

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, July 31, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

RAB meeting announced

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting July 25, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Bush River study area, Lauderick Creek CWM removal action, Aberdeen Area perchlorate detections and the New O-Field removal action.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Route 22 gate open for concert-goers

The Route 22 gate will be the only open gate for the REO Speedwagon, Eddie Money, Night Ranger rock concert Aug. 17.

Concert-goers 16 and older must bring a photo ID and should plan their arrival to allow time for parking.

AA chapel holds Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel, Aug. 5 to 9, 6 to 8:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Brave Believers" featuring extreme faith stories from the Old Testament. Children ages 2 through 12th grade are welcome.

For more information or to register, call the chapel at 410-278-4333. Adults wishing to volunteer are also welcome to call.

Tickets on sale for summer concert

Headlined by REO Speedwagon, opens for the Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m. Morale, Welfare and Recreation 2002 rock concert are Night Ranger and Eddie Money.

Tickets are on sale for \$25 through Ticketmaster, 1-800-551-SEAT, or at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, 410-278-4011. Tickets will also be available the day of the concert for \$35.

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Youths of the quarter announced



Col. Mardi U. Mark, left, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, congratulates youths of the quarter, Adrian Feijoo, 16, center, and Jacqueline Cook, 17, right, of the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas, respectively, following the awards ceremony in the Edgewood Area Youth Center.

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In a continuing effort to recognize teen leaders and their dedication to family, community and education, Aberdeen Proving Ground's Child and Youth Services named Jacqueline N. Cook and Adrian A. Feijoo the youths of the quarter during an awards ceremony at the Edgewood Area Youth Center, July 16.

Ivan Mehosky, child and youth services program manager, and Gina Dannenfeler, chief, Child and Youth Services Division, hosted the program. Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander presented the awards.

Mehosky said the Boys and Girls Clubs of America-sponsored program is about character, caring, hard work and dreams.

"I applaud all of you who help make this program go," Mehosky said. "I encourage all to support this worthwhile effort."

Mark presented the teens with Department of the Army certificates of achievement and youth center plaques. In addition, both received \$125 gift certificates from the American Legion Post 17.

Representing the Aberdeen Area, Cook is the daughter of Sgt. 1st Class David and Jackie Cook. The Aberdeen High School senior holds a

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Fall, winter 2002 Exchange Catalog available July 23

AAFES

DALLAS - The Fall & Winter 2002 Exchange Catalog is available at military exchanges worldwide. It offers hundreds of pages of merchandise, many from around the world, and is one of the benefits of military service.

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around-the-clock, seven days a week, and complimentary international access calling is available from several countries. The exchange catalog is also available on the Internet at aafes.com, usmcmccs.org, navy-nex.com or cg-exchange.com.

Available at any local exchange, the Fall & Winter 2002 Exchange Catalog is \$5. It includes a coupon for \$8 off your first purchase of \$25 or more, and shipping is free on everything you order.

Earnings generated by purchases in the Exchange, Exchange Catalog and Exchange Online Store are returned to users in the form of funding for Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities and programs.

Drought tip

In an effort to help the personnel of Aberdeen Proving Ground cope with the area drought, the APG News is offering a weekly water conservation tip. All residents and personnel of APG are urged to look for and practice water conservation for the duration of the drought.

How to save water outside the home

The watering of lawns and gardens can double normal household water use during the hot, dry summer months. At standard household water pressures, a garden hose will discharge up to 6 1/2 gallons of water per minute. To apply an inch of water to 1,000 square feet of lawn or garden requires 620 gallons of water.

Watering should be limited to gardens, and newly planted lawns and landscaped areas.

Established lawns and landscape plantings will usually survive without watering. Inadequate watering encourages shallow root growth and increases the risk of mortality. When water is scarce, community or individual water supplies should be reserved for the most essential needs.

Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways, steps and sidewalks.

If a hose must be used, control the flow with an automatic shut-off nozzle.

Water gardens during the coolest part of the day. Do not water on windy days.

Use mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and cut down on weed growth.



Local veteran honored at Pentagon ceremony

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

For 50 years, Korean War veteran Arnold E. Kirk hardly spoke about the war. A survivor of the battles of Heartbreak and Bloody ridges, Kirk thought the nation had forgotten about the conflicts from long ago.

Kirk learned otherwise when he was awarded the medals he had never received during a surprise ceremony at the Pentagon in April.

Secretary of the Army Thomas White and Sgt. Maj. of the Army, Jack Tilley welcomed Kirk to the hallowed chambers for what Kirk thought was an award ceremony for his daughter, Wanda Hueter, a member of the Florida Daughters of the American Revolution who is active in Korean War commemorative activities.

To Kirk's surprise, he was called forward and presented with the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the United Nations Korean Service Medal, the Presidential Unit citation ribbon, and Korean ambassador Yang Sung Chul presented Kirk with the Republic of Korea Korean Service Medal. Moreover, during a visit to the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C., following the ceremony, Kirk found a parking space reserved in his name.

Hueter said the elaborate scheme was the result of years of corresponding with military authorities.

"While I was researching the war, I asked my dad about his

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Photo courtesy of ARNOLD E. KIRK

From left, Secretary of the Army Thomas White, Korean War veteran Arnold E. Kirk, South Korean defense attaché Brig. Gen. Young Han Moon and Army Command Sgt. Maj. Jack Tilley pose together in the Pentagon after a surprise award ceremony at the Pentagon for Kirk in which he was awarded the five medals he earned but never received for serving during the Korean War.



Korea 50 years ago



Korea — 50 years ago this month, July 4 to 24

Fighting erupted across the peninsula as truce talks stalled over the number of prisoners to be exchanged by each side, 50 years ago this month in Korea.

July 4 to 11 — Prisoner exchange numbers stall truce talks. Gen. Mark Clark, commander of the U.N. Supreme Command, tells the troops in Korea that they're fighting "the most sinister, ruthless and cruel despotism the world has ever seen."

Canada announces its casualties in Korea number 912, with 160 dead.

At Panmunjom, the truce talks begin in closed session. Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, U.N. chief delegate, continues to focus on Article 51, which stipulates that prisoners on both sides will be returned when the truce is signed.

Harrison is counting the 83,000 communists in camps who want to be repatriated, the 26,000 who do not, and 11,000 South Koreans who are awaiting release.

U.N. aircraft heavily damage an enemy headquarters seven miles below the Suiho power plant on the Yalu River. American F-86 pilots claim they shot down 12 MiG-15s during the mission.

Local but fierce battles are fought all along the front throughout Korea, infantry and armored patrols engage in vicious fights with the enemy on the western front above Panmunjom, July 4 to 7. Troops near Kumsong on the central front engage the enemy July 7 to 10 and on the east coast near the Sea of Japan coast July 9 to 10.

July 8 — U.S. F-84 pilots hit the Changjin Reservoir power plant while the Reds are trying to rebuild it.

U.N. Secretary General Trygve Lie says in Oslo that he hopes for a Korean truce "by the end of July or the beginning of August."

July 9 — A Defense Department spokesman reports that American casualties in Korea through July 4 are 112,128, including 19,698 dead.

A posthumous Medal of Honor citation is awarded to Army Pfc. David M. Smith, 23, Livingston, Ky. Smith was killed near Yongsan on Sept. 1, 1950, when he threw himself on a grenade to save fellow soldiers.

In the U.N. Security Council, Soviet Foreign Minister Jacob Malik vetoes a U.S. resolution to label the charges of germ warfare by the United Nations in the war as "false."

July 10 — The second anniversary of the truce talks ends. Since the talks began on July 10, 1950, there have been 33,398 American casualties, with 6,322 dead, which were included in the figures DoD released July 9. Over that same period, the U.S.

estimates overall communist casualties were more than 450,000. DoD reported June 20 that enemy casualties for the war are more than 1.2 million.

U.S. air sorties hit North Korean capital, July 11 to 17.

The North Korean capital of Pyongyang was subjected to 11 consecutive hours of air attacks July 11, 1952 with more than 1,250 sorties flown against the city.

July 11 to 13, 1952 — In the summer of 1952, political and military leaders in the United States accept the fact that Korea



has become a limited war. The United States could not send more troops to Korea because of commitments to the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance, and other requirements.

Leaders think that the Eighth Army, without reinforcements, can stop an enemy offensive at the main line of resistance. If they are overwhelmed and communist forces pour into South Korea, it will probably mean the beginning of World War III.

Airpower is the only military weapon that can inflict appreciable damage to the enemy's war effort. It has already knocked out key power generators in North Korea. The next target is Pyongyang, the North Korean capital.

During daylight hours July 11, U.S. Air Force F-86 Sabres and F-84 Thunderjets, ROK and Australian fighters, British Meteors and Navy Panthers hit the city in three waves.

To keep MiGs based in Manchuria from attacking the bombers, 186 F-86 Sabres form a screen between them and U.N. aircraft. The communist planes never mount a challenge.

When night falls B-29s drop bombs on targets the tactical fighters left for them.

Pyongyang first popped up as a possible target in May when Far East Air Force Commander Lt. Gen. Otto P. Weyland requested permission to hit military targets in and around the city. Permission was refused. Since then, more military targets have been detected, and this time Gen. Mark Clark, commander of the U.N. Supreme Command, approves the plan.

Any hesitation on his part is because Prisoner of War Camp 9 is supposed to be somewhere around Pyongyang. The possibility of bombing Americans and other Allied prisoners worries

him. Clark approves the mission with one provision — that crews will visually acquire targets or use short-range navigational beacons.

Altogether, the raiders drop 1,400 tons of bombs and 23,000 gallons of napalm on targets in the city.

After the Pyongyang raid the communists charge the United Nations with attacking civilians. Air Force officials explain that since mid-June their aircraft have been dropping leaflets warning civilians to move away from military depots and other war-related areas because they would be bombed.

July 12 — A Medal of Honor citation is published for posthumous award to Sgt. 1st Class Tony K. Harris, Blanchard, Okla. Harris' actions on Heartbreak Ridge resulted in his death, but enabled his unit to take a strategic position.

Col. Frank H. Schwable, chief of staff of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and his copilot, Maj. Roy H. Bley are reported missing in action after they are downed by anti-aircraft fire over North Korea.

July 13 — North Koreans claim the raid on Pyongyang hit a POW camp, killing 13 and wounding 72. Clark replies that aerial photographs after the attack prove the camp wasn't hit.

Also on July 13 the United States presents a formal report to the U.N. Security Council detailing the fact that more than 100,000 POWs held by the U.N. have refused repatriation to China and North Korea. Many prisoners said they would commit suicide, try to escape or fight their captors to keep from going back to the communist countries.

An Eighth Army spokesman reveals July 13 that a North Korean POW was shot and killed and three others wounded on Cheju-do over July 6 to 11 because they refused orders to stop digging escape tunnels.

July 14 to 17 — Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army chief of staff, visits Seoul on July 14. He says the air raids on the power plants and Pyongyang have seriously hurt the enemy's ability to begin an offensive.

July 16 — The Defense Department reports that American casualties in Korea as of July 11 are 112,843 with 19,838 dead.

July 18 to 24, 1952
2 ID troops fight for 'Old Baldy.'

U.S. soldiers on a hill called "Old Baldy" inflict heavy casualties on an attacking Chinese battalion, but are eventually forced to fall back.

July 18 to 21, 1952 - The 2nd Infantry Division has relieved

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Veteran

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medals. I was shocked when he told me he never received them," Huester said.

She began a fervent, two and one half year writing campaign to the Department of the Army, the Department of Veterans Affairs, various military Web sites, and even the U.S. Air Force in hopes of remedying the situation.

Gradually, Huester began getting responses, she said, and then the "big response" came.

"One day, out of the clear blue, I got a call from the Pentagon," Huester said. "I couldn't believe it was from Secretary White's office or the trouble they were willing to go through for my father."

The day before the ceremony, Kirk's entire family, six daughters and their husbands, 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, were put in separate hotels from Kirk and his wife. Upon his arrival, White and Tilley escorted Kirk on a walking tour of the Pentagon while his family was spirited into the auditorium.

When the surprise was revealed, Kirk said

he was stunned speechless.

"I thought it was all for her," he said of his daughter. "Instead, she gave me one of the most special days of my life."

In addition to his medals, Kirk received a letter of appreciation from South Korean president Kim Dae-jung, and a framed piece of rusted wire fence from the Demilitarization Zone from the mayor of Paju City.

Kirk's family members received framed invitations to the ceremony.

Kirk served in Korea from September 1951 to June 1952. As an intelligence liaison to the 1st Battalion, 23rd Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, he repaired communications wiring and served as a forward observer while engaged in the Heartbreak Ridge and Bloody Ridge battles with the 37th Field Artillery Battalion.

Though he served only two years, rank requirements for his military occupational specialty saw him go from private to corporal in a week, and from sergeant to sergeant first class before he left the service.

Of his experiences in the war, Kirk summed it up as "just doing the job I was trained to do."

"I was told to do the best job I could and stay out of trouble and that's what I did," he said.

With only five members to his detachment, and all working separate assignments, Kirk said he was not able to form many lasting friendships save one.

"There was a young Korean boy, an interpreter who was a great help to us," he recalled. "We became very close. My one regret is that we didn't stay in touch. I'd like to know what became of him."

Noting that there wasn't much interest in the war or its veterans during those years, Kirk said he returned home, welcomed only by his family, and began a career with the Bethlehem Steel Company that lasted 34 years. This year, he and his wife, Betty will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

He said he is pleased the nation is finally remembering its veterans just as he is remembering the important service they gave to their country.

He said he was thrilled to carry the American Flag during the Memorial Day parade at his daughter's home in Florida.

Huester said she had no idea her writing campaign would lead to such an event.

"I can't say enough about the Army and the way they treated my father that day," Huester added. "They walked my dad through the Hall of Heroes like he belonged there. To me, he does."



Photos courtesy ARNOLD E. KIRK

Above, Arnold E. Kirk poses with a young Korean boy who served as an interpreter and aide to his detachment while assigned as a communications liaison to the 37th Field Artillery Battalion in 1951 in Korea.

Right, Sgt. Kirk stands on a hilltop overlooking his campsite and the mountain range beyond, in this photo taken sometime in early 1952.



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CEREMONIAL MEDALS



Above are the awards and decorations awarded to Arnold E. Kirk during a ceremony at the Pentagon, April 24. Counter-clockwise from top, the Republic of Korea Korean War Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, The Presidential Unit citation ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and in the center, both Korean

Service Medals. Center, the medal on the left was awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces for service in the Korean Theater of Operations from June 30, 1949 to July 27, 1954. Eligibility for this medal means automatic eligibility for the U.N. Korean Service Medal at right, which was approved for wear in 2000.

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Due to security considerations, only the gate located on Route 22 will be open to concert-goers, who will be directed to designated parking. Those 16 and older should bring a photo ID and plan their arrival time to accommodate personal and vehicle searches.

Although the tailgate party will no longer be held, a live broadcast by radio station WOCT will be held at the main gate from 3 to 6 p.m. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., and will be held rain or shine.

Volunteers needed for rock concert

Morale, Welfare and Recreation needs volunteers for the APG Classic Rock Concert, Aug. 17, at Shine Sports Field.

Jobs include gate workers, ticket sellers, concession workers, sponsorship assistants, warehouse workers and photographers.

Licensed bus drivers and parking attendants are also needed. Staff T-shirts and training will be provided. Volunteers must be 18 or older and available to work from 4 p.m. to midnight.

For more information about volunteering, contact Ruth Overbay, 410-278-9536, or e-mail her at ruth.overbay@usag.apg.army.mil.

For general information, call 410-278-4011/4621, TTY 410-278-4110.

IMUC to host EXCEL orientation

Earn college credit for knowledge acquired in work and life experiences. Find out the details at an EXCEL (experiential learning) orientation, Aug. 14, 4 to 6 p.m. in building 3146, located on the corner of Raritan Avenue and Bel Air Street on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For information and to reserve a seat, call UMUC's APG office at 410-272-8269, or 410-278-4632.

Pentagon Memorial competition info available

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released the requirements and procedures for entering the first stage of the competition to select a Pentagon Memorial artistic concept.

The competition program is now accessible on the competition Web site, <http://memorial-competition.pentagon.mil>.

Those unable to download the program should call the dedicated competition number, 1-866-782-4383 (toll free in the United States), and a packet of information will be mailed. The open competition is structured in two stages. Any individual or team may enter. Deadline for submissions is Sept. 11, 2002.

The memorial will be built on the grounds of the Pentagon near the impact site to honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon.

For general information about the Pentagon Memorial project, visit Web site, <http://pentagonmemorial.nab.usace.army.mil>.

USO-METRO, JETS co-host job fair

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services (JETS) will co-host a job fair July 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Spates Community Club, Fort Myer, Va.

More than 50 companies with full or part-time positions will attend. Job seekers can talk to representatives from government agencies, high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies, among others.

The fair is free and open to all members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DOD and Coast Guard civilian personnel.

JETS and USO-Metro work together to produce quarterly job fairs. JETS is a consoli-

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tion of the Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force Transition Services formed to provide employment information to transitioning service members and their families.

The USO of Metropolitan Washington provides social services for the 300,000 military personnel and family members stationed in the greater Washington metropolitan area. USO-Metro is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization and receives no federal, state, or local funding.

For more information, contact Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth at 703-696-2552.

Childcare Center announces open house

Aberdeen Proving Ground offers childcare for children as young as 6 weeks old for dependents of military, Department of Defense civilians, contractors on base and military retirees. To find out more, visit the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center, building 2485, on Childcare Open House Day, July 30, 3 to 5 p.m.

Openings for childcare

The Aberdeen Area Childcare Center has immediate openings for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years. For information or directions, call Ruth Strauss at 410-278-7111.

The Edgewood Area Child Development Center, building E-1901, has limited openings. To make a tour appointment for the EA center, call Tracy Geier at 410-436-2077.

Base quarters childcare providers offer tours

To make an appointment with a Family Child Care provider in on base quarters, call the following numbers for appointments:

Aberdeen Area
Sherry Johnson, 410-297-9842
Sian Mosier, 410-297-6960
Sarah Lee, 410-297-8441
Tamara Shamlee, 410-272-

2625
Edgewood Area
Net Ball, 410-676-3414

Donna's offers extended hours

Summer hours for Donna's Pit Beef will be 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 410-272-7730.

A musical tribute to Korean War veterans July 27

July 27 is the 49th Anniversary of the Korean War Victory.

The DoD 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee is offering free tickets to a special Musical Tribute to Korean War Veterans, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall in Washington. The Secretary of Defense will host the concert.

Other events include a 10 a.m. ceremony at the Korean War Veteran Memorial in D.C., and at 2 p.m., there will be a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery.

Tickets are limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

To request tickets, call 410-939-1369 before July 22; for more information, call 703-604-3414.

Commemorative Prayer luncheon

The Aberdeen Area Post Chapel will hold a prayer luncheon on Sept. 12, 11:30 a.m., at Top of the Bay. Guest speaker will be Patty Shinseki, wife of Gen. Erik Shinseki, Chief of Staff, United States Army.

Tickets cost \$5 each and will be available at the end of July.

To purchase tickets, call the AA chapel, 410-278-4333, the Edgewood Area chapel, 410-436-4109, or the Garrison Command Office, 410-278-1511.

For more information, call the AA chapel, 410-278-4333.

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Youths

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3.75 grade point average and enjoys reading, writing, mentoring young children and throwing the shot put for her school track and field team.

A volunteer at the AA Youth Center and a member of the Youth in Action faith-based program, Cook said she plans to attend college and seek a double-major in psychology and computer information systems.

"I'm honored and pleased by this award," Cook said. "It feels good. I can't believe it." She added her thanks to her parents and center personnel for their support.

"She just keeps getting better and better," said her mother Jackie Cook. "She's always made us proud."

Adrian Feijoo, the son of Capt. Raymond and Teresa Vasquez, is a senior at John Carroll High School, and a member of the EA Youth Center. With a 4.0 grade point average, he is on the varsity swimming and tennis teams and placed third in

the state in the National Spanish Exam. He also volunteers at the EA Thrift Shop and works part time at the post cleaners. With interests in biology and medicine, Feijoo said he hopes to become a pediatrician.

"I feel honored to have been selected," Feijoo said.

"He's always been goal oriented and a responsible achiever," said his mother, Teresa Vasquez. "He's choosing a good profession because he loves to help people and he loves children."

Youths with superior grades who are active in their communities are encouraged

to compete for Youth of the Quarter honors through their youth center. Winners go on to compete in the state Youth of the Year competition with a potential for earning \$10,000 in scholarships, said Norma Warwick, CYS.

"There are a lot of potential winners out there who should apply," Warwick said. "The program is a great way to honor our young achievers."

For information about the Youth of the Quarter/Year program, contact the AA/EA youth centers.

Winning essays

Adrian Feijoo - Edgewood Youth of the Quarter

The Edgewood Youth Center was the first place I contacted when I moved here from New Jersey two years ago. I was shy, did not know anyone in Maryland and had a hard time leaving my friends.

The club opened its doors to me and I felt welcomed. I was able to make new friends through the club.

I participated in many activities that summer, such as paintball, summer dances, tennis and golf lessons. Personally, I think that these kinds of activities are what teenagers need to keep away from drugs, and I appreciate the fact that the club offers them.

Clubs have always been part of my life. Since first grade, I was a member of the Boys and Girls Club in Clifton, New Jersey. There, I learned to swim, to draw and participated in the after-school program, summer camps, sports, trips, parties, etc. The club provided enough activities for me to experience and grow.

Now, as a teenager, I am still a member of a club. The Youth Center provides opportunities for me to explore, for example, I never thought I

could be in a fashion show, but last year I did one. This experience has helped me tremendously because I used to be very shy, and now the club has helped me overcome that, and I've gained self-confidence.

I also think that the Youth Center is easily accessible. Most of us can walk there just to hangout in a safe manner or burn some energy on the basketball court. I feel "at home" when at the club with friends and I feel that I can count on the people who work there.

My father has been assigned to a new job at Fort Detrick, which means that this summer my parents will be moving to Frederick, Maryland. I have decided to stay in this area with another family to finish my last school year. This was a difficult decision, but now that I feel more confident, I know I can do it and I know that the Youth Center and the counselors will be there for me.

This is what the club means to me, a place where one can explore, develop or discover new skills and talents, a place to meet new people and a place where I can go to when I need a hand.



Jacqueline Cook - Aberdeen Youth of the Quarter

I have been involved in the Aberdeen Youth Center since I arrived in Aberdeen, which was nine months ago.

While at Aberdeen Youth Center I was treasurer of the Smart Girls group and a mentor for the girls in the group. I am also a member of the Keystone Teen Supreme

Club. While I participated in the Smart Girls group, I saw many different personalities. All the personalities in the group, as well as their willingness to participate, made the group a joyful experience.

The Teen Supreme group is



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Sports

Softball update

The following results were reported for intramural softball for the week ending July 19.

American/Edgewood Division

Results

July 15

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 KUSAHC, 13; HHC 143rd, 9
 HHC 16th, 9; NCOA, 8
 SBCCOM, 14; TEU, 0
 Company C 143rd, 22; Company B 143rd, 7

July 17

NCOA, 18; HST, 11
 HHC 16th, 9; HHC 143rd, 6
 KUSAHC, 14; HHC 61st, 6
 SBCCOM, 13; Company A 143rd, 3
 Company C 143rd, 13; TEU, 11

Schedule

6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. HHC 16th
 7:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. HST
 8:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 143rd

July 31

6:30 p.m., HST vs. HHC 61st
 7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 16th
 8:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. KUSAHC

Standings

HHC 16th	12-0
HHC 143rd	8-3
HST	7-6
KUSAHC	7-3
HHC 61st	7-5
NCOA	5-5

Edgewood Division

Schedule

July 29

6:30 p.m., TEU vs. Company A 143rd
 7:30 p.m., SBCCOM vs. Company B 143rd

July 31

6:30 p.m., TEU vs. SBCCOM

7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. Company B 143rd

Standings

Company C 143rd	4-4
Company A 143rd	3-4
SBCCOM	5-5
TEU	1-8
Company B 143rd	0-11

National Division

Results

July 16

HHC 1/115th, 12; Company A 26th, 10
 USMC, 15; Company E 16th, 13
 Company C 16th, 15; Company B 16th, 5

July 18

Company A 16th, 18; Company B 16th, 5
 USMC, 13; Company C 16th, 5
 Company E 16th, 19; HHC 1/115th, 12

Schedule

July 30

6:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. Company C 16th
 7:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. Company B 16th

8:30 p.m., HHC 1/115th vs. USMC

Aug. 1

6:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. Company B 16th
 7:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. USMC

8:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. HHC 1/115th

Standings

USMC	9-0
HHC 1/115th	6-3
Company C 16th	7-2
Company E 16th	3-5
Company A 16th	2-8
Company B 16th	0-9

APG youth soccer

The APG Youth centers have openings for the upcoming soccer season.

Boys' teams, ages 10 through 14 have spaces for the U12 and U15 teams.

The age determination date is July 31, 2002. A child who turns 15 before July 31 would be too old.

The fee is \$35 for soccer plus \$15 if your child is not registered with Child and Youth Services.

If interested, contact Bill Kegley at 306-2297, or e-mail Bill.Kegely@usag.apg.army.mil.

First Baptist Church of Aberdeen

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.

• Youth Ministry Teams
 • SBC Children's Mission Program (3 yrs. - 6th grade)
 • Prayer Meetings

Dr. Gary Johnson, Pastor
 230 E. Blair St., Aberdeen, MD 21001
 410-266-2885

Harford County airport fly-in to be held Aug. 31

The Experimental Aircraft Association's Upper Chesapeake Chapter 1341 invites all to a Fly-In, noon to 6 p.m., at the Harford County Airport (map code OW3; radio frequency 122.8) on Aldino Road, Churchville. Events include a "warbird" display of military helicopters, airplane rides, an aviation flea market

and "all-you-can-eat" spaghetti and meatballs with salad and garlic bread. Cost is \$6. For more information or to get flea market tables for EAA members, contact Joseph Miller, jmflyboy@aol.com, 717-542-6412, or Paul Thomas, paul.thomas36@verizon.com, 410-676-5869.

Essays

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a group of teen leaders in the community that get together to plan activities for themselves and the community. I enjoy attending Teen Supreme meetings because I get a chance to

better my surrounding community and myself.

The Keystone Club means a lot to me. I care a great deal for it not only because I have acquired new skills there, but also because I care about many of the people that are involved in the club. Sometimes you think you have got all the tools you need to complete a job, but

then you review it and realize you need another tool. That is how I felt when I joined the Keystone Club. I gained skills and knowledge through being involved in the Club and Youth Center. I also gained experience with every age group while interacting at the Youth Center.

I think I was able to gain the skills of being patient and mindful of others because the Club is a fun place to be and I have met many friends through it. I like meeting new people, especially if they have some of the same similar interests as I do. I also like meeting people that have opposite interests and goals of mine because you can learn different things through talking with someone else.

Overall the Club was full of smart and talented people which is what, I think, made the Club a nice place to be. The experience of the Club will stay with me for a long time because it has taught me many things.

Officer Candidate School board announced

Steve Schultz
SBCCOM Adjutant

On Aug. 23, the U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Meade, will convene a board for soldiers applying for attendance at the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School. Along with the United States Military Academy and the Reserve Officer Training Corps, the OCS remains an important source of commissioned officers for the Army. This year, the Army approved an increase in the number of soldiers who may attend OCS. Candidates apply through local boards - Fort Meade for Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers - and those selected begin a rigorous, 14-week course of instruction at Fort Benning, Ga.

APG soldiers who wish to become commissioned officers should prepare their applications early. The key prerequisites for eligibility are:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Have a GT score of 110 or higher.
- Pass the Army Physical Fitness Test score 180 (APFT).
- Pass the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT),

min 850 or American College Test (ACT), min 19.

- Have at least 90 semester hours of college study.
- Achieve a score of 80 or higher on the English comprehension level test, if primary language is not English.
- Be at least 18 years old and less than 30 (can waiver age up to 35).
- Have a complete physical exam six months prior to date of application.

Completed packets must be submitted to the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command Military Personnel Office not later than Aug. 1. Each application will consist of one packet containing all original documents, and three photocopies of the original packet.

Additional information may be found in Army Regulation 351-5, Officer Candidate School, or the OCS Web page <http://www.armyocs.com/home/>.

For more information, call the SBCCOM Adjutant's Office, e-mail milpo@cbdcom-emh1.apgea.army.mil or call Vanessa Cefaloni, 410-436-2130.

Korea

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the 45th Infantry Division on Old Baldy and other positions west of Chorwon in I Corps' western sector. July 18 is the second day of attacks against the GIs on Old Baldy by a Chinese reinforced battalion. Companies E and F, 23rd Infantry Regiment, throw back

the first attack on July 18, but a second attack, accompanied by intense artillery fire, forces the soldiers from their outpost.

The regiment counterattacks with close air support and heavy artillery, but by July 20, the soldiers had taken back only a few of their old positions.

A casualty count July 21 shows that the 2nd Division had 39 killed, 234 wounded and 84 missing. They had inflicted nearly 1,100 casualties on the Chinese.

Considering the intensity of the battles, American casualties are fairly light. But Gen. Mark Clark, commander of the U.N. Supreme Command, has concerns over the loss of troops in this kind of fighting.

The Korean summer rains will come soon and both sides will be more involved in trying to keep their defenses from crumbling and in resupplying their troops over roads that become goop.

July 18 to 24, 1952 — There is no progress in the truce meetings during the week, but the communist propaganda machine is in high gear.

A New York Times report from New Delhi reveals that China had told India it was willing to accept 70,000 prisoners from the United Nations if the remaining 100,000 relocated to a neutral place. Then a U.N. aircraft hits the Yalu River Dam and the Chinese break off contact.

An interview by Clark appearing in the *U.S. News* and *World Report* July 21 issue states that enemy ground forces have doubled in size, from 500,000 to one million men since the truce began. He reports that the enemy also increased its air forces from 1,000 to 2,000 planes.

On July 23, approximately 200 U.N. combat aircraft raid an enemy supply depot at Osan, on the east coast of Korea. Afterward, pilots say they destroyed or damaged 100 storage building and barracks.

Community Notes

SATURDAYS

JULY 27 THROUGH AUGUST 18

VFW HOSTS SATURDAY CINEMA FOR CHILDREN

Every Saturday from July 20 until Aug. 18, from noon to 3 p.m., VFW Post 6054 and the Ladies Auxiliary Youth Activities Committee will sponsor a free "Saturday Cinema" for children ages five and over. The event includes free popcorn, drinks, music and a "G" rated movie.

Parents are asked to provide adult supervision for younger children for the duration of the event. This event is open to all children living in Harford County, and is our way of saying "thank you" for supporting the VFW Post 6054 through 50 plus years of service to the community.

For more information, contact Junior Vice-Commander Keith Hammitt or Senior Vice-Commander Suzette Shields at 410-272-3444.

SATURDAY

JULY 27

TRIBUTETO KOREAN VETERANS

July is Korean War Veteran Appreciation Month. The DoD 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee is offering free tickets to a special Musical Tribute to Korean War Veterans, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall, Arlington, Va. The Secretary of Defense will host the concert. Tickets are limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 703-604-3414.

Other events to honor Korean War veterans include a 10 a.m., ceremony at the Korean War Veteran Memorial in D.C., and at 2 p.m., there will be a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery.

SUMMER GALA AND FASHION SHOW

This event has been postponed. A new date will be announced in the near future. For more information, call Earlene Allen, 410-278-3854.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 3

CLUB BEYOND INFORMATION MEETING

To find out how to become involved in an exciting youth program at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Club Beyond will hold an information meeting at 10 a.m. in the APG Post Chapel, building 2485. Younglife, Youth For Christ, Campuslife, Campus Crusade and Club Beyond will be discussed. Donuts will be provided. For more information,

call Alan Leavell, 410-278-4333.

VFW HOSTS GROWN FOLKS PARTY

Radio Personality Tim Watts and DJ Slice from MAGIC 95.9 FM will bring their "Grown Folks Party" to VFW Post 6054 Aug. 3. The show starts at 9 p.m. Advance tickets are available for \$10 and \$15 at the door the night of the event. Patrons that present a valid 95.9 Club Card will receive a discount of \$2 off the admission.

Age restrictions and a dress code will be strictly enforced. No jeans, Timberland boots, T-shirts or athletic wear of any kind will be allowed. The event is designed for mature adults ages 25 and up only; bring photo ID. Entry into either the bar or ballroom area of the VFW will require paying the entry fee: no exceptions.

For tickets or more information, contact Junior Vice-Commander Keith Hammitt or Senior Vice-Commander Suzette Shields at 410-272-3444.

SUNDAY

AUGUST 4

BASKET BINGO

There will be a luncheon and basket bingo, 11:30 a.m. at the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Hall, to benefit the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research and education. Events will include information on breast cancer education, a featured guest speaker, silent auction, door prizes and raffles.

For more information or tickets, call Christi Dolinar, 410-557-6220. Cost of donation is \$30.

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

AUGUST 5 to 9

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The First Baptist Church Aberdeen, 219 E. Bel Air Ave., invites children ages pre-kindergarten thru 6th grade to join the Amazon Outfitters: On Expedition With the One True God, 9 a.m. to noon. Through stories, art, music, and fellowship, children will see how God is with us on every journey in life. For more information, call 410-272-2845.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 10

CWF SHOPPING AT POTOMAC MILLS

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a shopping trip to Potomac Mills for \$20 per person, which includes charter bus transportation. The bus will depart Aberdeen Proving

Ground at 8 a.m. and depart Potomac Mills at 4 p.m. For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

AUGUST 17 AND 18

FIRST ANNUAL MARYLAND ARCHERY SHOOT FOR THE CURE

Deer Creek Archery and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation are teaming up to hold a 3D shoot for the cure. Archers will be shooting the new Genesis by Mathews and will be shooting at IBO approved 3D targets by Delta Targets, supplied by Deer Creek Archery. Arrows will also be furnished.

The cost of the shoot is \$20 with \$10 going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. All registrants will be eligible for door prizes donated by Deer Creek Archery, archery manufacturers, and friends of Deer Creek Archery. There is also a silent auction for a Mathews MQ1 and a Bostick Plantation three-day, two-person bow hunt (license and travel expenses are not included). To register for the shoot, visit www.deercreekarchery.com or contact George Bennett at 410-734-9554.

MOVIES

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



WINDTALKERS

Friday, July 26, 7 p.m.

Starring: Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach

During World War II, Americans used the Navajo language for top secret messages because it

was a code that the Japanese did not have the resources to break. The military was aware of the danger to the Navajo soldiers transmitting the messages, so they assigned a Marine to each as a bodyguard. (Rated R)

SCOOBY-DOO (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, July 27, 1 p.m., 7 p.m.

Starring: Matthew Lillard, Freddie Prinze Jr.



This first-ever live action adaptation of the beloved and long-running animated series catches up with Scooby-Doo and the Mystery Inc. gang as they meddle their way into a bonafide mystery that leads them into murky and possible supernatural waters. (Rated PG)

THE BOURNE IDENTITY

Saturday, July 27, 9 p.m.

Starring: Matt Damon, Franka Potente



A Zurich safe deposit box yields an assortment of passports, a hefty load of cash, an automatic weapon and a name, Jason Bourne, with a Paris address. What it means remains a mystery, but Bourne quickly realizes that although he knows no one, there are people who recognize him - and do not wish him well. (Rated PG-13)

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES

BABY BOOT CAMP BEGINS AT APG

The New Beginnings Class will begin on Aug. 19 at Army Community Service building 2754, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Come and explore new life with your baby. New Beginnings will focus on a variety of topics including baby's appearance, crying and comfort, health, safety and of course, "Mommy pampering." Moms and dads are encouraged to attend. For additional information, call Diana Hayes, Parents and Children Together coordinator at 410-278-4372. RSVP by Aug. 15.

RELOCATING WITH AN EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER

A big part of military life is relocation. There are many military assistance programs available to help deal with issues that arise during a move. For a family with an exceptional family member who has special needs, the confusion can be particularly stressful. To avoid some of the less desirable "adventures," it may be a good idea to map out a strategy

before moving. This is especially important regarding a child's special education needs, and medical or housing issues. To get assistance for an upcoming permanent change of station with an exceptional family member, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP manager at 410-278-2420.

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS COURSE

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will hold a course in Basic Computer Skills, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday evenings, July 25 through Aug. 29, at Joppa Hall, Harford Community College. Basic Computer Skills is a hands on course designed for those with little or no background in computers. Learn basic skills needed to operate a computer; learn how to use commercial software packages that run in Windows; and learn how to access the Internet. Adult family members of active duty personnel/retirees with valid I.D. have priority. For registration or more information, call Marilyn Howard, employment readiness manager, ACS, building 2754, 410-278-

9669/2435.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS WORKSHOP

The ACS Employment Readiness Program will hold an Employment Readiness Workshop, building 2752 Rodman Road, second floor. Classes will be held July 29, Aug. 19 and Sept. 16, 1 to 3 p.m. Topics include a job skills workshop; finding the perfect career; Internet tools; resume pointers; and other ideas to help with a job search. Military family members have priority. For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Readiness Program, 410-278-9669. Space is limited.

VTC UNITES MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS

Army Community Service has set up a free video teleconference (VTC) available for military families to get in touch with their deployed loved ones. The VTC is located at ACS, building 2754, Rodman Road. Families will be able to see each other on a wide screen. To set up an appointment, call ACS, 410-278-2453.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON UPDATE

ENGLISH SPEAKING CLASSES

If your child is in need of assistance to learn the English language during the school year, contact Harford County Public Schools at 410-588-5290, or call the APG School Liaison/Youth Education Services office at 410-278-2857. (Editor's note: This is a reprint with the correct telephone number for HCPS.)

CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

The School Liaison/Youth Education Services and Army Community Service class entitled "Academic Passport-How to Chart Your Course Through High School and Beyond" is rescheduled for Aug. 21, 4 to 5:30 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Sponsored by the Military Child Education Coalition, this program is highly recommended for all middle and high school students and their parents. To sign-up or for more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857 or Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669/9675.

HCPS WEB SITE

For the latest information and school updates, visit the Harford County Public Schools Web site at www.co.ha.md.us/harford_schools.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH INTRODUCTION TO CHESS

Any parent interested in helping teach chess to students at APG youth centers and working with a chess club should contact Ivan Mehosky, building 2752, 410-278-2857, or e-mail him at ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

In anticipation of newly arriving military personnel with children in Kindergarten through 12th grades, go to one

of the following schools to register your children as soon as possible: APG Aberdeen Area-Roye Williams Elementary School, 201 Oakington Road, Havre de Grace, MD 21078, 410-273-5536; Aberdeen Middle School, 111 Mount Royal Avenue, Aberdeen, MD 21001-2492, 410-273-5510; Aberdeen High School, 251 Paradise Road, Aberdeen, MD 21001-2399, 410-273-5500; APG Edgewood Area-Edgewood Elementary School, 2100 Cedar Drive, Edgewood, MD 21040-2502, 410-612-1540; Edgewood Middle School, 2311 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood, MD 21040-3497, 410-612-1518; Edgewood High School, 2415 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood, MD 21040-3496, 410-612-1500.

PTA

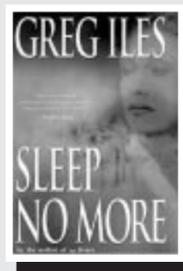
One of the most important things parents can do is become active in the local school Parent and Teacher's Association. What better way to get first-hand information than by being in the school and meeting the teachers and administrators where children learn? Become your child's best advocate-best guidance counselor by getting involved today. Parental support has been steadily declining over the last five years, but parents can be part of reversing this trend. As an example, congratulations are in order for the good, solid start of the Edgewood Area military parents group that has organized and made the commitment to actively support the Edgewood Elementary School PTA.

IN/OUT PROCESSING AT APG COMING SOON

All newly arriving or departing military personnel who have school age children Kindergarten through 12th grades will be required to stop by the School Liaison/Youth Education Services Office, building 2752 to in/out process.

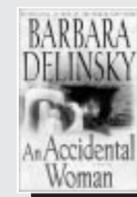
LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The APG Garrison Library has the following books for your reading pleasure:



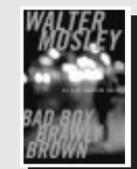
Sleep No More by Grey Iles.

John Waters is a happy family man until he meets a woman, who knows more than she should about his affair many years earlier. When this woman is killed, Water's quiet life is enveloped in a whirlwind of guilt and obsession, revealing the shadowy sides of love and friendship, and the terror that can result when passion becomes obsession.



An Accidental Woman by Barbara Delinsky

Once Upon a Wedding by Kathleen Eagle



Bad Boy Brawly Brown by Walter Mosley

Grave Secrets by Kathy Reichs



The Blood Doctor by Barbara Vine

Law of Gravity by Stephen Horn



You can receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically. Contact the library at 410-278-4991 for details.

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Edgewood Area library is open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.



Stopping for a riverside lunch on the Susquehanna Sojourn.



Photos courtesy of JANMICHAEL GRAINE
Janmichael Graine, left, and Martin Elliott arrive with canoe and gear for their week-long expedition down the Susquehanna.



Sojourners get started at Ostego Lake, the headwaters of the Susquehanna.

Two Bay experts immerse themselves in their work

Eleanore Hajian
AEC

When it comes to water, there's no keeping Janmichael Graine and Martin Elliott away from it.

Graine, an environmental protection specialist with the Conservation Division of the U.S. Army Environmental Center, and Elliott, executive program manager for the Army's Chesapeake Bay Program at the Office of the Director of Environmental Programs, spend their days figuring out ways for the Army to help protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay.

It's a job they care enough about to spend a week of their summer paddling down the bay's largest freshwater source - the Susquehanna River.

Make that paddling and paddling, and paddling ... 69 miles in five days to be exact.

But neither the prospect of primitive camping without running water, nor the promise of sore muscles, mosquitoes, poison ivy and the scorch of the summer sun deterred Graine or Elliott from making the trip.

Together, they decided to brave the elements to get an up-close view of the river that influences the bay they work so hard to protect. The two paddled down the river June 9 to 14 with about 120 others on the Susquehanna Sojourn, an annual expedition organized by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, to

teach people about the need to restore and protect the river and the Bay.

River lesson one

Working together for five or six years does not make the ability to maneuver a canoe automatic.

"Let's just call it a real team building experience," said Graine, who hadn't canoed in 30 years. "After I remembered how to canoe, then we learned how to work together. Once we got the canoeing coordinated, we began looking for the white water."

River lesson two

Don't capsize with your glasses on. They fall off, and then you can't see the giant logs about to pummel your canoe.

Other lessons filled each day of the trip. Beginning with the sunrise, Sojourn participants would learn about what plants and animals they were likely to see. They also got a safety briefing. During lunch and after dinner local experts and elected officials delivered talks on the life cycle of the river and the threats to its well being. Topics ranged from river wildlife and water quality monitoring to geology, Susquehanna Valley history and conservation projects.

River lesson three

Mayflies may not be pretty, but their presence means the water's clean.

For Graine, each stop held something special. There was the shimmering lake at Glimmer Glass Park, the morning reading of literature expressing appreciation for the river, the learning (and repeating of) 54 frog sounds, and the grand welcome the group received at a festival in Sidney, N.Y. Other New York stops along the way included Cooperstown, Milford, Oneonta, Otego and Bainbridge.

For Elliott, an avid canoeist, the trip fulfilled a goal to see the headwaters of the Susquehanna and learn the waters of the upper part of the river.

"I eventually want to paddle the whole river myself," Elliott said. "I've had an infatuation with the Chesapeake Bay ever since I read James Mitchner's 'Chesapeake' and I've always had a love for the river."

The trip also provided some history of the upper Susquehanna Valley. Most notably, it used to be the center of hops production in the United States.

"It was such a great experience going down the river," Graine said. "We met people from all walks of life and all of them had such a great appreciation for the beauty they were seeing."

River lesson four

Never underestimate how much you can learn about something - even if you spend a lot of time studying it.

Letter to the editor

Dear Heroes and Fellow Americans,

I'd like to take this time to thank all those heroes we have in our presence every day. I tip my hat to the grandfathers and grandmothers, moms and dads, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, neighbors and friends, and forefathers who served in past wars and conflicts and continue to serve today to provide the everyday freedom many of us take for granted.

We think of this as a new world we live in, one of terrorism and civil unrest, but it isn't much different than any other time in histo-

ry. We talk of the heroes at Ground Zero and the Pentagon but seem to forget the many heroes who have served and given their lives to keep this country and the world free. Over the centuries this world has come under attack from many nations and groups who have threatened our sense of freedom but have been driven back by these heroes. The next time you write a check for your car that provides you transportation, your house that supplies you cover, your groceries that feed your family, the presents you will buy at Christmas; remember

the many heroes that have given their lives and part of themselves so you have the freedom to do that. The next time you walk down the street and see a grandfather, a grandmother, someone fighting for the cause of military veterans, or a past or present active duty military member remember that they have and are fighting for your freedom. Stop them and tell them "thank you" and let them know you appreciate everything they have done and are doing for you and your family. A soldier past and present doesn't need much, we have lived in mud holes where receiving a letter

from a fellow American has driven us to continue on against unbelievable odds. We served in faraway lands away from our families when the only thing that kept us going was the freedom that we knew we were bringing to the world. As an active member of the United States Armed Forces I feel ashamed that I have taken advantage of these heroes over the years and thought only of my family and myself and not taken the time to thank these heroes. I know I can't but I would like to shake the hand of all of these heroes so that they know they have not been forgotten. Remember, the easiest two

words in the English language to say are "thank you." It is also uncanny that these two simple words hold the most meaning and can bring a smile to even the most weathered face. As you walk down the street of the greatest nation in the world extend a warm hand and a "thank you" to one (more would be better) of these heroes. Sincerely, Master Sgt. Dan Davis Proud American and member of the United States Armed Forces U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command

CHPPM scientist named 'Master Consultant'

Evelyn B. Riley
CHPPM

On July 8, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine honored Keith B. Hoddinott with the designation "Master Consultant" acknowledging that he possesses exceptional technical acumen and is recognized by his peers for the highest level of expertise in the areas of health promotion and preventive medicine.

A Master Consultant Program was established at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine in 1989, to designate those employees who have been recognized within the Army, the nation, and internationally as outstanding scientific and technical professionals.

Nominees must be at least a GS-12 scientist or engineer, have appropriate academic and professional credentials, be well published, and meet other specific criteria.

Hoddinott, environmental scientist, Directorate of Health Risk Management, was recognized for his sustained high-level contributions and personal impact in soil science.

David Daughdrill, program manager, Environmental Health Risk Assessment, said, "I think this recognition is one of the most important and prestigious awards that CHPPM can give because it focuses on what makes CHPPM great - quality work by highly experienced people with outstanding expertise. That's exactly why Keith was selected as a 'Master Consultant.' He has a tremendous track record of sound work and is an acknowledged expert in his field."

Hoddinott made contributions in soil science that, in many cases, resulted in cost savings for the government and provided economical protection of health and the environment.

Especially noteworthy is his involvement with the American Society of Testing and Materials. Since 1981 he has chaired a variety of subcommittees, initiated activities that expanded the scope of ASTM, and now sits on the executive committee for standards involving soil and rock.

As part of this involvement, he has received various awards culminating with being named an Honorary Member and a Societal Fellow.

"Since this position is usually thought of as being a part of the engineering field, this recognizes the versatility of soil science outside of its



Photo by W. BEN BUNGER III

Keith B. Hoddinott

impact in agriculture," Hoddinott said.

Hoddinott serves as a technical consultant in the geology, ecology, and chemistry of soil, statistics, and risk assessments, and as a project team leader planning and executing projects of broad scope to determine the impact of military activities on human health and environmental quality. He develops and reviews standards for physical analysis of soil and risk assessment and provides guidance on these standards. He serves as an OTSG representative and liaison to national scientific and other committees and as a member of installation appointed committees dealing with technical issues of environmental and restoration for active and base closure posts and bases.

The honoree has a master's degree (major) in soil science, and a minor in sanitary engineering from Cornell University; a bachelor's degree in Plant and Soil Science, University of Connecticut; State of Maryland Nutrient Management Certificate and License; and Soil Scientist Certification, American Registry of Certified Professionals in Agronomy, Crops and Soils.



WWE Live at the Baltimore Arena

Come see WWE Live and televised Aug. 5 at the Baltimore Arena. All of your favorite RAW superstars will be there. The bus will pick up from the Aberdeen Shopping Center at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$55 and must be purchased at the Information, Ticketing and Registration office by Aug. 1. For more information, contact Stacie Edie at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil.

APG's Summer Gala

This event is postponed. A new date will be advertised. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail her at earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Pool passes reduced

Pool passes are now half price, so get them before summer is gone. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

Adult instructional ice hockey

It's never too late to learn the fundamentals of ice hockey or improve technique. Sign up to get a six-session pass to Ice World that can be used for any six Wednesdays starting Aug. 7, between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. Register by July 31 at the Aberdeen Area Fitness Center. Cost is \$72. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail him at charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Dog obedience classes

Thursdays, starting Aug. 1, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Russell Gymanisum, dog obedience classes will help you assume better control of your pets through hands-on training techniques. Register by July 30 at APG Athletic Center. Cost is \$45. For information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail him at charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.