

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

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



Holiday gate operations

At 8 p.m., Oct. 10, the Harford Gate, or Route 22, in the Aberdeen Area and the Wise Road Gate, or Edgewood Road in the Edgewood Area, will be closed for the holiday weekend and reopen at 4 a.m., Oct. 14.

Ceremony to recognize new organizations

The U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command will be redesignated as the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Chemical Materials Agency and Guardian Brigade will be organized during a transformation ceremony Oct. 9, 10 a.m., on Fanshaw Field, located in the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For additional information, call Larry D. McCaskill, RDECOM, 410-436-5299, Barry Napp, Guardian Brigade, 410-436-6455, or Marilyn Daughdrill, Chemical Materials Agency, 410-436-2583.

CFC campaign guides available

The 2003 CFC Contributor's Guide for national/international organizations is at Web site <http://www.opm.gov/cfc/03-lists/Index.asp>. Paper copies of the guide and pledge cards will be available from each organization key worker or at the CFC office. At Aberdeen Proving Ground the 2003 CFC contribution period is Sept. 29 through Nov. 19.

For more information, visit the APG CFC office at building 120, room 114, or call John Belcher, Robert Solyan, or Ronda McKinney at 410-278-0001/0002/0003.

Important info on MyPay

Employees and military personnel are advised that a fraudulent MyPay web site exists on the Internet.

The fraudulent Web site address is www.mypay.com.

The Web site is set up to

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APG campaigns for fire prevention

DSHE

It's late at night and you are sound asleep. Suddenly, you are awakened by the piercing sound of the smoke detector and realize there is a fire in the house. Do you know what to do to survive?

The Fire and Emergency Services Division of Aberdeen Proving Ground will join 30,665 fire departments, representing 1,079,050 firefighters across this nation in observing National Fire Prevention Week, to be observed Oct. 5 through 11.

The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is "When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!"

For more than 80 years the National Fire Protection Association has been an official sponsor in developing themes for National Fire Prevention Week. It's a simple idea: team up with people with whom you live, work, play, and worship so that all of you will be better prepared to prevent, and if necessary, survive a home fire.

This year's campaign touches on three simple essential safety lessons that everyone can learn according to Andre' A. Fournier, fire protection specialist for the Fire & Emergency Services Division. The first lesson to learn is how to practice a home or work fire escape plan.

"Many people are injured trying to escape their own house," Fournier said. "Take time during National Fire Prevention Week and conduct a home inspection. Pay close attention to ways out of every room in your home. Remove items from stairways and landings. During the middle of the night, in a smoke filled house, you are not going to see these items, you could fall down the stairs and injure yourself. Check hallways and remove items that could hinder a clear passage to an exit door."

The second lesson is installing and testing smoke detectors. Fournier also reminds people to test their smoke detectors. Battery operated smoke detectors should be tested once a month.

"It's a sound you can live with," he said. "If you have a battery-operated smoke detector, this is a good time to replace the batteries and conduct fire drills."

"When you change your clock back one hour this fall, change the battery in your smoke detector. It is also recommended that when you change your clock to spring forward, change your battery again," Fournier said.

A recent study conducted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission on smoke detectors revealed that smoke detectors begin to lose sensi-



Photos by ANDRE FOURNIER

Phillips Army Airfield firefighters from Aberdeen Proving Ground combat a live fire caused by 75 gallons of flammable liquids during annual training at the Airbase Training Area at University of Maryland Fire Rescue Institute located near Phillips Army Airfield. Most fuel tankers carry anywhere from 1,000 gallons to 5,000 gallons. Large military aircraft such as the C-141, and C-5A, carry as much as 18,000 gallons of fuel.

tivity after 10 years of use. Smoke detectors are appliances, just like toasters, stereos and furnaces. Unlike other appliances, these devices function quietly in the background. Its alarm, in response to a real smoke situation or to testing, is the only evidence that it works. A stereo that does not

play will not lead to tragedy, but a worn-out smoke detector, failing to sound in a fire, could. Therefore, replacement of smoke detectors every 10 years is recommended.

Every state in the United States has laws requiring that smoke detectors be installed and fully operational in resi-

dential occupancies. Yet 85 percent of fire deaths last year occurred in residential fires.

The third lesson is to look for home hazards.

"Take time and conduct a fire safety inspection. You will reduce your family's risk of being harmed in a home fire,"

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203rd MI returns to APG



Lt. Col. Young, commander, 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion, presents certificates to four representatives of the unit's Family Support Group during the battalion's award ceremony in Victory Hall, Oct. 1.

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The main body of the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion made a triumphant return to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Sept. 20, after five months in Iraq supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby joined family members and fellow soldiers in welcoming home Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and Companies B and C. Company A returned to APG in July.

On Sept. 30, Lt. Col. Young, battalion commander, led an awards formation for the returning troops in which all were presented combat patches from the 513th Military Intelligence Battalion, the Fort Gordon, Ga., unit to which the battalion was attached during its deployment.

Army Reserve Maj. Gen. Karol Kennedy, 99th Regional Readiness Command, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Command Sgt. Maj. Debra Kubiet assisted Young in presenting the patches to the unit.

Kubiet said the reservists were activated for duty in February and deployed soon after.

"These soldiers are outstanding and the reason for a successful mission," Kubiet said. "Their job performance, physical and mental capabilities were great. They trained hard, jelled, and became a cohesive unit."

Unit awards were presented during a ceremony in Victory Hall, Oct. 1.

Col. Terry Schnaltz, deputy commander, National Ground Intelligence Center and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Johnson assisted Young in presenting more than 200 medals to soldiers. The awards included the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation

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Robots takes on human tasks

Outdoor Recreation sports its winter 'wardrobe'

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Cooler temperatures brought thoughts of winter and a flurry of Aberdeen Proving Ground service members and employees to the Community Recreation Divisions' Outdoor Recreation Winter Expo held outside in front of the Bowling Center, Oct. 1.

Wayne Doyel, program manager, and Kenny Singleton, Equipment Resource Center manager, hosted the event that showcased its most popular rental items of the season, everything from A-frame camper to water coolers.

Doyel said that now is the time of year for skiers to come in and get sized for boot and ski rentals and to take advantage of the season packages.

"No one should miss out on this opportunity to get sized," Singleton said. "If your record is on file, all it takes is one phone call and your skis will be ready for pick up."

"We offer cross country ski rentals at \$80 for the season and downhill skis at \$125 from Dec. 1 to March 31," Doyel said.

The ERC's downhill skis are parabolic - streamlined - with a wide head and rear, also known as shaped skis.

Singleton added that the sizing process includes obtaining

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2003 NCR Green Dragon Ball set for Oct. 17

Barry Napp
SBCCOM

The U.S. Army Chemical Corps 2003 National Capital Region Green Dragon Ball will be held at Top of the Bay on Oct. 17. The event is sponsored by the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command. The theme for the ball is "2003: A Tribute To Freedom," and begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour and receiving line.

The host for this year's event is Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander, Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. The guest speaker is Gen. Paul J. Kern, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command.

A traditional ceremonial cake cutting is scheduled, however there will be no Order of the Dragon induction at this year's event.

The ball will be a special welcome home to recognize and honor more than 60 chemical soldiers, civilians, and contractors who have returned from supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The military uniform is dress blues/formal mess. Civilian guests should wear appropriate formal attire.

Tickets cost \$27 per person.

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact a unit representative or call Jeanne Gettle at 410-436-4806/3137.

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Deployment News

Meeting the challenges of an occupation

Story by Col. Robert J. Spidel
 Edited by Yvonne Johnson
 APG News

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of Spidel's reflections on the daily challenges facing the occupying forces - post Operation Iraqi Freedom. Col. Robert J. Spidel is the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison's previous commander. Now assigned to U.S. Army Europe, Spidel commands the U.S. Army Materiel Command Forward in Seckenheim, Germany. He is responsible for providing AMC level logistics support to U.S. Army Europe units to include the 1st Armored Division; 1st Infantry Division; 3rd Corps Support Command; 21st Theater Support Command; and SETAF in Vicenza, Italy, as well as Task Force Eagle in Bosnia and Task Force Falcon in Kosovo.

Spidel is currently serving in Iraq providing the same kind of support to the Army's V Corps; 4th Infantry Division; 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); 1st Armored Division; 2nd and 3rd Armored Cavalry regiments; 173rd Airborne Division and 3rd COSCOM. He leads about 200 logistics assistance representatives who support the units of Combined Joint Task Force 7 in Iraq.)
 (The following refers to events that occurred prior to Aug. 30, 2003.)

"We have been experiencing a real cool streak lately here in Iraq. From temperatures in the mid 120s three weeks ago, we are now looking at a relatively comfortable 112 F. Never, ever in my wildest imagination would I have expected to be happy about 112 F, but it is noticeably more comfortable than it was.

That having been said, I work in pretty much an office environment most days and I am not out living in this stuff day and night like most of our soldiers are. Still, we hope to be past the hottest part of the summer and the average high in October is "only" 104 F.

Iraq continues to be a very dangerous place. The tragic bombing of the Shia leadership in Al Najaf and of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad demonstrates the tension and uneasiness that is Iraq.

Increasingly, our convoys are engaged with Improvised Explosive Devices. The thugs take mortar rounds, tank main gun rounds, artillery rounds or any other item and fuse them together to detonate as our convoys roll by. They are cleverly hidden as either trash or rocks along the side of the roads. Frequently, they are combined with an ambush by terrorists and Sadaam loyalists firing rocket propelled grenades and AK 47s.

Every service member is threatened by these mortar attacks. Several soldiers suffered minor wounds at a Log Base near Baghdad several days ago. We had about 20 rounds drop on us a week ago, but the next day our own field artillery replied in kind with 155mm airbursts. We have not had any more attacks since that night. Knock on wood. We had been reluctant to fire "counter battery" to avoid "collateral damage", but enough is enough and the Red Legs let 'em have it.

Maybe the most overlooked group of soldiers in Iraq is our truck drivers. These guys are supporting 150,000 soldiers and Marines from Kuwait to the Turkish border. They drive 400 to

600 miles one way in the heat of the desert and almost all of them without air-conditioning. In addition, they are targeted by the bad guys most of the way.

These are the tireless heroes of Iraqi Freedom. We do not have anything without their super human efforts. We do not have enough military police, so escorts cannot accompany every convoy. We have resorted to converting many of our trucks into gun trucks with M-60 and M-2, and 50-cal machine guns mounted in the top of the cab or in the bed of a two and one half ton or five ton cargo truck. A significant number of these soldiers are from National Guard units, from Florida to Alaska. They are great Americans, all of them, and courageous beyond description.

Currently, multi national divisions have begun arriving. A Polish major general commands this division and the bulk of the troops are Polish. However, he has soldiers from 18 different countries in his organization. English is the primary language used but we are talking about Mongolians, Salvadorians, Ukrainians, Hungarians, Nicaraguans, Spanish, Italians and a whole bunch more. Talk about a challenge.

Our facilities continue to improve. This place is the old Air Force Academy and the Olympic-size indoor pool opened several weeks ago. The troops are taking advantage of it as much as possible.

We are getting ready to open a third dining facility soon. Gradually, these facilities are opening up around the country and they are a great improvement over MREs.

We now have portable shower units so our homemade "Big Blue" as it was lovingly referred to, is history. Still no portable potties so the black smoke of burning waste every morning still greets us. We expect to have this remedied by November and that will end one of the more unpleasant tasks we face each day.

Two days ago, we got on the main power grid. This stopped the loud whine of generators. So far so good. This past week, five soldiers from the Minnesota National Guard repaired all of our plumbing. Heck, I did not even know we still had such military occupation specialties in the Army. These young guys replaced all the fixtures so that if and when we ever get running water we will be ready to go.

This job of mine can be quite frustrating. Due to major under funding for the past 12 years or so, the Army is short of lots of repair parts. In a short conflict like Desert Storm, the pain is not significant. However, sustaining a force this long over very long lines of communication is challenging even under the best of circumstances.

Suspense items and track for Bradleys has been a real challenge. We are still trying to get enough to take care of our soldiers but it has started to improve recently. We received lots of tank tracks so at least our guys are in pretty good shape now.

Our HMMWVs, helicopters, tanks, Bradleys, power generators, fork lifts and other similar equipment are operating at four to five times their normal usage in higher than normal temperatures and in dust and sand that can be unbearable. Because of this, we go through parts very rapidly and we go through oils, grease and other lubricants just as quickly. Our long haul trucks are averaging 12 times the normal annual mileage, whether it is for



Col. Robert J. Spidel, former APG Garrison commander and current commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command forward, and now supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, checks a driver and vehicle about to convoy across the Iraqi desert.

units from the US or from Germany and Italy.

Although challenging and frustrating, there are moments of pure joy. After working through a series of red tape, we were able to get 100 KW power generators for our hospitals. Eighteen of the 24 we needed have arrived in Baghdad and the final six are due in tomorrow. The field hospitals need these desperately as theirs are simply wearing out. Lots of people in Kuwait and the United States made this happen. Even when we got permission to get them, getting them on planes instead of ships was another hurdle. Someone thought that they could take 40 days by ship. All these systems do are run our hospitals to include the oxygen patients need to breath. With an average of about 10 wounded soldiers a day and many others down because of the heat, it does not take a rocket scientist to appreciate how important these are. When they touched down in Baghdad, you could have heard the cork from my champagne bottle pop...non-alcoholic champagne...mind you.

It looks like I will be heading home to Germany around Oct. 10. The first things I will do are head to the Alps and enjoy green. I don't care if it rains buckets the whole week I am gone. Let it snow and that would be better. However, as happy as I will be to return, I would not trade these past few months for anything. I have met so many new friends and have seen so many people who really care about taking care of our soldiers and Marines.

I cannot say I was jumping for joy to come here in the first place, but to be able to help just a little bit has made it the most rewarding five months of my Army career.

Lots of people have been changed. One of my key civilian employees wept as she left theater a few weeks ago. I asked what was wrong and she said that she was ashamed. I asked why and she said that she was frustrated by some of the people she worked with in the States who she felt had no sense of urgency. She told me how moved she was by the soldiers who would visit her daily and ask for help. They would ask, never demand. They would not ask for someone to do their job, but only ask for help in learning how to do it right.

I have seen other grown men cry after experiencing similar things. One gruff, old retired warrant officer who now works as a logistics assistance representative is as hard as nails. I caught him a bit emotional one day too. He showed me a piece of toilet paper that had a note on it from three soldiers. The soldiers were thanking him for his taking the time to show them the proper way to change the tire on one of our HEMMT tankers.

Our parents might have been part of the 'Greatest Generation,' but these youngsters are second to none.

I hope to write one more of these before I go home. We get a slight break here on the long holiday weekends. While we are not off, much of our work is with units in Germany and the states. Since folks there are off, our e-mail slows down considerably. That allows me a bit of time to ramble along about our experiences in Iraq.

In my final piece, I will try to talk a bit about the palaces at the Baghdad Airport. They are something else. For now, that is it from sunny Iraq. Keep these wonderful men and women in your thoughts and prayers."

Col. Robert J. Spidel

203rd

From front page

Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.

In addition, 10 soldiers were recognized for achieving perfect scores on their Army Physical Fitness Test during the deployment.

Young also recognized members of the unit's Family Readiness Group, which he referred to as "Delta Company."

"These members responded well, providing lines of communication. They made absolutely the best of what was a difficult situation," Young said.

"This unit has done everything the Army asked them to," Young said, adding that all had deployed and re-deployed through APG and most would be returning to their homes within days.

"APG has been a most gracious host to us," Young said. "They let us sleep in their barracks and eat in their mess halls, provided personnel and medical support, and made it seem like it was no trouble, which I'm sure it must have been."

"We were successful in large part to the support we received on this end. I would be happy to serve with them again."



From left, National Ground Intelligence Center's Col. Terry Schnaltz, deputy commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Johnson, and the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion's Lt. Col. James Young, center, and Command Sgt. Maj. Debra Kubiet present Army Achievement Medals to some of the soldiers recently returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom during an award ceremony in Victory Hall, Oct. 1.

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TREE PLANTING AT APG



Photo by MARGUERITE TOWSON

Ed Kuchnicki, Tim Butler and David Johnson, of Joppa Maintenance, plant 18 Cleveland pear trees along Maryland Boulevard the week of Sept. 29, as part of a Directorate of Installation Operations initiative to improve appearance. The trees were chosen for their heartiness.

Using the APG emergency 911 system

DSHE

Are you prepared to handle an emergency on Aberdeen Proving Ground? In the event of an emergency, what number would you dial? What if you are in a remote area of Aberdeen Proving Ground and in an area where there is no telephone, what would you do?

The Fire and Emergency Services Division has received word that not everyone on APG is familiar with using the APG 911 system.

"Several people who work and live at APG did not know that APG had their own 911 system. Some people were thinking that if they dialed 911 they would be calling Harford County 911 system," said André A. Fournier, fire protection specialist.

Aberdeen Proving Ground has two dedicated 911 systems; one is located in the Edgewood Area fire station and the other is located in the Fire and Emergency Service building 2200.

Anyone can pick up any telephone on the installation and dial 911; help will be at their fingertips.

If in an area that does not have a regu-

lar telephone and there is access to a cellular telephone, call 410-278-7220 in the Aberdeen Area, and in the Edgewood Area call 410-676-0960. Both of these numbers will connect into the APG 911 system.

"Again some people think that they can pick up their cellular telephone and dial 911," Fournier said. "The only problem with this is it depends on what tower picks up the signal."

In other words, if an individual is down range in the Aberdeen Area and dials 911, the signal could be picked up in Philadelphia; or if in the Edgewood Area, the signal may be picked up by Baltimore County. Although the time delay in transferring the call may only be in seconds, in an emergency every second counts.

If unable to remember the seven-digit number, dial 911. Just remember to tell the emergency operator that the call is from Aberdeen Proving Ground.

If access to the APG Radio system is available, use the radio and call Range Central in the Edgewood Area using call sign 803. In the Aberdeen Area, contact B Tower at call sign 800. The operators of

Range Central and B Tower will then activate the 911 system.

A lot of people say that they are afraid to use the 911 system for fear of getting in trouble.

"Anytime you feel that you need immediate attention, dial 911. We'd rather you be safe than sorry," Fournier said.

He said that the call will be considered a "Good Intent" call and the person reporting the incident will not be charged with making a false alarm.

The following are examples of when to dial 911: fire alarm sounding, oil or fuel spills of any size or quantity, any release of hazardous material, odor of smoke, smell of something burning, vehicle accident with or without injury, a sick person, chest pains, natural gas leak, liquid propane leak, discovery of an unexploded ordnance, cave-ins, confined space rescue, water rescue, boat in distress and bomb threats.

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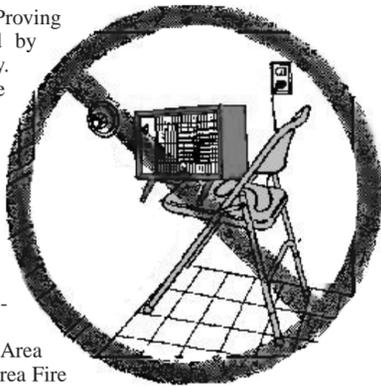
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They must be positioned in a way to provide at least a 36-inch clearance around the space heater, and therefore cannot be placed under a desk. All electric space heaters must be plugged directly into an electrical outlet without the aid of an extension cord.

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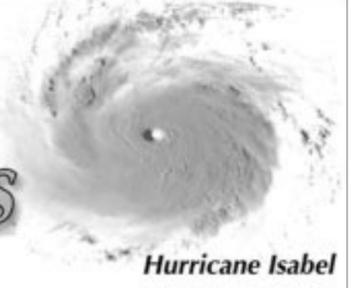
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Steve Hollingshead, APG Garrison photographer, makes adjustments to a Foveo camera system while preparing for a head-and-shoulders shot of Warrant Officer 3 Jesse Fields, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, in the Directorate of Information Management Photo Lab in building 324.

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

Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison photographer Steve Hollingshead brings more than a lengthy knowledge of the art of photography with him when he reports to work each morning in the Directorate of Information Management Photo Lab in building 324.

Besides three years in the Army, Hollingshead's resume includes more than 12 years in commercial television news production, and work as a commercial photographer, a history teacher, and as a Civil War historian.

He owns a production company that films Civil War battlefields and reenactments; he

is the author of a book on the war, "From Winchester to Bloody Run;" and he specializes in producing limited edition prints of various military eras.

Hollingshead served as manager of news operations, Washington Independent Television, White House Press Corps during the Reagan administration; as a news photojournalist, with WTAJ-TV in Altoona, Pa., and his production company, New Vision Productions, has produced a series of award-winning videos on the Civil War that include "Secrets of the Battlefield/Gettysburg," "Between the Bullet and the Battlefield: The Truths and Myths of Civil War Medicine," "A Guided Tour of Antietam" and "The Beauty on the Battlefield." His latest production, "Our Changing Battlefield/Gettysburg - A History," took nearly two years to research, write, film and edit.

His works have aired on both the History Channel and

the Travel Channel. He also is a former police officer.

A native of Bedford County, Pa., Hollingshead holds a bachelor's degree in filmmaking and film history from Pennsylvania State University.

Along with longtime APG Photo Lab employee, Ralph Broth, he photographs official garrison functions and military personnel for Department of the Army promotion boards.

Currently, a resident of Hagerstown, Md., Hollingshead's days begin at 5 a.m. with a two-hour drive to APG.

"After three years in the Army, I used my GI Bill, then worked my way through college as a police officer," Hollingshead said, adding that the discipline he obtained during those years enabled him to get the education he needed to advance his interests and reenter the Army as an officer.

A major reduction in force after the Vietnam War prevented this from happening, so Hollingshead pursued his

career goals in broadcast television and production. Eventually, he was employed at the National Role Models Military Academy at then Fort Richie, Md., where he began as a drill instructor then joined the academic staff as a professor of American History.

"It was a strange feeling to be back in uniform at age 49," he said.

Hollingshead's knowledge of the military community allows him to spot and correct deficiencies in his customer's appearances that might be missed by others.

He said he enjoys acting and speaking positive because "people tend to adopt the same attitude."

"When you walk in [the Photo Lab] the first thing you get is humor," he said. "Humor makes people relax and that makes them easier to work with.

"My goal is to provide you the best quality I can in the shortest amount of time. I'm all about taking care of people."

He said he appreciates the military having been around it most of his life and has made numerous friends who share his historical interests.

"I'm just grateful to be here," he added. "It's worth the two-hour drive everyday."

A photograph of Hollingshead dressed in the uniform of a Confederate soldier will appear in the upcoming film, "Cold Mountain," starring Nicole Kidman and due for release early next year.

Also, footage he shot at the historical Farnsworth House in Gettysburg is scheduled to appear as part of a give-away package on the Wheel of Fortune game show, Oct. 30 and 31.

Hollingshead's work may be viewed at the Web site <http://www.newvision-productions.com>.

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Children complete Summer Reading Program

Bill Todd
MWR

For the two months that school was closed during the summer, thousands of children from Harford County elected to participate in a recreational summer reading program.

The APG MWR Library followed the statewide theme, "Blast off to Reading," working with the Harford County Library System to support the county's efforts to keep kids reading throughout the summer break.

Thirty readers completed the minimum reading goals and were awarded certificates and other incentive prizes.

Lindsay Boyd, a seventh grader at Aberdeen Middle School, and daughter of Maj. Rodney Boyd of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, read more than the required five books for her category.

"I think I read about 60 books this summer. I liked biographies best, and my favorite series was 'Dear America,'" Boyd said. "I liked coming back because it was always quiet upstairs [in the library]."

Participants included:

Preschool: Heather Dacus, Aidan Dubai, Declan Dubai, Katie Jang, Eileen McChesney, Ashley Rathburn, Noemi

Rosario, and Brandon Smith.

Elementary: Kenneth Ashley, Karinne Clester, Dominique Gibson, Jessica Jang, Desiree Jones, Germanie Lewis, Shanice Lewis, Josh McNamara, Kelly McNamara, Audrey Molle, Beau Rathburn, Ariane Rosario, Dorothy Shanks, George Shanks, Brittany Smith, Raekwon Smothers, Shanelle Smothers, and Aaliyah Wade.

Middle school and above: Lindsay Boyd, Monica Lobner, Rebecca Sandlain, and Rachel Sandlain.

Special congratulations to two APG readers, Aaliyah Wade, who won the drawing for four Baltimore Orioles tickets, and Brittany Smith, who won a county-wide drawing to participate in a week-long Ripken Baseball Camp program to be held next summer.

Some of the summer reading sponsors included APG's Donna's Pit Beef, the MWR Recreation Center, and the Baltimore Zoo and the Baltimore Orioles.

"The Military and Civilian Spouses Club made a generous donation so that we could reward one reader in each of the three categories with an additional prize," said Dan Norum, MWR supervisory librarian.

APGFCU offers hurricane relief

Amy Sweet
APGFCU

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union has an Emergency Relief Package available for those affected by Hurricane/Tropical Storm Isabel.

"In light of the significant damage and loss in our communities triggered by Hurricane Isabel, we are offering an

Emergency Relief Package," stated President/CEO Don Lewis. "This package provides financial assistance to our neighbors in need. Such emergency relief has the critical benefit of being available promptly with a minimum of paperwork and supplements the disaster assistance that may be offered through various government agencies."

The Emergency Relief Package features a low interest rate loan up to \$3,000 with a term of 24 months and no payment for 90 days. Applications will be accepted until Oct. 25, 2003.

For detailed information on the APGFCU Emergency Relief Package, call 410-272-4000 (option 4) or visit any branch.

FEMA and Maryland open disaster relief center in Harford County

Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

Effective Oct. 2, FEMA and the state of Maryland opened a Disaster Recovery Center in Harford County to help speed the recovery process for Maryland residents who were affected by Tropical Storm/Hurricane Isabel.

The center is located at the Aberdeen Fire Company, 1437 Perryman Road, Aberdeen. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Representatives from state, federal and voluntary agencies, and loan officers from the

U.S. Small Business Administration will be available one on one to answer questions.

The DRC's are designed to provide detailed program information to those who have already applied for assistance, and check on the status of their applications.

Registering with FEMA

People who have suffered damage or loss of work from Isabel, but who have not registered with FEMA, should call the registration line, 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585, for speech or hearing impaired, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week.

FEMA specialists are available to answer questions from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week when calling the same number and selecting the "Helpline" option.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help disaster victims clean up after Isabel.

State and federal disaster officials are asking that individuals, work groups and skilled trades people contact the Donation and Volunteer Hotline toll free at 1-877-868-4954 to offer their services.

Some of the most urgent tasks requested are helping the

elderly and others clean out, sanitize and salvage their flooded homes, and providing transportation to those who lost their vehicles in the storm.

Through a partnership with the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism, Marylanders who call the number will be matched with an agency that needs their skills.

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Activities

Methods of registration

Registering for any MWR event can be accomplished by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting the MWR Registration, building 3326, or online at www.apgmwr.com.

White House Christmas ornaments have arrived

MWR Registration has the latest White House Christmas ornaments for \$15, but supplies are limited. For more information, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4907 or e-mail mwr-registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

Picnic Basket Weekend

Bring picnic baskets and blankets, plus have some fun with family and friends in the great outdoors. There will be a horseshoe and volleyball tournament and children's activities.

Picnic Basket Weekend will be held 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 11 and 12, at the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area. Admission is free. There will be beverages on site.

For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

WWE No Mercy Live!

WWE No Mercy Live will be held at the 1st Mariner Arena on Oct. 19. See wrestling greats like Kurt Angle, Eddie Guerrero and Rey Mysterio. The card is subject to change.

Tickets cost \$93 for floor seating and \$58 for 300 level seating. (Cost includes transportation and seats.) Purchase tickets by Oct. 10.

For more information, call Stacie Umberger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umberger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Beginning Piano lessons

The Community Recreation Division will hold beginning piano classes, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Mondays and Thursdays,

Oct. 20 through Nov. 13, in the 389th Army Band building 2184. Lessons cost \$70.

Instructional classes will help students become proficient at playing the piano and basic practice routines will be covered in detail.

Participants will learn the fundamentals through the use of keyboards.

Various techniques of finger movement will be used to enable the student to become familiar with the location of the keys.

Register by Oct. 16.

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

Babysitter Training Course

Child and Youth Services will offer Red Cross Babysitter Training for youths ages 11 through 15, Oct. 22 and 23, 4 to 7 p.m., at Aberdeen Area Youth Services, building 2522 and Nov. 4 and 6, 4 to 7 p.m., at Edgewood Area Youth Services, building E-1902.

Classes are limited to 10 students.

The class is free to registered Youth Services members; non-members may register for Youth Services for a \$15 annual fee.

Parents must contact Outreach Services at 410-278-7571 to complete a registration packet or to reserve a space.

Lunchtime Beauty Clinic

The Community Recreation Division will hold a Lunchtime Glamour Beauty Clinic noon to 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326.

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Try the latest colors for this season and pick-up some excellent tips.

The \$20 class fee includes customized color cosmetic samples and a glamour brush set to take home.

Register by Oct. 10 at the AA Recreation Center, or call 410-278-2621.

For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

Horseshoe Doubles Tournament

This tournament will be held on Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area during the picnic basket weekend.

Participants are asked to bring their own horseshoes.

Prizes and trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.

Cost is \$25 per team (must be 13 years of age or older).

For more information, contact Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

Greenskeeper Revenge

This tournament is scheduled for Oct. 11 at Ruggles Golf Course with an 8 a.m. shotgun.

Take the challenge set up by Mark Burk, the golf course superintendent.

Flags will be placed in areas never thought possible; hillsides, edges of the green, and maybe even in a sand bunker.

Lunch and beverages will be served after the tournament. Register by Oct. 10. Cost is \$30.

For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278-5486 or e-mail him at tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

Monster Bash Cosmic Bowling

Enjoy bowling in the dark for this family fun night, Oct. 25 at the APG Bowling Center, 8 to 10 p.m. Come dressed in a Halloween costume and bowl the night away. Cost is \$30 per family (up to four members); \$10 for additional members. Price includes bowling, shoes, pizza, chips and soda. Register by Oct. 17.

For more information, call Stacie Umberger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.umberger@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 APG MWR libraries have added new DVDs of miniseries that were originally shown on A&E Television and the History Channel. The following is a list of some of these new titles:



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Victoria & Albert



Horatio Hornblower

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The Scarlet Pimpernel

(three episodes)

The library's online catalog can be accessed at www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html.

Storytime will be held at 9:45 a.m. every other week during the fall at the Edgewood branch on Tuesday and the Aberdeen branch on Wednesday. For more information, call 278-3417.

Country Night comes to APG

Join APG country fans Oct. 24, 9 to midnight, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center for Country Night.

Crazy Horse will provide music and DJ Carl will teach the latest country line dances.

Tickets cost is \$5.

Purchase tickets ahead of time at MWR Registration or at the door.

For more information, call Stacie Umberger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umberger@usag.apg.army.mil.



COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY HOURS

	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 12	Oct. 13
AA Arts and Crafts	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed
EA Arts and Crafts	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Auto Crafts	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Bowling Center	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.	1 to 11 p.m.	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Closed
AA Library	Closed	1 to 5 p.m.	1 to 5 p.m.	Closed
EA Library	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
AA Rec Center	5 to midnight	noon to midnight	noon to midnight	noon to 6 p.m.
AA Rec Center/ Snack Bar	6 to 11:30 p.m.	12:30 to 11:30 p.m.	12:30 to 11:30 p.m.	12:30 to 5:30 p.m.
EA Rec Center	6 to 11 p.m.	noon to 11 p.m.	noon to 11 p.m.	noon to 5 p.m.
EA Rec Center/ Snack Bar	6 to 11 p.m.	12:30 to 11 p.m.	12:30 to 11 p.m.	12:30 to 5 p.m.
MWR Registration/ITR	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
AA Fitness Center	5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
APG Athletic Center	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Hoyle Gymnasium/ Fitness Center	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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Bowling scores

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Week of Oct. 4

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Kevin Doherty, 200

Men's High Game Handicap

Dave Spagnuolo, 264

Terry Pollard, 262

Men's High Series Scratch

Bob Dowding, 348

Kevin Doherty, 336

Men's High Series Handicap

Terry Pollard, 502

Dave Spagnuolo, 483

Women's High Game Scratch

Dawn Gordner, 196

Betty Taylor, 174

Women's High Game Handicap

Chris Lockhart, 268

Dawn Gordner, 257

Women's high Series Scratch

Dawn Gordner, 365

Sue Spagnuolo, 326

Women's High Series Handicap

Chris Lockhart, 497

Kathy Anderson, 491

See APG News online Web site for more bowling scores.

APG School Liaison/ Youth Education

SAT PREPARATION COURSES

For students planning to take the SAT and interested in learning the skills and techniques necessary to increase scores, consider enrolling in Harford Community College's non-credit "Preparing for the SAT I courses."

The verbal course provides a review of verbal strategies and vocabulary development. The math course includes a comprehensive review of mathematical skills and concepts. Both the verbal and the math courses include test-taking techniques to ease the anxiety and help with a successful per-

formance. To sign-up for the November-December courses, call 410-836-4376 or visit Web site www.harford.edu.

DRIVER'S ED CLASSES

Harford Community College's Continuing Education and Training Division is offering Driver Education classes for students 15 years of age and up, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 11 to Dec. 16, 6 to 9:15 p.m., or Mondays and Wednesdays, Nov. 12 to Dec. 17, 6 to 9:15 p.m. Tuition is \$349. Classroom instruction meets in Joppa Hall, Room 001A. For more information and to register, call 410-836-4376.



Army News

AKO to launch new benefits tool

Spc. Bill Putnam
Army News Service

The Army launched a new "benefits tool" on Army Knowledge Online for soldiers, retirees and their families Sept. 5.

The new site on AKO will link together for the first time all of the Web sites that cover the "life cycle" of the soldier from initial enlistment to retirement and beyond, said John Radke, the chief of Army Retirement Services.

"Our goal is for one-stop shopping" of a soldier's benefits," Radke said.

Located under AKO's "Self Service," the links will send users to an AKO site that will have Web site links covering topics like Tri-Care, Army Recruiting, Defense Finance Service, Casualty Assistance and Veterans Burial Benefits, said Radke.

Work began on the site in late 2001 when Lt. Gen. John Le Moyné, the Army's personnel chief, wanted a simple place for soldiers and their families to find out what they're entitled to at any given moment of their career, Radke said.

"We're bringing together the entire Army family," he said.

A number of different ways to present the links have been worked out since development began, said Col. Phil Smith, the deputy director of Army Personnel Transformation (G-1).

Recruiters, young soldiers and spouses were brought in and gave feedback on the site's design, Smith said.

But the tool isn't entirely for everyone stationed at a remote place and won't stay static, said Smith. Links might be added or deleted as time goes on, he added.

The tool will be good for new Army families, like first enlistment soldiers and their families, said Smith.

A soldier and his wife, for example, can sit down at home and find out how much their Basic Allowance for Housing will be around Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., he said.

For a spouse to access the site, the soldier or retiree needs to sign them up for a guest AKO account, Radke said.

All of the sites are governmental and won't take a soldier to a commercial Web site that will try and sell them something, Smith said.

There will be some information for Army civilian employees, Radke said.

"But our intent was to focus on the soldier," he said.

Discount airfares set for troops taking leave from Iraq

Victoria Palmer
Army News Service

Service members and eligible Department of Defense civilians leaving Iraq for a little "rest and recuperation" can purchase discounted non-restricted tickets for their travel home through an office set up in Kuwait.

Currently the R&R program provides free transportation to Frankfurt, Germany and Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Md. Other destinations in Europe and the United States may soon be added.

Service members enter leave status at midnight on the day they arrive at Frankfurt or BWI and then pay all expenses associated with any further travel. To help ease the financial burden on those eligible to participate in the program, the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center has arranged travel services for R&R participants in cooperation with SatoTravel, a commercial travel agency.

A ticket sales office at the processing center in Kuwait sells airline tickets for further travel in the United States for those requesting them.

According to Dan Yount, CFSC's chief of Army leisure travel services, most U.S. carriers, including American, Continental, Delta, Midwest, Southwest, United, Northwest and US Airways, have announced special rates and waivers in support of the R&R program.

Those traveling on R&R leave orders automatically qualify for unrestricted tickets. This means R&R travelers can change their itineraries with no re-booking or re-routing restrictions and without paying extra charges.

Yount cautioned that not every traveler will be able to purchase the lowest R&R fares.

"In every plane load, some seats are usually made available at the special R&R rate. Once all special-rate seats have been allocated to R&R travelers, the travel agency at Camp Champion, Kuwait, will offer participants the best available fare at the time of ticketing. Unfortunately, the limited number of seats

available at the R&R rate means some R&R travelers may pay a higher price.

Yount emphasized that purchasing travel tickets through the SatoTravel office in Kuwait is the only risk-free way to ensure that there won't be any fare penalties if travel plans change.

"They will be purchasing tickets through an agency that has received special waivers allowing service members to make a flight change without paying a penalty," Yount said.

Yount counsels R&R participants and families against booking a flight for R&R travel home through online travel services, which offer discount fares but also come with heavy restrictions: changes are either not allowed or come with heavy financial penalties, and such tickets don't qualify for refunds.

"It's a substantial risk. The value of online ticketing is based on when you are in control of your own travel schedule," Yount said. "R&R is bound by regulation and participants in the R&R program are not in control of when they will travel. Just one misunderstanding can cause the voiding of the entire investment in an airline ticket."

The unrestricted round-trip fares offered by the carriers participating in the R&R program have been running less than \$500, Yount said, citing one example of a BWI to Nashville roundtrip fare of \$189.

"The tickets are reasonable because we are working with the airlines and we have motivated travel agents that have a good relationship with the service members. They're working their hardest to get them the very best fares they can," said Yount. "The value to the program is they won't find a better price with the assurance that changes in travel can be made without penalty."

Army leisure travel services is a program of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va., the headquarters Department of the Army agency responsible for morale, welfare and recreation. Additional information is available at www.armymwr.com. Information on R&R troop travel is available at www.offdutytravel.com.

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Football update

The following results were received for intramural flag football from the APG Sports Office. For information concerning statistics, call 410-278-3929.

Aberdeen Division

Results
Sept. 29
Company E 16th, 20; USMC, 13 USAF, 37; Company C 16th, 0
Company B 16th, 32; Company A 16th, 6
HHC 16th, 14; HHC 61st, 12
Oct. 1
USMC, 20; HHC 121st, 6
Company B 16th, 12; Company C 16th, 8
HHC 16, 25; Company E 16th, 7
Company A 16th forfeited to USAF

Schedule

Oct. 15
6:30 p.m., Field 1, Company C 16th vs. USMC
7:30 p.m., Field 1, Company B 16th vs. HHC 121st
6:30 p.m., Field 2, Company E 16th vs. HHC 61st
7:30 p.m., Field 2, Company A 16th vs. HHC 16th

Standings

USAF	2-0
Company B 16th	2-0
USMC	2-1

HHC 16th

HHC 16th	2-1
Company E 16th	2-1
HHC 121st	1-1
Company A 16th	0-2
Company C 16th	0-2

Edgewood Division

Results

Sept. 29
HHC 143rd, 6; Company B 143rd, 0
MRICD, 8; Company A 143rd, 6
Oct. 1
Company B 143rd, 14; MRICD, 13
HHC 143rd, 7; Company C 143rd, 6

Schedule

Oct. 14
6:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. HHC 143rd
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company C 143rd
Oct. 15
6:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. Company C 143rd
7:30 p.m., MRICD vs. HHC 143rd

Standings

HHC 143rd	2-1
MRICD	2-1
Company B 143rd	1-1
Company C 143rd	1-1
Company A 143rd	0-2

Soccer update

The following information was received for intramural soccer for the week ending Oct. 3.

Results

Sept. 25
NCOA, 4; Company C 16th, 0
MRICD, 3; Company A 143rd, 0

Sept. 30

MRICD, 4; Company B 143rd, 1
USMC, 2; Company B 16th, 2 (tie)
Company A 143rd, 1; Company A

16th, forfeit
Oct. 2
NCOA, 6; Company E 16th, 3
Company B 143rd, 5; Company A 16th, 1
Company C 16th, 2; Company B 16th, 2; (tie)

Schedule

Oct. 14
6:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. Company B 16th
7:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs.

Company B 143rd
8:30 p.m., NCOA vs. Company A 16th

Standings

MRICD	3-0-0
USMC	0-0-1
Company B 143rd	1-1-0
Company A 143rd	1-1-0
Company B 16th	0-0-2
Company C 16th	0-2-1
Company A 16th	0-2-0

Community Notes

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 11 FALL FLOAT AND FISH

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center located on 700 Otter Point Road, Abingdon, will sponsor a Fall Float and Fish Program, 10 a.m. to noon, for ages 7 through adult. Bring the children out to float on the Bush River and learn fishing basics. Cost for the program is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children and includes all equipment. Space is limited - reservations are required. For more information, directions, or to make reservations, call the Estuary Center at 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000 extension 1688.

SIDS ANNUAL BULL ROAST

The Level Volunteer Fire Department located on 3633 Level Village Road, Level, will hold the SIDS Annual Bull Roast from 6 p.m. to midnight. Tickets cost \$25 per person and include a DJ, dancing and food. There will also be games, door prizes, raffles and more. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Sharon or Chip Cockerham at 410-457-4157. Tickets can be held at the door. All proceeds benefit the Center for Infant and Child Loss.

ANNUAL HARVEST HOME BAZAAR

The Stewardess Board of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will sponsor its Annual Harvest Home Bazaar 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crab and vegetable soups, fish and chicken sandwiches, plants, baked goods and crafts will be for sale. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

MEETING OF CHESAPEAKE BEACON, CHAPTER 114 WACVA

The monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Beacon, Chapter 114, of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association will be held at 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Center, 7 Franklin Street, Aberdeen.

For more information, call Wanda Story, 410-272-5040 or visit Web site www.wacva.com.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 18 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit VFW Post 8185 will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10, and are available by calling Anne Gibson at 410-939-1937, Stephanie Gibson at 410-378-2672, Brenda Conjour at 410-273-7332, or Kathy at 410-378-3594.

FAMILY COMPOSTING CLASS

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center located on 700 Otter Point Road, Abingdon will sponsor a Family Composting Class from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for ages 10 through adult (children must be accompanied by an adult). Join a Harford County Master Composter to learn how to be a "Composting Team." Learn basic principals on how composting can work at home - a great idea with all the fall leaves coming down. Refreshments will be served. Cost for the program is \$6 per family or \$4 per person. Space is limited - reservations are required.

For more information, directions, or to make a reservation, call the Estuary Center at 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000 extension 1688.

APGFCU WELLNESS FAIR

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union will sponsor a free Financial Wellness Fair, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Edgewood Branch lobby, 1321 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood. Open to the public, information on budgeting, home buying, college scholarships, taxes, insurance and more will be provided. Mini seminars will be presented throughout the day.

For more information, visit www.APGFCU.com or call 410-272-4000/1-800-225-2555 extension 5530 or 5531.

WACVA BAKE SALE

The Chesapeake Beacon, Chapter 114 of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association will hold a bake sale at the APG PX, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be displays about the association. The proceeds will help the association purchase items needed by Perry Point VA Hospital veterans.

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 21 OCTOBERFEST SPECIALTY MEAL

The Octoberfest Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 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, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$2.80 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

Menu includes old fashioned bean soup, pork schnitzel, baked chicken German style, German pickled beef roast (sauerbraten), Hamburg style flounder, baked knockwurst, baked bratwurst with sauerkraut, parsley buttered potatoes, egg noodles, Viennese cabbage, peas with onions, mushroom gravy, assorted salad bar, cole slaw with creamy dressing, German-style cucumber salad, assorted breads and hot rolls, bread pudding with vanilla icing, snickerdoodle cookies, Blackforest cake, soft serve ice cream with assorted toppings and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information, call Ernest Green, or Fred Dill at 410-306-1398/1397.

PHONE ETIQUETTE/CUSTOMER SERVICE WORKSHOP

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program Manager will sponsor two Telephone Etiquette and Customer Service workshops, Oct. 8, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in ACS building 2754 Rodman Road, ACS Classroom.

The class will address the simple yet crucial skills needed to ensure a positive interaction when assisting a

caller or customer.

Upon completion of this class, students will receive a certificate of completion from Harford Community College. Topics include Negative Speaking, Using Professional Greetings, Telephone Etiquette Basics, Why Customers Complain, Communication and Effective Relationship Building and Dealing With Vocally Challenged Callers.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669.

BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY

The scholarship committee of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will host "A Success in Schools Rally," 6 to 8 p.m. The rally will include guest speaker, Dr. Bernard Barnes, retired assistant superintendent of Harford County Public Schools, entertainment, distribution of school supplies and refreshments. For more information, call 410-939-2267

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26 ALL DAY HALLOWEEN BINGO

The Aberdeen Memorial VFW 10028, 821 Old Philadelphia Road, will sponsor All-Day Bingo. Doors open at 10 a.m., early birds start at 11:15 a.m. Packages cost \$20 and include 12 cards, one pack of specials, one jackpot card, lunch and coffee. Prizes will be given for the best costumes. For more information, call the Post Home at 410-272-1218 or Minnie at 410-569-0127.

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 7 COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8. Cash bar is available, but dance lessons will not be provided. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

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Friday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11, 9 p.m.

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Eddie, a Hong Kong cop suffers a near fatal accident while investigating a case involving a mysterious medallion. He soon discovers that with the powerful medallion, he gains incredible speed, strength and skills. Enlisting the help of British agent Nicole, Eddie is determined to learn the secret of the medallion and face down the evil Snakehead who wants to use its awesome powers for his own nefarious plans. (Rated PG-13)



SEABISCUIT (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
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OMMS LUNCHTIME LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES

The next topic in the LunchTime Lecture series entitled, "Introduction to Robotics, Building a Robotic Arm," will be presented Oct. 15, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the OMMS library, building 3071, lower level.

Tracy Reeve of SmartFix Corporation will introduce several hands-on projects in which participants will build a robotic arm, a robotic arm computer interface, and finally, synthesized voice (text-to-speech) is used to enhance the operation of the user interface. Participants will develop speech files that explain user interface controls and the principles of operation of the robotic arm.

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resemble the official site, with terms like "LES" and "DFAS" listed on the left side as "Recent Searches." However, if employees were to click on the "Loan" link, they would be taken to a payday loan vendor, giving them personal information in the process.

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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 on Oct. 14, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will be available in the Aberdeen Area only from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room 236 (second floor); and in the Edgewood Area, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in building E-4140, Recreation Center.

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

Installation Prayer Breakfast scheduled

The Annual Fall Prayer Breakfast

will be held 6:30 a.m., Oct. 15, in Top of the Bay's main dining area.

Guest speaker will be Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stephen Moon of the Northeast Region Office, U.S. Army Installation Management Agency.

Suggested donation is \$5. For more information or for tickets, call the Post Chapel at 410-278-4333.

West Point briefings announced

A representative from the U.S. Army Military Academy at West Point, Maj. Cliff Hodges, will provide two briefings on qualification and application procedures to service members interested in attending the USMA preparatory school located at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and the USMA located at West Point, N.Y.

Briefings will be held at Fort George G. Meade's McGill Recreation Center Main Ballroom, building 8452, Oct. 16, at 9 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

The briefings are open to all enlisted females and males of all branches of service who meet the following criteria: be a U.S. citizen; have not reached the age of 22 years on July 1 the year entering USMAPS; be at least 17 but not yet 23 years of age on July 1 of the year they report to USMA; not married; and have no children.

For more information, call Sandra McAbee, DSN 622-5535 or commercial 301-677-5535, or at APG, call Deborah Dawson, 410-436-3239/2130.

German-American joint military march

The annual German-American Day will be held Oct. 16, 7 a.m., at the German Armed Forces Command, 11150 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Va. Members of the U.S. armed forces, including soldiers of the Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground and members of the German Armed Forces Command, will hold a qualifications march and an awards ceremony. The soldiers will march distances between 15 and 30 kilometers. This is one step toward earning the German Troop Duty Proficiency Badge. The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m.

For more information, call 1st Lt. (GAF) Markus Schipke at 703-715-8221, by fax, 703-715-8297, or e-mail him at markusschipke@bundeswehr.org.

Road closing, detour scheduled

Hoadley Road in Edgewood will be closed Oct. 17 through 19, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., or sooner if the contractor finishes installing the new steam lines under the road earlier.

To detour the area, use Hanlon Road to building E-5352, make a Left turn to go in front of building E-5360 to Williams Road. Turn left on Williams Road to Hoadley Road and turn right. Reverse directions when leaving the post.

For further information, call Richard Dunham at 410-306-1163.

DOIM assumes pubs stockroom

The Directorate of Information Management assumed all services associated with the APG Publication Stockroom located in building 346 effective Oct. 1.

Requests for publications or blank forms may be submitted electronically to "APGPUBS@apg.army.mil" or by calling 410-278-2852. Walk-in hours of operation are 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, and closed on Garrison RDO Fridays.

Garrison and APG regulations may also be found in the Garrison Electronic Library located on the Mail and Records Management Web site <http://130.114.20.112/apg/MRMD/index.html> or from the APG Homepage, click on "Local Users" and then on "Mail and Records Management."

For more information, call Pamela J. Carcieri, chief, DOIM Mail and Records Management Division, 410-436-3580 or fax 410-436-7681.

KUSAHC plans for flu vaccines

The Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Immunization Clinic is currently planning for the 2003-2004 Influenza Immunization Program.

The primary goal of the program is to vaccinate all active duty personnel and TRICARE beneficiaries at high risk for complications from influenza as soon as possible.

Although flu vaccine is not yet available, the Immunization Clinic is currently planning an immunization

schedule for all units.

To ensure a smooth and coordinated immunization process, all units are requested to provide the Immunization Clinic with a point of contact and telephone number for scheduling.

This information should be sent in memorandum format via e-mail to elida.bush@na.amedd.army.mil. Unit commanders and contacts will be notified when the vaccine is on hand to coordinate a schedule for unit immunization. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Elida Bush or Audrey Alba at 410-278-1746

Operation Christmas Stocking in need of support

Operation Christmas Stocking, which is also aligned with www.AmericanTribute.us and www.iraqifreedomheroes.com, seeks to provide all American soldiers with a gift over the holiday season, regardless of where they are serving.

The organization is seeking the community's support in meeting this goal. Jeanne and Trevor Evans of Havre de Grace, founders of the non-profit organization, are accepting cash and gift donations to aid in obtaining stocking stuffers, supplies and meeting the high postal costs.

Donations may be dropped off at the Trevor home, 109 Wilson Street, Havre de Grace, MD 21078. For more information, e-mail the Trevor's at supportthetroops@earthlink.net or visit the Web site <http://operationchristmasstocking.org>.

Robots take on human tasks

Story and photos by
Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

Military and civilian personnel are given leisure time during the course of their workday to eat lunch, workout or run errands. On Aug. 13 and 20, some attended 'Introduction to Robotics,' the topic of the LunchTime Lecture held at the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School Library.

The lecture and hands-on activities developed by Tracy Reeve, a knowledge engineer with SmartFix Corporation, was designed to educate attendees on the construction and operation of three hobby-type robots: Motor Driven Robotic Arm, Servo Driven Robotic Arm and the All Wheel Drive Mobile Robot.

Reeve's presentation provided a description of the electrical and mechanical characteristics of each of the robots and a demonstration of their capabilities through the performance of various tasks.

"Often, when people think of robots they recall movie or TV characters like the cyborg in Terminator, the robot R2D2 and humanoid C3PO in Star Wars, and the android Data in Star Trek," Reeve said.

He demonstrated a robotic arm playing keys on an electronic organ while the other picked and placed blocks. The all-wheel-drive mobile robot navigated through an obstacle field using a light sensor, autonomously following a black line on an oval course.

Reeve's presentation demonstrated how to operate robots, observe their movements in response to the control method and how to program the robots to do different tasks.

"The most popular use for robots today is for them to perform tasks that are dull, dirty or dangerous. For example, robotic arms are used in the automobile industry for painting, welding, machining, and parts placement," Reeve said. "Consider the future. How about robots that perform surgery, fly aircraft, teach school, play sports, or build other robots? The ultimate goal in the field of robotics is



Sgt. 1st Class Diane James-Rumph, Tactical Support Equipment Department, Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, attempts to stack one block on top of another using the Motor Driven Robotic Arm using a manual control at the LunchTime Lecture on "Introduction to Robotics" at the OMMS Library, Aug. 13.

to develop robots that possess intelligence."

He said that while learning the operation of robots can be challenging and fun, the main goal is to develop robots that possess intelligence.

For parents looking for a family project, Reeve recommended investing in a set of robots.

"It's a means besides school and homework to get children involved with science," Reeve said.

"This program is in competition with all other lunchtime activities. Not only is this a way to keep informed but it also gets people to come back into the library and allows me to do a much better job in troubleshooting," Reeve said.

Participants were given an opportunity to test their skills in commanding the robots and said they enjoyed the challenge.

"This is really interesting to have this during lunch. This is



Tracy Reeve, knowledge engineer for SmartFix Corporation, far right, watches as Yvonne A. Jackson, left, acting director, Tactical Support Equipment Department, OMMS, tries her luck at commanding the All Wheel Drive Mobile Robot to drive over various obstacles in its path. Larry Morgan, illustrator, School of Military Packaging Technology, OMMS, observes the demonstration.



The Servo Driven Robotic Arm can be programmed to play keyboard instruments.

my first time out and it really lends to the imagination," said Sgt. 1st Class Diane James-Rumph, Tactical Support Equipment Department,

OMMS. "I will be back for another 'LunchTime Lecture.' Reeve recommends this monthly 'LunchTime Lecture,' free to all military and civilian

personnel, as an excellent opportunity to learn industry trends and encourages more to come out and participate.

Breast cancer screening can protect women

SMHS, Inc.

Among women in the United States, breast cancer is the second leading cause of death from cancer. Only skin cancer occurs more frequently.

These statistics make it imperative for women to understand the disease and learn how to catch breast cancer early.

Age and health history can affect the risk of developing breast cancer. Other risk factors include early menstruation and having a mother, sister or daughter with breast cancer.

Women can protect themselves by using at least one of three common ways

to screen for breast cancer: self-exam, clinical exam and mammogram.

Self-exams involve checking 'your own' breasts for lumps or other abnormalities, and should be performed monthly.

A clinical breast exam is performed by a doctor or other health professional and may be done during a routine physical exam.

A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast, which can help find tumors that are too small to feel.

Women should consult their Primary Care Manager to determine which

method of screening is best for them.

For more information, call the 24-hour Health Care Information Line which is staffed by registered nurses who can help determine the non-emergency or self-care needed in the proper setting and can provide information on health issues.

Call 1-800-308-3518 anytime, day or night to speak to a nurse or to access the Health Information Library (Pin #208). (Editor's note: Sierra Military Health Services, Inc., the TRICARE administrator for TRICARE Northeast, presents this information courtesy of the National Cancer Institute.)

Recreation

From front page

the proper boot size then balancing the ski according to the person's height and skill level.

"We have some of the best equipment on-hand to maintain this equipment and an experienced maintenance man in Bane Lawson."

Lawson, recreation assistant, has been maintaining ski equipment for the center more than 20 years.

"We have boots and skis to fit kids to adults and plenty of snowboards also," Singleton said, adding that the popular sport has "taken off" among young service members.

Other items on hand included a 3,000 P.S.I. pressure washer; a pop-up camper that sleeps four and includes a propane tank, stove and refrigerator; a boat with trailer; a three-man tent with folding chairs; coolers; and a two-burner propane cooking stove.

In addition, visitors were given a complimentary gift of

a cup warmer and pen or an MWR coffee mug for filling out a customer survey.

Army Reserve Lt. Col. Cortez Puryear said he stopped by the expo to see what items are available for his troops.

"I thought I'd get information to take back to my soldiers," Puryear said. "They enjoy getting out. I don't as much as I used to."

Sgt. 1st Class David Westby, an instructor with the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, said he pulled over when he saw the pop-up camper display.

"I just got here from Fort Wainwright, Alaska," Westby said adding that he is an avid camper who frequently rents from the ERC. They have good selections and good prices," he said.

For a full listing of equipment available for rental from the ERC, visit building 2407; call 410-278-4124/5789; access the Web site at <http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/equipment.html>, or e-mail outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Army Reserve Lt. Col. Cortez Puryear checks out lanterns and an ice chest on display in front of the APG Bowling Center during the Outdoor Recreation Winter Expo, Oct. 1

Fire

From front page

Fournier said.

Keep cooking areas clean and clear of materials that could catch on fire, such as potholders, towels, paper towels, rags, drapes and food packaging.

Replace or repair electrical devices that have loose, frayed, or broken cords.

"If you are a smoker, make sure ashtrays are large and deep and won't tip over," he added.

Always have a metal can such as a coffee can to discard smoking material before discarding into the household trash.

The fall season is quickly approaching. This means cooler evenings and the use of alternative heating methods to take the chill out of the air. Give space heaters plenty of space. Space heaters should be at least three feet (one meter) away from anything that can burn. Always be sure to turn heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed. If using solid-fueled heating equipment, such as wood or coal stoves, or fire places, make sure that the chimney has been inspected and cleaned by a qualified professional annually.

Although public education programs in fire safety have been successful in reducing the annual death toll due to fire, the United States still leads the world in the highest death rate. In 2002, 3,380 civilians lost the battle to fire and 18,425 were injured. In other words, nationwide, there was a fire death every 156 minutes and every 28 minutes someone was injured by fire.

"Let's not forget the 97 firefighters who lost their lives in protecting others," Fournier said. "Every year, family members gather at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Md., to honor firefighters who lost their lives. It is a difficult task to explain to a child of a fallen firefighter why their parent had to die in protecting lives and property. It is especially difficult to explain that 90 percent of those fires fought were caused by human carelessness."

Aberdeen Proving Ground will join other fire departments during National Fire Prevention Week by conducting unannounced fire drills throughout the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas of the installation.

"We want to make sure that employees and residents are prepared in the event of a fire," Fournier said. "Most building occupants think that their fire alarm system is connected directly to the fire department. This is only true for a portion of buildings on this installation. People need to be reminded that anytime the fire alarm is activated, someone needs to dial '911' and report the activation," he said.

Building occupants may be familiar with the sound of the fire alarm, but they may not be familiar with primary or alternate ways out of the building.

"We want to make sure that it does not take magic to get out of a burning building, and the only way to know is to practice fire drills. It could very well be the change that saves a life," Fournier said. "Practice fire safety every day of the year."

USO-Metro rallies bikers for the troops

USO

Approximately 125 motorcyclists from as far away as Bear, Del. and Stafford, Va., rode out to Crofton, Md., to show their support of the U.S. armed forces by participating in the 75-mile Ride for Pride on Sept. 21. The ride benefited Operation USO Care Package.

Because of the extensive flooding caused by Hurricane Isabel, some riders had left homes with no power or water. One rider from Arnold, Md., said "this is one thing we can do without worrying about a shower."

With the generosity of race sponsors, each \$25 registration sponsored an Operation USO Care Package.

After traveling through scenic southern Maryland, the police-escorted ride ended at the 7th Optimist Ball Park in Avenue, Maryland.

Beth Bradner, director of Marketing and Development for USO-Metro, thanked the riders for their support and set a challenge of 300 riders for next year. But the riders weren't satisfied – they promised 500 or more, especially the military veterans, who know the importance of the care packages.

The next Ride for Pride is scheduled for September 2004, hurricane or no hurricane, specific date to be determined.

Operation USO Care Package has been approved by the Department of Defense and the White House and provides a safe, easy way for

individuals and corporations to support the program and the deployed service members.

The packages include items such as 100-minute calling cards, toiletries, disposable cameras, messages of support and more.

Due to heightened security, individuals can no longer send letters and packages to 'Any Service Member.'

Participating Motorcycle Clubs included: Prophecy Motorcycle Club, Women on Wheels, Epiphany Sportbike Club, Blue Knights of Virginia (active and retired law enforcement men and women), U.S. Military Veterans Motorcycle Club of Southern MD, NCR Chief Petty Officer Association, American Legion Riders, Bikers With Heart, Power Riders of Crofton, Honda Riders Club of America, Moose Riders, Annapolis HOG, Kawasaki Good Times Owners Club, ABATE, Latin American Motorcycle Association, VTX Riders of Maryland, Free State Riders, and Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Inc.

Sponsors of the Ride for Pride included Whole Foods Market - Annapolis, Honda PowerSports of Crofton, American Legion Post 221, 7th District Optimist Club, and Disabled American Veterans Bowie Memorial Post No. 8065.

For more information, visit www.usometrodc.org.



Courtesy of USO
Over 125 motorcyclists rallied for U.S. troops at the Ride for Pride, Crofton, Md., Sept. 21. Each \$25 registration sponsored an Operation USO Care Package.

Operation USO Care Package continues

[Http://www.usometrodc.org/care.html#WISHLIST](http://www.usometrodc.org/care.html#WISHLIST)

With thousands of U.S. troops deployed around the world, still actively engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom and the fight against terrorism, USO-Metro is sponsoring "Operation USO Care Package." The program enables individuals to write a personal message and financially support care packages that will be delivered to service members participating in Operation Enduring Freedom.

The care packages contain an assortment of items the military have specifically requested, such as prepaid international calling cards, disposable cameras, toiletries, and sunscreen. They also include greetings from the American public, transcribed onto official "Operation USO Care Package" post cards by volunteers and USO staff members.

Corporations may also contribute to this program through financial contributions, items donated in bulk for the care packages, or through implementation of an employee participation program. AT&T is a major supporter of the program and has provided a complimentary toll free number and has donated thousands of prepaid international phone cards to be included in the packages for the troops.

Corporations may delegate an employee to serve as its "Operation USO Care Package" liaison. The liaison will communicate their corporate involvement and enlist employees to participate. Employee participants could sponsor an individual.

"Our men and women in uniform give so much to the country, we wanted to give something in return as a token of our appreciation that would allow their separation from their loved ones to be a little easier," said Paul McQuillan, Defense Sales

vice president, AT&T Government Solutions.

Because of heightened security, individuals can no longer send letters and packages to 'Any Service Member.' Operation USO Care Package is approved by the Department of Defense, providing a safe, easy way for individuals and corporations to show their prayers and thoughts are with our men and women in uniform.

How to support Operation USO Care Package

- Individuals may donate \$25 towards sponsorship of an "Operation USO Care Package." Personal greetings may be forwarded to the USO post office box with the contribution. USO will transcribe the message onto an official "Operation USO Care Package" postcard, available for preview.

- Corporations may make a tax-deductible financial donation to support "Operation USO Care Package." A \$25 donation goes toward sponsorship of one care package. Each care package will recognize corporate sponsors.

- Corporations may donate items listed on the "Service Members' Wish List" to USO-Metro, many of which may be branded with the corporation logo. Items must be sent in bulk from the manufacturer. For advance coordination of deliveries, call 703-696-2628.

Operation USO Care Package is sponsored by the USO World Headquarters and administered by the USO of Metropolitan Washington.

Send all checks and personal greetings for "Operation USO Care Package" to USO-Operation USO Care Package, C/O Pentagon Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 19221, Alexandria, VA 22320-9998

For more information about "Operation USO Care Package," call 866-USO-GIVE.

Due to the threat of anthrax following September 11, DoD suspended its practice of forwarding personal care packages and correspondence by the American public to "Any Service Member." In its place, USO created a care package program. Through sponsorship of an "Operation USO Care Package," an individual's personal greeting will be transcribed onto an official postcard and included in the care package going to a service member.

Service members' wish list

Travel size personal items	Miscellaneous items
Disposable Razors	Playing cards and board games
Toothbrushes	Compact discs
Toothpaste	Current movies on DVD
Tissues	Crossword puzzle books
Shampoo/conditioner	Disposable cameras
Shower gel	Pre-paid global calling cards
Sunscreen	Stationery and journals
Baby wipes	Sunglasses
Hand lotion	Small footballs, softballs
Lip balm	CD/DVD cases with zipper
Cotton Swab	Shoe polish kits
Sewing kits	Individually wrapped snack items

Are you a victim of domestic violence?

If the answer is yes to any of the questions below, you could be the victim of an abusive relationship. Does anyone:

- Verbally insult, demean or threaten you?
- Isolate you from friends, family or other people?
- Organize schedules to fol-

low or harass you?

- Limit your mobility or access to money?
- Explode into a rage and assault you physically or sexually?
- Negate your words, abilities, ideas and actions?
- Choke, punch, slap, kick, pull your hair or otherwise

hurt you?

- Excuse each attack and promise to stop, but never does?

For information about domestic violence, call the ACS Victim Advocacy Program, 410-278-2500.

Re-enlisting? Commissioning? Separating?
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Courtesy of CHRIS WHITE
This framed and matted limited edition print of Chris White's painting titled, "What So Proudly We Hail'd," will be awarded to gold and silver level contributors to the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign. Gold level contributions of \$2,000 or more garner a 16- by 20-inch print while silver level donors of \$1,000 to \$1,999 will receive an 8.5-inch by 11-inch print. After a day of bombardment by British warships, the events at Fort MCHenry on the morning of Sept. 14, 1814, are depicted as the early morning light reveals a fort unyielding, a spirit unbroken.

Painting depicts historical heroism

CFC Staff

"Fort MCHenry" is the theme of the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign.

Fort MCHenry was established in 1776 during the Revolutionary War. In anticipation of an attack at any time, a fort of earthen mounds was constructed quickly.

Originally, it was called Fort Whetstone because of its location on Whetstone Point, an excellent location for two reasons. It was far enough from Baltimore to provide protection without endangering the city, and the peninsula was surrounded on three sides by water. This meant that enemy ships sailing into Baltimore would have to pass the fort first.

In 1798, a French engineer was directed by the Secretary of War to draw plans for a new fort on Whetstone Point. The plans were expensive and it was difficult for the people of Baltimore to raise money for construction. However, James MCHenry, a well-known politician, was instrumental in raising funds, and the fort was named "Fort MCHenry" in his honor.

Fort MCHenry became famous when the British tried to attack Baltimore during the War of 1812. When the bombardment began on September 13, 1814, there were 1,000 soldiers

defending the fort. Some were federal soldiers who were stationed at Fort MCHenry; many were volunteers from Baltimore. Their commanding officer was Maj. George Armistead. For 25 hours, the British bombarded Fort MCHenry, but the fort's artillery fire kept the British away. Baltimore was saved.

In the 1860s, when the United States was torn apart by the Civil War, Fort MCHenry was used as a prison where political prisoners suspected of being Confederate sympathizers were held, often without trial. Many Confederate soldiers were imprisoned at the fort as well.

In 1917 during the World War I, the War Department established General Hospital No. 2 at Fort MCHenry. It was the largest military hospital in the country and had more than 100 temporary buildings to accommodate wounded American soldiers returning from the war in Europe.

Fort MCHenry became a national park, which today is administered by the National Park Service as the country's only National Monument and Historic Shrine.

(Editors note: Excerpted from Fort MCHenry's Web site, www.nps.gov/fomc/tguide/Lesson11a.htm.)