

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 18, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



### EA to conduct fire hydrant flow tests

The Fire and Emergency Services Division will begin conducting required annual fire hydrant flow testing in Family Housing on the Edgewood Area June 23, and is expected to be completed by July 28.

Testing will be conducted between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily.

Residents noticing rusty or cloudy water should let a faucet flow until the water runs clear.

Hydrant testing is required by Army Regulation 420-90.

Any questions can be directed to Inspector Thomas Stanford at 410-436-2377.

### Holiday hours at KUSAHC

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will observe a training holiday on July 3 with curtailed services.

The General Medicine (410-278-1812) and Pediatric (410-278-1717) clinics will be operational from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment.

KUSAHC will be closed on July 4. The Saturday Walk-in Clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Regular hours at KUSAHC will resume on July 7.

### APG readies for exercise

Aberdeen Proving Ground will conduct a major training exercise in both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas on June 18. This exercise will involve field play by APG's first responders.

Anyone associated with the Edgewood Area, should expect to be involved in the exercise in one way or another.

Some organizations may be asked to evacuate a building, while other organizations may be asked to provide assistance/expertise to the installation response forces.

Minimal inconveniences will be felt in the Aberdeen Area, and any inconveniences will be kept to a minimum within the scope of the exercise.

For more information, call Robert F. Remus, 410-278-3147.

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# Invisible world of volunteerism has visible impact on APG

Frank S. Palmisano III  
Special contributor

Aristotle once wrote, "All paid jobs absorb and degrade the mind."

Though the statement is a bit of an exaggeration of fact, underlying these words is a commendation of volunteer work. For many at Aberdeen Proving Ground, volunteerism is a state of mind, and APG seeks to honor this mindset each year.

On May 2, the APG community celebrated a volunteer group of men and women at the 2003 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at Top of the Bay.

It was a needful reminder of the loyalty, commitment and civic duty expressed by those who do not always get the credit they deserve but make this community a better place to serve and live.

Nominees in five categories, including Military, Military Family Member, Military Retiree, Civilian and Youth were all recognized and awarded ceremonial plaques and certificates brandishing their names and charitable work.

Guests of honor included Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, and Roy Ballinger, director, Community and Family Activities.

"I really appreciate what the volunteers do everyday. I wish I could have more," said Mark in her opening remarks.

In his address, Doesburg quipped about Maryland's

weather looking something like the weather he remembered while stationed in Europe years ago--two days of sunshine followed by three days of rain--but, he said nonetheless, it is still a perfect night.

"The volunteers are the ones who make this place what it is," said Doesburg, echoing Mark's sentiments. "I'm proud of APG and all of you."

Doesburg compared APG to a city, saying APG has been successful in drawing its volunteer resources from all segments of its population.

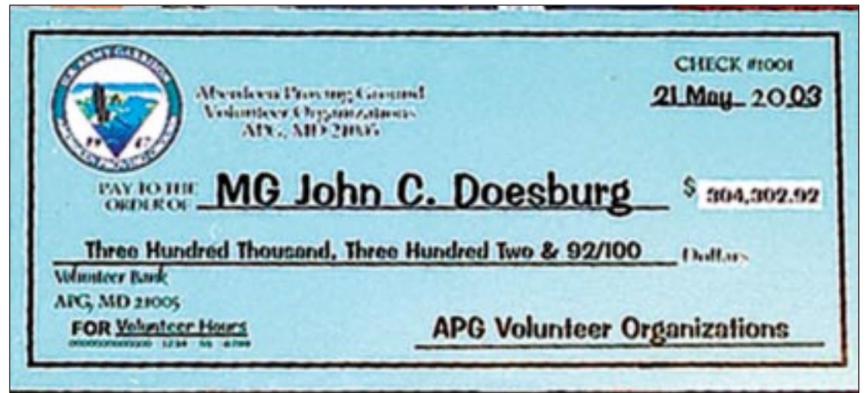
APG is a place "where nearly every part of the community is willing to give of their time," he said.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of 47 certificates of appreciation and plaques by Doesburg and Mark.

After the nominees were honored, winners were selected from the categories. Men, women, and one youth, who in themselves exemplified the spirit of self-giving and personal sacrifice, received items ranging from \$250 gift certificates to dinner theater tickets and passes to Six Flags Amusement Park.

The category winners were Sgt. Maj. Fredrick Hurley, Judy Hannon, Ann Thacker and Aaron Diamond. (See editor's note regarding Military Retiree Volunteer of the Year.)

Winners were determined by their individual service to APG only. Their service must have been performed during calendar year 2002. To be considered, those winners must have demonstrated superior service in support of community programs, achieved high



Photos by RALPH BROTH

A savings of \$304,302 was realized this year thanks to the efforts of the volunteers on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

standards of personal commitment, and/or had been recognized within their organization for most outstanding service or achievement.

According to Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service coordinator for this year's volunteer ceremony, each nominating agency had to provide a judge to read all nomination packages.

"Five judges reviewed 49 nominee packages each. They should be commended for their volunteer efforts as well."

Along with these, selecting officials were to consider the nominee's number of hours, type of service, effect on the community, and all volunteer activities in which the nominee took part.

"Volunteers are the backbone of our community and one of our greatest natural resources," Howard said. "Without volunteers many programs would not exist. Our volunteers are special people, and our communities would be very different places without their contributions."



Sgt. Maj. Fredrick Hurley  
Military Category

Hurley was nominated by the Aberdeen Recreation Center. He is a self-styled factotum, that is, a jack-of-all-trades.

Among his many tasks, he was responsible for all of the repair work at the recreation center, including furniture repair. He volunteered his Sundays (at least six to 10 hours a week) working the front desk where he handed out pool sticks and balls to the young military men and women. He also volunteered his Thanksgiving to do much of the same.

Asked about his charitable philosophy, Hurley responded, "You have to give to get back, until you can't give back anymore."

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## Community hosts 26th Military Appreciation Luncheon

Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

The Military Affairs Committee of the Harford County Chamber of Commerce hosted the 26th Military Appreciation Luncheon at Top of the Bay, May 22.

Bill Seccurro, president and chief executive officer of the Chamber of Commerce, led the affair and Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, was the guest speaker.

"The Harford County business community through the Harford County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to recognize the military and civilian personnel at Aberdeen Proving Ground for the 26th consecutive year," Seccurro

said. "It is our pleasure, especially this year, to celebrate the work of the men and women serving in the United States Military and the contributions being made by APG in Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Chaplain (Maj.) Ernest Vermont, APG Garrison, delivered the invocation and the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), provided music.

Julia Oliver, a Port Deposit resident and an original member of the first Women's Army Corp Band, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and soldiers from the U.S. Army Mechanical Maintenance School posted and retired the colors.

After thanking Seccurro and Linda Walls, chair of the Military Affairs Committee who was unable to attend,

Mark said she appreciated the opportunity to, "reaffirm the strong and healthy bond that exists between APG and the Harford County community."

Mark said the Army's ongoing transformation, and the garrison's transition to the new Installation Management Agency, would, "make APG a more vital contributor to America's defense posture."

"Our ability to successfully make that contribution is deeply rooted in our partnership with the larger community," she said.

Noting the active roles APG soldiers, family members, civilians and contractors take in community civic groups, churches and synagogues and as volunteers, Mark said the shared goals result in community pride.

"We share a pride of ownership with Harford County - pride in what we do and in who we are."

Mark mentioned several APG organizations and individuals who exemplify the spirit of volunteerism and community responsibility, then asked the veterans in the audience to stand in appreciation of their sacrifices to the country.

In closing, she thanked the community and wished continued success for the military and civilian union.

"To all of you, we at APG appreciate all you do for us," Mark said. "With your support, the men and women of APG will continue to accomplish great things."

The program included proclamation  
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## Retirement ceremony pays tribute to 71 years of service



Retirees, from left, Col. Kone Brugh III and wife, Nancy; Col. Walter E. Egerton III and wife Deborah; and Staff Sgt. Paul A. Schonberger observe retirement ceremony proceedings at Ordnance Circle.

E.C. Starnes  
OC&S

The Aberdeen Proving Ground retirement ceremony for May, hosted by Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, chief of Ordnance and commanding general of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, paid tribute to retirees with more than 71 years of military service.

Honored during the ceremony were Col. Kone Brugh III, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools; Col. Walter E. Egerton III, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine; and, Staff Sgt. Paul A. Schonberger, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School.

"We come together," Stevenson told the crowd of friends, family and coworkers, "to pay tribute to three veterans who have also proven they are great Americans."

### Col. Kone Brugh III

Brugh, a native of Radford, Va., entered the Army in 1975 after commissioning in the regular Army as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the West Virginia University ROTC program. He has had numerous assignments in the United States and has served in Croatia and Germany.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, the Armed Forces Staff College, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Logistics Executive Development Course, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Ordnance and Chemical Advanced Course, the Improved Hawk Officer Course and the Air Defense Officer Basic Course.

His civilian education includes a master's in management from

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# Deployment News

## Force health protection—troops protected through occupational, environmental health surveillance

**Jack M. Heller, Ph.D.**  
CHPPM

During Operation Desert Shield/Storm the Department of Defense had to take a hard look at force health protection issues in general, and occupational and environmental health surveillance issues in particular. Whether troops were engaged in armed conflict, or deployed in support of peacekeeping operations, military commanders were concerned about any activity that could potentially threaten the health of their personnel and ways to prevent those threats.

In response to this need, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine developed a Deployment Occupational and Environmental Health Surveillance Program to protect deployed troops.

Efforts concentrated on two aspects of medical surveillance: a comprehensive health outcome database, known as the Defense Medical Surveillance System, and an occupational and environmental hazard surveillance effort under the Deployment Environmental Surveillance Program.

The CHPPM DESP was established in July 1996 largely in response to the DOD's increasing concerns, especially since the Gulf War, to the risks posed to U.S. forces by environmental hazards.

The DESP is staffed by environmental scientists, engineers, and geographer, and is supported by physicians and technical experts from throughout CHPPM.

The personnel assigned to CHPPM subordinate com-

mands also provide extensive deployment surveillance support.

The main function of the CHPPM DESP is to analyze environmental sample data and to send this information back to field commanders and medical personnel. DESP also makes recommendations for reducing risks from exposure to occupational and environmental hazards during deployments.

The program members work with the Combatant Command medical personal before, during, and after a deployment and they train and equip the medical detachments and preventive medicine personnel deployed with the combat troops.

During the deployment, environmental samples are shipped to CHPPM for analysis and new sampling supplies are sent back to the field. Data is archived for future investigations of any potential health problems following a deployment.

CHPPM conducts this mission for all the combatant commands, supporting stabilization operations in Bosnia and Kosovo for EUCOM, supporting humanitarian efforts in South and Central America for SOUTHCOM, supporting the fight against terrorism in the Philippines for PACOM, assisting with homeland security in the United States for NORTHCOM, and supporting CENTCOM and SOCOM in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom and in Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Photo courtesy of CHPPM  
U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine personnel place air samplers in the Rumalya Oil Fields in Iraq to monitor air quality for service members in the area.

## Operation Iraqi Freedom validates Army Knowledge framework

**Joe Burlas**  
Army News Service

While there are still some bugs to tweak and a lot of work, Operation Iraqi Freedom has validated the Army Knowledge Management framework track for transforming the way soldiers of all ranks get and share information, both in peace and war, according to the Army's top Signal Corps officer.

Lt. Gen. Peter Cuvillo, the Army G-6/chief information officer, shared his vision of how future joint and netted Army command, control, communications and computers systems should operate over a global broadcast system. He explained his vision to more than 200 Information Technology military, government and industry officials who attended the third annual Army IT Day in McLean, Va., May 27.

"The Army today is at war and transforming at the same time," Cuvillo said. "As we see senior leaders go, some may wonder what the future will bring. I believe we have reached a point of irreversible momentum.

"The real work is getting done in the field — that is where the fighting and transformation is getting done. As new senior leaders come, we will probably see some strategic changes, but the core work will continue."

Lessons learned from Army operations in Afghanistan and Iraq over the past year have validated many IT Transformation concepts, Cuvillo said.

The Army has realized for some time that it needs better energy sources than batteries to power the majority of its IT systems, Cuvillo said, and thus has been exploring fuel-cell technology — a mini/micro-powered generator powered by liquid fuel. The supply of batteries of units in Iraqi Freedom were hard pressed, he said, for two reasons: the high temperatures drained them more quickly than expected and the very mobile nature of the operation meant more reliance on batteries over the generators normally in use from fixed locations.

"Batteries are heavy items to carry around the battlefield — not only to keep them stocked and transported, but also the trans-

portation requirements to dispose of them," Cuvillo said. "That is why fuel-cell technology needs to be pushed very hard and fast."

Another lesson learned is a real requirement for a more mobile and smaller IT support footprint on the battlefield, Cuvillo said.

Antenna farms sprung up around major Army units in both Afghanistan and Iraq as different antennas were needed for each of six different satellite bands and four different types of radios in order to keep the communication links open between all service components and commanders in and out of theater. All of those antennas sometimes caused co-site interference with each other, he said.

The science and technology community is researching multi-band antennas that may be shared with more than one radio or satellite link to alleviate that problem.

Cuvillo said the Army got the right balance between military

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## APG News

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Photo by SONYA P. REYNOLDS  
From left, Atiah Baker, 4, Sydney Johnson Jr., 16 months, Amari Raiford, 2, and Aysia Ferguson, 2 1/2, concentrate while receiving coloring directions from Aberdeen Proving Ground Family Child Care Provider of the Quarter Sherry Johnson.

# Family Child Care recognizes provider

**Penny Branham**  
CYS

The Family Child Care Provider of the quarter was recognized during a ceremony at Aberdeen Child and Youth Services April 23.

Nominations received at CYS from parents enrolled in the Family Child Care Program selected Sherry Johnson.

She became a certified Family Child Care Provider in October 2000 and has completed all Army Family Child Care training modules, acquired a Child Development Associate and is currently seeking accreditation from the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.

When parents were asked what they liked most about Johnson's day care home, most agreed that she has a profes-

sional attitude and cares about the family as a whole because she realizes that a child's home life affects the welfare and self-esteem of the child.

One parent in particular said that "Sherry handles everything in a structured, skillful and reliable way when it comes to teaching your child positive things. You can walk away from her home and know that your child will be fine and know she will go that extra yard to get things done."

"We applaud Johnson's dedication and commitment to quality child care to the children of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community," said Beverly Hartgrove, training and curriculum specialist, FCC.

Johnson hails from London, England, where she holds City & Guilds Qualifications for Industrial Catering and

has been a qualified chef.

Though she enjoys cooking, Johnson says she would not give up working with the children for the world.

"I really enjoy teaching and spending time with the kids," Johnson said, adding that she treats all of the children as if they were her own.

Married to Sgt. 1st Class Sydney G. Johnson, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, APG, they have two children, Atiah, 4, and Sydney Jr., 14 months.

The Family Child Care Program aspires to promote the development and acquisition of life-long skills which lead to physical, social, emotional and cognitive growth of children.

For more information on the Family Child Care Program at APG, call 410-278-8720/7477/9832.

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# Office Eagle holds first Customer Appreciation Luncheon



Freda Dunn, caterer, prepares to serve customers for Office Eagle's first annual Customer Appreciation Lunch, May 23. Right inset, the staff of the APG Public Affairs Office, regular customers of Office Eagle, enjoy lunch courtesy of the supply store. From left, Diane Burrier, Patricia McClung and George Mercer.

Story and photos by  
**Michelle Walker-Alexander**  
Special contributor

Before the era of the office supply superstore there was Office Eagle.

During the week before Memorial Day the crew at Office Eagle thanked customers for their patronage by hosting its first annual Customer Appreciation Luncheon. Two luncheons were held, one at the Edgewood facility on May 21 at building E-3007, the other in the Aberdeen Area on May 23 in building 320.

Regional Manager Ed Lozzi was on hand to personally thank civilian and military personnel for their support of the office supply stores on Aberdeen and Edgewood.

Lozzi explained that customer appreciation luncheons were held throughout the week at other Office Eagle locations—Dover Air Force Base and Bolling Air Force Base.

Lozzi said this is their first year having a lunch at all five stores, and they are happy to do it.

He also reminded everyone that purchases made through the Office Eagle are value packed.

"Pricing and product availability is comparable to major

visually impaired citizens with the resources for successful independent living.

The Office Eagle stores employ six blind associates at the two APG locations.

Aberdeen Store Manager Barry Council planned the event alerting customers of the event with flyers at the store. More than 300 patrons would attend the two events over a three-hour span.

Feasting on a luncheon of pit beef, chicken or pork, along with the typical picnic fixings courtesy of Freda's, a local catering service out of Edgewood, customers were delighted to take part in the indoor picnic lunch since it was raining outside.

Lunch attendee Connie Hoffman said, "The food is outstanding, and I think it is a very nice gesture to give back to the community."

Pamela Patrick, assistant manager of the Aberdeen store, said, "[We were] glad to offer something special for our loyal patrons."



retailers, plus patronage at Office Eagle, a division of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, also supports a unique community."

The Jarvis, Wagner, O'Day Act created the JWOD program of which Blind Industries is a part. It provides opportunities for training and employment for the blind.

Blind Industries, through its Skilcraft line, manufactures the products found in Office Eagle stores, thus providing

# MCSC donates \$5,000 to local organizations

**Sonya P. Reynolds**  
APG News

Through their fundraising efforts this past year, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Military and Civilian Spouses' Club raised \$5,000 to donate to various charitable organizations on Aberdeen Proving Ground and other organizations in the community.

This year's recipients of MCSC funds

include the 16th Ordnance Battalion Family Support Group, the 580th Theater Army Medical Laboratory Family Support Group, the APG Post Chapel, the Post Library children's section, APG Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Cadette Girl Scouts, Church Creek Elementary, Havre de Grace High School Wrestling, Aberdeen High School Cheerleaders and Bandfront, Roye Williams Elementary School,

St. Joan of Arc-science materials, and the Kids and Chemistry program, Edgewood and Aberdeen area Junior Girl Scouts, Military Wife Gold Star Flag Project and the Warrior Scholarship Foundation.

MCSC gave a total of \$2,900 in scholarships. The First Command Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund was awarded to Kimberly Caughey. The full-time student scholarships winners were Sarah Burnett, Lisa Caughey and Grace Frankenhauer.

The part-time student scholarship winners were Katrina O'Connell and Anita Arias.

The MCSC serves a dual purpose. Its' pri-

mary goal is to raise money through fundraising efforts including bake sales, ticket sales, volunteer gift wrapping, etc.

It also supports Aberdeen and Edgewood Area organizations as well as those in the surrounding and supporting communities.

MCSC encourages members in the community to build relationships with each other through various programs. The monthly programs allow its members to add a bit of variety to their social life as well as enable them to help give back to the community.

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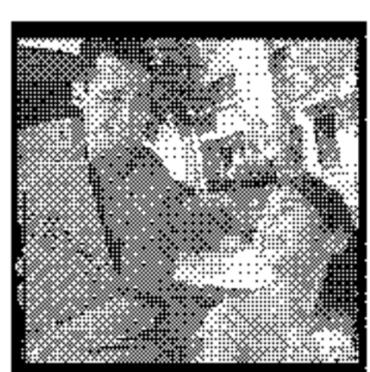
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# Shipping of household goods: What to know before the next move

**Susan Grendahl**  
OSJA

It will inevitably happen - time for the next move to a duty station. Whether having been on active duty for 10 years or one year, there is vital information everyone should know before packing up and shipping household goods.

**Packing up**

The most critical part of packing household items is proof of ownership and the value of the property. Extra precautions should be taken to ensure that if the items are lost, damaged or destroyed, owners can be properly compensated. To accomplish this, take a videotape of valuable items and the entire house prior to packing. Another way to prove ownership is through receipts, credit card bills, and statements from storeowners. For example, someone who cannot prove the value of a figurine may only be compensated for a very small amount when in fact the figurine was worth a great deal more money.

Moving companies move people every day.

They are accustomed to packing many items into one box and labeling it clothing, books, kitchen items, etc. This poses a huge problem if other items such as a coin collection, jewelry, and electronic equipment are placed into the same box. Make sure the inventory sheets accurately describe what is in the box with enough degree of accuracy to prove ownership. For example, if the inventory sheet states pots and pans, it may be quite difficult to be reimbursed for an expensive platter that was also placed into the same box.

**Unpacking**

Carriers must be notified within 70 days of delivery of any damaged or missing items. This

notification is completed by turning in the Form 1840/1840R to a military claims office. The

1840 is the pink form provided to the owner by the driver at the time of delivery. Damages or losses identified at the time of delivery are noted on the 1840-side of the form, and damages found after delivery are noted on the 1840R side.

**Filing the claim**

After filing the 1840/1840R, owners must file for loss or damage within two years of the delivery date. A person with a power of attorney

may also file for the owner. Do not dispose of any damaged items until advised to so do by the claims office. This is because the carrier may ask to inspect the item before a claim is

paid, and the government or carrier has the right to take possession of the item, for its salvage value, after payment of the claim is made. Remember, the faster someone files a claim, the faster the claim can be processed for a decision on payment.

**Private insurance for household goods**

Private insurance is a good idea. Often, when claims are adjudicated, items are depreciated. Also remember that a household goods payment by the government is gratuitous in nature; it is not an absolute right.

Part or all of a claim may be denied for a variety of reasons. Taking responsibility for valuable items, safeguarding and insuring them is the owner's best approach when it comes to moving and shipping of household items. Owners with private insurance must file with the insurance company before filing with the government.

For more information concerning household goods claims, contact the Aberdeen Proving Ground Claims Office at 410-278-1459.



## Cut-off dates for submitting purchase requests

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Contracting of the Army Contracting Agency has established the fiscal year 2003 cut-offs for submitting purchase requests.

Customer support in identifying and submitting purchase requests by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the Directorate of Contracting 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 FY 2003 and maintenance for FY 2004:

- Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 - May 15\*
- Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 - June 15
- Commercial items

between \$100,000 and \$5 million - June 15

- Short-of-Award over \$2,500 - June 15
- Commercial Items under \$100,000 - Aug. 15
- Maintenance for FY 03 - June 15

\* There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

The Defense Department contracting automated system, PD2, is used at APG. Although the submission schedule has been increased to permit additional time to process actions through this system, requestors are advised to submit their year-end requirements 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, Contracting Division, joyce.roberts@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0869.

More specific questions should be referred as follows:

Facilities Branch - repair, alteration, construction, sale and removal of excess real property, services for base operations functions (including, but not limited to, utilities privatization, custodial, refuse, underground utilities locating, etc.), equipment-in-place, and facilities - call or e-mail Martha Mitchem at martha.mitchem@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-2362.

Services Branch - general and specialized services for mission support; range testing

of vehicles, equipment, ammunition; lease, rental, and maintenance of equipment; full food services; environmental services; equipment-in-place, and other base operations services - call or e-mail Shirley Kelly, at shirley.kelly@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0854.

Technology Branch - ADP equipment; word processing equipment; software; general, specialized, and test equipment; instrumentation; supplies; and, ADP maintenance and services - call or e-mail Ginny Corona at ginyin.corona@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0883.

The cutoff dates are also displayed on the Directorate of Contracting Web site at <http://www.apg.army.mil/aca/> under "Announcements, News, and Notes."

### Preparing purchase requests in PRweb

• When preparing a purchase request in the PRweb system (formerly known as Aquiline), do not use any dashes or spaces in the purchase request number.

• Anyone preparing attachments for any electronic document to be used by contracting must use the following format: Normal, Times New Roman, 10. The contracting writing system used by contracting cannot format correctly if a font other than Normal, Times New Roman, 10 is used or if any special characters are used in the document.

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### Lonestar concert slated for Sept. 12

Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting country western band Lonestar, with special guest Trace Adkins, at this year's summer concert on Sept. 12.

Tickets are on sale for \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the gate.

Tickets can be purchased from the Hoyle Fitness Center, MWR Registration in building 3326, Ticketmaster, or at the MWR Web site [www.apg.mwr.com](http://www.apg.mwr.com).

For more information, call Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing director, 410-278-4497.

### Volunteers needed for country concert

Morale, Welfare and Recreation needs volunteers for the APG Miller Lite Army Concert Tour, Sept. 12, 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.

Volunteers must be 18 or older and available to work from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Staff T-shirts and training will be provided.

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

For general information, call 410-278-4907/4011, TTY 410-278-4110.

### ACS hosts job interview class

The Army Community Employment Readiness Program will present a job interview class on June 17, 6 to 8 p.m., and June 24, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at Army Community Service, building 2754 Rodman Road, classroom #103.

The class will teach participants how to make a positive impression during an interview; answer questions effectively and ask questions that show interest. Topics include types of interviews and interview do's and don'ts. An interview session will give participants an opportunity to practice what they learned.

For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard, employment readiness manager at 410-278-9669. Seating is limited. Participants must register at ACS, building 2754.

### BEP presents Juneteenth celebration

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Black Employment Program will sponsor its first Juneteenth celebration June 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Festival Park in the City of Aberdeen. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery.

Guest speaker Catherine L. Short, founder and CEO of Delaware Community Connections, Inc., an organization focused on enriching today's self image with American history legacies for tomorrow's challenges and

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writes standards based educational programs and tours for the 21st century, will discuss the history of Juneteenth. Local DJ TC will provide music and karaoke. Entertainment will also include spiritual dancer(s).

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

For more information, call Jackie Pitts, 410-436-2771.

### ACS holds family groups picnic

Army Community Service will host a picnic for Parents and Children Together, Exceptional Family Members and Waiting Families Support Groups, June 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area. Call Diana Hayes, PACT coordinator, 410-278-4372, to RSVP by June 26.

### EA, AA communities to hold yard sales

The Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground will hold its community yard sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 21 and 22. Rain date will be June 28 and 29. Participating housing areas include Patriot Village, Mobile Home Park, New Chesapeake, Bayside Village, Plumb Point Loop and Hopkins Loop.

The Edgewood Area of APG will hold its community yard sale July 12 and 13. Rain date will be July 19 and 20. Participating housing areas include Everette Road, Deer Run, Skippers Point, Clearview Drive, Chevron Drive and Austin Road.

The Community Life Mayoral Program sponsors the

sales.

### Veterinary Clinic hours for June

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will hold clinics in June by appointment only on June 13 and 17, 9 to a.m. to 3:20 p.m. and June 19, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

On June 24 there will be a walk-in clinic (no appointment necessary) for immunizations/vaccinations only, noon to 6:30 p.m.

Clinics are authorized for use only by personnel authorized the use of a military medical treatment facility such as Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

For safety, no children under 12 are permitted in the clinic, and all pets must be on a leash or in a carrier.

To schedule an appointment, call 410-278-3911 or 4604.

The Veterinary Treatment Facility currently has several cats and kittens for adoption. Anyone may adopt a pet. Call for more information.

### APG Telephone Directory update

The Directorate of Information Management is currently validating the garrison and tenant information in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Telephone Directory.

The purpose of this validation is to ensure that the Emergency Response System (911) has electronic access to accurate information.

DOIM representatives will be calling individual numbers to verify that the name, building, floor, and room number on record for the circuit are correct.

The Caller ID feature on telephones will display "APG TELE MGMT" for these authorized information requests.

For more information, call Janet Brown, 410-306-1315.

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# Morale, Recreation & Welfare

## Activities

### 'Salute the Troops' Country

On June 27, Dean Crawford & Dunn's River will perform a free concert at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, 9 to 11 p.m.

For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

### Astronomy I and II

Astronomy I takes students on a tour of the cosmos starting with planet earth, June 16, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Russell Gym. Register by June 12.

Astronomy II lets students see into the violent exploding stars and black holes. Learn about star formation and evolution, including their violent ends.

Class will be held on June 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Russell Gym. Register by June 19.

For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

### History of APG

This two-hour class provides an in-depth presentation of the past and current history of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Significant events and places of historical importance will be covered as they relate to the reason APG was created.

The program will conclude with a

question and answer session. Class will be held on June 14, 10 a.m. to noon at the Mitchell House. Cost is \$10 for adults (one free child with each paying adult).

For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail him at charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

### Bowling Center activities

A Summer Adult/Youth league starts June 27. Bowling begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person for nine weeks of bowling, skipping July 4 weekend.

A Wednesday Doubles league, starts June 18, for \$10 per week. Bowling begins at 6 p.m., and is eight weeks long.

A Thursday doubles league starts June 19. The cost is \$10 per week for eight weeks. Bowling begins at 6 p.m.

MYSTERY BOWL II starts in June. Receive an entry form for each game bowled or for a purchase from the snack bar. There will be a drawing each Monday for the nine weeks for this promotion. Prizes will be on display at the Bowling Center.

The winners of the nine weeks will be included in a drawing for a chance to win a resort vacation.

The more the facility is used by customers, the more chances of winning. To sign up for any of the summer leagues, visit the center or call 410-278-4041.

The APG Bowling Center will have a Red Pin Special every Wednesday through Friday, 5 p.m. until closing starting June 4.

For more information, call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail him at dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil.

### Summer Solstice 3 on 3 basketball tournament

This is a five-person roster with three-person play on half courts. Games will consist of two 15-minute running clocks with a three-minute half time at the APG Athletic Center.

This is a double elimination tournament with officiated games. Brackets will include an open division and a 35 and over division.

Sign up individually or as a team. Register by June 13. Cost is \$6 for all active duty and \$8 for all others.

### Yankees vs. Mets

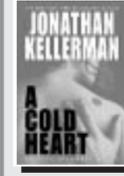
Tickets are available to see the "House that Babe Ruth Built" and watch one of the greatest games in the subway series, June 28, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Yankee Stadium. Cost has been reduced to \$71. Register by June 14.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at staice.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

The following is a list of some of the new books at the APG MWR libraries:



**A Cold Heart** by Jonathan Kellerman

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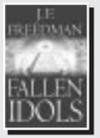
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**The White Road** by John Connolly



**The Other Woman** by Eric Jerome Dickey

**Fallen Idols** by J. F. Freedman



**Gettysburg** by Newt Gingrich

**A Sinister Pig** by Tony Hillerman



**The Lake House** by James Patterson

**Naked Prey** by John Sandford



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## APG SCHOOL LIAISON

### SCHOOL YEAR 2003-2004 PLANNING INFORMATION

Now that school is out for the summer, it's time to start planning for the new 2003-2004 school year, which is only two months away. Harford County Public Schools will open for students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade on Aug. 25, and for pre-kindergarten students on Aug. 27.

New this school year, Edgewood Elementary, Roye-Williams Elementary and various other schools in Harford County will start full-day kindergarten. To enter kindergarten, students must be 5 years of age by Nov. 30.

To obtain current and useful school information, visit the Harford County Public Schools Web site at [www.co.ha.md.us/harford\\_schools](http://www.co.ha.md.us/harford_schools). Topics include Public School Calendar 2003-2004; school lunch and break-

fast menus; school bus schedules; new dress code in public schools; age for starting school changes; how to enroll a child in Harford County Public School; contact information; how to find out about school cancellations or delays; schools with Web sites, and links to other schools in Harford County. Other sites include:

[www.HarfordSchools.com](http://www.HarfordSchools.com)

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[www.aberdeenhighschool.org](http://www.aberdeenhighschool.org)

[www.edgewoodmiddle.org](http://www.edgewoodmiddle.org)

For more information about School Liaison services, contact Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857 or e-mail him at [ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil).

## Contest underway at Ruggles

Now is the time to practice driving the ball at Ruggles Golf Course driving range. One golfer each week will find a "lucky" red ball in their bucket, which wins that golfer a prize. The contest ends June 30.

Weekly winners will be placed in a grand prize drawing for a trip for two to a "Great Golf Escape" that will be announced on July 31. The seven-day trip includes trans-

portation, daily rounds of golf, one hour of tennis daily and \$500 in cash.

No purchase is necessary so others interested in entering the grand prize drawing need to stop by the Pro Shop to fill out the necessary paperwork to enter.

For more information, contact Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or e-mail him at [tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil).

## BOWLING STATISTICS

### Thursday Lunch League

#### Week of June 5

**Men's high series scratch**

Bob Dowding, 353

John Brown, 345

**Men's high series handicap**

Jeff Swab, 505

Johnny Jones, 490

**Men's high game scratch**

John Brown, 189

Bart Pierce, 178

**Men's high game handicap**

Johnny Jones, 289

Terry Pollard, 279

**Women's high series scratch**

Dawn Gordner, 379

Linda Ghiorse, 308

**Women's high series handicap**

Dawn Gordner, 459

Chris Lockhart, 457

**Women's high game scratch**

Dawn Gordner, 212

Linda Ghiorse, 185

**Women's high game handicap**

Chris Lockhart, 261

Dawn Gordner, 252

## Buick Scramble set to tee off at Ruggles Golf Course

### Jeremy Friedman Buick Scramble

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Ruggles Golf Course will host the Buick Scramble, a local qualifying championship tournament, June 22, in a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start.

Up to 30 four-person teams from the surrounding area will compete in a modified scramble format, with the winner advancing to the Mid-Atlantic sectional qualifying championships with the chance of reaching the Buick Scramble National Finals at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Oct. 2 to 6.

Ruggles manager, Tom Green, said interest is growing in the Scramble, which is open to male and female golfers.

"Mixed teams are encouraged to participate," Green said, adding that as in bowling, judging is based on a handicapping index.

"Ruggles is the only public course in this area participating in the Buick Scramble,"

Green said, noting that other courses require membership to enter.

The enrollment fee of \$50 per person plus greens fees includes free cart rental, one dozen golf balls, dinner, and a certificate to test-drive a Buick at Boyle Buick in Abingdon, the local sponsor of the event.

"After the test drive, the certificate is mailed in and the golfer receives a \$50 gift certificate to the Ruggles Pro Shop," Green said.

Now in its 19th season and the first under the Buick banner, the Buick Scramble is the world's largest amateur golf tournament with more than 100,000 participants each year. Sanctioned by the PGA of America, the Buick Scramble hosts more than 2,000 local championships a year, nationwide.

Scramble winners advance to one of 130 sectional championships, with the winning teams advancing to the Buick Scramble National Finals.

"Buick is excited about its new relationship with the world's largest amateur golf tournament and the PGA of America," said Larry Peck, Buick's golf marketing manager.

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Tiger Woods, who signed an endorsement pact with Buick in 1999, is honorary chairman of the Buick Scramble and is scheduled to attend the 2002 Buick Scramble National Finals.

For additional information, visit the Web site at [www.buickscramble.com](http://www.buickscramble.com); call the Buick Scramble hotline at 800-582-1908, or call Tom Green at Ruggles Golf Course at 410-278-4794.

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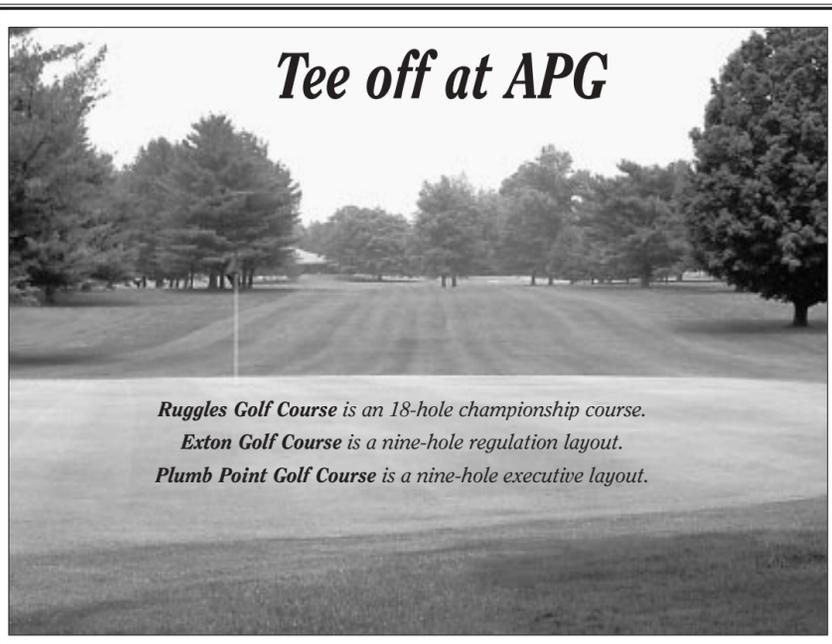
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# Army News

## Technology helps win Iraqi Freedom

**Spc. Bill Putnam**  
Army News Service

Time and digital technology helped win Operation Iraqi Freedom, even if huge gambles were taken with extended supply lines, said Army generals in charge of logistics at a video teleconference May 19.

The build up to both wars in the Persian Gulf took about six months but there were big differences in getting soldiers to the front line, said Brig Gen. Vincent Boles from Baghdad.

There was virtually no equipment prepositioned in the Persian Gulf area before Operation Desert Storm in 1991 and moving that equipment there was critical, said Boles, commander of the U.S. Army Material Command's Logistics Support Element in Iraq.

Port size and the numbers of ports were probably one of the biggest differences between Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, said Brig. Gen. Jack Stulz, the deputy commander of the 377th Transportation Support Command.

Kuwait has just one port dedicated to commercial shipping and that limited the number of ships that could be in port, he said.

There are three big ports in Saudi Arabia and that allowed a larger amount of ships to off-load at the same time during Desert Storm, he explained.

The "key" for OIF was the Army Prepositioned Stocks of vehicles, ammunition and supplies that floated or sat in warehouses before the war, Stulz said.

Those supplies and vehicles were enough to field five brigade-sized units, he said.

Distances in the two wars were very similar but their approach to the building up for those eventual wars was vastly different, Stulz said.

In Saudi Arabia the distance from the port to the frontline was about 600 kilometers while that distance in Kuwait was only about 75 kilometers, Stulz said.

But the distances those supplies had to

travel from Kuwait into Iraq extended to about 600 kilometers, he said.

During Operation Desert Storm the Army tried to build mountains of supplies, about 60 days worth, he said.

For Operation Iraqi Freedom there were only about five to seven days of supplies on hand, Stulz said.

"We didn't build mountains, we moved it and smoothed it out much like you do in civilian business," said Stulz, who is an activated Army Reservist, of the build up to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The advent of digital technology also helped track what supplies were on a ship, where on that particular ship they were and where the ship was, said Boles.

During Desert Storm, the Army could track what was on the ships bound for Saudi Arabia, but not where a certain container of spare parts was because that technology simply wasn't around then, he said.

But it was new technology in OIF — that proved the transformation idea — that also helped track where supply convoys were on the ground in Iraq, said Brig. Gen. Jerome Johnson.

The new Blue Force Tracking system that uses Global Positioning Systems proved instrumental to finding out where supplies were, said Johnson the director for plans, operations and logistics readiness for the Army's G-4.

Often times a unit from the 3rd Infantry Division might report a particular location and be gone before a supply convoy could arrive, he said. Commanders could track the movement of that unit and direct the supplies to that new place, he said.

While the tracking system isn't on every vehicle in the Army, the war proved that the system does work and funding to put on every vehicle is being worked out, Johnson said.

What went exceedingly well was the joint effort between the branches of the U.S., Stulz said.

"We took combined equipment to war as one team, in one fight," he said.

## Knowledge

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and commercial satellite use in Afghanistan. The commercial satellites used triple digital encryption to transmit mostly unclassified information, while the military satellites were used mostly for classified material, he said.

"With commercial satellites, you can turn it off or on as needed," Cuvillo said. "You put up a military satellite with all the ground-based terminals and people that go with them — you have got to run it, maintain it."

Afghanistan and Iraq also validated that the Army has strong partners in private industry, the general said.

In one instance, the Army was having challenges in getting a radio transceiver-based system in place to track all friendly forces in a timely manner. Industry partners stepped in and within three months installed a satellite-based "Blue" force tracking system, Cuvillo said.

In another instance, units earmarked for Iraq from the XVIII Airborne Corps, V Corps and III Corps, had different software versions of the Army Battle Command System, Cuvillo said, as each were at different points of the system's materiel lifecycle. That was fine for sharing information within each corps, but it did not work for sharing across the theater. Industry again stepped in and quickly fixed the problem by integrating all to a common version, he said.

The general then asked the IT profes-

sionals present to become missionaries in working toward an information-dominant future force where:

Everyone in the Army, soldiers or civilians, in 20XX [xx being date to be determined] will be constantly plugged into one global Army net — each with their own handheld wireless computer, on and off the battlefield. That Army Knowledge Enterprise net should be used as a single virtual system for tactical and non-tactical use such as finance or travel, Cuvillo said.

All fixed locations should be wired for that single network with fiber-optic cable. Military satellites will be laser-backbone with a relay of networked satellites for the tactical environment, he said.

All leaders must have a firm grasp of managing and using IT, Cuvillo said.

Almost all meetings should be held online, he said. Seventy-five percent of the civilian workforce may telecommute out of virtual home offices three days a week and 30 percent will work always from home.

All military and civilian recruiting will be done online, he said, to include digitally signed contracts or job offers to seal the deal.

Accessing military installations, workplaces and computer systems will be via a Department of Defense biometric capability, such as fingerprint, iris scan, voice recognition or facial recognition, he said.

"All these great ideas are only powerpoint (briefing slides) until we get them out there on the ground — not just to one or two units — but to every unit," Cuvillo said.

## Cruise discount for U.S. military personnel

Through a new program from Carnival Cruise Lines, active U.S. military personnel can book up to four "Fun Ship" staterooms at savings of up to 50 percent off published fares. The special rates are available for a limited time only on a wide variety of "Fun Ship" departures through the end of 2003. The discounted rates start at \$169 per person for three-day cruises; \$199 per person for four-day cruises; \$219 per person for five-day cruises; and \$299 per person for seven-day, on sailings to the Bahamas, Caribbean, Mexico, Alas-

ka, and Canada/New England.

"Carnival has historically offered discounts for military personnel," said



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Bob Dickinson, Carnival president and CEO. "This new program not only allows men and women currently serving in the U.S. armed forces to enjoy special savings on 'Fun

Ship' vacations but also to bring along their friends and family members at the same discounted rates."

Reservations can be made through any travel agent or by contacting Carnival Cruise Lines' Special Promotions Desk at 1-800-794-6225 and requesting fare code CPM1/CPM2. Valid military identification is required at the time of booking. Military

personnel must sail to be eligible for discounts on additional staterooms purchased. Rates reflect category 1A (interior) accommodations and are capacity controlled. Certain other restrictions apply.



Judy Hannon

Family Member Category



Ann Thacker

Civilian Category



Aaron Diamond

Youth Category

## Volunteer

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Hurley's own children are grown, but he enjoys the interaction he has had achieved with the soldiers, which help him never to lose touch with his own military background.

"I like being around young people. And I enjoy being around young soldiers even more," he said.

The win came as a surprise to the retired military man.

"I was very tickled to death to win. I'm glad," said Hurley.

His retirement will prove to be no impediment to his good-natured works. Hurley plans to continue his volunteer efforts next year as well.

### Judy Hannon

#### Family Member Category

Hannon's nomination for this year's volunteer award was made possible by The Child Development Youth Sports Program at APG. Her unswerving commitment to youth sport activities kept her busy throughout most of 2002.

The nomination recognized Hannon's work with the T-ball league and the youth cheerleading program on post,

which ran for six weeks in which she dedicated approximately five hours a week. During the baseball seasons, her role as a T-ball coach in the 4- through 6-year-old league kept her preoccupied for six to seven hours a week.

Hannon's dedication to volunteer work doesn't end when she exits Gate 22. She is also the treasurer and advancement chairman for Boy Scout Troop 429, in which she gives about two hours of her time a week year-round. Her coaching activities continued off post as well for the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Cheerleading Program, in which she gives three to 15 hours a week depending on the month.

And finally, she is a parent volunteer at Roy Williams Elementary School for about three hours a month, assisting her daughter's first grade teacher.

Though Hannon recognizes the importance of the award, she echoes much of the same sentiment expressed by the co-winners.

"You feel appreciated, but you don't do it for the award; you do it because you enjoy working with the kids," she said.

With so many different vol-

unteer organizations on the grounds of APG, Hannon is amazed that more groups don't participate in the Volunteer Awards Ceremony.

"It's a shame that more units on the post don't do it. There's a lot more volunteers out there that aren't getting the recognition they deserve. Not enough of the military service members are being recognized," Hannon said.

As for her work with kids, she refers to her own experiences growing up.

"I personally like to give to the kids what wasn't there for me when I was growing up. I think there are some children out there who need people like us. I have kids I've been coaching for three to four years straight. That's sometimes a rarity in a military setting," Hannon said.

### Ann Thacker

#### Civilian Category

In much the same way, as Hannon, Thacker was nominated by the Aberdeen Youth Center for her work in a variety of youth sports functions.

During 2002, Thacker assisted with the 4- to 7- year olds by teaching dance classes two days a week. Along with this she coached and refereed

soccer, T-ball, and basketball seasonally two days a week.

Because Thacker is a police officer at APG she knows that her responsibility as a role model goes far beyond the scope of her job and into her lifestyle.

"It means a lot to the kids. They see me in the position that I'm working in on post and outside of my uniform. They see the other side of me as well," she said.

Because Thacker has a daughter of her own who is active in the sports scene at APG, her husband soon found himself involved much in the same way as his wife.

"My husband is very supportive of everything I do," said Thacker.

And while it's a family affair for the Thackers, they are mindful of the larger family that they take on in their work and adopt every week.

"The kids here in the community need our help. The organizations need help in order to put on all these programs," she said.

Thacker is already gearing up for more volunteer work, but with one stipulation:

"My husband put me on a limit."

Nevertheless, she added,

"there is so much activity with our daughter. We might as well do it with her."

### Aaron Diamond

#### Youth Category

This 14-year-old phenomenon from Aberdeen Middle School was this year's winner of the youth category and nominated by the Aberdeen Youth Sports Program. He was the recipient of the "Volunteer of the Year" award, an organizational honor given internally to one of its members.

Diamond himself is a multi-sport athlete, participating in soccer and basketball leagues during his free time, so the transition into volunteer sporting events seemed natural, though the number of hours he put into this effort was anything but ordinary.

Diamond volunteered his time to the younger children on post last year by refereeing basketball games, teaching others how to play basketball, football, and soccer, and helping out at soccer camp, which occupied about nine to 10 hours a week.

"As soon as I get home, I do my homework and then I go to volunteer for two or three and a half hours," Diamond said.

Because there was stiff

competition, Diamond did not expect he would be nominated, not to mention win this award.

Diamond added, "Not all people want to volunteer. I advise them to volunteer for what they want to do. I recommend people come to the sports program because you work with a lot of different people, you make friends, and have fun doing it."

Words to take to heart from a young man who is recognized as an example for others.

While the act of volunteering seems like something done in a foreign country, on an unfamiliar horizon, a mix of future and past promises, what "should have been done" or "will be done," these 47 nominees prove each day that empty overtures are not enough.

Their selflessness speaks in a present tense that is not tongue-tied in meaning sermons. Their lives are testaments and sermons to all.

(Editor's note: Information regarding the 2003 Military Retiree Volunteer of the Year will appear in a later issue of APG News.)

# Region set to salute Korean War vets

Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Plans for local and regional celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended fighting in the Korean War are underway.

In Havre de Grace, the mayor and the city council will issue a proclamation naming July Korean War Veterans Appreciation Month, June 16, 8 p.m. at City Hall. The city of Aberdeen issued a similar proclama-

tion June 9.

In the Washington, D.C. area, the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee is sponsoring events July 25 to 27. All events are free and open to the public. They include:

July 25

5 p.m. - Korean American Cultural Foundation Dance Troupe performance and medallion presentation at Fairfax High School, Fairfax, Va.

7 p.m. - U.S. Air Force Band concert at Sylvan Theater on the Mall, (next to the Washington Monument).

July 26

10 a.m. - Wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

4:30 p.m. - National Salute to Korean War Veterans at the MCI Center. The president and the Secretary of Defense have been invited to speak. Master of ceremonies, Ed McMahon, singing star Wayne Newton and other special

guests will attend. The Spirit of America-type show features a parade of flags from all units that participated in the war, a live narration of "The Hills of Valor" by actor and Korean War veteran James McEachin, music from the U.S. Army Band and a salute from several special guest artists to veterans, their families, survivors, and the 21 nations that fought alongside the U.S. in the Korean War.

The National Salute is free, but tickets are required and are being issued on a first-come, first-serve

basis. To order tickets call 1-866-751-4403 or e-mail name, address, phone number and number of tickets requested to: CommunityOutreach@hqda.army.mil.

July 27

An Armistice Day ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial, 10 to 11 a.m. The Korean War Veterans stamp will be issued after the ceremony.

For more information, call 1-866-KOREA50/567-3250.

## Retirement

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the Florida Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree in political science from West Virginia University.

"Colonel Brugh," noted Stevenson, "is concluding a notable career as an ordnance soldier and as my deputy. He has had a distinguished career as a staff officer as well as a muddy boots soldier in both Air Defense Artillery and the Ordnance Corps.

"He has most recently been involved in developing those programs which will serve the Ordnance Corps for many, many years into the future as we transform our Corps and our Army.

"His personal dedication for these past four years here at the Ordnance Center and Schools Headquarters has ensured that our young soldiers and leaders will be well-trained, well-equipped and have the best organizations to carry out every mission they may encounter in both peace and war," Stevenson said.

Brugh culminated his 28-year career as the deputy commander and chief of staff of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

He received the Legion of Merit, Certificate of Retirement and Certificate of Appreciation.

His wife, Nancy, received the Commanders Award for Public Service and a Certificate of Appreciation.

### Col. Walter E. Egerton III

Egerton, a native of Raleigh, N.C., began his Army career in 1980 after he received a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1976 and earned his master's

from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

He is also a graduate of the Army Officer Basic Course, the Army Officer Advanced Course, the Combat Casualty Care Course, the Command and General Staff College, the AMEDD Deputy Command for Clinical Services Course and AMEDD Pre-Command Course.

"Colonel Gene Egerton," noted Stevenson, "culminates his 23-year career as the program manager, Population Health Outcomes Program, Directorate of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. He has served in several key positions [during his career].

"Following the attack on the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, Colonel Egerton developed the Pentagon Post Disaster Health Assessment. This program was used to catalog injuries and illnesses as well as emotional and potential psychological effects in the aftermath of the attack. He is currently working on the World Trade Center Health Assessment to be used by the Army to support Army personnel who participated in the World Trade Center support operations."

Egerton received the Legion of Merit, a Certificate of Retirement and Certificate of Appreciation.

His wife, Deborah, received a Certificate of Appreciation.

### Staff Sgt. Paul A. Schonberger

Schonberger, a native of Edison, N.J., served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1978 to 1983. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army and has served in numerous stateside assignments as well as one in Germany and two in Korea.

His military education includes the Primary Leadership Development

Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course and Small Arms School.

"[Staff Sgt. Schonberger] culminates his 20-year career with us as an instructor/writer with the Small Arms Department of the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School," Stevenson said.

He received the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Oak Leaf cluster), a Certificate of Retirement and Certificate of Appreciation.

"These are three great Americans," Stevenson stated following the awards presentations.

"There are also some other great Americans with us today," he added. "Those, of course, would be the families of our retirees. Nancy Brugh, Deborah Egerton, and Andrea Schonberger have been true partners in the lives of these men. They have supported not only their loved ones, but also the soldiers and families of those who have served with them. They, throughout the years, have earned our respect, our admiration, and our love."

Taking part in the ceremonies were Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Ayers, Regimental Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools; Maj. Anthony Montague, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School; officers and soldiers of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, and the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own).

Narrator for the ceremony was Drill Sergeant Scott Ryan, 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

## Luncheon

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presentations from Maryland senators Robert Hooper and Nancy Jacobs; Karen Smith, representing Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich; Robert Wagner, president, Harford County Council; Aberdeen Mayor Doug Wilson; Havre de Grace Mayor David Craig; and Bel Air Town Executive Robert Preston.

Corporate sponsors included the APG Business Development Office; APG Federal Credit Union; Army

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The Military Affairs Committee expressed sincere thanks to APG, Headquarters Support Troop, the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), and the Directorate of Information Management.



Photo by DIANE BURRIER

The color guard opens the ceremony at the beginning of the Military Appreciation Week luncheon.

# KUSAHC celebrates 40 years

Story and photos by  
**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

The staff of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic welcomed former and current staffers, family members and friends to its 40th anniversary celebration in the clinic's main conference room, May 29.

Lt. Col. David D. Krieger, commander, opened the ceremony, welcoming the guests who included Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Brig. Gen. Marvin McNamara, commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command; and guest speaker, Dr. Rosemary Hatem Bonsack, a former member of the KUSAHC medical staff.

Referring to those gathered as, "members of the Kirk first family," Krieger thanked all for attending and remarked on the close relationships formed during his tenure as commander.

"It has been an honor and privilege to have served here the last two years," Krieger said. "The people here are superb."

Maj. Ernest Vermont, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison chaplain, opened the program with the invocation, asking for "continued blessings on health practitioners with the special touch of your loving hand."

Then, Capt. Matthew

Konopa, KUSAHC detachment commander, read a Sharon Taylor Battee poem called "The Spirit of America Lives On," which recalled the Kirk history, noting its milestones, construction and impact on the community.

"The world around us is changing, yet service at Kirk Army Hospital remains the same," Konopa read.

Konopa then presented the poem and a framed watercolor of the clinic by Civil War artist, Rick Reeves to Krieger.

Bonsack, the director of American Family Physicians and former member of the Maryland General Assembly and Harford County Health Department, recalled the early days at Kirk when it was a series of "rambling World War II-era buildings."

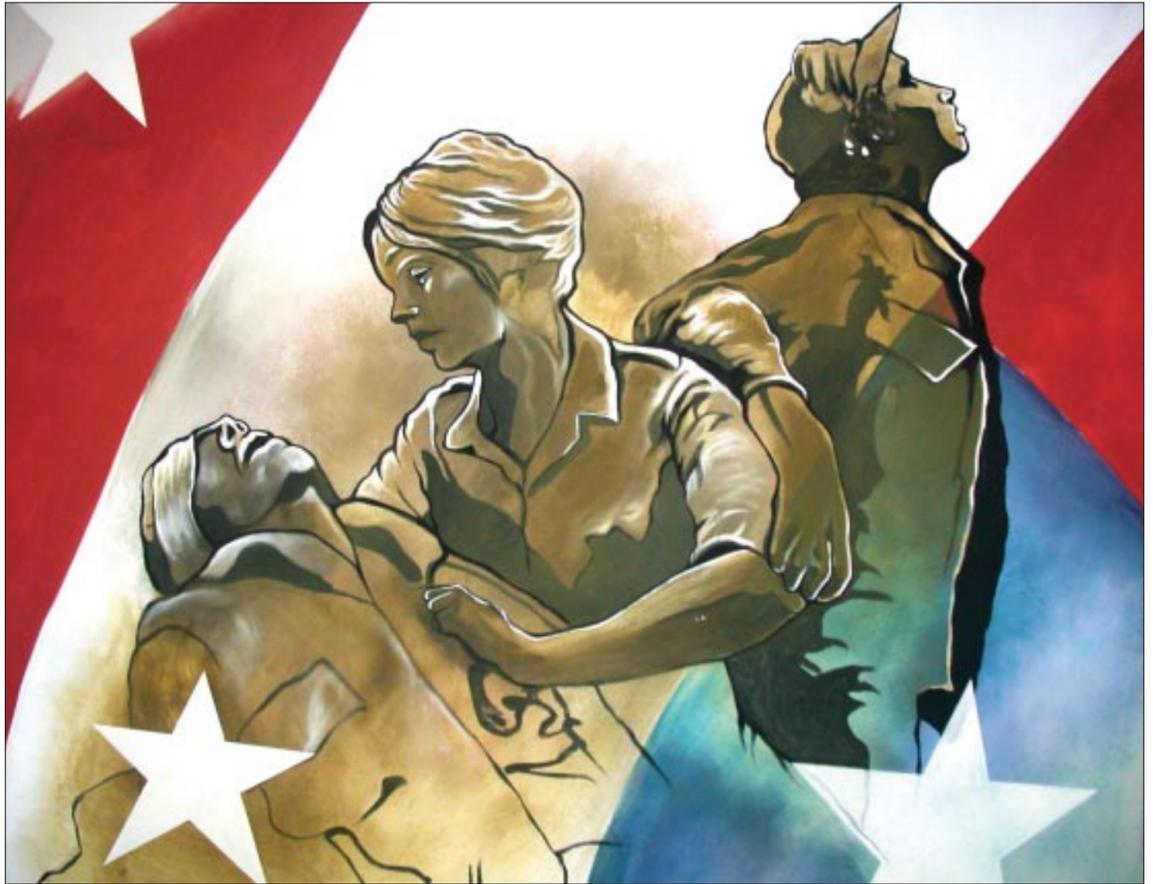
"We had to avoid water dripping from the ceilings as we moved patients through the halls," Bonsack said.

She added that moving into the new facility was a blessing.

"It was clean [and] comfortable with clinics nearby," Bonsack said. "It was a beautiful building then and is still a beautiful building today."

Krieger welcomed Kirk Brumfield of Rising Sun, a great-nephew of Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk and the lone descendent to attend the ceremony.

"I used to come here as a little boy and roam the hallways," Brumfield said. "It's a



One of several murals depicting the role of the military medical corps decorates a wall in Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

real honor to be back here again."

Krieger thanked Jan Spellman and Beverly Yost for organizing the program and closed with comments on the hospital's namesake.

"He was a pioneer in his field at the time," Krieger said of Kirk. "It was very fitting that being from this area and having spent most of his career here, that he should have this [facility] named after him."

## Kirk history

Kirk Army Hospital was formally dedicated April 8, 1963. It was named for Maj. Gen. Norman Thomas Kirk, the Army Surgeon General, from 1943 to 1947 and native of Rising Sun, Md., who died in 1960.

From 1917 to 1940, the Station Hospital at Aberdeen Proving Ground occupied a variety of temporary and semi-private buildings.

In 1919, a large medical

facility, with a 200-bed capacity was in use, and by 1939, with reduced needs, the hospital was moved to a permanent location with a bed capacity of thirteen.

With the manpower build-up preceding the nations' entry into World War II, and the influx of troops for training the small facility could not serve the needs of the installation.

In 1941, a 500-bed canton-

ment hospital, a series of World War II wooden structures, was erected. This remained the Medical Treatment Facility until 1963.

As a result of an Army medical department study that conducted a statistical analysis of operating requirements, the Army construction program for fiscal year 1961 included the construction of a 75-bed hospital.

Construction was complet-

ed in July 1964.

The new facility fulfilled the new concept in design for hospitals in the Army hospital system and revolutionized building procedures to follow.

On Sept. 30, 1977, the hospital was reduced to a health clinic and renamed Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic based on a U.S. Army Medical Department Activity consolidation effort.

## Hospital employees still serving at KUSAHC – now and then

*Then:* Maj. Charles W. Bush, OB/GYN  
*Now:* Deputy Commander for Clinical Services  
*Then:* Maj. David J. Rosenblatt, surgeon  
*Now:* Chief, Surgical Clinic  
*Then:* Maj. Dale Patrick, chief, Optometry Clinic  
*Now:* Optometrist  
*Then:* Capt. Robert J. McAuley, Chief, Pharmacy  
*Now:* Staff pharmacist  
*Then:* Pfc. David T. Bish, medical corpsman

*Now:* Health systems specialist  
*Then:* Paul Nichols, industrial hygienist  
*Now:* Chief, Industrial Hygiene  
*Then:* Dr. Emory Linder, GMC/TMC/ER  
*Now:* Occupational Health  
*Then:* Raymond B. Campbell, EMT, Ambulance Section  
*Now:* Assistant chief, EMS  
*Then:* Beverly Tolliver, NA, L&D, Post Partum/Newborn  
*Now:* Beverly (Tolliver) Lennox, Health Technician, OHC  
*Then:* Helen M. Williams, NA,

Med/Pediatrics Ward  
*Now:* Helen (Williams) Richardson, NA, Physical Exams  
*Then:* Barbara Parker, RN, OR Nurse/Supervisor, ER  
*Now:* Barbara (Parker) Vest, RN, Care Coordinator  
*Then:* Beverly Riggs, Medical Receptionist  
*Now:* Beverly Yost, Family Advocacy Program  
*Then:* Ellen Bradley, CHAMPUS advisor  
*Now:* Ellen Bradley, Health Benefits Advisor



Guest speaker Dr. Rosemary Bonsack, left, chats with Kirk Brumfield from Rising Sun, the great-grand nephew of Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, during the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Anniversary observance, May 29.



In celebration of the clinic's 40th anniversary, ribbons adorn the portrait of Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk that hangs in the lobby.

# The military assists in SARS research

**Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample**  
American Forces Press Service

The military has joined a worldwide effort to find a cure for the sometimes deadly SARS virus.

At the request of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a small team of scientists at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, Fort Detrick, Md., has trained its microscopes on severe acute respiratory syndrome.

"This [research] does in fact fit into our overall mission in that although we have not had an outbreak in the military yet, if we were operating in an area where the SARS virus was in fact transmitting, this would be a significant military problem," John Huggins said.

An expert in viral research and chief of the laboratory's viral therapeutics branch, Huggins' major concentration has been on screening drugs against viral agents, including Ebola, Marburg, smallpox and now SARS.

Scientists at the Army institute normally work to develop strategies for protecting military personnel against biological warfare threats and naturally occurring infectious diseases.

"Because SARS poses a global health problem for the military and civilians potentially, we were asked

to participate in this effort also," he said.

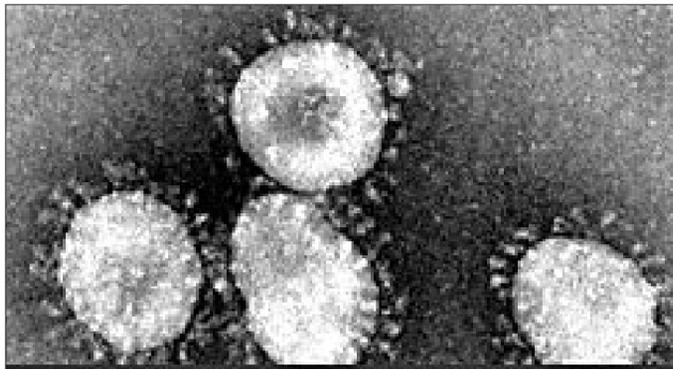
As of May 29, according to the CDC, the virus had caused 750 deaths worldwide, although no SARS related deaths have been reported in the United States.

For years, the institute has been part of a government consortium of research facilities that includes the CDC, the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The Fort Detrick institute and CDC have existing collaborations on smallpox virus, Huggins said. He noted that because CDC is the only repository of smallpox virus in the United States, USAMRIID scientists routinely travel to Atlanta to conduct smallpox research.

"When the SARS virus came along, it was pretty straight forward to call the people who work with pretty high hazardous viruses at bio containment levels to start working to

find an anti-viral drug," he said. "We knew each other's capability and we knew each other's expertise."

Inside a tightly controlled Biosafety Level 4 laboratory at Fort



The SARS virus.

[http://www.niaid.nih.gov/sars\\_meeting.htm](http://www.niaid.nih.gov/sars_meeting.htm)

Detrick, some of the world's most dangerous viruses - such as Ebola - are studied. (The SARS virus is handled at Biosafety Level 3.) Huggins said scientists have been working long hours searching for a SARS cure.

He noted that a team of seven scientists at the lab is directly testing drugs; about 20 researchers are working on the entire SARS effort.

Already, 40 FDA-approved drugs currently used to treat a variety of viral infections such as HIV, herpes, flu and hepatitis have been sent to the lab for evaluation by independent

pharmaceutical companies. Thousands more will also be tested as scientists investigate whether these drugs, although not designed to be effective against SARS, could prove to have a "cross-reacting" ability to fight the virus, Huggins said.

The strategy, he explained, is to find a "quick fix," to first see if there are any drugs currently marketed that might work against the virus.

"We developed a test tube assay to see if a drug was capable of stopping the virus from reproducing itself, the first step to stopping someone from being infected," Huggins said.

"We used that assay to begin screening drugs currently on the mar-

ket to treat other viral diseases. Now we're working at a broader area to look for other potential drugs that might have activity ... sort of hoping you'd find a quick fix.

"It doesn't look like that there is a quick fix, although we're still working on some of those."

However, one promising drug, interferon, is still being looked at, said Huggins, adding that MRIID scientists have been studying a large collection of interferon compounds to see if any can stop the virus.

Some interferon does, he pointed out. "What we have more work to do on is to see if they can inhibit the virus at concentrations that would be clinically relevant - that is concentrations of interferon you could give to a patient," he explained. "That is work which is underway and we don't yet have the answer to that question."

Although many questions about SARS remain unanswered and more research and testing must still be done, Huggins said thus far, the institute's research into the virus is encouraging. He said he is hopeful a cure can be found. "We are working with some pharmaceutical firms that have some very powerful tools," Huggins said. "I am optimistic that we will ultimately find something for this particular virus."

# Four win youth photo contest

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's School-Age Services participated in the 2003 Image Makers photography contest and came away with five first-place winners.

The winners included Color category, Celena Core, age 10 to 12 and Brushay Johnson-Lee, age 9 and younger; and Digital category, Desiree Jones, age 9 and younger and Ayana Stewart, age 10 to 12.

In addition, Sarah Boardman, a non-member who contacted the center after reading about the contest in the APG News, won first place in the digital category, age 16 to 18.

"The contest is part of a comprehensive initiative encouraging artistic skills, cultural enrichment and creativity in the medium of photography," said Pam Jones, Aberdeen Area Youth Center School-Age Services, and mentor of the photography club.

She added that with the youth center being an affiliation of the Boys and Girls Club of America, this allowed club members to participate in the contest on the local level.

"First-place winners were chosen to participate at the regional level. Selected photographs will compete at the regional level and regional winners will be judged nationally," Jones said.

"Site supervisor Karen Johnson assists and is a great help in running the club," she added.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, presented trophies to participants and winners during an awards ceremony, May 15.



A photograph of three friends playing together won Ayana Stewart first place in the digital, age 10 to 12 category.

She said the club member's dedication to photography has given them priceless opportunities to express themselves in creative and unusual ways.

"The club members are learning skills that will help them to be productive members of society and future leaders," Mark said.

Jones said that all club members did an excellent job in their submission of photographs, but only first-place photographs may be sent to the regional office.

"All members deserve special recognition for their hard work," Jones said.

The other photography club members include Brittany Burrows, Kayla Dixon, Briana Johnson, Nia Marriion, Shawna Miller, Olivia Merchant, Natalie Rymarz, and Celia Taylor.



Award-winning photographs decorate the trophies of Aberdeen Area Youth Center's 2003 Image Makers first-place photography contest winners, Color category, Celena Core, age 10 to 12 and Brushay Johnson-Lee, age 9 and younger, and Digital category, Desiree Jones, age 9 and younger.

# Protecting family members at the pool this summer

Center for Disease Control

This summer, swimming pools are filled with millions of people having fun and staying cool. But did you know that germs can contaminate swimming water even if it is treated with chlorine?

This summer, learning about recreational water illnesses, or RWIs, which are spread by swimming in contaminated water, such as swimming pools, waterparks, lakes and the ocean, can protect against illness.

RWIs are caused by germs like "Crypto" (KRIP-toe, short for Cryptosporidium), Giardia (gee-ARE-dee-uh), E. coli 0157:H7, and Shigella (Shi-GE-luh) and are spread by accidentally swallowing water that has been contaminated with fecal matter. Remember, the water is being infused with everyone else in the pool.

Germs causing RWIs are killed by chlorine, but chlorine doesn't work right away. It takes time to kill germs. Plus, some germs like Crypto are resistant to chlorine and can live in pools for days.

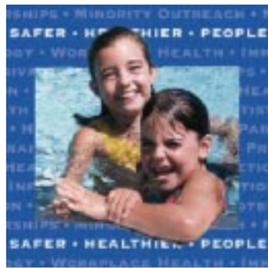
That is why even the best maintained pools can spread illness.

Healthy swimming behaviors are needed for protection from RWIs and will help stop

germs from getting in the pool in the first place.

Here are six "P-L-E-A-S" that promote healthy swimming, provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Healthy Swimming Project:

- Don't swim when experiencing diarrhea. This is especially important for children in diapers. Germs can spread into the water and make other people sick.
- Don't swallow pool water. In fact, try to avoid having



water get in your mouth.

- Wash hands with soap and water after using the toilet or changing diapers. Remember that germs on the body end up in the water.

- Take children on bathroom breaks often. Waiting to hear "I have to go" may mean that it's too late.

- Change diapers in a bathroom and not at poolside. Germs can spread to surfaces and objects in and around the pool.

- Wash children thoroughly (especially his or her bottom) with soap and water before swimming.

Invisible amounts of fecal matter on our bottoms can end up in the pool.

To find out what swimmers are asking this year, visit [www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming).

For more information, contact Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

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## DC region catching the 'Spirit of America'

**Kim Tiscione**  
Spirit of America

Spirit of America, a patriotic show presented by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, begins its ticketing season this week. Six shows will be performed at the MCI Center, Sept. 18 to 21.

It commemorates the bravery, sacrifice, and strong character of the many service members who answered the call to protect their country, and showcases the history of the U.S. Army and highlights the courage and determination that helped to shape the nation and its army.

"[Spirit of America] talks about the changes and hard times throughout American history that have required us to rely on [the Army core values]," said Mark Murray, Spirit of America's producer and scriptwriter. "For a soldier, change comes with a call to arms. Our hope is to show the audience how Americans held together during those moments of change."

According to Murray, audiences will experience breathtaking ceremonial drills, historical reenactments, stirring music, and inspiring true stories of men and women who have served their country as soldiers for more than 228 years.

The show features performances by the United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own," and The 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard).

Spirit of America will also perform four shows in Pittsburgh at Mellon Arena Sept. 12 and 13. Although free to the public, tickets are required. For more information or to reserve tickets, visit Web site [www.mdv.army.mil](http://www.mdv.army.mil) or call toll-free, 1-866-239-9425.