want to thank all of you for doing your part and for
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DOD photo by TECH SGT. CEDRIC H. RUDISILL
FBI agents, firefighters, rescue workers and engineers work at the Pentagon crash site on Sept. 14, where a hijacked American Airlines flight slammed into the building on Sept. 11. The terrorist attack caused extensive damage to the west face of the building and followed similar attacks on the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. See more photos on page 13.

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It is imperative that parents tape a card inside each child's book bag with the child's name, address, telephone number, and emergency points of contact. If young children arrive at the Youth Center and do not have this information or do not know how to reach their parents, the Youth Center staff has no way to communicate with the parents.

This only applies during an unscheduled early dismissal or in the event of an emergency when the bus does not have access to a particular bus stop. During routine times, if young children are not met by an adult at the bus stop, the bus will return children to their school and school personnel will contact the child's parents.

For additional information, contact Linda Holloway, Aberdeen Proving Ground school liaison officer, at 410-306-4520.

APGFCU accepting donations

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union is collecting donations for the Army Emergency Relief Fund, American Red Cross and the Salvation Army to help disaster victims and families through the current crisis, which resulted from the terrorists attacks on Sept. 11. Collection jars are located in all branch locations. For more information, call Tina L. Ripken, APGFCU market development director, 410-893-7359.

Submitting articles to APG News under Force Protection Condition Delta

In preparation for any future Force Protection Condition Delta, a mailbox is available to receive news for publication in APG News at editor@apgnews.com. This should only be used when "mission essential" personnel are reporting to Aberdeen Proving Ground. The paper will then be prepared and published at Homestead Publishing in Bel Air rather than the APG office.

Gas Mask Dash postponed

The 19th annual "Gas Mask Dash" which was set for Sept. 20, has been postponed. Information regarding a future date will be provided when it becomes available. For information regarding registration, contact the Edgewood Chemical Activity at 410-436-8788 or 410-278-5225.

Hours curtailed at KUSAHC

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will hold Organization Day Oct. 4 and observe a training holiday Oct. 5. The After-Hours Clinic will be open both days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

KUSAHC will observe Columbus Day on Oct. 8. The After-Hours Clinic will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the holiday observance.

Appointments during curtailed hours can be made through Nurse Triage at 410-278-1751.

Public notice - KUSHAC included in accreditation survey

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Fort George G. Meade, Md., Oct. 30 to Nov. 2. Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic at Aberdeen Proving Ground, being part of the Fort Meade MED-DAC, is included in this accreditation survey.

Anyone believing that they have valid information about quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representative at the time of the survey.

Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins; e.g., October 23, and must indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to: Ambulatory Care Service Team, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. The interviewee will be notified of the date, time and place of the meeting.

Thrift savings for military

The Thrift Savings Plan is coming to the Uniformed Services starting Oct. 9. TSP, a retirement savings and investment plan, has been available to civilian employees of the federal government since 1987. It offers savings and tax benefits to participants similar to many private corporations' "401(k)" plans.

For a unit briefing on the TSP, please contact Tricia Jewitt, financial readiness coordinator at the Army Community Service, 410-278-4372.

The TSP briefing contains information on enrollment, how to elect money into the various TSP accounts, how to designate a beneficiary, and benefits of the TSP.

ABC-C's new module eases access

The Army Benefit Center – Civilian's web-based Employee Benefits Information System has a new point-of-entry module making it easier for employees to create their POE account.

As of Aug. 22, the point-of-entry application was modified, allowing existing EBIS users to enter their Social Security Numbers to access the information system, eliminating the need to create a separate user identification.

If passwords are forgotten, users can change passwords online without having to call ABC-C or the help desk. Users can also choose to be notified of successful or unsuccessful attempts of a change to a password. Presently, the email notification feature is not available. Users will be notified when this feature is activated.

There is still an eight-day waiting period between password changes. Also, if your password expires, you will receive a warning notice and you must reestablish your password. The same password cannot be used within a six-month period. If your password is soon to expire, you will also receive a warning notice that passwords must be changed every 90 days.

If you are a new user, you will need to create a POE account. Follow the guidance in creating your password. Examples are provided on the POE "Create Password" screen in the POE module. Additionally, ensure the correct information (service computation date, civilian pay plan, grade, step, etc.) is entered identifying you as a user of this application. Users may find additional information on the ABC-C home page under the "Announcement" section at www.ABC.army.mil.

"These POE changes will allow easier access to EBIS, thus enabling employees to become more self-sufficient in managing their federal benefits and entitlements," said Kathy Cole, chief of the ABC-C.

Pollution Prevention



To save energy: Paint your walls a light color to reflect more light within the room.

APG Pollution Prevention Program, Green Building Initiative Policy

Commercial Activities Hotline available

The CA telephone hotline at 410-278-7414, and CA e-mail hotline at CA.Hotline@usag.apg.army.mil, are available to provide updates and answers to your questions concerning the CA Study. In addition, CA is now showing up as a choice on the first page of the APG Web site, www.apg.army.mil.

ABC-C Web site address changes

On Sept. 5 the ABC-C Web site address changed from <http://www.abc.army.mil> to <https://www.abc.army.mil> to allow Army personnel who are not coming from a .mil domain to be able to access the Web site.

Simply type the letter "s" after http and you will be able to gain access to the site. The ABC-C portion of our Web site still requires 40-bit encryption.

Call the ABC-C automated line at 1-877-276-9287 or the SWCPOC Help Desk at 1-785-239-2000 (DSN 856-2000) if you are experiencing difficulties accessing this Web site.

Tutoring program needs volunteers

Army Community Service needs volunteers for APG's tutorial program, to assist local secondary school students who are having difficulty in various subject areas.

Counselors from each school select students who need help, want help and can benefit from tutorial assistance. The school counselor informs the student's parents of the program. The parents then contact the program coordinator who selects an appropriate tutor from the list of volunteers. The tutor then contacts the student's family to set up a mutually agreeable place, preferably the student's home, and to schedule the time for the session. Most tutors meet with their students one to two hours a week. Anyone with knowledge in a particular area can help. No teaching experience is necessary to participate in this program, just a desire to help the youth of our communities.

If you are willing to tutor, contact: Laura Reich, Aberdeen Area ACS, 410-278-7474, or William Starke, Edgewood Area ACS, 410-436-2712.

ACS presents relocation workshop

Army Community Service Center presents the Easy Movin' Workshop on Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to noon. Call Tricia Jewitt, ACS, to register, 410-278-7474. Topics will include financial planning, relocation planning, pay and entitlements, exceptional family member concerns and more.

Meet The Arc

The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region is holding open house to provide the public with information regarding The Arc's mission and vision, including a testimonial from an individual or family benefiting from their services. The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region assists people with developmental disabilities identify and pursue personally-valued lives. Attend an open house for one-hour Oct. 9 at 5:45 p.m., Oct. 10 at 7:45 a.m. or Oct. 10 at noon.

For more information, call Elaine Orbino, 410-879-6785, ext. 350, fax to 410-893-3909 or visit the Web site <http://www.arcncr.org>.

PWOC bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel offers bible studies twice a week. Join the PWOC for some fun and fellowship. On Mondays, 7 p.m., Living Beyond Yourself, Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit, by Beth Moore will be the topic. On Tuesdays, 9 a.m., topics include Jesus, the One and Only, by Beth Moore and Intimacy with God, by Cynthia Heald, will be presented.

PWOC outreach project

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is collecting women and children's books to be donated to the Book Pantry at the Northeast Conference in Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 25 to 28. These donations will go to the Water Street Mission in Lancaster during the conference. The books do not have to be new, but should be in very good condition. A drop off box will be in the foyer of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Chapel. For more information, call Linda Ertwine, 410-273-6606.

Learn to enrich your relationships

Army Community Service will offer Enrich Your Relationships classes to present the techniques of building relationships -- learning respect, communication, understanding and listening skills. Day and evening classes are forming. For more information, call Marie Mastracco, ACS, 410-278-7474 or 7478.

Mentors needed one hour per week

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Maryland is beginning a program to work with the Aberdeen area public schools matching adult mentors with children in one-on-one friendships. Volunteers are asked to meet with their "Little" one for one hour per week, usually during lunchtime or after school on a set day throughout the school year. This provides a young person with a supportive adult friendship that helps him or her succeed.

For more information or to volunteer call Wendy Bohdel, 410-688-4985.

Hispanic Cultural Workshop

The Hispanic Employment Program Committee is sponsoring a Hispanic Cultural Workshop in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, Oct. 4 at 9 a.m. at the Edgewood Conference complex. Yolanda Maldonado, the Director of Hispanic Employment Program, Headquarters Department of the Army Equal Employment Opportunity Agency, will facilitate the Hispanic Culture Workshop.

The Aberdeen High School Latin Dancers will perform Merengue and Mambo dancing immediately following the workshop. The Latin Dancers have agreed to give dance lessons after their performance. The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will have a Latin Combo playing from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. during which Latin food will be available to sample.

Maldonado will provide career counseling to anyone interested. The career counseling is by appointment only between 1:30 and 3 p.m. There will also be a Latin countries' display to view at your leisure. Anyone with items from a Latin country is welcome to display their country's articles.

If you wish to register for any of the above activities, or require special needs, contact Cindy Sepulveda at 410-278-1131 or Joanne Holloway at 410-436-3628. Everyone is invited.

TRICARE for Life briefings

Kirk US Army Health Clinic will hold briefings on "TRICARE for Life" for beneficiaries 65 and over at the Post Theater, Sept. 25, 6 to 8 p.m.

An additional briefing will be held at the Edgewood Conference Center Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to noon.

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HONORING THE FLAG



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, left, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, accepts the American flag from the U. S. Air Force Detachment Commander Maj. Curtis Schmucker after the retreat ceremony honoring the U.S. Air Force birthday on Sept. 18. Led by Tech. Sgt. Darren Cashen, airmen from the detachment performed the 5 p.m. retreat and presentation ceremony.

APG sends respirators to ground zero

By Marguerite Towson

APG News

Call it fate or a quirk of circumstance, but an inventory of excess respirators and filters stored in the Aberdeen Area was in progress by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Installation Safety Division shortly before the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

Collected from organizations on post, 679 respirators and 3,500 filters were found to be old but still serviceable and just tucked away in storage.

"Joe Pedone, our respirator custodian, didn't know what to do with all the excess respirators," said Richard Albins, safety and occupational health manager. "Then it occurred to him after watching the cleanup efforts in New York on television that rescuers could use them. I thought it was a great idea. We just had to figure out a way to get them up there."

Albins contacted the Harford County Emergency Management Office and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, but in the meantime an e-mail was received from the Army National Guard Aviation and Safety Division alerting Guard personnel to the hazards in the rescue area.

The e-mail stated that personnel involved in clean-up or rescue operations at the Pentagon, the World Trade Center and other sites are at significant risk of exposure to asbestos fibers and crystalline silica contained in the building debris.

The respirators were just what were needed since Occupational Safety and Health Act guidelines specifically state that personnel will equip themselves with some type of respirators when working in these conditions.

By contacting the National Guard Bureau via e-mail, Albins was put in touch via conference call with Shirley Chapman, an industrial hygienist with the Havre de Grace National Guard Bureau.

"I knew from talking to people at ground zero and also through reports on television that they needed respirators," said Shirley Chapman. "I also knew that they needed cartridges because there is so much dust that they get overloaded quickly and it blocks the pores of the filters. They need to be changed often."

Chapman was enthusiastic and wanted to pick up the respirators right away, but the inventory had to be completed. Installation Safety Division employees completed the inventory on Saturday so Chapman could pick up the respirators and deliver them to rescue workers.

The respirators were shipped from a staging area in New Jersey to New York by helicopter on the following Sunday afternoon.

According to Chapman, the New Jersey Emergency Management Agency at ground zero told her "the workers were so desperate, I wish we had these yesterday," and "anything you can get me, please get it to me as soon as you can."



Photos by RUFUS ZACKERY

Members of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment take a break from loading respirators which are heading to New York City for use by the firefighters and rescue workers. Pictured from left, top to bottom are Directorate of Public Works Asbestos Abatement Team members Mike Johnson, Fred Stelmack, Clifton Wilmot, Joe Pedone, Safety Office respirator custodian, and Eddie Williams, DPW Asbestos Abatement Team. Rufus Zackery, not pictured, also assisted.

Renovation program reduced casualties

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

The number of casualties at the Pentagon could have been higher after the "attack on America," but structural changes made in a newly renovated area, where the jetliner crashed, provided protection.

The structural changes made to the renovated area were steel beams that ran through all five floors of the Pentagon, said Lee Evey, Pentagon renovation program manager. The beams strengthened the walls around the newly installed blast resistant windows, he said.

Then there was the Kevlar-like cloth, made up of the same material as bulletproof vests, which prevented debris from becoming shrapnel, Evey added.

"This was a terrible tragedy, ... but if we had not undergone the effort to make these changes, the outcome could've been a lot worse," Evey said.

About 14 structural changes are being made to the Pentagon to increase safety for its military workforce. One change that has already been completed is building a remote delivery facility to prevent delivery trucks from backing up to the Pentagon's front door.

The metro bus and train service entrance is also in the process of being moved farther away from the Pentagon. Evey said his office was criticized when they suggested the move.

A contract for \$758 million was issued to complete the renovation project in the Pentagon, Evey said. The contract also includes repairs to areas with water and smoke damage, that occurred when flames from the crash continuously burned through the

night and into the morning, he said.

However, the contract does not include the cost to repair the wing that collapsed after the attack and inflation hikes, he said.

The 11-year renovation contract will cover 4 million square feet of building space, and the improvements will keep the Pentagon operational for the next 50 years, Evey said. A date was not given when the contractors would start the project, but Evey said work should begin within the next few weeks.

The monetary amount of damage to the collapsed wing is unknown. Evey said he has not been able to review the area because of ongoing recovery efforts.

Rescue teams are working in corridors four and five, and rings E, D and the inner part of C, where the nose of jetliner landed. The Pentagon is made up of five floors, 10 corridors and rings A through E.

The renovation project in the area that was hit by the jetliner was just days away from completion, and 5,000 employees had already begun occupying office space. However, most of the offices were empty.

Once the rebuilding of the Pentagon resumes there will be a shortage of space, and personnel will be moved to offices in Virginia counties on the outskirts of the Pentagon, Evey said.

About 1 million square feet of office space was being leased already to accommodate personnel during the first phase of the renovation project, Evey said. Since the attack, 800,000 more square feet has been leased and additional space could be acquired if they need it, he added.

Pentagon open for business

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs and Master Sgt. Jon Connor

Army News Service

Approximately 10,000 personnel walked through the corridors of the Pentagon a day after what some are referring to as 9-1-1, the day terrorists crashed a jetliner into a wing at the Pentagon.

It was supposed to be "business as usual" Sept. 12, as directed by Donald Rumsfeld, secretary of defense, but it was anything but just another day for the individuals who have no offices to report to, who are serving as guards or going through debris.

FOX television news reported that personnel were evacuating the Pentagon Wednesday (Sept. 12) at noon, which triggered employees to exit the building. Shortly afterward, Pentagon guards stated it was a false alert but instructed individuals who were not essential personnel to go home.

One soldier who stands guard in the Pentagon to prevent people from walking

in areas that have been damaged as a result of Sept. 11's terrorist attack, said even though he has been to Washington, D.C., numerous times, this was the first time for him at the Pentagon.

Sgt. Brian Whitman, 200th Military Police Company, 115th Battalion, Salisbury, Md., is serving as a guard. Whitman's unit got the activation call soon after the attack. About 40-50 soldiers from his company were sent to the Pentagon to serve as security guards in the Pentagon hallways.

A day after the attack, Pentagon hallways were full of guards and a strong smell of smoke, but the usually familiar sounds of small talk and shuffling feet were not there.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon's DiLorenzo TRICARE Health Clinic continues to treat personnel. Army Maj. Lorie Brown, chief nurse at the clinic, said personnel did not hear nor feel the commercial jet crash into the Pentagon.

The clinic is located opposite of the crash site in corridors three and four.

"We had no physical impact," Brown said. "We didn't know it happened until patients started arriving at the doors. Immediately following this, the clinic implemented its mass casualty plan."

Within a short time, it was apparent that there were a large number of casualties, Brown said. Soon afterward, doctors, nurses and emergency medical technicians not affiliated with the Pentagon began showing up at the clinic to volunteer their services.

The volunteers were given blue-colored medical vests to give them the same access status to casualties as clinic personnel, Brown said. Most of the casualties that needed more treatment were taken to nearby Arlington Hospital. For at least the next two hours, things were quite hectic as clinic personnel and volunteers scrambled to treat those wounded from the jetliner crash, Brown said.

Treatment continued at the clinic Sept. 12 as firefighters, Pentagon workers and others sought treatment for minor-related injuries from recovery efforts.

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MCSC membership has its rewards

By Beth Roussel

Military and Civilian Spouses' Club

We all know that higher education costs are escalating - a four-year degree currently rings in anywhere from \$50,000 to \$180,000. That fact hits especially close to home if you are currently paying tuition and book fees for your child, your spouse or even yourself. If college costs are an issue for you and your family, information on scholarships and grants is equally important.

Some education-expense relief is available within our own community. Last year, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Military And Civilian Spouses' Club awarded \$2,500 in scholarships to three local recipients. The club also awarded \$3,800 in welfare grants to military and local organizations. MCSC raised funds for scholarships and welfare requests through a variety of programs, including the Americana quilt raffle, the 5-K Hospitality Run, sales of its popular apple pies and other fundraising ventures. This year's events will include a newly published cookbook, "Aberdeen Proving Gourmets," the holiday Tour of Homes, the 5-K run and apple pie sales, in addition to several other events.

This year, however, the MCSC board decided to make scholarship eligibility one of the rewards of membership. During the September board meeting MCSC's bylaws were amended to make the club's annual scholarships open to members or their immediate families only.

"I am pleased that the Military and Civilian Spouses' Club has chosen to take this action regarding our scholarship recipients," said Julie Koob, president of MCSC. "By making our scholarships available only to club members and their immediate family members, we

have found a wonderful way to reward the members of our club who volunteer their time to benefit APG and the local communities."

MCSC membership is open to all spouses (or surviving spouses) and members of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty or retired, spouses or surviving spouses of Department of Defense civilian employees and DOD civilians. The club's purpose is simple - to provide a support system for MCSC members, develop leadership, create a sense of unity within the military community, broaden and enrich the lives of its members and promote the relationship between the military and surrounding civilian communities.

The club will host a Membership Registration and Welcome Coffee at 10 Plumb Point Loop, APG, 12:30 to 2 p.m., Sept. 25. All interested members of the community are encouraged to stop by for refreshments and to meet current members, as well as area vendors and representatives from local businesses.

In addition to fundraising activities, MCSC also offers a variety of regularly scheduled programs, including a book club, a bunco group, a gourmet group, walking and play groups, and tours of local attractions. The club also hosts monthly membership functions, which range from daytime luncheons to evening events, like the Oktoberfest and wine tasting.

In the event of inclement weather on Sept. 25, the Membership Registration and Welcome Coffee will be held at 1 Plumb Point Loop.

For more information about MCSC, call Julie Koob, 410-297-6630, or Amy Peterson, 410-273-5961.

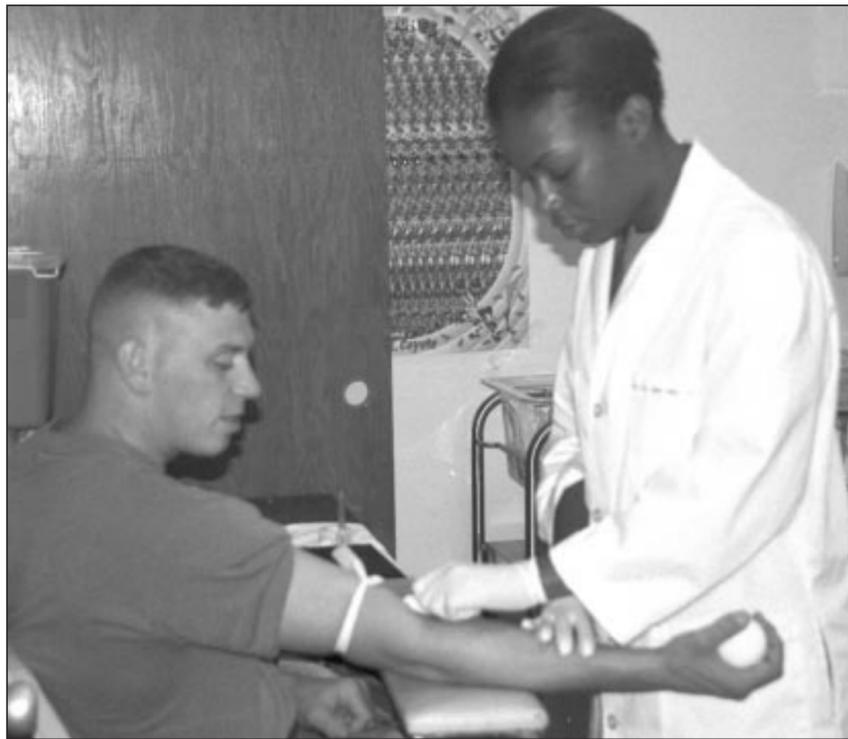


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Spc. Krista MacBayne, a laboratory technician at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, extracts a blood sample from Spc. Derryl Herman, a hygienist at the installation dental facility. MacBayne accepted a Green to Gold scholarship and will attend Howard University. Upon graduation, she will be an Army officer.

Lab technician enters Army Green to Gold program

By Sheila Little

APG News

When Krista MacBayne joined the Army right out of high school, she had her eye on the educational opportunities available in the Army. Now, nearly five years later, Jamaica-born MacBayne has earned an associate's degree in clinical laboratory services from George Washington University, courtesy of Uncle Sam, and is putting her active service on hold to pursue a degree in biology at Howard University.

Entering Howard University as a biology major, and armed with an associates degree and a 3.8 grade point average, the 22 year-old specialist is taking another step toward becoming a physician by attending the Washington, D.C.-based university and participating in the Reserve Officer's Training Corps. Upon graduation, MacBayne will re-enter active military service as an officer.

Accepted in the Green to Gold program, MacBayne found out about the opportunity to receive further support for her educational pursuits in exchange for military service at the Aberdeen Proving Ground College Fair. The fair is held each August to advise high school students and soldiers about educational opportunities.

Last year MacBayne attended the fair with the thought of looking into a physician assistant program, but left thinking about practicing medicine as a physician.

"They did everything they could to encourage and help me," MacBayne said of the education center staff.

Considering ways to finance college, medical school and the additional years of education required, education representatives and colleagues suggested the Green to Gold program.

"She asked me if I had any information on the program," said 1st Lt. Jennifer Gerald, the KUSAHC TRICARE representative. "I knew she had the potential to be an Army officer and there was no doubt in my mind that she would

be accepted into the program."

After securing admission to a university, according to MacBayne, with "a strong biology department and a medical school," she applied to Green to Gold and received a three-year scholarship.

"She achieved her dream," Gerald added. "She was accepted into the ROTC program at Howard, an elite, historical Black college and university."

MacBayne will attend school full-time and participate in the ROTC while she completes her schooling. Once she returns to active duty, she will be an officer.

"The whole experience from application to acceptance has taught me to keep on pushing," she said.

MacBayne, who has worked in the laboratory of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic for the last year and a half, said supervisors and co-workers have been united in their support for her endeavors.

She gives credit to her co-workers at KUSAHC for encouraging and helping her throughout the process.

"The whole Kirk atmosphere is a very caring atmosphere," MacBayne said. "All of the lab staff and civilians have been very supportive, and the physicians have been helpful coming through with recommendations," she added.

MacBayne has received one particular gift that will be of great use three years from now.

"I gave her second lieutenant bars to pin on at the commissioning ceremony following her graduation from Howard University," Gerald said.

To compete for a Green to Gold scholarship, you must be accepted as a full-time college or university student, and be enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

For more information on the Army's Green to Gold program, visit the ROTC Website www.usarotc.com.

Update on Pentagon donations

Courtesy of U.S. Department of Defense

The Department of Defense suggests that anyone considering making a donation contact one or more of the organizations listed below:

- Army Emergency Relief Society Pentagon Victims Fund, 703-325-0463, www.aerhq.org
- Navy & Marine Corps Relief Society Pentagon Assistance Fund, 703-696-4904, www.nmcrs.org
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Fund, 303-933-7580, www.feea.org

Additional information regarding donations may be obtained from the Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.fema.gov/nwz01/nwz01_103.htm

The Department of Defense asks that anyone wishing to make a donation not call the toll free number of the Pentagon Family Assistance Center. That number is reserved for families.

Hotline established for Pentagon info

The Army has established a hotline to ensure accountability of its soldiers, civilians and contractors who work in the Pentagon. Family members and friends of Army personnel at the Pentagon are also encouraged to call the line for information. The hotline numbers are 703-428-0002 or 1-800-984-8523.



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Message from Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White

My fellow field soldiers all over the Army, from Kosovo to Korea, wherever you may be happening to pull your duty, as you all know by now, our nation, this department and the United States Army was attacked Sept. 11.

I want you to know that we have survived that attack. That attack has made us stronger and we are now engaged in what our president has called the first war of the 21st century. We will win that war.

Now the war is not going to be won in a single day, or a single raid or a single event. We are engaged in a campaign against a cowardly enemy. And it will take us a while to root him out. But let there be no question about our resolve, our discipline, our professionalism, our tenacity; and in the end, the result of that war.

It started at a point of time dictated by the enemy. It will end in a point of time — as the president has said — of our choosing.

It won't be easy. But few things that are truly worth doing ever are. This is our challenge: to preserve the freedoms that make America what Abraham Lincoln called the "last best hope on earth." And I can assure that the civilized people in countries of the world have united in support of our cause.

You and I, the American soldier and the veteran, now carry the hopes of the American people on our shoulders. I know that you will do your duty. I have every confidence in that, as does the Secretary (of Defense), the Chief, and the President of the United States.

America expects no less of you and I, and we can do no more. And always know that wherever you are, your nation stands behind you with absolutely solid support.

The Chief, General Shinseki and I, extend our condolences, and ask God's tender mercies on our foreign comrades and their loved ones.

We have 74 people unaccounted for in our headquarters. We will mourn them and we will shed our tears. They are part of our family. But once that's finished, we will go forward, with anger and with purpose in our hearts, to see this campaign through to the end.

Tuesday, Sept. 11 has already been described as the darkest day in American history. I say to our adversaries, be very, very careful, for you are going to experience the finest hours of the United States Army as we prosecute this campaign against you.

God bless you, God bless the Army. God bless our great nation.

Opinions

Americans unite in the aftermath of tragedy



By Sheila Little
APG News

I'm proud to be an American and am thrilled to see the signs that so many others feel the same. I suppose being patriotic is to be expected if you live on or near a military post, but over the last few days I've seen plenty of signs of patriotism and returning to prayer throughout the country.

I find it ironic that last Tuesday, as I watched the 7 a.m. news on television, I thought there was little hope that our political parties would ever get along and agree on anything. I feel the party leaders set the tone for the rest of us, and I watched in disgust as representatives from each party blamed the other for the state of our economy. I've seen the polls declaring a divided nation, and felt that the wounds from last

year's tight presidential election would never heal.

Then tragedy struck. I watched in horror and disbelief as planes crashed and buildings collapsed. Thousands of Americans lost their lives in a day of horror attributed to terrorists. In just a few moments lives were changed forever, and the American people did what they do best, they united as one. On what I think will be recognized as the dawning of a new day for all Americans, elected officials from across the country, from opposing political parties, declared their support for the President, and stood together on the steps of the Capitol and sang 'God Bless America.'

Across the nation, across racial and ethnic barriers, across all types of divisions, people offered prayers for the

victims and their families, stood in line for hours to give blood, and offered food, shelter and a helping hand to others who, just hours before, were strangers.

By Wednesday morning, American flags were flying not only on military installations, but over businesses, outside homes, and on cars. 'Pray for America,' appeared on signs in front of churches, on the windows of businesses and in the yards of family homes.

In yet another example of unity, churches, synagogues and other houses of worship opened their doors to crowds of Americans remembering the victims and their families, and praying for our nation and its future.

I feel blessed by the responses I've seen over the past week. I find the display of patriotism personally uplifting,

and am reassured that our country is reaching out, and reaching up. Returning to God, our true founding father, has got to be a sign of great hope for us.

I imagine that the terrorists are a bit confused at our nation's reaction, but they're at a great disadvantage. They aren't Americans.

We have a lot to be thankful for in this country, and our response to the senseless violence of last week is probably not understood by those who choose to be our enemies. Our nation, made up of different races, ethnic and religious groups from throughout the world, is united. We are united in name and in deed. No terrorist, no matter how cunning and vicious, will ever take that away.

Reemployment Rights Act addresses job security for the deployed

By Capt. Phyllis Brown
OSJA

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, or USERRA, ensures that members of the uniformed services do not lose their jobs or employment benefits based on their military service. USERRA also protects the right of veterans, reservists, National Guard members, and certain other members of the uniformed services to reclaim their civilian employment after being absent due to military service or training.

A person who leaves a civilian job voluntarily or involuntarily for the purpose of performing service in the uniformed services is entitled to return to his or her job if the following eligibility criteria of USERRA are met:

- The individual's job is permanent, as opposed to temporary. USERRA protects all permanent jobs with the state government, all branches of the federal government, and private employers.

- The individual notifies the employer orally or in writing of his upcoming military service before leaving for active duty.

- The individual is away from the civilian job for no more than a five-year cumulative period. Periodic and special Reserve and National Guard training, service during war or national emergencies, and service lasting longer than five years in first tour of duty do not count toward the five-year period and are protected by USERRA.

- The individual's time of service whether in the reserve component or on active duty is characterized as, honorable or general upon discharge.

- The individual returns to work promptly. If the individual performs military service 1 to 30 days, he is required to return to the first shift that begins after safe travel from his duty station plus eight hours to rest. If the individual performs military service for 31 to 180 days, he must submit a written application for reemployment within 14 days after completing military service. If the individual performs military service for 181 days or more, he is required to submit the application within 90 days. The application need only indicate that the individual worked there before, is returning from military service, and requests reemployment pursuant to USERRA. The request for reemployment is not required to be in writing, but it's a good idea to do so. Applications for reemployment cannot be denied based on the individual's military service.

If eligible, USERRA provides the following protections:

- Upon the employee's request, health insurance from the civilian job is provided for the employee and his family during service for up to 30 days at the normal cost. This is important because TRICARE does not cover family members for tours lasting 30 days or less; however, TRICARE does cover family members for tours lasting 31 days or more. The employee can

receive up to 18 months of coverage from the employer's health plan, but the employer can pass on the full cost, including the company's share, to the employee.

- The individual's position is reinstated immediately if he is away 30 days or less; however, after longer periods of service, the individual is reinstated within a few days.

- The individual's status and seniority is protected during military service. Therefore, the individual receives the same raises and promotions as his peers while he is away.

- The individual is entitled to training on updated equipment and techniques once he returns. Also, the employer is required by law to accommodate any service-connected disability.

- The individual is protected against discharge other than for cause. If the individual is fired within a protected period, which varies depending upon the length of time he is away, the employer must prove the firing was not due to military service.

- The individual and his family are entitled to immediate reinstatement of health benefits without waiting periods and exclusions for pre-existing conditions, other than for VA-determined service-connected conditions, once the

individual returns to the civilian job.

- USERRA prohibits discrimination based on military service or military service obligation.

- While USERRA guarantees certain protections, the individual may have additional rights and protections under state law, contract, or collective bargaining agreements. Under the United States Code, Title 38, sections 4301-33, USERRA affords individuals the right to sue employers in federal court for wrongful termination. If the lawsuit is successful, the individual may recover court costs and reasonable attorney's fees from the employer.

Any questions regarding the enforcement of USERRA should be directed to the U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service at 202-219-9105, or visit the VETS Website at <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>; or the U.S. Department of Defense National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, 1-800-336-4590.

If you are a Reservist or in the National Guard and are currently on active duty orders more than 30 days, you may be eligible to seek advice from the U.S. Army Garrison Legal Assistance Office. Call the Legal Assistance

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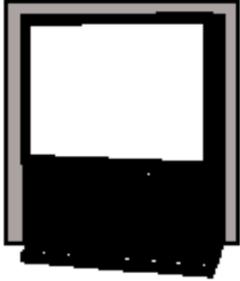
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Community Notes

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22

ANNUAL VA PATIENTS CARNIVAL

Members of the Weedon-Elliott Ladies' Auxiliary VFW #8126, 300 Lodge Lane, Havre de Grace, are reminded to contact Bernice Shimizu, 410-272-4020 if they can help at the annual Perry Point Veterans Administration Medical Center's Patients Carnival.

FLEA MARKET, BAKE SALE

There will be a Flea Market and Bake Sale at the Aberdeen Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 10028 starting at 8 a.m. Rent for tables is \$10 and must be pre-paid by Sept. 19. Rain or shine — event will be held indoors. Hot dogs and sodas will be available.

For more information call 410-272-1218 or 410-893-5192.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22

WHAT'S COOKING AT PWOC

The Protestant Women of the Chapel Fall Kick Off will host a "What's Cooking at PWOC" program, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your favorite salad. For more information, call Karen Black, 410-273-9299.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24

KOREAN VETERANS FORM CHAPTER

Aberdeen American Legion Post 128 is hosting a new Korean War veterans chapter formation meeting 7 p.m. at the legion hall, 15 Parke Avenue, Aberdeen. Korean War veterans and their wives are invited to attend. Annual dues for the new chapter are \$10.

For more information, contact Nick Guerra, 410-272-0458.

SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Office will hold a Spouse Support Group meeting, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Training Room, Army Community Service, building 2754, Rodman Road. Families whose sponsors are on extended temporary duty travel or an unaccompanied tour stateside or overseas will have an opportunity to meet others in similar circumstances and provide support for the unique problems involved in this type of tour. To respond, call by Sept. 20. For more information, call Marilyn Howard or Cheryl Harris at the ACS Relocation Assistance Office, 410-278-7474/3137.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25

MCSC HOLDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will host a Membership Registration and Welcome Coffee at 10 Plumb Point Loop, Aberdeen Proving Ground, 12:30 to 2 p.m. All interested community members are encouraged to stop by for refreshments and to meet current MCSC members.

MCSC offers a variety of regularly scheduled programs, including a book club, a Bunco group, tours of local attractions and various fundraising programs. The club's monthly membership functions range from daytime luncheons to popular evening events like the Oktoberfest and Wine Tasting.

In the event of inclement weather, the Membership Registration and Welcome Coffee will move to 1 Plumb Point Loop.

For more information about MCSC, call Julie Koob, 410-297-6630, or Amy Peterson, 410-273-5961.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27

RAB MEETING

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting from 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics include updates on the Lauderick Creek Chemical Warfare Materiel Removal Action and the Western boundary area. Board meetings are open to the public. All APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information call 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28

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 will be 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.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29

TEA PARTY

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a Tea Party at the Hays House, 324 S. Kenmore Avenue in Bel Air, Sept. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. Presentations will be given on the history of tea and language of the fan. Touring of the museum is welcomed and questions will be answered by costumed docents. Custom blended teas, iced tea punch, pastries, scones and finger sandwiches are included. The price per person is \$14.00.

Please contact Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771 for reservations.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3

LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Weedon-Elliott Ladies Auxiliary VFW No. 8126, 300 Lodge Lane, Havre de Grace, will hold their monthly membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6

WACVA MONTHLY MEETING

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will meet 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen

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

For more information about the association, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040

MONDAY OCTOBER 8

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Unit 47 to the Joseph L. Davis American Legion 47, 501 St. John Street, will hold a monthly membership meeting at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 9

VFW MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Weedon-Elliott VFW No. 8126, 300 Lodge Lane, Havre de Grace, will hold a monthly membership meeting at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10

EA OWC WELCOME COFFEE

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club is holding a free welcome coffee to greet members for the new year at the Gunpowder Club, building E-4650, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are not necessary. Those eligible for membership in the EA-OWC include military officers and spouses, active and retired, government employees of GS-7 and above, and American Red Cross personnel.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 13

DELTA CARDIFF HOLDS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Fifth Annual Delta Cardiff Heritage Festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Main Street and Pendyrus Street, Delta, Pa., at the Peach Bottom Community Center and the Rehoboth Welsh Chapel. The theme for this year's festival is "Saluting our Service Men and Women, Honoring our Civilians."

Admission to the festival is a non-perishable food, personal care or household item (commercially packaged foods, soups, toothpaste, toothbrushes, detergent, shampoo, etc.). All admission proceeds will be donated to the Mason-Dixon Food Locker.

Activities include breakfast at Trinity AME Zion Church, located across the street from Rehoboth Welsh Chapel; demonstrations of slate splitting and welsh dancing; various singing groups; and exhibits by local organizations, churches and businesses, games, face painting, a petting zoo, a silent auction and more. The Old Line Museum also will have a large display.

No alcoholic beverages or weapons are allowed on the premises for this event.

For more information, call Don and Ruth Ann Robinson, 717-456-7124, Nancy L. Smith, 717-456-5580, or David Glenn, 717-862-3538.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 18

DINNER TO HONOR KOREAN VETERANS

The Korean War Commemoration Committee is holding a dinner honoring living and deceased Korean War veterans at 6 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, I-95 and Route 24 in Edgewood. Maj. Gen. Jin Ha Hwang, Republic of Korea military attaché, will present ROK service medals to those who submit a DD Form 214 by Sept. 25. The guest speaker will be retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running. Music will be provided by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own). Tickets cost \$27 per person and should be purchased by Oct. 15. Checks payable to Town of Bel Air, should be sent to 39 Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014.

For more information, contact Ray Astor at 410-939-1369 or Blair Cross at 410-893-8145.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20

POTOMAC MILLS SHOPPING

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to the Potomac Mills Mall in Virginia on Oct. 20. This mall features 220 stores, offering discounts up to 70 percent on favorite name brand merchandise. Potomac Mills also features a 15-theater movie cinema, 25 eateries and several restaurants. Get a head start on holiday shopping!

The price is \$20 per person for charter bus transportation. Call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603 or 4771 for reservations.

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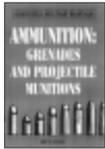
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The Post Library has military history books for your reading pleasure. Visit either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out the selections.

Ammunition: Small Arms, Grenades, and Projected Munitions by Ian V. Hogg



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Delta, America's Elite Counterterrorist Force by Terry Griswold



A Few Good Men: The Story of the Fighting Fifth Marines by Ronald J. Brown

Gatling Gun: 19th Century Machine Gun to 21st Century Vulcan by Joseph Berk

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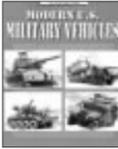


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Old Guard soldier finds Old glory in debris

By Master Sgt. Jon Connor
Army News Service

Amid the rubble, lost lives and broken dreams, a soldier from the Army's Old Guard found an American flag unscathed late Friday morning in the Pentagon.

For Pvt. 1 Justin Malonson, it was a proud moment to be a soldier and an American.

"I couldn't be more happier to lend a hand or help out," said the 20-year-old infantryman of 1st Platoon, 1st Battalion, and 3rd U.S. Infantry.

Soldiers from The Old Guard have been tasked to conduct casualty retrieval operations and internal security in the Pentagon, among other missions, since after a hijacked American Airlines Boeing 757 slammed into the Pentagon's west side at 9:38 a.m. Sept. 11 shortly after two airliners crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City.

The flag was found under two feet of debris near four dead bodies, Malonson said. The flag was described to be in "pristine" condition and has since been folded. Malonson said he was extremely proud to find Old Glory symbolically alive and well among so much destruction.

"It was just God's grace," he said. "We took a hit but America will overcome."

Staff Sgt. Stefan Still, 23, a squad leader within 1st Platoon, said The Old Guard soldiers, known for their ceremonial activities, have been performing quite well considering the conditions they now find themselves in.

"I'm very impressed with them," Still said. "They're looking at stuff that no one their age should ever have to look at."

"The routine is gone," Still said. "The Old Guard has shifted all its missions to this."

Casualty retrieval will continue indefinitely, Still said. "There's no way of knowing when that mission will be over," adding that "it's going to take awhile."

"It's just amazing and beyond comprehension that somebody could do something like this," the five-year veteran said of the terrorist attacks.

Two other soldiers staying busy at the Pentagon's search and recovery site were Spc. Suzanne Jenkins and Sgt. Latashia Kuhl who

work in the field of behavioral science. Their mission is to mentally prepare The Old Guard soldiers before going in to conduct casualty retrieval, and to bring mental stability back to them upon exiting it.

Jenkins and Kuhl are part of four-to-five person teams who try to bring normalcy to a nightmarish situation.

"They want to do their job," said Kuhl of Fort Belvoir, Va.'s Dewitt Community Hospital. "Most importantly, we try to feed them information to prepare them mentally."

Kuhl said it was important to help the soldiers maintain a "positive attitude" considering the adverse conditions Old Guard soldiers must endure.

Jenkins, who normally works at nearby Fort Myer's Andrew Rader U.S. Army Health Clinic, described retrieval conditions as hot, dark, and wet.

"We gather information and spread it to the (casualty retrieval) soldiers," Jenkins said. The goal is to "make them feel normal" again, she said.

While the gruesome mission of recovering bodies must go on, one Old Guard senior non-commissioned officer said the soldiers just want to keep searching.

"The guys don't feel like they're doing enough," said Sgt. 1st Class Alan Marinoff, platoon sergeant of 3rd Platoon, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment. Like many of his soldiers, Marinoff has not slept at home since the attack, but instead is staying in barracks at Fort Myer.

Some of the other missions The Old Guard performs, like internal security within the Pentagon, may not seem exciting, but are definitely needed, he said.

"It ain't sexy, but it's important," Marinoff said. "I've never been more proud of soldiers. These guys are incredible."

As anyone who has watched television coverage of the retrieval operations at the Pentagon knows, it is not an around-the-clock type of mission. It is one that is characterized by intense searching and then followed by periods of waiting as safety officials assess the structural situation.

"The worst part is waiting for something to do," Marinoff said.

Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON



Capt. Christopher Metz, Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, joins the congregation in singing "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" during the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance Ceremony.



Dr. Carmen Arroyo, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense, joins in the singing of the hymn "It Is Well With My Soul" during the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance Ceremony in the Edgewood Area Chapel on Sept. 14.

Military.com mobilizes resources for the military community

Courtesy of Military.com

To keep the military community informed and connected in light of the tragic Sept. 11 events, Military.com has posted emergency resources to support active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard members and families.

Military.com is the online presence of Military Advantage, a company founded by members of the military community to connect the military community to all the benefits of service, including education, VA Home Loans, relocation services, discount travel and civilian jobs for veterans and retirees.

Military.com offers emer-

gency phone numbers, information on Federal Emergency Management and Red Cross initiatives, and links to official sources.

Also included is coverage of the events, an "attack" map of the hijackings, public information on mobilization and deployment, debates about the identity of the perpetrators, profiles of known terrorists, counter-terrorism resources and America's response to date.

For more information, contact Anne Dwane, vice president of Military.com at anne@military.com, 415-505-5537 (cell), or 415-433-0999 ext. 404.

Funds established to aid victims, families

Army News Service

Two funds have been established to assist the Army victims and families directly affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the Pentagon and New York World Trade Center.

Contributions for Army victims of the Pentagon attack may be made to:

Pentagon Victim's Fund Army Emergency Relief, 200 Stovall Street Room 5N13, Alexandria, VA. 22332-0600, 703-428-0000. Make checks payable to: The Pentagon Victim's Fund

Contributions for civilians affected in either attack may be made to:

Federal Employees Education and Assistance-World Trade Center/Pentagon Fund, Suite 200, 8441 West Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO 80123-3245, 1-800-323-4140 or 202-708-4909. Make checks payable to: Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund.

Rumsfeld

From front page

And so, as we ask God's tender mercies on all those who have fallen, we ask also for His guidance and protection for all of us who remain to finish the task now before us.

I thank the same God for America's veterans — those of you who made us free and kept us free. I thank God for all you have done, and for all I know you will do again, to support peace and final victory.

God bless you, and God bless America.

Donald H. Rumsfeld

Unity

From front page

observance, Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, read the presidential proclamation, which reads in part, "We do not yet know the extent of our losses, but we know the strength of our resolve." A concluding statement adds, "This nation will prevail."

Lt. Col. Kenneth Kolenbrander, APG Garrison chaplain, said the observance was designed to assist individuals in coping with the tragedy, as they mourn the loss of thousands of innocent victims, pray for healing of the nation and guidance for the national leaders.

Beginning with the song "A Mighty Fortress is our God," the ecumenical program included contributions by the post chaplains, APG leadership, active duty soldiers, retirees, civilians and dependents.

Sgt. Brian Reilly of the 389th Army Band offered the Lord's Prayer and Taps on trumpet then accompanied those congregated in singing "God Bless America."

Sharon Hickey, a civilian who works at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, remained in an emotional state throughout the service.

"I take it personally, and feel kind of helpless, wanting to do something but not knowing what to do," she said. Hickey added that her six-year-old grandson drew a picture of the World Trade Center towers on fire and she realized that much of America has lost its innocence. America has been changed forever by this," she said.

Accompanying Hickey, co-worker Judy Wettig, said attending the noon prayer services was a way of showing unity. She described attendees as "congregation of one," and

was moved by the musical selections.

"I thought "A Mighty Fortress is Our God was most appropriate, a perfect selection," Wettig said. She added, "I held back the tears until he (Reilly) played Taps."

Also in the Aberdeen Area, Capt. Theiring Alexander, chaplain for the 16th Ordnance Battalion, organized a prayer vigil that took place at the same time services were going on across the nation.

Alexander noted that at least eight soldiers have close relatives and loved ones who are missing as a result of last week's terrorist action.

"The soldiers told me that they really needed this time of prayer together, being there for one another and being there for our nation," he said.

At the Edgewood Area Chapel, Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Estronza, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, greeted those assembled for the noon service, many attired in patriotic red, white and blue.

Led by Lt. Col. Larry Robinson, SBCCOM chaplain, the program consisted of prayers and scripture readings by Robinson and chaplains Maj. Michael Wallman, Lt. Col. Gregory Black and Capt. Shawn McCammon.

During the Call to Prayer, Wallman prayed for "peace for our hearts and minds," and asked God to "touch the lives of those devastated by this tragedy."

"Make strong our desire to continue to love and trust in You," he said.

McCammon sang "Sometimes He Comes in the Clouds" a song of faith through turmoil, and Black offered a pastoral prayer.

"In the midst of our pain, increase our faith that we might reach out to You in hope," Black said.

The congregation joined in, singing inspirational songs and offering individual prayers. Organizers of the ser-

vice agreed, the community needed the gathering as an outlet for the frustrations and pain they were feeling since the disaster.

"People want to do something to show their unity," Robinson said.

"Many didn't want to wait until Sunday," Wallman said.

Among the congregation was retired Col. Ira Dodd, a member of the EA chapel Protestant congregation. Dodd said he thought the service was "a good idea after the heartbreaking events of last Tuesday."

"Everyone needed to let it out," he said. "Truly, we all feel the same way."

"This was very much needed in the hearts and minds of a lot of people," added Staff Sgt. Keith Sharp, chaplain assistant. "Something like this hits the military community especially hard."

Black added that area chaplains would continue to respond to the spiritual needs of the community.

"We're here to serve the people," Black said.

Counseling available

Kolenbrander said the chapels are open everyday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., for those who wish to pray or talk to someone on the staff.

"There is a need for praying, for being together and grieving and consoling one another," he said. "We are here for anyone who feels overwhelmed or seeks guidance."

The chaplain said counseling is available, and an after duty hours roster is available for those seeking help around the clock.

In the Aberdeen Area, those wishing counseling can reach the chapel at 410-278-4333. The number for the Edgewood Chapel is 410-436-3344.

For those who feel they need additional help, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic operates the Behavioral Health Care Services. They can be reached at 410-278-1715.

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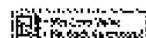
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CHPPM team evaluates Pentagon damage

By Evelyn B. Riley
CHPPM

Ten personnel from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine traveled to the Pentagon Sept. 12 to evaluate damage to occupied areas and characterize the potential risks to Department of Defense personnel after the impact of a Boeing 757 in the west side of the Pentagon between Corridors 4 and 5, affecting E, D and C rings.

A health physics officer evaluated the area around the aircraft impact site and inside the Pentagon for evidence of radiological contamination. Direct reading instrumentation was used to assess alpha, beta, and gamma radiation. The specific area surveyed included the interior of the Pentagon from Corridor 3, on all floors, to Corridor 2 and 1, and around the interior of the Pentagon north to Corridors 10, 9, 8, and 7, Rings A-E. The survey extended to the court-

yard and in the outside area immediately adjacent to the aircraft impact location (i.e. the west side of the Pentagon). No radiation was detected beyond normal background readings.

USACHPPM personnel are coordinating with Pentagon industrial hygiene and safety staff to perform industrial hygiene sampling. Plans are being made to coordinate indoor air monitoring for safety/re-entry throughout the occupied areas of the Pentagon between a contractor and USACHPPM.

Air Force personnel from the Bioenvironmental Engineering Service, Andrews Air Force Base, 89th Medical Group, are assisting with air monitoring (organic and inorganic contaminants) and in the assessment of the areas around Corridor 1, Levels 1-5, Rings A-E, and the main cafeteria.

No organic compounds were detected during a walk through of the area surrounding

Corridors 3 (open area) and 2 where direct reading instruments evaluated the presence of organic compounds.

A separate survey was conducted for indoor air quality in Corridor 2, Ring A, Levels 2-5, measuring carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, relative humidity and temperature. All results were within normal/acceptable parameters in Ring A, Corridor 2, Levels 2-5. Corridors 1 and 2, Ring A, Levels 2-5 were also evaluated; no organics were detected. Monitoring devices were set up to monitor for more extensive evaluation near Corridor 2, Levels 2-5, near Ring A.

The second and fifth floor houses the majority of the air handling devices. The majority of the fresh air intakes are located on the Pentagon roof. A visual inspection was performed at a number of air returns and exhaust vents and there was evidence of soot along the hallways of the fifth floor, Corridors 7 through 9, Rings

A-E. Levels of carbon monoxide were detected at Corridor 2, Ring A (outside the mechanical room) at three parts per million (well below established health based guidelines). Communication with the Safety and Utilities staff is ongoing to ensure that the air handling system is cleaned, filters replaced and complete maintenance performed as a matter of priority.

The area immediately surrounding the aircraft impact area (Corridors 4, 5, and parts of Corridors 2 and 6) is under the direct control of the FBI. USACHPPM personnel are coordinating with the FBI Hazardous Material Response Unit.

Additional sampling continues in the current mission of evaluating the potential occupational and environmental health threats and risks in the damaged areas of the Pentagon. CHPPM will continue to update as sampling results become available.

Employees can help disaster relief through 2001 CFC

By Wayne Doyel
CFC Chairperson

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign begins on Aberdeen Proving Ground Oct. 1 and ends Nov. 16. This year's goal is to increase participation and surpass the \$300,000 mark achieved last year.

For the past 40 years, CFC has been supported by the giving nature of patriotic Americans. President John F. Kennedy said it best, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."

All federal employees have the opportunity to contribute to national and local charities through their participation in CFC.

In the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks on our nation, many local, national, and international agencies can benefit from American thoughtfulness and generosity. A few dollars a month can help fulfill the needs in APG's Child and Youth Services, #3703, or Army Community Service, #7582. Or you may choose to help your country or the state. Whichever you choose, your dollars can help feed Maryland's hungry children or provide relief for Maryland families in need. Contributions can bolster research for killer diseases, provide food and water to third world countries, promote environmental protection and comfort the dying. CFC contributions can mean a better life and new hope for millions of people.

Organization and unit key personnel will begin soliciting contributions on Oct. 1. Those requiring further assistance may contact the CFC office in building 2477, the Red Cross building across from the Aberdeen Area chapel.

Contributors may designate their contributions to the relief efforts in New York and Washington D.C. Below is a list of organizations providing special relief funds and national charities involved in relief efforts. The listing, which appears in alphabetical order, was compiled by inviting all national CFC organizations to notify Office of Personnel Management of their involvement. For information about local charities involved in disaster relief efforts in Washington, D.C. and in New York, contact Beverly Lofton, CFC, National Capital Area, at 202/628-2263; or Harriet Grayson, CFC, New York City, at 212/251-4015.

For more information concerning the CFC campaign, contact Leroy Carter, vice chair, or Linda Queen, administrative assistant, at 410-278-9451/3292/3131.

CFC organizations involved in disaster relief efforts:

1401 Adventist Development & Relief Agency International
0437 America's Second Harvest

0700 American Red Cross
0333 AmeriCares
0416 Amnesty International of the USA
2022 Association of Gospel Rescue Missions
0848 Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, Inc.
2002 Baptist World Alliance
0874 Burchette, Connors, Ellington, Hereford, Lynch Memorial College Education Fund
2744 Children's Feeding Network
2026 Children's Food Fund/World Emergency Relief
0310 Church World Services/CROP
2032 Compassion International
1209 Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc.
2108 Disabled American Veterans Charitable Services Trust
1813 Dogs for Disabled Americans
2982 Drug Enforcement Administration Survivors Benefit Fund
2400 Educate America: Scholarship Fund for the Surviving Children of the Victims of Black Tuesday
2808 Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund
2052 Feed the Children
2044 Food for the Hungry
2838 Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind
2752 Healing the Children Northeast
2093 International Aid
0495 International Association of Fire Fighters Burn Foundation
0351 International Relief Teams
1146 Kids Peace Corporation
1215 Kiwanis International foundation
2809 Lions Club International Foundation
0335 Lutheran World Relief
2134 Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc.
0365 Mercy Corps International
2118 Military Chaplains Association
2849 Miracle Flight for Kids
2970 National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
0544 National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
1116 National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund
2113 National Military Family Association
2609 National Organization for Victim Assistance
2018 Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Inc.
0183 Postal Employees' Relief Fund
0465 Ronald McDonald House Charities
0338 The Salvation Army
0100 The September 11th Fund
0474 Shriner's Hospitals for Children
0352 United Methodist Committee on Relief
2025 World Concern (NY Relief)

Understanding threat conditions

By Sheila Little
APG News

Since the terrorist activities of last week, Aberdeen Proving Ground personnel have faced long lines at installation entrances and inconveniences associated with seeing to the safety of all who work or reside on post.

All who are a part of military installations need to be aware that upgrading force protection conditions, called FPCONS, is a vital part of protecting the installation. There are five Force Protection Condition levels.

As intelligence personnel are made aware of an increasing threat, the Force Protection Condition level moves from Normal to Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta. Commanders consider the threat level as a key element in determining entrance to their installations. As the threat level increases, procedures designed to protect the population increase.

"It is vital that all personnel be patient regarding potential delays and inconveniences," said Joe Kaffl, chief of the intelligence division, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security. Kaffl said several ways to reduce these delays are to remove excess items from vehicles, car pool if possible, and, once on the installation, reduce trips into and out of the post. Managers may also assist by staggering the work hours of their personnel.

As part of protecting APG, "all personnel should be prepared to stop at the gate anytime they are entering the installation and produce proper identification," Kaffl said.

A valid military or civilian identification, or

ID, card must be presented. Employees who do not have this type of ID must take immediate action to insure that they are issued one. They should slow down when approaching a gate, be advised that barriers may be in place, and allow time for a vehicle search, he added.

At the highest Force Protection Condition level, Delta, the most stringent access restrictions are in place.

"When Force Protection Condition level Delta is in place, only employees identified as essential should report to work," Kaffl said. The essential personnel determination is made by the employee's chain of command. All personnel should be aware of their status. If you do not know if you are considered essential personnel, ask your supervisor. Do not wait until the Force Protection Condition level changes to get an answer to this question.

Force Protection Condition measures include a wide range of security related activities other than just access control at the gates. Many of these measures are intentionally random in nature and designed to prevent an adversary from observing a pattern that they could use to circumvent these measures. Because of this, changes in procedures ranging from vehicle searches to vehicle stops may be seen. The randomness of these activities is intentional.

"Those living and working on the installation are advised to be cooperative and patient as threat levels change, and remember that all measures taken are for the protection of the installation," Kaffl said.

What you can do to fight terrorism

By Sheila Little
APG News

"The eyes and ears of the community are key to fighting terrorism in the nation, and at Aberdeen Proving Ground," said Joe Kaffl, chief of the intelligence division of the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security. "We are very dependent on the workforce to be alert and report any suspicious activity to the police desk. If you see or hear something that makes you suspicious, let us know. What you report may be important for the safety of the installation."

Just as important as reporting information is doing so in a timely manner. Do not delay if you have a valid report. Make it immediately.

Suspicious activity includes:

The theft of government identification cards, restricted area badges, firearms or explosives
An individual loitering, walking through or suspiciously observing government buildings, people or activities who has no valid reason to be in that area.

A stranger asking unusual, personal, or detailed questions regarding installation or other Army Materiel Command personnel, buildings or activities.

A person taking pictures or making sketches of personnel or buildings

An unusual, oversized or inappropriately parked vehicle, particularly in the vicinity of a large group of people, building or special event.

An abandoned parcel or suitcase

Someone not from your building placing material in a dumpster.

Suspicious, oversized or unusual mail. i.e. mail that you are not expecting is particularly suspect.

Phone calls requesting information regarding installation activities, such as those regarding security procedures. All calls should be referred to the Public Affairs Office and if suspicious to the Police Desk.

Signs, speeches or conversations which suggest violence toward established authority, leaders, or ethnic or political groups.

Persons emotionally expressing threats of violence toward individuals, groups or institutions.

Deadline is now for high school stabilization program

Courtesy of Army News Service

Soldiers who have high school seniors that will graduate in 2002 or 2003 should start talking to their assignment branch now if they wish to be stabilized for graduation, said personnel officials.

This stabilization program was first offered in April and hundreds of soldiers have already signed on.

"Don't wait until the last minute," said Sgt. 1st Class Angela Van Watson, who works at the Personnel Service Branch at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Watson was one of 378 soldiers who applied for the stabilization program in April. Of those, 354 were approved. The remainder are pending.

"Approximately 50 percent of the requests came from the sergeant first class rank. We did have command sergeants major through specialists apply as well," said Lt. Col. Patrick Sedlak, Enlisted Personnel Management Division, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

More than 130 officers have applied for the program. Of those, three were disapproved and nine are pending.

In the future, soldiers must submit requests not later than 12 months prior to the beginning of the school year. For example, if the student's senior year starts in September 2002, the request must be submitted to PERSCOM no later than

September 2001.

Soldiers may initiate a request for stabilization by submitting a DA Form 4187 listing the family member's name and social security number. The family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility and Enrollment Reporting System, better known as DEERS. A letter from the high school stating when the family member is projected to graduate must be attached to the 4187.

Soldiers stationed overseas must state on the form that they will extend their foreign service tour to meet the stabilization requirement.

Enlisted soldiers must also list any scheduled training, such as schooling or temporary duty enroute, on the 4187. Officers with scheduled training should contact their branch assignment officer to reschedule that training.

Stabilizing Army families with high school seniors to reduce turbulence was among the top recommendations of an Army Community and Family Support Center Education Summit held in July 2000. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki heard the summit's out-brief and promised attendees to move forward quickly on the recommendations.

PERSCOM remains the approval authority for all stabilization requests.

Persons emotionally expressing feelings of being under attack, harassed or targeted by some other group or person.

Persons repeatedly blaming others for some problem and advocating violence as a solution.

What you should do:

Report the activity to the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security. The installation police can be reached in Aberdeen at 410-306-0550. In the Edgewood Area the number for the police is 410-436-2222.

Describe any people involved: name, sex, age, appearance, to include clothing.

Provide the time of day of the activity

Describe the location of the activity

Include a description of any vehicle involved; make, model, type, color, distinguishing features, license number

Describe a package, suitcase or mail; type, size, color, distinguishing marks

Describe the nature and details of any conversations or messages

Provide copies of any pamphlets, flyers or other messages which can be obtained without personal risk or exposure

What you should not do:

In the case of a suspicious letter or package do not handle or move the item, but move all personnel as far from the area as possible.

In the case of a suspicious person, observe them from a distance, but do not directly confront the person. Contact the police desk and identify the suspicious person to a police officer when they arrive.

Importance of computer security

Computer security also plays a major role in force protection efforts.

Do not spread rumors or send non-work related messages on your email system. (Inspirational stories may seem like a good idea, but can clog the system.)

Do not open attachments on your computer that come from unrecognized sources or appear suspicious, they may contain viruses.

Do not forward warnings about viruses to other users. Messages asking you to do so are the computer equivalent of chain mail and are designed to clog the system. Instead, call the HELP desk for assistance.

Message from Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki

As the Secretary of the Army has described, on the 11th of September there was a horrifying attack against the United States, against our people, against our property, against our sovereignty.

But it was more than just an attack against the United States, it was an attack against all who embrace the principles of peace and freedom and democracy.

The Secretary and I would like to ensure you that we're okay here in the Department. We're up and operational and our (communications) get better every day. We are caring for our injured. We are accounting for our missing.

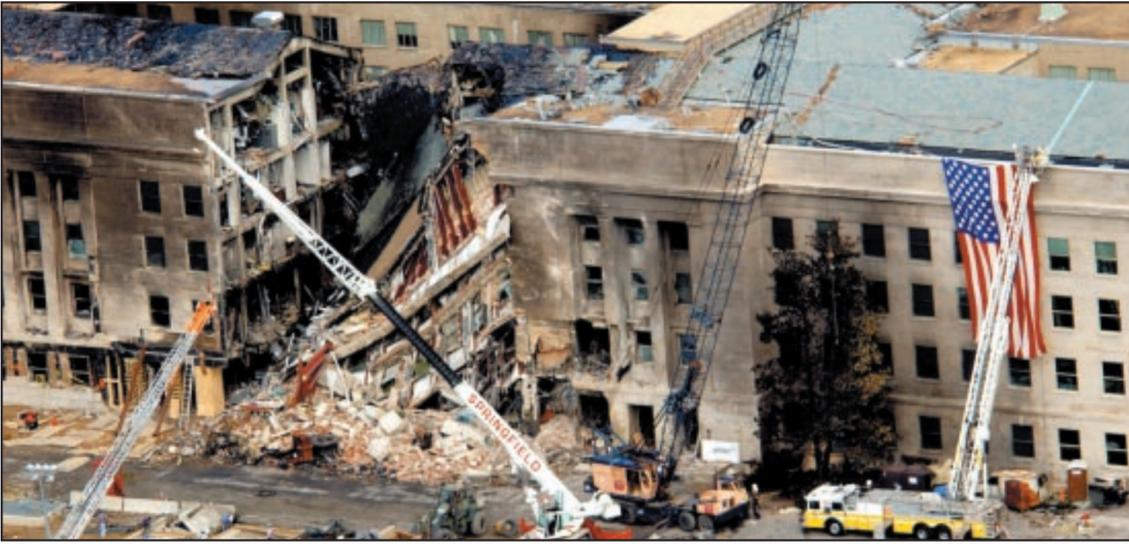
As the Secretary has indicated, the Army today released the names of 74 of our friends and colleagues who are unaccounted for. We are in pain. We are angry.

We'd like to remind you that we want you to remember that you're the field Army. Nothing's changed. Your missions are as assigned. And we expect you to be trained and ready each and every day.

And as the Secretary has also indicated, President Bush has declared this the first war of the 21st Century. Well, so be it.

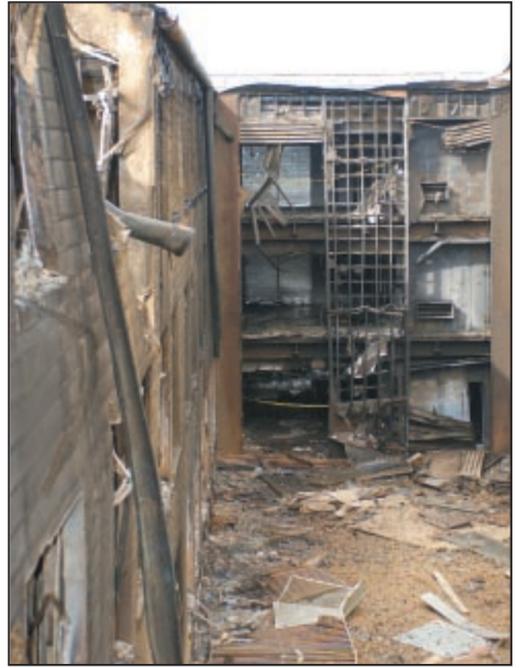
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FBI agents, firefighters, rescue workers and engineers work at the Pentagon crash site on Sept. 14, 2001.



DoD photo by STAFF SGT. LARRY A. SIMMONS

A wall of the E-ring of the Pentagon leans inward and other walls show fire damage in this Sept. 14 photograph.



DoD photos by STAFF SGT. LARRY A. SIMMONS

The effects of the blast and the fire are evident in this Sept. 14 photograph.



This office was in the section of the Pentagon slated to be renovated next.

Aftermath of Terror



Photo by GERRY J. GILMORE

Smoke and flames rose over the Pentagon at about 10 a.m. Sept. 11 following a terrorist crash of a commercial airliner into the side of the building. The Pentagon's workday population is about 24,000.



Photo by RUDI WILLIAMS

Brenda Scott of Forest, N.Y., holds an American flag and a poster board full of family pictures in honor of her missing aunt, Army civilian employee Janice Marie Scott, during a visit to the Pentagon crash site.

Rescue engineers assist at Pentagon

By Staff Sgt. John Valceanu
Army News Service

This is what they train for every day. The primary mission of the Military District of Washington Engineer Company, based at Fort Belvoir, Va., is to conduct rescue and recovery operations in our nation's capital. And the "rescue engineers" are now performing their mission in a big way during massive recovery operations at the Pentagon, where a hijacked civilian airliner slammed into the building Sept. 11.

An estimated 200 people were killed, and hundreds of others were injured during the terrorist attack. The engineers have been working around the clock since the day of the attack to penetrate through the rubble and wreckage in order to rescue any survivors and recover the remains of victims. Though the engineers were trained and ready to perform their jobs, the actual event took them by surprise.

"Nobody really believed we'd ever have to do this, and there's no excuse for what actually happened," said Spec. Mark Mims, a rescue engineer whose tired eyes shone through a mask of soot and dried sweat. "This was an American plane full of American passengers hitting

an American building full of American servicemen. This is not emotionally easy for us. It's an ugly, ugly job. But it's a job we were trained to do, and we're doing it."

Most of the survivors were able to escape or be removed from the building during the first few hours after the incident.

In the following days, the rescue engineers were left with the awful task of recovering bodies.

"It's extremely frustrating to go into a building like this and not find anyone alive. One of the main things for which we train is the specific task of finding people who are alive and bringing them out," said Sgt. Joseph Balavanz, a rescue engineer team leader. "At least by bringing back people's remains to their relatives, we may be able to restore some dignity to the families and loved ones of the victims."

Balavanz said a constant focus on the work at hand has kept him from dwelling on the horrors of his tasks.

"We've been totally engaged in work. We've worked on maintaining the building's structural stability, so it doesn't collapse on the workers.

We're clearing rubble. We're looking

for bodies, and bagging bodies," Balavanz said. "For me, the hardest part is not dealing with the human remains. The hardest part is seeing personal things they've left behind, like pictures of their family on their desk."

Balavanz said he was overwhelmed by the response of local and national agencies and the ease with which they all integrated into an effective team. He was also impressed by the "unbelievable" support from organizations such as the Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

"One reason morale is so high is because we've gotten such good support. We can't believe how good these people have been to us," Balavanz said. "Anything workers might need out here is provided right away."

But great support can't completely soften the emotional and psychological blows that are dealt to those who bear such close witness to a tragedy of this magnitude. Each rescue engineer must find his own way to cope with what he has seen.

"We talk to each other. We talk to the chaplains. We talk to our officers. We talk to the mental health workers and the counselors," Mims said. "We cope, and we go on with the job we have to do."

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Soldiers pull casualties from Pentagon

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Search and rescue teams spent the evening of Sept. 11 digging through rubble at the Pentagon to uncover casualties following the crash of a hijacked airliner into the building earlier that day.

The American Airlines Boeing 757 hit the west side of the Pentagon at 9:20 a.m., just minutes after two airliners crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. The plane hit an area of the Pentagon that had been newly renovated and some of the office space remained empty. However, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel had recently moved into that wedge of the building, along with an element under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans.

Among the first rescue workers at the Pentagon were dozens of soldiers from Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Medics, doctors and administrative specialists boarded buses at Walter Reed shortly after the crash. Medics set up blankets in the center court-

yard of the Pentagon and treated at least three firemen for smoke inhalation.

"We were prepared for this because we trained for it," said Pfc. Christian Mendham, an administrative specialist from Walter Reed who was helping those with smoke inhalation, "but I never expected to actually do it."

The 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) was at the Pentagon in force waiting into the evening for the flames to subside so that search and rescue work could begin. Several times during the day search teams approached the rubble only to be called back for safety reasons.

Other Old Guard soldiers provided logistical support at the site to include transportation, tents and litters. The Military District of Washington Engineer Company was brought in to assist with search and rescue, as was the 767th Ordnance Company from Fort McNair, D.C. They assisted a number of civilian emergency rescue teams that set up operations beyond the Pentagon helipad where the crash

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Social worker provides advice regarding children understanding terrorism

By Brian J. Olden
Army News Service

For the first time in American history the United States has experienced coordinated terrorist attacks in several locations.

We are all shocked, grieved, fearful and angered by the experience. Most of us walk around feeling that something like this could never happen to us.

Now that it has, we have to deal with that reality.

Children will have varied reactions to this experience. However, they may not have the opportunity or ability to express their feelings as adults do.

So, as parents, caregivers and teachers we will have to help the children find positive and constructive ways to express their feelings.

What we all are dealing with is a crisis, and principles of crisis intervention state that it is important to try to reach a state of balance as soon as possible, in order to return to our previous level of functioning.

For children, this means trying to establish as much of a safe and secure environment as possible. Try to use every opportunity to reinforce for your child that they will be safe. Reassure your child that the adults in their life are doing their best to keep things like this from happening. Point out to them that the Army, the police, and the firemen are there to help.

Most importantly, keep in mind that children will observe how the significant adults in their life are handling the crisis, so it is important to remain calm and try to maintain routines and stability at home.

So, what feelings are children likely to have? Shock, fear, confusion and anger are all possible reactions. If a child has been touched more directly by these attacks, if a family member or close friend or relative has been hurt or killed in an incident, a child's reactions are likely to be more intense.

If a child withdraws, try to gently draw the child out by getting him or her to talk, write, or draw about their feelings.

Honest, simple discussions of your own reactions may help.

It is important to allow your children to talk about their feelings and their understanding of what has happened. Ask them questions about what they know so you can assess their reaction and understanding. False reassurances and simply dismissing their fears are generally not helpful.

How well they understand it and how well they will be able to express themselves will depend on their age. Parents and caregivers should also take age and developmental level into consideration when telling their children about the terrorism. We don't want to give children more than they can handle.

If there are young children around the house, parents will want to limit the amount of television news coverage the children are exposed to. Constant images of destruction may be overwhelming. Preschool age and younger children will mainly need to be assured that they and their family are safe, and descriptions of what has happened should be simple.

In addition to the emotions mentioned above, young children may temporarily regress in some of their skills or habits.

Older children and teen-agers may be more curious, may want to see more of the news coverage, and should be encouraged to talk about their questions and their feelings.

It is a good idea for parents to watch the news with their children. They will also need reassurances that they are safe and will be taken care of.

In any crisis situation, group support is very beneficial. The school is an excellent setting for this to occur, so teachers and counselors can encourage discussion of the events and feelings related to them in the classroom. If your child attends a local national school, be aware of teasing which may occur in that setting.

While European nations have expressed solidarity and sympathy with the United States, children can sometimes be cruel. Be sure to make an opportunity to speak with your child about what is being said in their school.

Finally, parents, caregivers and teachers should be aware of more serious reactions. Changes in sleeping or eating patterns, mood changes (anxiety, irritability, and aggressiveness), withdrawal or school refusal which persists, may require more attention.

Teens are likely to express more serious problems by being oppositional and acting out. In these circumstances, seek out a qualified mental health professional for assistance.

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Photo by RUDI WILLIAMS

Melina and Todd Leisure visit the Pentagon crash site with their twins, Kyle and Ryan. Her brother, Army employee Eddie Rowenhurst, is still missing.

Mark

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going far beyond the call of duty. I especially want to thank the women and men who have been to work at our gates under very trying and tiring circumstances.

There are several articles in today's paper on force protection and operation security. (See page 12.)

All of you play an important part in keeping our installation safe.

Thank you for your patience as we implement force protection measures. You have been outstanding. I truly am proud to be a soldier, a part of Aberdeen Proving Ground, and one of you.

We remain vigilant.

We stand together.

We stand tall.

Thank you again.

Shinseki

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tract with the American people is to fight and win the nation's wars, decisively.

And I say again, we expect you to remain trained and ready. Respond quickly and professionally when called.

Finally, the families and loved ones of our colleagues who are unaccounted for are in pain. Now is a good time to reach out, embrace them, provide them the support they need.

Thank you for what you do to make this Army the magnificent Army that it is. Take care of each other. Be safe. God bless each and every one of you. God bless the Army. God bless America.

Casualties

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occurred.

About 300 soldiers of the Virginia National Guard were activated to help with the crisis. Military police, medical personnel and engineers were among those called to active duty.

In the District of Columbia, guardsmen of the 372nd MP Battalion were activated to assist with traffic control. All federal buildings were closed down after the terrorist attack and for much of the day traffic was kept from crossing bridges into the city.

In New York City, up to 2,000 troops of the New York National Guard were called up to provide traffic control in Manhattan and other support.

Members of the Air Guard flew over the city to set up a protective air cap.

"I urge all members of the Army to remain vigilant against possible future attacks," said Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White. "Rest assured, America will prevail in the fight against terrorism — and our Army is prepared to do its part."

White also expressed his condolences to the family members of all U.S. citizens killed or injured in the terrorist attacks.

The casualty numbers at the Pentagon are still being determined as the fire continues burning. Department of Defense officials estimate the number of casualties at between 100 to 800.

The Army has established a hotline to ensure accountability of its soldiers, civilians and contractors who work in the Pentagon. Family members and friends of Army personnel at the Pentagon are also encouraged to call the line for information. The hotline numbers are 703-428-0002 or 1-800-984-8523.

(Editor's note: Senior ARNEWS correspondent Joe Burlas contributed to this article.)

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Mims said he is looking forward to the future.

"The most important thing for me is that we have the Pentagon back up and looking like the Pentagon again," Mims said. "That way, we can say show them (the terrorists behind the attack) that they can come over here, and they can give us a bloody nose. They

can even knock us down, but we'll get up again. We're Americans, and they're never going to beat us."

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