

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 15, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Mitchell House holds Open House May 15

The Garrison Cultural Resource Team will host an open house May 15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to observe National Preservation Week, May 12 to 18.

The Mitchell House, located in building 5650, is a 1905 Victorian Mansion built by Malcom Mitchell, a local businessman who canned and promoted Mitchell's Shoepeg Sweet Corn well beyond the Harford County farms that grew it for him. Many native and historic plants surround the home. Inside is the APG Garrison's own museum, displaying some artifacts from Old Baltimore, a 17th century historic site located on post and exhibits that show APG history.

For more information, call Mark Gallihue, 410-278-6756.

Mothers bowl for free

The APG Bowling Center, building 2342, is offering free bowling to mothers on Mother's Day, May 12.

For more information, call 410-278-4041.

Luncheon will highlight Asian-Pacific heritage

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command will sponsor this year's Asian-Pacific heritage luncheon at Top of the Bay, May 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event will include entertainment by Polynesian dancers and an Asian-Pacific menu.

With a theme of "Unity in Freedom," the luncheon will feature Dilip Paliath, assistant state's attorney for Maryland, who will highlight the contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans to the history and culture of the United States.

Tickets cost \$9.50. For tickets or more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Duffie Robertson at 410-278-1053. A list of agency contacts will be published in next week's paper.

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APG's honors top servicemembers



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald V. Stallings and Headquarters Support Troop 1st Sgt. Clarence Ward pins the Army Commendation medal to U.S. Marine Corps Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Sgt. Ricardo Favela during the Servicemembers of the Year Recognition Luncheon in April.

Yvonne Johnson APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground post and community leaders gathered at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Aberdeen to honor the installation's finest at the annual Servicemembers of the Year Luncheon in April.

Technical Sgt. Dan Kwiatkowski, last year's instructor of the year for the U.S. Air Force Detachment, served as master of ceremonies welcoming the program's guests who included Maj. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander of U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, and Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

Ertwine noted the "great outpouring of support" the nation has shown its servicemembers since Sept. 11.

"That is not new at Aberdeen but it's gratifying to note what our servicemembers and their families go through," Ertwine said.

He encouraged others to compete for servicemember of the year honors and praised the winners for preparing themselves while handling full schedules. Ertwine and Command Sgt. Maj. Walter Litzenberger presented DTC coins to the honorees.

Mark lauded the program's organizers who included garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings, Headquarters Support Troop 1st Sgt. Clarence Ward and their staffs.

Stallings thanked the commanders, noncommissioned officer support channel and community organizations, "not only for help with this program but for what you do everyday," Stallings said. "We look forward to your continued support."

Mark presented each awardee with the Army Commendation Medal.

The 2002 Servicemembers of the Year included Sgt. Kendra Shuman, APG NCO of the Year; Pfc. Paul Ebohon, APG Soldier of the Year; Sgt. 1st Class Brian Mainor, Drill Sergeant of the Year; Staff Sgt. Emy Davis, Instructor of the Year; Sgt. Ricardo E. Favela, U.S. Marine Corps NCO of the Year; Sgt. James C. Fisher, USMC Instructor of the Year; Master Sgt. Scott Vincent, U.S. Air Force Instructor of the Year and Master Sgt. Darren

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Nominate APG mayors

Cecelia Howard Housing Office

During the month of May elections will be held for mayor, vice mayor and secretary of the family housing communities at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Residents of family housing are encouraged to help select their neighborhood's representatives.

At APG, the family housing communities are spread over many miles. Housing units range from single-family homes to multi-family town homes and mobile home parks. The communities have many common concerns - quarters maintenance and repair, child safety, pet control, parking, speeding complaints, etc. However, each neighborhood is unique, and mayors act as the communication link between residents and the command providing a voice for their neighborhood.

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Sheila Little APG News

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the Department of Defense has been granted the right to pursue civil recovery programs against shoppers caught stealing merchandise in installation exchanges.

AAFES catches more than 11,000 shoplifters each year. The expenses related to shoplifting, theft prevention and detection, reduce the dividends available for the AAFES mission - to give back 100 percent of its earnings to the military community through quality of life programs and modern and convenient installation shopping facilities.

Thea Sarver, manager of exchange facilities at Aberdeen Proving Ground, said prior to Sept. 11, the majority of shoplifters were unauthorized patrons stealing compact discs and cigarettes. The gate procedures in place since mid-September have all but eliminated outsiders from the exchange.

"Shoplifting has dropped about 50 percent," Sarver said.

At the present time, APG shoplifters are mainly juveniles living on the installation and young soldiers taking Advanced Individual Training, both of whom seem to be attracted to Playstation and Nintendo games.

Sarver said store associates are trained in prevention procedures, and military police periodically patrol the facility.

She said the APG facility will continue to actively pursue store thieves and make every attempt to recover the merchandise or replacement value.

AAFES implemented its Civil Recovery Program on March 1, and is now pursuing the actual loss of the merchandise taken and charging a flat rate administrative cost of \$200 on every shoplifting incident. If shoplifted merchandise is not returned to the store, or is returned but cannot be sold, AAFES is demanding the full retail value of the merchandise. If it is recovered in damaged condition but still salable, AAFES is demanding the difference between the full retail

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APG Youth of the Quarter/Year applications due

Ivan Mehosky Child Youth Services Division

Applications are now being accepted for the first half Youth of the Quarter/Youth of the Year Program. High school teens of military and civilian parents who work at APG, enrolled in grades 9 through 11, in good standing and maintain at least a 'C' average, are active in their local Youth Center and want to get involved in a great school-community based program sponsored by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America are eligible to apply. The deadline for submitting an application to either the Edgewood or Aberdeen Area Youth Center is May 24.

APG's Youth of the Quarter/Youth of the Year is a program which recognizes outstanding teens who have shown exceptional merit in school and extra-curricular activities, family, community service and helping others, spiritual growth, citizenship, character, and health and fitness. First and second half quarterly winners will compete in December for 2002 'youth of the year' honors and will also be eligible for state competition.

Last year's winners, Cassandra Lampkin, Edgewood Area Youth Center and Joppatowne High School, and Heidi Greenleaf, Aberdeen Area Youth Center and Aberdeen High School, competed in the Maryland State Boys and Girls Clubs of America "Youth of the Year" program and were recognized and honored at the state capital in Annapolis in March.

For more information and application submission, visit Catherine Hanlon, Edgewood Area Youth Center, building E-1902 or call 410-436-2862, or Angie Shannon, Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522 or call 410-278-4995.

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Parents teach children about careers at APG

Sheila Little APG News

In recognition of Aberdeen Proving Ground's Take our Daughters/Sons to Work Day, parents from the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas took their eight to 15 year-old children to work April 25, and showed them a sample of what they and their coworkers do in the course of a work day.

Celebrating in the Edgewood Area

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine organized a day that included breakfast with soldiers at the dining facility, exhibits covering a variety of activities at CHPPM, a visit to their work place, a run with Brig. Gen. William T. Bester, commander of CHPPM, a chance to maneuver through a military obstacle course, and a wrap-up briefing complete with ice cream.

Nearly 100 children and parents converged on the displays set up at the Gunpowder Club.

"This is a neat organization that does a lot of different things each day," said Bester as he welcomed the children and their parents.

Encouraging the children to "ask a lot of questions," many of the boys and girls did exactly that, finding answers in the many displays spread out over the foyer and three rooms at the club. Favorites included the chance to try on a variety of gas masks, look at dissected animals in various stages of development, learn about and make friends with cockroaches and other insects, play educational games and learn about different systems of the body

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Photo by SHEILA LITTLE
Alexandra Stoner, 9, takes a look at software discussing systems of the body with her father Chuck, a CHPPM lab technician, during APG's Take our Daughters/Sons to Work Day, April 25.

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Re-Nu-It Center begins summer hours

The Re-Nu-It Centers will begin summer hours effective May 13 as follows:

Aberdeen Area, building 5413, Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; Edgewood Area, building E-5703, Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

For more information, call the AA center at 410-278-8814 or the EA center at 410-436-2398.

Hot dog lunch May 10 at Commissary

The commissary is selling a hot dog, chips and a coke for \$1 at the Commissary May 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Commissary vendors are donating the food and drinks, and the proceeds will go to support spouse club scholarships and donations.

Apply to be an APG security guard

A job fair geared to boosting the number of security guard personnel on Aberdeen Proving Ground was held at Harford County's Higher Education and Applied Technology Center April 16. The daylong event brought over 100 interested applicants.

Those not attending the job fair but interested in becoming an APG security guard are not out of luck. Through October, an open continuous vacancy announcement for security guard positions, vacancy number AGS 200030, can be viewed online at the Civilian Personnel Office Web site <http://www.cpol.army.mil>, or by contacting Donna Lewis, personnel management specialist, at 410-278-3437

Badge/ID hours change

Effective May 6, the hours of operation and services for the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas Badge and Identification sections are as follows:

Aberdeen Area

Badge/ID/Vehicle Registration Office, Building 4305, Room 101, Monday thru Friday, 7 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. All services provided Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, excluding RDO/payday Friday.

On Tuesday, all services provided except vehicle registration.

Edgewood Area

Badge/ID/Vehicle Registration Office, Building E-4420, Room 109, Monday thru Friday, 7 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. All services provided on Tuesday.

Only civilian ID and fingerprinting services provided Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, excluding RDO/payday Friday.

All services include: security badges, civilian identification cards, contractor ID cards, weapons registration, vehicle registration, fingerprinting and clearing.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield service visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground May 14, 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room B-14 (lower level), to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

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

2002 Militaria Swap Meet to be held in Churchville

The East Coast Military Vehicle Rally, featuring the military flea market and swap meet, will be held in conjunction with Ordnance Week, May 9 to 11 in Churchville, on Route 22, three miles from Aberdeen and Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Take exit 85 west (Route 22) from Interstate 95. Look for the Big M Drive-In Theater. The rally runs from dawn to dusk. Visit the rally Web site, aberdeenrally@aol.com for a schedule of events and more information.

ACS holds small business classes

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program, the Veterans Business Development Program and the Small Business Development Center at Harford Community College will sponsor classes for starting a small business.

This information will help prospective and established businesses clarify their needs, and learn more about the resources available to them. Classes are free to APG adults with valid ID. Register soon - seating is limited.

The following scheduled classes will be held at the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Center, building 2752, conference room:

- May 9, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - First Steps to Starting a Small Business
- May 14, 5:30 to 7 p.m. - First Steps to Starting a Small

Business

- May 23, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Writing Winning Loan Proposals
- June 4, 6 to 8 p.m. - Writing a Strategic Business Plan

For registration or more information, call Marilyn Howard, family member employment readiness manager, ACS, 410-278-9669.

NASA Space Camp scholarship available

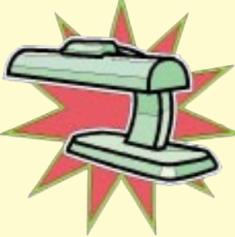
The Military Child Education Coalition has endowed a NASA Space Camp scholarship in memory of Bernard Curtis Brown II, who was killed on Sept. 11. The scholarship will fully fund the tuition and travel for a student to attend the NASA Space Camp this summer. Applicants must be a child of an active duty military parent and a student between sixth to ninth grades before the entry deadline of June 1.

The recipient of the 2002 Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial Space Camp Scholarship will be notified by June 25, and presented with the scholarship at the MCEC national conference in San Antonio, Texas, on Aug. 2.

For more information or to download an application, visit the MCEC Web site at www.militarychild.org.

Pollution Prevention

Compact fluorescent bulbs use 60 to 80 percent less energy than conventional bulbs while producing more light and less heat.



APG Pollution Prevention

Employment Readiness Workshop offers summer classes

Army Community Service, Family Member Employment Readiness Program will hold Employment Readiness Workshops throughout the summer.

The workshop includes five classes that will present Internet tools, resume pointers and other great ideas to energize your job search. Classes will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. every Monday in building 2752 Rodman Road, 2nd floor.

Scheduled classes include May 20, Information session for resumes; June 24, Information session for interview skills; July 15, Job skills workshop/Finding the perfect career; Aug. 19, Information session for interview skills and Sept. 16, Information session for resumes.

Classes are open to APG working/non-working adult family members and APG civilians. To register, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669.

Consolidated Service Desk training offered

The Directorate of Information Management developed a Consolidated Service Desk for use by all organizations at APG.

The CSD changes the way of doing business at APG, moving away from paper-based systems to Web-based systems. The CSD can be accessed from a link on the public APG Web site, <http://www.apg.army.mil>. Training will focus on the major business process changes and detail the major features of CSD. Information technology personnel, trainers, or anyone who wants to learn how to use CSD may attend.

In the Aberdeen Area, training is at the Post Theater May 21, 9 to 11 a.m.; May 22, 1 to 3 p.m.; and May 23, 9 to 11 a.m.

In the Edgewood Area, training is at Conference Center auditorium, building E-4810, June 3, 1 to 3 p.m.; June 4, 9 to 11 a.m.; and June 5, 1 to 3 p.m.

Questions concerning CSD training should be directed to David Ruff, 410-306-1325 or e-mail david.ruff@usag.apg.army.mil.

ACS offers parenting classes in May

The Family Advocacy Program will offer "Active Parenting" classes for those who have children 2 to 12 years old. The classes will meet twice a week for three weeks at Army Community Service, building 2754, Rodman Road, 6 to 8 p.m. The dates and topics are as follows:

- May 9 Instilling courage and self-esteem
- May 14 Understanding your child
- May 16 Developing responsibility
- May 21 Winning cooperation
- May 23 Active parenting in a democratic society

For more information and to register for the classes, call Laura Reich, family advocacy prevention specialist 410-278-7478. Childcare will be available to those who register by May 6.

2002 purchase request submissions schedule

Early customer support in identifying and submitting purchase requests will assist the Robert Morris Acquisition Center's, or RMAC's, ability to meet customer needs. Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end.

The following schedule should be used for the submission of purchase requests for fiscal year 2002 and maintenance for fiscal year 2003.

Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 by May 15. There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 by June 15.

Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million by June 15.

Short-of-Award over \$2,500 by June 15.

Commercial Items under \$100,000 by Aug. 15.

Maintenance for fiscal year 2003 by June 15.

PD2, the Department of Defense contracting automated system, is used at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood sites. Although the RMAC purchase request submission schedule has been increased to permit additional time to process actions through this system, year-end requirements should be submitted as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Refer questions to Joyce Roberts, APG Branch, joyce.roberts@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0869; or Cynthia Phillips, Edgewood Branch, cynthia.phillips@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-436-2554.

FEW trip to Seneca Falls, N.Y.

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter Federally Employed Women, or FEW, is sponsoring a weekend trip to the National Women's Hall of Fame and the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, N.Y., June 21 to 23.

Cost of the trip is \$155 for FEW/Federal Women's Program members; \$175 for non-members; and \$45 children (lodging with two paying adults). Price includes round trip motor coach transportation from Aberdeen to Seneca Falls; two nights lodging at the Holiday Inn for double occupancy (an additional cost of \$100 for single occupancy); and entrance to the National Women's Hall of Fame, Women's Rights National Park, Elizabeth Cady Stanton Home, door prizes, brochures, social activities, etc.

The bus will depart Aberdeen at 6 a.m. on Friday, June 21 and arrive at 3 p.m. at Auburn, N.Y. Departure time will be 7 a.m. from Auburn, June 23, and arrive back at Aberdeen at 4 p.m. For reservations or more information, call Eva Mims, 410-272-4737, or Suzanne Schultz, 410-939-2098.

Volunteers recognized May 22

The annual Aberdeen Proving Ground Volunteer Ceremony and Reception will be held May 22, 7 p.m., at Top of the Bay, building 30. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments and door prizes will be awarded following the ceremony.

Test, evaluation symposium June 11

Army Test and Evaluation Days 2002 will be held June 11 to 13, Von Braun Center, Huntsville, Ala. This year's theme is "Responding to Asymmetrical Warfare: The New Reality for Army Test and Evaluation," and will focus on test and evaluation, acquisition, modeling and simulation and industrial base issues. The keynote speaker is Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

Registration, general information, preliminary agenda, exhibitor information, hotel accommodations and points of contact can be viewed at the T&E Days Web site, www.testeval-days.com. For more information, contact Michael McFalls, 256-876-3462 or Sherry Hilley, 256-842-6715.

Weight Watchers at Work continues

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are continuing on post, and new participants are welcome. The program offers professional leadership, group support and a sound and safe weight control plan. To learn more about the Weight Watchers at Work Program at Aberdeen Proving Ground, call 410-278-1151.

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.

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PLAY BALL!



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From left, Colin Dean, Haley Dean, Joshua Megliola, Rhys Hockenberry and Abigail Megliola, Aberdeen Youth Sports T-ball players, ham it up after participating in the opening day parade in Aberdeen, April 27.

SBCCOM secretaries host appreciation breakfast

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Secretaries of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command paused to recognize and appreciate their craft during the Secretarial and Clerical Appreciation Breakfast in April.

Supervisors and leaders escorted their secretaries to the Richlin Ballroom for the annual meal that included remarks by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and SBCCOM.

Doesburg said that since Sept. 11, the important role secretaries play cannot be overstated.

"In everything we do, regardless of the position, they are making a difference," Doesburg said, adding, "theirs is an important and tremendous responsibility.

"Because of our staffs we are back to doing business the way we were. Thank you for taking our senior leaders, getting them focused, keeping them straight, and more importantly, contributing to this great nation of ours," Doesburg said.

Merlin Erickson, Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center director of engineering, stood in for ECBC Technical

Director, Jim Zarzycki. Erickson said it was a pleasure to honor the command's key people.

"Since September 11, anyone who thinks the secretarial staff is not critical should try to get something done without them," Erickson said.

He presented commemorative plaques to Phyllis Ostrom and Vivian Elwood, ECBC secretaries who are retiring from government service.

The guest speaker, Terri Broemm, health occupation instructor, Harford Technical High School, gave a talk on physical and mental wellness and adjusting lifestyles to attain fitness.

She said wellness is an attitude about a way of life and making choices.

"We know what things are good for us but we don't always do what we know," Broemm said. "We have to recognize that everything we do is a choice and find a strategy we can start using. Take it one change at a time."

She added that self-knowledge, motivation and timing are the keys to self-improvement.

"The best thing we can do for others is take care of ourselves," she said, adding

that co-workers, friends and loved ones may follow your example.

Broemm suggested listeners get serious about making life choices concerning attitude, diet and exercise.

"Always go to bed with a positive attitude. The more you look for special things, the more they're there."

Belcher said the SBCCOM breakfast, in its ninth year, is held in concert with National Secretary's Week.

"We try to hold it a week early to avoid conflict with other programs scheduled during that time," Belcher said.

She thanked the breakfast committee members who included Emily Fowler, Georgia Braun, Barbara Knapp, Mary Hagy, Karen Kennedy, Pamela Lamb, Theresa Lewis, Helen Mearns, Phyllis Ostrom, and Mary Ann Ricketts.

Secretaries' Week has been observed annually the last full week in April since its inception in 1952. Secretaries Week is sponsored by the National Secretaries Association to remind secretaries of their responsibilities to their profession and to bring recognition to their roles in business, industry, education, government and the professions.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Terri Broemm, a Harford Technical High School health occupations instructor, uses colored eggs to make a point about nutrition during the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command's Secretarial and Clerical Appreciation Breakfast in April.

ECBC develops portable chem-bio sampling kit

Kelly Buckingham
ECBC

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center developed a simple-to-use kit designed to collect environmental samples, including potentially toxic materials and forensic evidence samples.

Contained in a backpack, the kit includes various components to take liquid or solid samples. All items in the kit meet Department of Defense standards. Several federal agencies, military personnel, firefighters, and hazardous

materials teams already have the kit, known as the QS Kit (FAC™).

"We developed these kits because we had customers who wanted certified, pre-cleaned equipment that had been tested for compatibility with chemical and biological agents and certified as having no contamination. When we surveyed the market, we could not find any suitable sampling kits, so we decided to develop our own and make the technology available through a contractor. All components that touch the sample are pre-

cleaned and tested IAW our ISO compliant procedures," stated Dr. Dennis Reutter head of ECBC's Forensic Analysis Center and project lead for the kit.

"The QS Kit (FAC™) sampling kits have become the de facto weapons of mass destruction standard and we are very fortunate to be working with ECBC on this," stated Rod Hudson, President of QuickSilver Analytics, Inc., who manufactures the kits. QuickSilver Analytics, Inc., specializes in defense-related sampling and analysis, and

markets the kits to government and commercial clients through a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with ECBC.

For more information on the QS Kit (FAC™), visit the QuickSilver Web site at <http://www.qckslvr.com/> or call 410-676-4300. For more information on ECBC's forensic analysis capabilities, visit its Web site at <http://www.sbcom.apgea.army.mil/facilities/cbfac.htm> or call 410-436-4347.



Photo courtesy of QUICKSILVER ANALYTICS, INC.
The QS Kit (FAC™) contains all required components to take up to six wipe, solid, liquid, and/or biological samples.

A-76 update

On May 1 the Robert Morris Acquisition Center released a Request For Proposal to perform specified logistics and public works functions within the Directorate of Installation Operations, U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground.

This RFP was released electronically and can be found at abop.monmouth.army.mil. User registration is required.

A pre-proposal conference is scheduled for May 30 at APG.

Industry proposals are due back to RMAC by July 15. A pre-appointed Source Selection Evaluation Board will evaluate all industry bids received. The best industry bid will then go head-to-head in a cost comparison with the government's in-house Most Efficient Organization.

The results of this cost comparison will be announced as an initial decision and is projected to occur by year-end.

Role models wanted

Halls Cross Roads Elementary School is creating a display of alumni and is in need of photographs of past students. The goal of the project is to give the children of Halls Cross Roads some role models to look up to and create a more positive atmosphere for learning.

Wallet-sized pictures of people who went to Halls Cross Roads, along with what years they attended and a very short description of significant achievements in life, should be sent to Halls Cross Roads Project, c/o Ron Landbeck, 431 Holiday Drive, Aberdeen, Maryland 21001-1812.

For more information, call 410-272-5649.

Commentary

Proud to be a military spouse



Sheila Little
APG News

Since we recognize military spouses this Friday, I thought I would jot down a few of my thoughts on being a military spouse for nearly 27 years.

I grew up in the same house for all but the first few years of my life, so leaving home for college was more than just an academic exercise for me. While there, I ate my first bagel with lox, met my first Asian friend, and tasted my first artichoke, given to me by a college roommate who grew up in a military family. I remember envying her ability to meet people of all backgrounds, find something in common

with each, and be absolutely comfortable. It seemed nothing could shake that confidence.

When I married Jim, my life changed. Not only did I become a wife, I became a military spouse. I've loved every minute of it.

Being a military spouse offers many opportunities to grow, travel, meet many people of different races and ethnic backgrounds from across the country and throughout the world, hear and consider countless points of view, live in different areas of the country and world in different climate conditions, live in the city or in the suburbs, on post or off, in apartment buildings, duplexes, or single family homes of countless styles, and test yourself as you find out about the community; doing the same everyday things but facing new situations, every time you move.

There are many good things to be said about staying in the same place, but only if you are settled in a great community.

If you move every few years, you get a much better picture of what is really a

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Sheila Little APG News

Mary Jo Myers, wife of Air Force General Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was the guest speaker at the March 12 combined luncheon of the Military and Civilian Spouses Club and the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Top of the Bay.

Addressing a group of more than 50 spouses, Myers spoke of contributions made by those who are often not given credit for their support, patriotism and charitable donations that reach around the world. She commended spouses and spouse clubs for working in many areas, and despite having no written directives, doing a great job.

"A military spouse has one of the most difficult jobs in the service, one of multi-tasking, with no job description," she said.

Myers said families left behind should not feel alone when the military sponsor is deployed, because other spouses, many of whom have gone through like situations, are there to assist.

"Challenges bring the bonding, the closeness with others of similar circumstances, and clubs and unit support groups are an important part of our military network."

Myers added that the opportunity to really bond with the community often occurs when spouses are away from their families, and the families turn to those around them who understand what they are going through.

Referring to overseas deployments, she said recent home-grown campaigns spearheaded by spouses and spouse clubs to remember deployed servicemembers with holiday cookies, the Valentines cam-

paign by school children from throughout the U.S. along with several truckloads of Tootsie Rolls donated by Tootsie Roll Industries Inc., resulted in a volume of thanks from deployed servicemembers for the patriotic response of children and the candy maker.

She said spouses initiated the efforts, but were quickly joined by the community offering supplies and assistance.

Myers added that servicemembers on the receiving end, "are still smiling and resolved to accomplish their mission."

Colleen Newing, a military spouse for more than 20 years, said it was great knowing that the support efforts of spouses and spouse groups are appreci-

ated by the military and were further enhanced by recent donations from businesses and other citizens.

"I didn't realize there was so much outside support, such an overwhelming response," she said.

Newing added that Myers did a great job in speaking on behalf of military wives and husbands, using her "great sense of humor" to advantage.

Sonja Flanigan, who has known Myers since concurrent Yokota, Japan, assignments brought them together when in the 1990s Myers served as an advisor to the spouse club where both were members, said the speaker continues to "exude warmth and be very approachable and sweet."

"I believe that a club's advisors set the tone for the club. Warm and giving advisors bring out warm and giving volunteers. She sets a great example for all of us to follow," Flanigan said.

Myers credited spouses with remembering all soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who are deployed, sending holiday gifts and treats, and remembering the children and families of those countries affected by war or conflict through charitable donations, often delivered by their spouses, deployed servicemembers.

"Thank you to each and every one of you for what you do, and may God continue to bless America," Myers said.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Before addressing spouses from the Military and Civilian Spouses Club and the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club, guest speaker Mary Jo Myers, left, wife of Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and Karen Chambers, club member and community volunteer, discuss their experiences as military wives.

You Also Serve

You, who do not know exactly where your loved one is, or when he might be back, also serve.

You, who get up in the morning, fix your hair, even if you're alone, deal with the computer that crashed, and know which auto mechanic to call, also serve.

You, who are grateful to wash and iron his uniform, because you don't know when he'll be packing it and walking out the door, also serve.

You, who proudly wear a piece of patriotic jewelry or fly the flag and tell your child (who is too young to understand) that Daddy is serving his country, also serve.

You, who deal with a thousand details of life, keep the faith, and love your country, and love him because he serves his country—make no mistake—also serve.

Thank you to each of you for what you do.

By Mary Jo Myers

Finest

From front page

Cashen, USAF Military Training Leader of the Year.

Col. Edward Newing, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command congratulated the winners on behalf of the commander, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg.

"Everyone up here is a winner," Newing said noting that "the general is truly pleased to recognize outstanding service-members."

Col. Kone Brugh, assistant commandant, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, represented the chief of Ordnance, Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson.

They were followed by Brig. Gen. William Bester, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, who echoed Ertwine's remarks, thanking supporters and sponsors, "without whom we could not have held this event."

"As we become more together, the fact that we recognize our military branches together says a great deal," he said.

Bester presented CHPPM coins to each of the winners. They also received coins from Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Estronza, SBCCOM and OC&S regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Ayers.

Other gifts for the awardees included an Army dress blue uniform to the NCO of the Year from Louis Fernandez, Association of the United States Army; dress blues and an overnight stay at the Four Points Sheraton to the Soldier of the Year from the hotel and the Harford County Chamber of Commerce; Class A uniforms to the NCO and soldier of the year, and \$100 gift certificates and \$125 in AAFES coupons to each of the winners from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service; \$100 from the APG Federal Credit Union; savings bonds from Bank of America; and other gifts and awards from the post commissary, the U.S. Automobile Association, the Military and Civilian Spouse Club, the installation Morale, Welfare and Recreation office and the American Eagle International Corporation, which designed commemorative rings for the servicemembers.



2002 Servicemembers of the Year from left, Air Force Master Sgt. Darren Cashen; Army Pfc. Paul Ebohon; Sgt. 1st Class Brian Mainor; Staff Sgt. Emy Davis; Sgt. Kendra Shuman; Marine Sgt. James C. Fisher; Marine Sgt. Ricardo E. Favela and Air Force Master Sgt. Scott H. Vincent pose for a group photo in the Four Points Sheraton Hotel after the Servicemembers of the Year Luncheon in April.

Photo courtesy of APG PHOTO LAB

Meet the servicemembers

Sgt. Kendra Shuman APG NCO of the Year

520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory

A medical laboratory technician, and single parent, Shuman has been at APG about 18 months. In that time she was named noncommissioned officer of the quarter and the year, and obtained medical technologist certification while completing the College Level Examination Program.

Pfc. Paul Ebohon APG Soldier of the Year

U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

A preventive medicine specialist from Nigeria, Ebohon is pursuing college courses in hopes of one day attending Officer Candidate

School. He has been in Aberdeen about seven months and in the Army less than 18 months.

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Mainor Drill Sergeant of the Year

Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion

After winning the top award in his first competition, Mainor said he likes to compete and loves being a drill sergeant. "It's the best way to test what you know," Mainor said, adding that winning the award "makes it that much easier for soldiers to follow you."

Staff Sgt. Emy Davis Instructor of the Year

Headquarters, Noncommissioned Officer Academy

Davis is a small group leader who said she

believes in setting a good example. "Be true to yourself, stand up for what is right, and your soldiers will back you 100 percent," Davis said.

Sgt. Ricardo E. Favela USMC NCO of the Year

Favela is an instructor in towed artillery/howitzer repair.

He said he would try to motivate other Marines to compete in the annual competition. "Take it one step at a time," he said about preparing for the selection board.

Sgt. James C. Fisher USMC Instructor of the Year

Also the instructor of the year for the fourth quarter, Fisher said he takes his job seriously.

"I teach to make sure they can accomplish the job or mission on their own," Fisher said.

Master Sgt. Darren Cashen USAF Military Training Leader of the Year

Assigned to APG about three years, Cashen said his role is equivalent to an Army drill sergeant. Cashen said he appreciated the support and encouragement he received from his command and family.

Master Sgt. Scott H. Vincent USAF Instructor of the Year

Vincent teaches Aircraft Metals Technology. He has been assigned to APG about 18 months. A fourth quarter winner for his unit, Vincent said he was surprised and honored by his selection.

Mayors

From front page

Mayors organize community meetings so residents can present their ideas and concerns as well as obtain information on post services and regulations. Mayors also attend monthly meetings with the deputy installation commander and staff to propose new projects and identify problems. Mayors help promote community pride and spirit through community programs and activities.

The 12 designated family housing communities that need mayoral representation are:

Aberdeen Area:

Bayside Village, Patriot Village, School Street, Mobile Home Park, New Chesapeake, Plumb Point Loop and

Hopkins Road.

Edgewood Area:

Deer Run (1310-30 block), Austin / Parrish Clearview/Chevron, Skippers Point and Everette Road (1200 block).

Nomination ballots will be mailed to all residents of APG housing areas. If you are 18 years of age or older and would like to volunteer to represent your community or

know someone who would, fill out the nomination ballot and return it to the Housing Office, building 2727, room 114, fax to 410-306-2019, or e-mail cecelia.howard@usag.apg.army.mil. All nominations must be received by close of business May 20.

For more information, contact the Housing Division at 410-306-2011.

Ordnance Corps continues to celebrate 190th anniversary

E.C. Starnes
OC&S

The U.S. Army Ordnance Corps continues to celebrate its 190th anniversary at the Home of Ordnance through Saturday. The theme for this year's celebration is "Maintenance and Munitions Support for a Transforming Army."

Today, the Ordnance Senior Officer Advisory Meeting, the Ordnance Senior Warrant Officer Advisory Meeting and the Ordnance Senior Enlisted Advisory Conference got underway and will continue through Friday.

At 6:30 p.m. this evening, the 2002 inductees into the Ordnance Hall of Fame will be honored at the Ordnance Museum.

The Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame was established in 1969 to recognize and memorialize individuals who made a positive, significant contribution to the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps. Its members are honored in a permanent display in the Ordnance Museum at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

A total of 13 individuals will be inducted this year. Included in the list are four historical inductees: Maj. Gen. Waldo E. Laidlaw, Brig. Gen. Donald Armstrong, and Drs. Frank E. Grubbs and John W. Mauchly.

Contemporary inductees include Gen. John G. Coburn, Maj. Gen. Chester M. McKeen Jr., Maj. Gen. James W. Monroe, Brig. Gen. Anthony F. Daskevich, Chief Warrant Officer (4) Jay G. Gruwell, Command Sgt. Maj. Billy E. Prysock, and Drs. Philip W. Lett, Rocco A. Petrone and Joseph Sperrazza.

At 3 p.m., Friday, the Ordnance Anniversary Review will be conducted at Fanshaw Field. The Commander of Troops will be Brig. Gen. Arthur C. Nuttall, deputy commanding general for Mobilization and Training, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

Represented in the parade will be the 59th Ordnance Brigade, comprised of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., and the 72nd Ordnance Battalion, Fort Gordon, Ga.; the 61st Ordnance Brigade, comprised of the 16th Ordnance Battalion and 143rd Ordnance Battalion, Aberdeen Proving Ground; the Noncommissioned Officer Academies from APG and Redstone Arsenal; the U.S. Air Force Training Detachment 1, 361st Training Squadron; the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment; a Joint Services Color Guard; the Salute Battery; and the 389th U.S. Army Band (AMC's Own).



Hosting the review will be Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, chief of Ordnance. The reviewing officer will be Lt. Gen. Roy E. Beauchamp, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

The Officer Ordnance Anniversary Ball will be held at Top of the Bay at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Gen. Paul J. Kern, commanding general of AMC.

The Ordnance NCO Anniversary Ball will get underway at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 11. The guest speaker will be Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley.

TEU soldiers welcomed home

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit welcomed several team members who were deployed for more than six months to the Central Command in support of Operation Enduring Freedom during a ceremony at the units' Edgewood Area headquarters on April 25.

Col. Edward Newing, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command chief of staff and Lt. Col. George D. LeCakes, TEU commander, led the ceremony in which eight team members were awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Family members unable to attend the ceremony viewed the proceedings via video teleconference.

Newing expressed gratitude on behalf of SBCCOM for a job well done.

"You have proven the vision of the Army Chief of Staff," Newing said. "Welcome home."

LeCakes adding that although the mission could not be discussed, told the assembly, "You witnessed just how dangerous and difficult that mission was."

He commended TEU Com-

mand Sgt. Maj. Billy Lewis for organizing the ceremony and the family support team members for their efforts during the deployment.

"TEU is called upon to do a number of things, and not without pain," LeCakes said. "As usual, they did it successfully."

The Bronze Star is awarded for meritorious achievement of service, not involving aerial flight, in connection with operations against an opposing armed force.

Authorized in 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by all branches of military service and may be awarded for combat heroism or for meritorious service.

The Army's Technical Escort Unit provides the Department of Defense and other federal agencies with a unique, immediate response capability for chemical and biological warfare materiel.

Tech Escort missions include worldwide response for escorting, packaging, detection, and monitoring, rendering-safe, disposing, sampling, mitigating hazards and identifying weaponized and non-weaponized chemical, biological and hazardous material.

Name new 'Beetle Bailey' character, win free travel

MilReport.com

American Forces Press Service reports that Mort Walker is adding a new character to his famous comic strip "Beetle Bailey," and a pair of airline tickets is the prize for coming up with a name for the new character.

The new character is an "always prepared, gadget-loving and quirky information technology officer."

Entries for the "Name the Tech Officer" contest must be received by 4 p.m. on May 20. Judges will select 12 winners. The winning

entrant will receive a pair of Northwest Airlines tickets, good for any destination in the company's continental U.S. system. Second and third place winners will receive one Northwest Airlines ticket. All top 12 entrants will receive original "Beetle Bailey" artwork.

This contest is also sponsored by the Fisher House, at <http://www.fisherhouse.org/>. For contest information, rules and a peek at the new comic character, visit <http://www.beetlebailey.com>.



Sports & Recreation

Volleyball update

The following results were reported for intramural volleyball for the week ending May 3. Teams with 500 percent or better records advance to the post season tournament to be played May 18 to 20.

Aberdeen Division

Results
April 29
NCOA defeated Company A 308th MI, 15-3; 15-5

HHC 16th defeated KUSAHC, 15-3; 3-15; 15-5

May 1
HHC 143rd, win; Company A 308th MI, forfeit

HHC 16th defeated NCOA, 15-10; 15-10

Standings
*HHC 16th 7-1
*HHC 143rd 6-2

NCOA 3-6 16th, 15-0; 15-10
Company A 308th MI 2-6 Company C 16th defeated Company B 16th, 15-3; 15-6

KUSAHC 2-6 Company E 16th defeated HHC 1/115th, 15-7; 15-9

Edgewood Division

Results
April 29
MRICD defeated CHPPM, 15-7; 15-11

Company A 143rd defeated Company C 143rd, 15-9; 15-10

Standings

*MRICD 8-0
*CHPPM 4-2
*Company A 143rd 3-3
Company B 143rd 1-5
Company C 143rd 0-6

National Division

Results
April 30
USMC defeated Company A

May 2
Company E 16th defeated Company C 16th, 15-3; 15-13

Company A 16th, win; Company B 16th, forfeit

USMC defeated HHC 1/115th, 15-9; 15-10

Standings

*USMC 9-0
*Company E 16th 7-2
*HHC 1/115th 4-4
Company C 16th 3-5
Company A 16th 2-6
Company B 16th 1-7
* Advance to post-season tournament

Spouse

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great community by comparing a few, and you may find yourself gravitating back to that ideal spot eventually. You get to make an informed decision, rather than one formed by not knowing anything different.

Of course, attitude is impor-

tant. I love moving because I see it as an opportunity to organize, pitch and donate the excess, find a niche in the new community, get out and explore the new surroundings and meet people, all with a fresh start.

I get excited when facing challenges, (many times after the fact), because I am faced with the opportunity to hone a skill, to grow and to learn how to better deal with a variety of

people and situations.

Although I've often lived away from my parents and in-laws, I've never felt alone, because there were always other military spouses around who had been through something similar. When the sponsor is deployed or TDY, other military family members step into the breach. It's like moving among an extended family — your military family — you just don't know those relatives until you get there.

My large military family has served as a sounding board, delivered food to the sick, watched children as neighbors packed or unpacked household goods, driven soon-to-be-mothers to the hospital when dad was out of town, and offered advice and a shoulder to cry on when necessary.

I've never been disappointed or bored. Every time we move, I involve myself with the community and with military spouse organizations. I appreciate the opportunity to share and learn from new people in new places, and am grateful for the opportunities I've had through my 'family connections.'

I'm proud to say that I'm a member of a caring family; the military family. It doesn't get any better than that.



Aberdeen Youth Services May schedule of events



From cooking to karate, there's always something fun to do at Youth Services.

A game room is available with pool tables, foosball and air hockey tables.

A library of CD's and movies also are available for checkout; ask for a list of titles. Magazine subscriptions to some of today's popular teen magazines are also available.

For more information, visit Youth Services in building 2522,

Bayside Drive (beside the Shoppette), e-mail Norma.Warwick@usag.apg.army.mil, or call 410-278-4995.

To join Youth Services, the annual membership fee is \$15 per person or \$35 per family.

Youth sponsorship

Military communities are famous for relocating every few years. It's a tough time for everyone, leaving somewhere familiar for lands unknown. Youth Sponsorship is all about making the transition easier and less stressful. Whether you're new to Aberdeen Proving Ground or relocating, YS is here to help. If your family is relocating to APG, call, write, or drop YS an e-mail to let them know when you'll arrive. Youth Services will answer your questions and help children establish friendships before they arrive.

New arrivals should visit YS and tour the facilities. If you're leaving APG, YS will help you research your new location via the Internet, and also help you contact the Youth Center at your future home, so you have new friends waiting for you.

Club schedules

Monday, 3:45 p.m., 4-H Photography Club

For more information, call Pam Jones, 410-278-4995.

Tuesday, 6 p.m., The Cooking Club

Learn the important life skill of cooking. For more information, call Beverly Boothe, 410-278-4995.

Tuesday, 6 p.m., The SMART Girls Club

Members include girls ages 10 to 15. Curriculum discussion and activities are geared toward improving self-esteem, health and nutrition and more. For more information, call Tonya Turner, 410-278-4995.

Wednesday, 6 p.m., The 4-H Fine Arts Club

Arts and crafts every week are just the tip of this fun club. For more information, call Beverly Boothe, 410-278-4995.

Wednesday, 6 p.m., The Torch Club

This is a leadership club for boys and girls ages 11 to 13, where members perform community service projects, plan activities, and more. For more information, call Lonnell Dixon, 410-278-4995.

Thursday, 4:30 p.m., Creative Writing Club

If you enjoy writing, or if you have an imagination full of stories and happenings, then you should put these ideas to words on paper. Ivan Mehosky, author of *The Story Of A Soldier*, will be the club's adult advisor. Learn how to keep a daily journal. Youth interested in joining the creative writing club should call Angela Shannon, 410-278-4995.

Thursday, 6 p.m., TEENSUPREME Keystone Club

Members include boys and girls ages 14 to 18 and continues where the Torch Club ends, giving members even more responsibility and leadership opportunities. For more information, call Angela Shannon, 410-278-4995.

Friday, 6 p.m., Movie Night

Call Youth Services for the movie schedule, 410-278-4995.

2nd and 3rd Saturday, 3:30 p.m., D.J. Club

Professional D.J. Sir Knight will teach members how to set up, operate and edit music using turntables, CD players and a multi-channel mixer. For more information, call Lonnell Dixon, 410-278-4995.

Tuesday, May 7, Floor Hockey

More than just basketball can be played indoors. For more information, call Lonnell Dixon, 410-278-4995.

Friday and Saturday, May 10 to 11, 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

The Torch Club is sponsoring this tournament, Friday, 6 to 8 p.m., for the 8- to 10-year old bracket and the 10- to 13-year old bracket will be competing. Saturday, 3 to 8 p.m., the 14- to 15-year olds and the 16- to 18-year olds are hooping it up. Trophies are awarded to the first and second place teams in each age group. Other events taking place include a 3-Point Shoot Out and a One-Minute Point Shoot Out. All donations go to the Torch Club. For more information, call Lonnell Dixon, 410-278-4995.

Tuesday, May 14, Soccer

Soccer is great for everyone. For more information, call Lonnell Dixon, 410-278-4995.

Friday, May 17, Elementary/Middle School Spring Dance

Youth, first to seventh grades, are encouraged to come to the Elementary/Middle School Dance from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is

\$3. Professional D.J. Sir Knight will perform. The dance is sponsored by the SMART Girls and Torch Clubs. For more information, call Tonya Turner or Lonnell Dixon, 410-278-4995.

Saturday, May 18, Teen Spring Dance

Youth, ages 13 to 18 are invited to the Teen Dance from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$5. Professional D.J. Sir Knight will perform. The dance is sponsored by the TEENSUPREME Keystone Club. For more information, call Angela Shannon, 410-278-4995.

Saturday, May 18, Teen Lock-In

If a dance just isn't enough excitement for one day, Youth Services is providing back-to-back fun with a Lock-In. The event begins at 11 p.m., and the doors will be locked from midnight to 7:30 a.m. For boys and girls, ages 13 to 18. Admission is \$5 (SMART Girls, Torch & Keystone Club members get in for \$3). The snack bar will be open and there will be movies, games, tournaments, and lots more. Does anyone ever sleep? Come to find out. For more information, call Angela Shannon, 410-278-4995.

Other activities

Homework and Computer Labs

Homework doesn't have to be a bad word. The Youth Services staff is more than happy to offer help. Use the computer labs for research requirements and reports. Educational software, games and Internet access are just a few of the reasons the Computer Lab is a favorite place. For more information, call Charles Novak, 410-278-4995.

Introduction to Printshop classes

Youths will have a chance to attend this introductory class, which includes basic skills plus hints to make cool calendars, flyers and cards. Schedule is as follows: elementary school age, on May 22, 6 p.m.; middle school age, on May 29, 6 p.m.; and high school age, May 15, 6 p.m. For more information, call Charles Novak, 410-278-4995.

Coming soon - 4-H Technology Club

If you love technology, make sure you are a member of this club. For more information, call Charles Novak, 410-278-4995.

Youth of the Year Program

Youth Services participates in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year Program. Competitions are conducted throughout the year at both Youth Centers. For more information, call Angela Shannon, 410-278-4995. Also, see Front page of this week's APG News. Apply today..

Sports and Fitness Program

APG offers a wide variety of instructional classes, team sports, and clinics to participate in throughout the year. Many activities are seasonal or offered in sessions. For more information about Youth Sports, call Bill Kegley, APG's Youth Sports Director, 410-306-2297, or e-mail him at William.Kegley@usag.apg.army.mil.

Thefts

From front page

value and the reduced sale value.

Under the Civil Recovery Program, military sponsors are responsible for their family members. A parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of a minor who commits the shoplifting offense is liable to AAFES for the specified damages and costs, and until the debt is either paid or waived, the military sponsor's

check cashing and Military Star card privileges are suspended.

Once charged with shoplifting, the store manager will send the offender up to two demand letters for money damages, but if the debt remains unpaid for 30 days, the sponsor's unit commander will be notified.

The Civil Recovery Program is separate from any criminal prosecution initiated by appropriate legal authority or additional disciplinary action.

(AAFES contributed to this article.)

Community Notes

THURSDAY

MAY 9

EDGEWOOD FARMERS MARKET OPENS

The Edgewood Farmers Market will have its fourth annual grand opening 3 to 6 p.m. Activities include music by the Flaming Arrows, free gifts, plus free hot dogs and sodas for children, compliments of Jo Momma's Restaurant. WXCX will broadcast live.

The market is a central point to purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables, homemade baked goods and the best honey in Harford County. The market is located across the street from Jo Momma's Restaurant and the MARC Train Station (Old Edgewood Road and Edgewood Road).

For more information, call Jack Gray, 410-557-8053 or e-mail harfgrayent@msn.com.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

MAY 9, 10 AND 11

MILITARY VEHICLE RALLY

In conjunction with Ordnance Week, the 29th Annual East Coast Military Vehicle Rally, featuring a military flea market and swap meet, will be May 9 to 11, dawn to dusk, in Churchville on Route 22, three miles from Aberdeen and Aberdeen Proving Ground. Take exit 85 west (Route 22) from Interstate 95. Look for the Big M Drive-In Theater. For a schedule of events and more information visit the rally Web site, aberdeenrally@aol.com.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit a Girl Scout trip to Savannah, the home of the Girl Scouts, will be held at the Elk's Lodge, Route 40, Havre de Grace. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets are sold for \$5. Food, drink and baked goods will be available. For tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

MAY 10 to 12

PENTAGON QUILTS AT EXPO CENTER

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, the American public reached out with affection to the people in the Pentagon in countless ways. Many quilts were tucked in among the thousands of gifts and letters of condolences received.

At least 16 of these treasured Pentagon Quilts will be on public display for the first time during the Quilters Unlimited 29th Annual Quilt Show, May 10 to 12, at the Dulles Expo Center (formerly Capital Expo and Conference Center), 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, Va. More than 400 additional quilted items and 70 vendors will also be represented.

Admission is \$5 for a one-day pass or \$10 for three-days. No food, drink or strollers in the exhibit hall. The show will open on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call June Forte, office of the assistant secretary of defense (public affairs), 703-695-7778 or visit the Web site, www.quiltersunlimited.org.

SATURDAY

MAY 11

60TH ANNIVERSARY WAC LUNCHEON

The Women's Army Corps Veteran's Association Maryland Free State Chapter 70 is hosting the 60th Anniversary WAC Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at Aberdeen's Four Points Sheraton Hotel. Cost is \$25. To reserve a seat, call 410-272-5040.

MONDAY

MAY 13

PARENT INFORMATION EXCHANGE (PIE)

Army Community Service will sponsor the Parent Information Exchange, or PIE, for Exceptional Family Members 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at ACS, building 2754. Space is limited. Call 410-278-2420 in advance if child care is needed.

THURSDAY

MAY 16

SAME LUNCHEON

The Society of American Military Engineers-Chesapeake Post May luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Booz Allen Hamilton Office, 1309 Continental Drive, Suite R, Abingdon.

The speaker will be retired Lt. Col. Tom Kuchar, Battelle Memorial Institute. His presentation, titled "Protective Strategies," will focus on Battelle's response to growing concerns for the potential of a domestic chemical, biological or radiological terrorist incident. Kuchar will discuss processes used to develop protective strategies, and cases studies of on-going projects.

For lunch reservations, respond no later than May 13 to Valerie Nichols, 301-721-2250 or fax 301-309-1579 or e-mail valerie_nichols@urscorp.com.

FRIDAY

MAY 17

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Organization Day will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. Food, drink and baked goods will be sold. For tickets, call Anne Gibson 410-378-3338 (home), 410-436-2800 (work), or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the American Cancer Society's Harford County Relay for Life will be held at the Edgewood High School Gym, 9 p.m.; bingo begins at 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for 12 games; additional sets are cost \$5. A raffle and door prizes are part of the evening fun. Drinks and baked goods will be available. For tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332, or Ralph French, 410-557-6752.

SATURDAY

MAY 18

ABERDEEN CELEBRATES ARMED FORCES DAY

"United for Freedom" is the theme of this year's joint Aberdeen Proving Ground/City of Aberdeen 2002 Armed Forces Day celebration in the City of Aberdeen. The day

begins with a 5K Fun Run starting at Festival Park at 2 p.m. Registration forms are available at Aberdeen City Hall or entrants may register the day of the race at Festival Park beginning at 1 p.m.

The parade of active and retired military units, military vehicles, local bands and other parade floats down West Bel Air Avenue begins at 3 p.m. There will be a special tribute in Festival Park following the parade. A free concert, performed by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) and the Aberdeen High School Chorus, will begin after the tribute in Festival Park.

For more information, contact the City of Aberdeen at 410-297-4212 or visit the City's Web site at www.aberdeen-md.org.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Jarrettsville Jazz will be held at North Harford High School, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Sue Murk, 410-692-9480.

TUESDAY

MAY 21

ASIAN-PACIFIC SPECIALTY MEAL

The annual Asian-Pacific Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.70 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Asian-Pacific specialty meal menu includes egg drop soup, egg rolls, sweet and sour pork, Cantonese spareribs, sesame chicken, beef with broccoli, beef bulgogi, fried rice, steamed rice, vegetable lo mein, stir fried vegetables, cucumber kimchi, fruit ambrosia, almond and fortune cookies, pineapple upside-down cake, assorted breads, soft-serve ice cream, coffee, tea, milk and soda.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

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

FRIDAY

MAY 24

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Baltimore Symphonic Band will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks, and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Sue Dieter, 410-343-2611, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

MONDAY

MAY 27

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE, LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Unit Ministry Team will participate in a Community Memorial Day Vesper Service in support of OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE in Chambersburg, Pa., at 7 p.m. The team, consisting of Chaplain Lt. Col. Lonnie Southern and Spc. Chad Emrick, are assisting in planning and conducting the service to be held in the old post chapel at Letterkenny Army Depot. Southern will be the guest speaker.

The United Church Council of Chambersburg is the host organization.

For more information, call Southern at 410-436-4107/4109.

FRIDAY

MAY 31

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT, DANCE

All poets are welcome to the Open Mike Poetry Night, 8 to 11 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, Aberdeen. Dancing will be held from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dress to impress - no jeans, boots, bandanas, sweats or sneakers. Open to ages 21 and over with proper ID. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$10 at the door. Music will be provided by DJ Sir Knight. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Copeland, 1-877-937-9936.

SATURDAY

JUNE 8

MILITARY/FIRE/POLICE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Community Recreation Division APG/MWR and the World Natural Power Lifting Federation present the 2002 Military/Fire/Police Championships, 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Athletic Center, building 3300. A \$30 sanctioned registration fee is required when registering. For more information or to register, call Stacie Edie, 410-278-3931, or e-mail her at stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil by May 17.

FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY

JUNE 21 to 23

CWF WEEKEND GETAWAY TO CAPE MAY

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a weekend getaway to Cape May, N.J. Lodging at the Grand Hotel provides ocean view rooms, an inside pool and jacuzzi, and easy access to the boardwalk, beach restaurants and shopping.

The prices are \$315 for a single; \$176 per person for double occupancy; and \$138 per person for triple occupancy. These prices include transportation and hotel accommodations.

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

SATURDAY

JUNE 22

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit VFW Post 8185 will be held at the Port Deposit VFW Post 8185, Route 222, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks, and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

MOVIES

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



DEATH TO SMOOCHY

Friday, May 10, 7 p.m.

Starring: Robin Williams, Edward Norton

"Rainbow Randolph" is the highest rated kid's show on television. When Randolph gets busted for bribes, the network needs a squeaky clean replacement. Enter Sheldon and his alter-ego, a fuchsia plush rhino named "Smoochy." Sheldon soon learns that children's television is a dangerous world steeped in corruption, back-stabbing and violence. His biggest problem isn't ratings or corporate politics, it's Rainbow Randolph.



ICE AGE (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, May 11, 7 p.m.

Cast: animated

During the Ice Age, 20,000 years ago, the planet's creatures migrate south to avoid a really bad frostbite. Manny, Sid, Diego and Rosham embark on an incredible journey. They narrowly escape avalanches, battle over food, careen through a prehistoric roller coaster of ice funnels and traverse ice bridges over lakes of volcanic lava. They become the weirdest herd of this, or any, age.

MONSTER'S BALL

Saturday, May 11, 9 p.m.

Starring: Billy Bob Thornton, Halle Barry



A prison guard who grew up in a racist family falls in love with a widow of an executed African-American inmate. The trouble is, she has no idea of the guard's connection to her dead husband.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

These recently published titles are available at the APG MWR Library:



Nuremberg: The reckoning by William F. Buckley

You Know Better by Tina McElroy Ansa

City of Bones by Michael Connelly



Midnight Runner by Jack Higgins

Lost Nation by Jeffrey Lent

The Company: A novel of the CIA by Robert Littell



Kentucky Heat by Fern Michaels

Three Fates by Nora Roberts



Perfect Match by Jodi Picoult

Sea Glass by Anita Shreve

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 only open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

JULY 12

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City will be held at the Chesapeake City Fire Hall (2nd floor) 215 Lock Street, Chesapeake City at 6 p.m.; bingo starts at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Lori, 410-287-0827, or Carol, 410-885-5060.

FRIDAY

JULY 19

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Judy Hinch, 410-272-7585, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

FRIDAY

AUGUST 23

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Aberdeen Police Association will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Judy Hinch, 410-272-7585, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

DoD issues new environmental policy

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense announced an important step forward in its approach to environmental stewardship by issuing policy requiring implementation of Environmental Management Systems. The policy calls for systematic integration of environmental management into all missions, activities, and functions. The policy requires current processes to be continually reviewed to identify better ways to reconcile national defense and environmental stewardship missions.

In taking this step, DoD is reemphasizing its commitment to the environment and its position that simply complying with environmental laws and regulations is not enough.

EMS is not a new requirement, but a change in management practices. The department's approach is to adapt existing management processes to systematically identify and reduce the environmental risks inherent in mission activities.

This systematic approach makes compliance with environmental laws simpler, less costly, and a routine part of mission planning and execution. DoD believes this will enhance mission performance while it reduces environmental costs and liabilities.

"Balancing our training and operational needs

with the demands of sound environmental stewardship is an increasingly complex challenge, one in which we must succeed to accomplish our mission," said Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment Raymond DuBois. "Environmental management systems are a proven tool for defining and achieving this balance."

EMS is a recognized best management practice implemented by leading corporations worldwide. In industry, it is recognized as a more effective management approach than traditional environmental compliance-based approaches, because it helps to align business and environmental goals.

DoD will use EMS to align defense mission and environmental goals.

The White House supports DoD for adopting the policy.

"EMS is an important part of President Bush's management and stewardship agenda," said White House Council on Environmental Quality Chairman James L. Connaughton. "I applaud the Department of Defense for being a leader in EMS and for taking this step today," he said.

The DoD policy is on the Web at <https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/Library/EMS/Documents/dodems-040502.pdf>.



DoD photo by MASTER SGT. BOB HASKELL, U.S. Army National Guard
A Florida Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter carries a 700 gallon water bucket used in fighting forest fires enroute to fires outside Daytona, Fla., on July 4, 1998.

Army restricts Black Hawk flights

Tonya Johnson
Army News Service

Hundreds of Black Hawk helicopters were grounded except for mission-essential flights May 1, after a potential transmission problem was discovered in one.

Approximately 960 Black Hawks in both the active Army and National Guard have been restricted, officials said, as the Army conducts an assessment to see if the problem is isolated or if other Black Hawks have similar problems. Under the restriction, only mission-essential flights such as medical evacuation and combat are allowed.

The restriction involves the UH-60A utility helicopter, EH-60A electronic warfare version and the UH-60Q medevac chopper. The UH-60L helicopters were not affected because they have a different transmission.

The transmission problem was detected when an Army aviation unit, the 57th Medical Company, at Fort Bragg, N.C., experienced persistent low oil pressure problems with one of its UH-60A Black Hawks.

The transmission was sent to

Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, for repair. The part was disassembled and a cracked planetary carrier was determined as the reason for the low oil pressure. The planetary carrier, manufactured by RAF Industries, is a large plate-shaped component within the transmission that has no finite replacement life.

The Army Aviation and Missile Command, Corpus Christi Army Depot and Sikorsky, the designer of the aircraft, are investigating the possible cause of the cracked carrier, officials said.

"The Black Hawk has a great performance record, and this is the first cracked planetary carrier found in 3.5 million flight hours," said Bob Hunt, Army Aviation and Missile Command spokesperson. "The Army Aviation and Missile Command, Corpus Christi Army Depot and Sikorsky are working vigorously to solve this issue. A lot of people are putting in a lot of hours to get to the bottom of this."

If a planetary carrier is cracked, stress is placed on the transmission gears and could cause internal shim damage, officials said. If pieces of the shim

fall into the transmission oil sump, the transmission filter could become blocked and cause low oil pressure.

When the part doesn't function, it can't transfer engine power to the main rotor system. The rotor system could continue to operate without power allowing an autorotation landing or the failed carrier could cause a rotor system jam.

Hunt said the restriction shouldn't affect Army readiness. More than 500 L series Black Hawk helicopters will be used until the Army can resolve the problem. The restrictions will not stop Black Hawks in Afghanistan from flying combat missions, Hunt said.

There have been no Black Hawk accidents in the past due to a planetary carrier crack or failure, Hunt said. There haven't been any major problems with the Black Hawks in years, he said. The last major maintenance problem occurred in the late 1980s when there was an aircraft stabilator problem.

Hunt said an update concerning the restriction will be issued within the next seven to 10 days.



Swimming passes available

Swimming passes are on sale at Outdoor Recreation, building 2407. For more information, call Wayne Doyel, 410-278-4124.

Casino trip to Dover Downs

Seats are still available on the bus to Dover Downs, Del., May 19. The \$15 ticket includes a buffet, \$3 Lottery ticket, \$2 simulcast

bet and roundtrip transportation.

The pick-up location for Edgewood is the Ames Shopping Center at 1:30 p.m. and for Aberdeen is the Aberdeen Shopping Center at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets should be purchased by May 14 at the Information, Ticketing and Registration office, building 3326.

For more information, contact

Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Introduction to the Woods

Class is May 19, 2 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course or May 29, 5 p.m. at Ruggles and Exton Golf course. Cost is \$10. For more information, call Marni Allison at 410-278-5567, or e-mail her at marni.Allison@usag.apg.army.mil.



Photos by JEANNIE SKILLMAN
Hester Hayes, Randy Cerar and Roxann Diehl from the U.S. Army Environmental Center gather dirt to spread around freshly planted American holly trees at J-Field. In the background, Karen Jobes, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, digs a hole for another tree.

APG organizations lead Earth Day celebration

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

More than 400 people attended Harford County's annual Earth Day Celebration at Swan Harbor Farm in Havre de Grace

on April 20. The day featured a variety of earth-friendly exhibits from post organizations, a ceremonial tree planting and nature walks. Participating organizations included the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, Army Research Laboratory, Army Environmental

Center and the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment as well as the U.S. Army Installation Restoration Program. The event provides Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations the opportunity to communicate the Army's positive environmental messages.

Army, EPA break ground on Earth Day

Jeanne Skillman
AEC

For some organizations, the Earth Day activities culminated on April 22 with the planting of 200 trees on J-Field.

The U.S. Army teamed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in planting native and hybrid trees to reduce contaminants in the soil and groundwater on J-Field, the former waste disposal site on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"Earth Day is the perfect day to complete the final step of this project by taking a once contaminated area and turning it into a self-sustaining ecosystem," said John Wrobel, an environmental engineer with the Directorate of Safety, Health, and Environment. "What is most important is that we are able to fix past environmental mistakes naturally and in partnership with Mother Nature."

Personnel from the U.S. Army Environmental Center and the Aberdeen Test Center joined members of the EPA and the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment to plant 200 trees on J-Field, adding to the 600 previously planted.

The trees have been scientifically proven to reduce the level of contaminants in the soil and groundwater without harming the environment, organizers said.

"Hybrid trees are quick

growing and are successful at intercepting containments before they reach the nearby freshwater marsh," Steve Hirsh, remedial project manager for EPA Region III, said. "Recent testing in the area has shown that the trees have directly destroyed up to 60 pounds of chemical solvents."

The opportunity to join the garrison command in implementing the restoration project is unique for AEC personnel, who serve as program managers for the Army's restoration programs.

"It was nice to get out of the office and get down to the ground level, literally, and make a difference in the land," said Randy Cerar, chief of the Environmental Restoration Division at AEC. "This is a great example of how the Army and its clean-up partners have taken a technically complex issue and implemented an environmentally friendly response."

J-Field was identified in the late 1970s as a potentially contaminated site because of the open-pit burning of decontaminating agents containing solvents and chemical warfare materiel, leaving a residue of lead, arsenic and tetrachloroethane.

All U.S. Army sites identified as contaminated, were prioritized according to health threat and environmental law in the 1970s. Since then, the EPA and the Army have developed a systematic approach for

restoring those sites to safer levels.

Through a team effort, by community groups and key stakeholders, several cleanup methods were attempted at J-Field through the 1990s, when a relatively unknown process at the time, phytoremediation, was identified as a possible solution. Phytoremediation uses plants to clean up chemical pollution.

Contaminated soil was removed from the site, and in 1995, DSHE began planting hundreds of trees at a time. The effort culminated during this year's Earth Day event.

Scott Fredericks, biologist for the EPA environmental response team, said J-Field is a pilot study for a natural solution to a man-made problem.

"We teamed up with several universities and other experts to thoroughly test the ecosystem and gather scientific knowledge after we planted the first round of trees at J-Field," Fredericks said. "The results surpassed any expectations we originally had and proved to be safe for the trees and environment and a very effective means of cleaning up contamination," Fredericks added.

"We could all learn something from this project," said Cerar. "By planting trees and plants native to our area, we can help Mother Nature help us to reduce air pollution, conserve water and restore our environment."



A volunteer removes the burlap covering from a holly tree before planting the tree at J-Field. The covering is meant to protect the root ball while transporting from the nursery.

Photo by SUSAN HAGAN



Aberdeen Test Center employee Ed Griger helps Jacob Birchfield plant wildflowers at the Earth Day celebration at Swan Harbor Farm in Havre de Grace, April 20.

ATC celebrates Earth Day

Susan Hagan
ATC

The Earth Day celebration was a day to learn about and support the environment with earth-friendly booths, activities and more.

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center display at Swan Harbor Farm featured photographs of its environmentally friendly testing facilities and of some of the installation's wildlife. Visitors also viewed a video about ATC, the Military Environmental Technology Demonstration Center and the music video, "You Do It For the Flag."

In addition, the booth provided supplies for children to plant wildflowers and a high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle, or

HUMMWV, that children and adults alike took turns sitting in.

Larry Birchfield, ATC environmental team lead scientist, said, "It is important to recognize the efforts that the Army makes to not only maintain compliance, but also in developing innovative methods to reduce and/or minimize generations of waste."

"I am proud of the efforts ATC has made in conserving resources and reusing materials that would otherwise require disposal as waste," Birchfield said.

ATC has participated in the Earth Day celebration at Swan Harbor Farm for the past three years and has participated in earth day events for approximately the past eight years.

ABCDF promotes restoration

Nancy Hofman
Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office

The Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility team distributed more than 200 blue spruce tree seedlings at the Swan Harbor Earth Day cele-

bration, April 20.

Positive environmental messages relayed to the public related to the Army's Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization and ABCDF included the completion of operations at Johnston Atoll

Chemical Agent Disposal System and the restoration effort at Carroll Island.

More than 1,400 trees are being planted to offset the number of trees that were cut down during the ABCDF's construction on the island.



Children and parents gather around as Pat Beal, CHPPM biologist, points out skeletal features of small animals. Pictured from the left is Beal, Dixie Hoiland, computer technician, her grandson Anthony Hedges, 11, Janelle Lucksavage, health education intern, and Caitlin Weese, daughter of Coleen Weese, the program manager for Occupational Environmental Medicine.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE
Lt. Col. James A. "Tony" Price, executive officer for the U.S. Army Environmental Center, shows his son Jamie, a third grader at Roye-Williams Elementary School, how to work the paper shredder.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE
From the left, Chelsea Goodwin, 9, daughter of 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory Staff Sgt. Michael Goodwin, a preventive medicine technician supporting CHPPM, and Marissa Hughes, 8, daughter of Mary Grez, CHPPM geohydrologist, try on gas masks from a hands-on display.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE
Maj. Newton Foster, CHPPM veterinarian, watches as his son Timothy, 12, tests his laboratory skills. Shown in the background are Carmen Adrover, a physical science technician, and Lt. Col. Alan Weir, laboratory operations manager.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE
Cpt. Mike Desena, a CHPPM entomologist, quizzes Raymond Burroughs, 11, about some of the features of the cockroach he's holding. Tom Burroughs, Raymond's father, is also an entomologist.



Photo by LA'MONT HARBISON
Children whose parents work at the Directorate of Information Management await their chance to record announcements for the APG Web site. Seated from the left are Ariel Harbison, 9, daughter of the photographer, a visual information specialist, Adrienne Kartachak, 11, and her sister Allison, 13, daughters of Pam Kartachak, an information systems manager. Evan Huntley, 13, son of C. Byrne Huntley, DOIM director, is standing.

Children

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through special software programs, put on a lab coat and goggles and play scientist, and manipulate and learn about the various uses of lasers.

Angel Simon, 15, gravitated toward the display showing specially treated field gear and field operations. Thinking about her future, Simon said she was checking out all the possibilities.

"I want to join the Army," she said.

Raymond Burroughs, 11, thought the display stations were better than last year's.

"This is really good stuff," he said. Moving through all the exhibits, his favorites were "the lasers and bugs."

Although the U.S. Army Environmental Center, along with several other tenants, did not have a set program for the day, children spent the day helping their moms or dads with duties such as copying, faxing, and re-organizing

work spaces, while asking parents and coworkers questions about their jobs.

Marking the day in the Aberdeen Area

On the other side of the installation, the Directorates of Law Enforcement and Security and Safety, Health and Environment combined forces. Children and their parents were treated to tours of the police and fire departments.

The guided tours included visiting the dispatch room, viewing the holding cells, and donning police equipment and fire fighter turnout gear. A noisy tour at times, children got to sit in police cars and fire trucks and run the lights and sirens.

The Directorate of Installation Operations hosted 'Breakfast with the troops.' Along with the soldiers of APG, parents and their children ate a typical recruit's breakfast at an installation dining facility before heading off to work.

At the Directorate of Information Management, children toured and helped with tasks throughout the day then accompanied their parents to the Television Branch, to record the APG News Report. Those participating included Evan Huntley, Ariel Harbison, and

Allison and Adrienne Kartachak.

Adrienne, 11, said the DOIM group spent the morning viewing mobile exhibits and displays that are taken throughout the country and the world, advertising what the military is doing to protect soldiers on the battlefield.

In addition, the participants were treated to a workshop demonstration of how signs are made. In the afternoon the group made audio recordings for the APG News Web site. (To listen to the APG News Report, go to <http://www.apg.army.mil>, click on APG News and select APG Weekly Update.)

"It was really, really fun. I hope to do it again next year," Adrienne said.

Her sister Allison, agreed. Referring to the surprise recording opportunity, Allison said, "We were really nervous, but it turned out great."

The 13 year-old said she wants to be an actress, so she was happy to have the opportunity to practice voice projection and speaking slowly enough to be understood.

She said the participants listened to the tape after everyone was done recording and were

pleased with the results.

"Recording was sort of nerve wracking, but I told all my friends to listen to it, and they thought it was really neat," she said.

Evan Huntley had a similar report from "Take Our Sons and Daughters to Work Day." The South Hampton Middle School 8th grader said he had a great time meeting interesting people doing interesting jobs, and was amazed at the amount and artistry of the work done at DOIM.

He said that his teacher also appreciated what he got out of the day.

"He recorded the audio program off the Web and played it for the whole class," Huntley said.

Whether APG organizations and tenants observed the day by showcasing the areas of work for all parents in the organization, sharing responsibilities with sister organizations or on an unofficial level, most children left better informed about what their parents do at Aberdeen Proving Ground, making the day a success for all involved.

