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Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Feb. 5, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

KUSAHC begins Saturday walk-ins

Saturday appointments at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will not be required after Feb. 1. Instead, walk-in hours will be in effect from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

All eligible beneficiaries, adults and children, will be signed in and seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Patients presenting an acute problem will be triaged by a registered nurse and may have priority.

There is no change to weekday operations; patients should still call 1-888-999-5195 or the Nurse Triage at 410-278-1751 for an appointment during the week.

Call '911' for emergent problems such as chest pain, respiratory problem, shortness of breath, etc.

Thrift Shop to disburse funds

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop will be accepting requests for donations from schools, service organizations and military units through March 1.

The request should include the name of the organization, point of contact, address, telephone number, amount of the request and specific details on what the funds will be used for. Mail requests to Diane Payne at 3013 Cascade Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009 or e-mail her at kdjpayne@earthlink.net.

Funds will be distributed in late spring.

For more information, call Colleen Newing, 410-676-8583.

NAF hiring

The Nonappropriated Funds Civilian Personnel Office is in the process of hiring for the following positions: aerobic instructors, bartenders, child and youth program assistants, cooks, custodial workers, desk clerks, food service workers, lifeguards and pool managers (for May 2003 season), recreation aids and waiters.

For applications, visit NAF CPO, lower level of building 305, APG, or call 410-278-5126/5127.

Border Legion announces reunion

The Border Legion 2003 Reunion will be held in Germany, May 28 to June 1. The reunion will center

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A deploying soldier from the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion prepares to board the bus as he gets a final embrace from his wife.

First APG soldiers join war effort

Story and photos by
Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

(Editor's note: Full names of soldiers and their family members are not released in this article for fear they could become targets of terrorism.)

Hours shy of a two-week notice, the first soldiers to be deployed from Aberdeen Proving Ground to help fight the war on terrorism were told to pack their bags; it's time to go.

Jan. 22 marked the beginning of many lonely days for family members and friends left behind as soldiers from a unit of the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion departed APG to fight in the war against terrorism.

The bus scheduled to arrive at the battalion headquarters at 11 a.m., load the soldiers and leave at 1 p.m. did not go as planned. This delay granted family members a little more time to say farewell.

"I wish they didn't have to go but you know what you're getting into when you marry into the military," Mrs. Luke said, wife of a departing soldier. "I'll miss him and we'll be here when he gets back and that's the best part."

The truck to carry personal items of the soldiers did arrive on time. As soldiers scrambled to load items on the truck, their parents engaged in conversations with one another, kissing them farewell while small children hung onto the coat tails of the deploying soldiers.

Many parents were present in support of the soldiers but voiced their concern with the recent deployment decision.

"I'm worried but I'm very supportive of my daughter. She is a very strong person," Mrs. Apolonio said. "I have another daughter in the Air Force and she is married to an Air Force guy. I think we just have to be brave and very, very supportive. We are

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Looming conflict stops some PCS moves

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

A limited number of active duty soldiers will not be changing duty stations to maintain unit readiness in case called upon to support a possible conflict.

The Army released a "stop-movement" order, which suspends permanent-change-of-station orders for soldiers in designated units, officials said. This movement does not apply to the entire Army, officials added.

Because of operational security, the specific units to fall under stop movement have not been released, officials said. However, units already supporting opera-

tions Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle will not be affected, officials said.

"Unit rotations and last-minute personnel changes can affect unit readiness," an Army personnel official said. "We want the best Army possible for any challenges that may lie ahead. Stop movement increases combat effectiveness and maintains personnel operating strengths by stabilizing units."

Stop movement is not the same as stop loss, officials said. Stop loss suspends voluntary separation from the military, and is usually issued for specific jobs or skills. Soldiers who are retiring or just leaving the service will not be prohibited under stop movement.

Officers with orders to PCS or go on temporary duty between March 1 and May 31 will be postponed for 90 days, states MILPER message 03-074 released Jan. 22. Officers moving to fill central selection list commands will move as scheduled, and those on orders to pre-command courses may defer their attendance. However, officers who defer attendance will be required to attend a subsequent course while in command if necessary, the message states.

Enlisted soldiers with assignment orders for Feb. 28 and earlier will proceed to the school or new duty station. Report dates for schooling or PCS moves on

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FEGLI rates drop in 2003

No open season planned

Terri Wright

CAPC

Because of generally lower mortality rates, the Office of Personnel Management has decided to reduce the premium for basic insurance and to reduce the premium for several of the Option B age bands.

The last premium change was effective April 24, 1999. There are no changes to

the Option A premiums or to the premiums for the existing Option C age bands.

The effective date for the new age bands and premiums was Jan. 1, 2003. Payroll offices must apply the new premiums and age bands the first pay period beginning on or after that date. For most Army employees the effective date was Jan. 12. The premiums are available and will be maintained on the FEGLI Web site

<http://www.opm.gov/insure/life/>

OPM does not plan to hold a FEGLI open season to allow employees to enroll or make changes to existing coverage. Employees who are eligible for FEGLI and would like to enroll or increase existing life insurance may file a SF 2822, Request for Insurance. The form provides instructions to employees and detailed

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Watch card

Do observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.
- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.
- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.
- Unusual phone calls, messages, or e-mails.
- Unusual contacts on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

Do not:

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.
- Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
- Discuss force protection measures, capabilities, or posture.
- Disclose any information related to unit deployments.

Report any suspicious activity immediately to APG Police:

Aberdeen Area 410-306-2222
Edgewood Area 410-436-2222
Your call may save lives!



Command Sgt. Maj. Edith R. Crofts prepares to pass the colors of the 61st Ordnance Brigade to Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Ayers during a change of responsibility ceremony, Jan. 22. Crofts assumed the position as commandant of the U.S. Army Mechanical Maintenance School's Noncommissioned Officer Academy. Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel F. Torres assumed Crofts' position as Command Sergeant Major of the 61st Ordnance Brigade following 31 months as commandant of the Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

Double change of responsibility ceremony makes history

Story and photo by
E.C. Starnes
OC&S

While Mother Nature was busy setting an historical cold snap record outside, two ordnance command sergeants major were busy making history of their own inside the APG Physical Fitness Center, Jan. 22.

Command Sgt. Maj. Edith R. Crofts became the first female ordnance soldier to become the commandant of the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's Noncommissioned Officer Academy as she accepted the academy's colors from Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel F. Torres.

Torres, in turn, assumed Crofts' position as Command Sergeant Major of the 61st Ordnance Brigade.

Ordnance Corps Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Ayers noted that the dual change of responsibility was unprecedented. Also, he noted, "We never had a command sergeant major go from the academy to the brigade."

He praised Torres for his work at the Academy during his 31 months as the commandant.

"The Noncommissioned Officer Academy is the only command position for a noncommissioned officer," Ayers said. He

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Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Lewis, left center, passes the Edgewood Chemical Activity colors to outgoing commander, Maj. William P. Huber, right center, during the change of command ceremony. Incoming commander, Lt. Col. Gerald L. Gladney, far left, and Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, far right, stand by to receive the colors.



Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, right, passes the Edgewood Chemical Activity colors to incoming commander Lt. Col. Gerald L. Gladney, left, during the Jan. 8 change of command ceremony at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Edgewood Area Conference Center.

Photos by CONRAD JOHNSON

Gladney assumes command of Edgewood Chemical Activity

Takes responsibility for Edgewood's mustard agent stockpile

Jill Susanne Kautz
ECA

Lt. Col. Gerald L. Gladney assumed command of the Edgewood Chemical Activity during a Jan. 8 ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Edgewood Area Conference Center. The former commander, Maj. William P. Huber, has been assigned as a senior chemical advisor to the Kuwait National Defense Force in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

Dozens of guests filled the auditorium to witness what potentially was the last change of command for the Edgewood Chemical Activity. The chemical agent stockpile for which the activity is responsible is slated for destruction this year, concluding more than 60 years of service as a deterrent against aggression.

Maj. Karl Gerhart narrated the event, welcoming the many family members, friends, and civilian and military personnel in attendance, including Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command. Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Lewis of the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit and Mary Jo Civis, civilian executive assistant to the activity's commander, also participated, representing the significant role of the enlisted soldiers and the civilian work force in activity and SBCCOM missions.

Doesburg remarked on the hard work and dedication of the organization and the significance of this ceremony.

"This is the first [change of command] where truly we can start to see the end of what we start-

ed many many years ago," Doesburg said. "The legacy of the Edgewood Chemical Activity is going to come to an end. I think each and every one of you understands the symbolism and importance of this particular change of command and what it's going to mean, not just to the Army and to the Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, but what it's going to mean to the community."

Doesburg presented Huber with the Meritorious Service Medal, which cited his "vision and desire for excellence."

Doesburg thanked Huber for his accomplishments during a particularly tough and trying period.

"Thank you for your command presence, but more importantly, your service to this great nation and this community of ours," he said.

Huber thanked members of the surrounding community and acknowledged the representatives from federal, state, and local organizations in attendance.

"Aberdeen Proving Ground is blessed to have great leadership on the Citizens Advisory Commission and the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program," Huber said. "You all truly are the best a commander could ask for in support of off-post emergency operations, and we could never have accomplished the past 18 months without your dedicated support."

He also extended his appreciation to the command, the Edgewood Chemical Activity staff, and his family for their support during his tenure.

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\$38M contract awarded for Advanced Chemistry Laboratory at Edgewood

Timothy Lavery
ECBC

Two Baltimore-based companies will begin work soon on a \$38 million contract to build an Advanced Chemistry Laboratory in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, officials of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center announced Jan. 23.

Gaudreau Inc., an architectural firm, and Poole & Kent, a mechanical contracting company, will begin site preparation work in advance of a formal ground-breaking, tentatively set for April 2003.

The Advanced Chemistry Laboratory, a 74,000 square-foot facility, will replace three older laboratories in the Edgewood Area. Much of the research work performed in the new laboratory will support the nation's homeland defense efforts and its work to counter the evolving threat of chemical warfare and the use of chemical or biological agents by terrorists.

ECBC is a unique national asset that has

been the focus of research and development work involving chemical warfare agents in the defense against chemical weapons for more than 80 years.

The Advanced Chemistry Laboratory will allow ECBC to continue this work by providing a state-of-the-art research facility with a flexible, modular design to meet the changing requirements of scientific advancements. The building will also feature sophisticated engineering controls and specially designed filters to ensure the safety of the workforce and protect the environment.

The new lab primarily replaces the Amos A. Fries Chemistry Building, constructed in 1963. Fries, who became commanding officer of Edgewood Arsenal in 1919, worked throughout his career to advance the Army's chemical training and to establish the Chemical Warfare Service as a permanent part of the post-World War I military. Fries retired as a major general in 1929 and died in 1963.

Edgewood CB Center director receives Presidential Rank Award



Jim Zarzycki

Timothy Lavery
ECBC

The technical director of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, has received the prestigious Presidential Rank Award for 2002,

conferred by President George W. Bush. Jim Zarzycki is one of 293 members of the Senior Executive Service to receive the rank of Meritorious Executive.

"I am honored and thrilled to receive this recognition," Zarzycki said. "I believe it is testimony to the people of ECBC and the work we all do that our leadership has been called out as exemplary among the many federal organizations led by senior executives."

According to the United States Office of Personnel Management, the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive may be given to 5 percent of the

approximately 6,100 career members of the SES. Senior executives are honored for outstanding leadership accomplishments in some of the nation's most critical programs, including health, commerce, environment and national defense efforts.

Winners of the award are chosen via a rigorous selection process that begins with a nomination from their respective agency chiefs. The nominations are then evaluated by boards of private citizens and approved by the President. The evaluation criteria focus on leadership and results.

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U.S. Army photo.

Commander of the U.S. Army Accessions Command, Lt. Gen. Dennis D. Cavin, and veteran Winston Cup driver Jerry Nadeau pose with the Army-sponsored NASCAR Winston Cup Pontiac #01. Starting Feb. 16, at the Daytona 500, the black-and-gold Army car will roar around NASCAR tracks on the Winston Cup racing circuit.

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in Fulda, with separate events taking place in Bad Hersfeld and Bad Kissingen.

The reunion is open to past and present troopers who served with the 11th and 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment (and supporting units) along the East-West German border.

For more information, call Glenn Snodgrass, 703-676-2672, or e-mail JGS525@aol.com, or call Don Snedeker, 703-676-4019, or e-mail him at donald.c.snedeker@saic.com.

African Americans in the Korean War Conference

Morgan State University will sponsor African Americans in the Korean War Conference, April 16 to 19, at Morgan State University, Baltimore. The theme is "No Longer Forgotten: African Americans in the Korean War, 1950-1953." The conference will convene in the Carl J. Murphy Fine Arts Center, 2100 Argonne Drive, Baltimore. Scholars, veterans, researchers and special guests will pay tribute to the nation's African American veterans through panel sessions, conversations with panel members, interpretive tours at historic sites, exhibits at Morgan's new James E. Lewis Museum of Art, seminars, benefits and services for Korean War veterans displays, special awards recognition ceremony, and a wreath-laying ceremony honoring Korean War veterans in Baltimore.

Sponsored by Morgan State University, Department of History and Geography, with the assistance of the U.S. Army Center of Military History, the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, and veteran organizations, the conference is one of the many events being held nationally through

Nov. 11, as an expression of the nation's gratitude to Korean War veterans.

Conference registration and reception is scheduled for April 16 at Morgan's Carl J. Murphy Fine Arts Center.

For more information, call Dr. Charles Johnson Jr., 443-885-1796/3190, fax 443-885-8227 or send e-mail to gchausa@aol.com; Gabriel Tenabe, 443-885-3030/3548, fax 443-885-8258 or send e-mail to gtenabe@moac.morgan.edu; or Constance Burns, 202-685-2470 or send a fax to 202-685-2113, or visit Web sites: www.korea50.army.mil; www.army.mil/cmh-pq/reference/Korea/morganstate/conf.htm; or www.va.gov/minority.

PWOC offers Bible studies

The APG Protestant Women of the Chapel invite everyone to attend Bible Study every Monday at 7 p.m., or every Thursday at 9 a.m.

On Monday, study Joyce Meyer's, Battlefield of the Mind, Winning the Battle in Your Mind. On Thursday, choose from four new Bible Studies: Restore My Heart, by Denise Glenn; Professionalizing Motherhood, by Jill Savage; Calm My Anxious Heart, by Linda Dillow; or Fruit of the Spirit, by Beth Moore.

Child care is provided on Thursday mornings, but not available on Monday evenings. These studies do not meet on federal holidays or when the schools are closed due to inclement weather.

For more information, call the APG Chapel at 410-278-4333.

Weight Watchers at Work Program welcomes newcomers

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are continuing

Fact of the Week



A faucet with a steady drip can waste 20 gallons of water a day and a leaking toilet 200 gallons without making a sound.

- Chesapeake Bay Trust

on post, and new participants are welcome.

The program offers professional leadership, group support and a sound and safe weight control plan.

To learn more about the Weight Watchers at Work Program at Aberdeen Proving

Ground, call 410-278-1151.

Contemporary worship service

A new, contemporary worship service will be held from 2 until 3:30 p.m. each Sunday at the EA Chapel, building E-

4620.

Musicians and singers are welcome. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call Chaplain Shawn E. McCammon, 410-436-8695

AA meetings held at APG chapel

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the Aberdeen Post Chapel, building 2485, every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is an open discussion meeting available to the entire Aberdeen community, military and civilian.

USO-METRO, JETS co-host job fair

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint

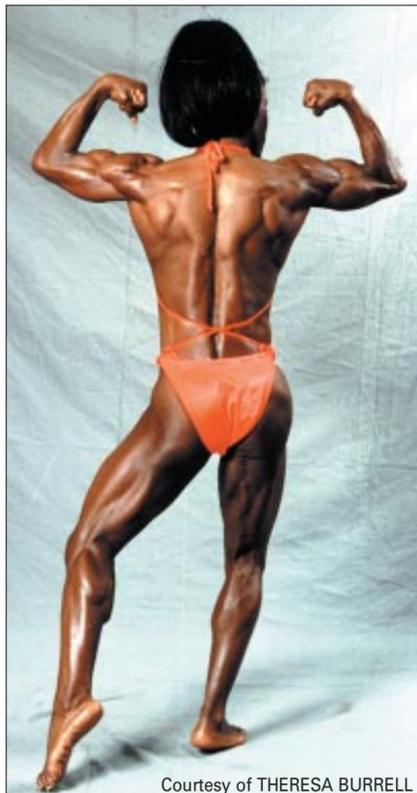
Employment Transition Services, or JETS, will co-host a job fair July 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Spates Community Club, Fort Myer, Va.

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

The fair is free and open to all members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DoD and Coast Guard civilian personnel. For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth, 703-696-2552.

Sports

APG spouse flexes muscles in national competition



Courtesy of THERESA BURRELL

Yvonne Johnson APG News

An Aberdeen Proving Ground employee and spouse can count herself among the top in the world in bodybuilding thanks to a win at the World Natural Bodybuilding Federation competition in New York City in November.

Theresa Burrell placed eighth in the world in her category during the WNBF sanctioned competition that was held in the Manhattan Center's Grand Ballroom, Nov. 16, and she was featured in Natural Body Building and Fitness magazine in its November issue.

A licensed barber with the Post Exchange Barber Shop, Burrell is the wife of Sgt. 1st Class James Burrell, formerly of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, now stationed in Korea.

Burrell, who has only been in the sport two years, praised God and encouragement from Master Sgt. Marvin Mayo, a 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion body builder who also has distinguished himself internationally.

"I couldn't have done it without the help of my friend," Burrell said of Mayo.

She credited Mayo with teaching her dieting and workout techniques and encouraging her to obtain a professional's card to enable her to compete.

"I received my pro card on my first try," Burrell said.

During the North Eastern Hernandez Classic 2002 sponsored by International Natural

Bodybuilding and Fitness, Burrell placed first in the Women's Lightweight Opening, Lightweight Masters, and Overall Women's categories.

Her next win was a sixth place finish in the WNBF Pro-Natural International Show, women's lightweight division at the Monte Carlo Casino Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev., in September.

A barber for 19 years, Burrell has worked on APG for five years, spending her first two at the Edgewood Area barber shop.

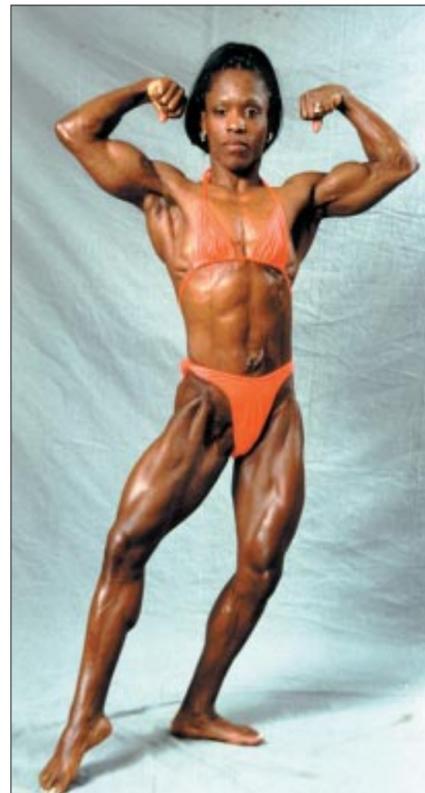
With a firm spiritual foundation, Burrell said her goal is to obtain nutrition certification to become a professional trainer.

The family departs APG this month for Fort Lewis, Wash., where Burrell plans to continue training and spread the word on the benefits of fitness.

"I want to teach my Christian sisters that we can take care of God's temple naturally," Burrell said, adding that after three surgeries, including a hernia and kidney repair, she learned how strongly one can "bounce back" with the right amount of faith in oneself and in God.

"With His help, we can handle anything. I never thought two years ago I would be where I am today," she said.

The 39-year old Seattle, Wash., native is the mother of two sons, ages 15 and 11.



Army sports in need of applicants

Due to deployments, the Army is having trouble fielding All Army teams. Those interested in the following upcoming events are encouraged to contact APG Sports Office representatives in the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area gyms.

Women's Basketball, Jan. 30 deadline (only had 5 applicants Army wide)

Women's Soccer, Feb. 15 deadline

Taekwondo, March 1 deadline

Basketball update



The following results were reported for intramural basketball for the week ending Jan. 24.

American Division

Results

Jan. 22
HHSB, 70; HST, 37
KUSAHC, 70; 1/246th, 26
HHC 61st, 44; HHC 16th, 41

Schedule

Feb. 3
6:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. NCOA
7:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. HST
8:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. HHSB
Feb. 5
6:30 p.m., HHSB vs. NCOA
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. KUSAHC
8:30 p.m., 1/246th vs. HST

Standings

NCOA	2-0
HHC 61st	2-1
HHC 16th	2-1
HHSB	2-1
KUSAHC	1-1
1/246th	0-3
HST	0-2

National Division

Results

Jan. 21 Company E 16th, 51; Company A 16th, 45
Company C 16th, 65; USAF, 39
USMC, 40; 389th, 37
Jan. 23
Company C 16th, 43; Company A 16th, 34
USAF, 43; 389th, 42
Company B 16th, 46; Company E 16th, 36

Schedule

Feb. 4
6:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. USAF
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company B 16th
8:30 p.m., 389th vs. Company A 16th
Feb. 6
6:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. Company A 16th
7:30 p.m., USAF vs. USMC
8:30 p.m., Company E 16th

Standings

Company B 16th	3-0
Company C 16th	3-1
Company E 16th	2-1
USMC	1-1
Company A 16th	1-3
USAF	1-2
389th	0-3

Edgewood Division

Results

Jan. 21
MRICD, 53; Company A 1/246th, 50
Company A 143rd, 54; CHPPM, 40
Jan. 22
Company A 1/246th, 62; TEU, 48
HHC 143rd, 62; Company C 143rd, 46
Jan. 23
MRICD, 46; Company A 143rd, 39
Company C 143rd, 65; CHPPM, 52

Schedule

Feb. 3
6:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. TEU
7:30 p.m., Company A 1/246th vs. Company C 143rd
Feb. 4
6:30 p.m., MRICD vs. TEU
7:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. HHC 143rd
Feb. 5
6:30 p.m., Company A 1/246th vs. Company A 143rd
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company C 143rd
Feb. 6
6:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. MRICD
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company A 1/246th

Standings

MRICD	4-0
Company A 1/246th	3-1
HHC 143rd	2-1
TEU	2-1
Company A 143rd	2-2
Company C 143rd	1-3
CHPPM	0-4
Company B 143rd	0-2

Legal residency and the military defined

Capt. Julie Caruso
OSJA

This tax season, many service members may be confused when asked about filing their state income tax returns because of the entry block concerning residence.

The question, "where is your residence?" can lead to many different answers. For example, the answer may be, "I was born in Missouri, I vote in North Carolina, my car is registered in Texas, and Maryland is on my LES."

Determining legal residence is essential when paying state income taxes, voting, and applying for in-state college tuition rates.

Terminology

There are several misleading terms regarding residence.

"Domicile" essentially means the same as "legal residence." "Residence" may simply mean a dwelling unit, such as quarters, but it is not necessarily the same thing as "legal residence." Be sure to distinguish between the two terms.

"Home of Record," or HOR, is a military term with

little legal consequence. HOR is the state from which the service member was appointed, enlisted, or ordered to active duty for military service. It is used by the Army to determine maximum travel entitlement upon ETS. The HOR may be the same place as the state of legal residence, but not always. Suppose a soldier stationed in Maryland was born in Michigan but went to college in Ohio and received his commission from ROTC and was ordered to active duty from that location. The soldier's HOR would be Ohio and his legal residence would be either Michigan or Maryland, depending on whether he changed his status.

Legal definition

There are many terms that people use when referring to "legal residence," but these terms do not mean the same thing. The terms are often used interchangeably and inaccurately in many types of legal documents that affect soldiers' affairs.

"Legal residence" is the state in which the service member is a citizen. You may only be a citizen of one state at a time. The legal residence is the state in which each service member has a true permanent home and to which, if tem-

porarily absent, such as on military orders, they intend to return.

There are many indicators which demonstrate the intent to become or remain a citizen of a particular state, such as registering to vote, registering a motor vehicle, opening bank accounts in local banks, buying and owning real property, acquiring a state driver's license, and paying state income or personal property taxes.

Once legal residence is established, the service member's legal residence remains the same even if they are reassigned elsewhere.

The only way to become a legal resident of another state is to terminate any ties with the first state and then establish a physical presence in the second state and demonstrate an intent to remain in that state with many of the indicators mentioned above.

Suppose a service member was born in Michigan and lived there until moved on military orders to Maryland. The service member has the option of keeping Michigan as a legal residence or may adopt Maryland as a legal residence by moving there and demonstrating an intent to remain there by doing such things as

acquiring a driver's license, opening a bank account, registering to vote, and registering a vehicle.

There are several important things to remember about legal residency. First, service members cannot adopt a state as their legal residence without ever having been there. In the situation described above, the soldier could not adopt Texas as his legal residence because he had never set foot in that state.

Next, U.S. citizens must be legal residents of some state; no one can be a citizen at large.

Finally, naturalized citizens are residents of the state in which they were naturalized.

Pertaining to wills

Legal residence is important when making a last will and testament. Residency affects probate of the will upon death, as well as the amount of state inheritance or estate taxes, if any, must be paid at death.

The Legal Assistance Office always establishes a client's state of legal residence when preparing a will, then tailors the will according to each state's laws.

For more information, call the Legal Assistance Office at 410-278-1583/1584.

Zarzycki

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Zarzycki has more than 25 years of leadership experience in public and private organizations dealing with toxic and hazardous materials. His leadership of ECBC began in 1998 when he was named Technical Director.

Zarzycki's responsibilities includes leading the Army's non-medical chemical and biological defense program as well as technical efforts in support of several national programs involving chemical demilitarization, the chemical and biological warfare treaties, homeland defense and counter-terrorism.

Given the current state of world affairs, an official ceremony has not been scheduled to recognize all award winners for 2002.

Move

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March 1 or later will be revoked for soldiers in affected units, the message states.

Soldiers affected by stop movement, who are currently TDY and are scheduled to return may have to return early.

Commanders should use discretion when soldiers are scheduled for medical reclassification training or for mandatory reclassification training, the message states.

Units affected by stop movement will be manned at appropriate levels and will continue to receive soldiers from initial entry training, the Officer Basic Course, Officer Candidate and Warrant Officer Candidate schools, officials said.

All exceptions to policy should be submitted to the Personnel Command for approval, officials said.

Insurance

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information regarding who is eligible to request enrollment or increased life insurance through the FEGLI program.

New or additional insurance is approved or disapproved by the Office of Federal Group Life Insurance.

The SF 2822 is available at <https://www.abc.army.mil>. Select "Info" then "Life" and then "Forms." The SF 2822 at this site is preprinted with the Army Benefits Center - Civilian (ABC-C) address where Army employees must file the SF 2822.

Army civilian employees may also call the ABC-C, select the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance option, and speak with a Benefits Counselor for information and counseling regarding requirements for filing a SF 2822.

Community Notes

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 1
MCSC INDOOR YARD
SALE**

The APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will sponsor an Indoor Yard Sale from 8 a.m. until noon at the Gunpowder Club Conference Facility, building E-4650, Edgewood Area. The cost is \$10 to sponsor a table, or donations will be accepted.

To sponsor a table, submit name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, number of tables needed, choice of location (Edgewood or Aberdeen), indicate whether you are a member of MCSC, and mail to MCSC, c/o Angie Salamy, 119 Plumb Point Loop, APG, MD 21005.

For more information, call 410-272-6712, or visit the Web site <http://www.apgmcsc.org>.

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 5
BSA CHILI SUPPER
AND SILENT AUCTION**

Friends of Boy Scouts of America Troop 999 are sponsoring a Chili Supper and Silent Auction at the Knights of Columbus in Forest Hill. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door, and include all you can eat chili, crackers and fixings.

An autographed 8" x 10" picture of Cal Ripken Jr., with Certificate of Authenticity, will be raffled. Tickets cost \$3 each or two for \$5. Winner need not be present.

All proceeds will help the Scouts attend Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico this summer.

For information, call Cindy Dietz at 410-515-4167.

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 8
VFW PRE-VALENTINE'S
DANCE**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 will hold a pre-Valentine's Day Dance, 9 p.m. until. Tickets cost \$10 for non-members and \$5 for members and includes a hot and cold buffet and door prizes. Cash prizes will be awarded to the best dressed woman and man in "red."

For more information, call Entertainment Chairman Terry Robinson at 410-272-3444.

**BASEBALL UMPIRE
TRAINING OFFERED**

The Harford County Umpires Association will offer eight free consecutive umpire training sessions Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the William McFaul Activity Center in Bel Air. Pre-registration is required. At the completion of training, umpires will be eligible to work thru the association officiating boy's baseball in Maryland. For more information, call Steven Danner at 410-538-3842, or e-mail at stevdann@cs.com.

**MCSC INDOOR YARD
SALE**

The APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will sponsor an Indoor Yard Sale from 8 a.m. until noon at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. The cost is \$10 to sponsor a table, or donations will be accepted.

To sponsor a table, submit name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, number of tables needed, choice of location (Edgewood or Aberdeen), indicate whether you are a member of MCSC, and mail to MCSC, c/o Angie Salamy, 119 Plumb Point Loop, APG, MD 21005.

For more information, call 410-272-6712, or visit the Web site <http://www.apgmcsc.org>.

**MONDAY
FEBRUARY 10
PIE FOR EXCEPTIONAL
FAMILY MEMBERS**

Army Community Service is sponsoring Parent Information Exchange for exceptional family members 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the ACS building 2754.

To arrange for child care, call in advance, because space is limited.

For more information, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, at 410-278-2420.

**TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 11
AN EVENING WITH
SCOTTY MCGREGOR**

Healthy Harford, Inc. and "What Kids Need to Succeed" will present An Evening with Scotty McGregor, 7 p.m., at the Bel Air Athletic Club, 658 Boulton Street.

All sports coaches, parents and children are invited. To register, call 410-838-2670.

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 12
DAV BEL AIR CHAPTER
30 MEETING**

The Bel Air Disabled Veterans Chapter 30 will meet at 7 p.m., at the VFW Hall, 303 S. Atwood Road. Bel Air DAV Chapter 30 holds meetings the second Wednesday of each month except July and August.

For information and transportation, call 410-838-8325 or 410-879-0861.

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MOVIES

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



EMPIRE

Friday, Jan. 31, 7 p.m.

Starring: John Leguizamo, Denise Richards

Victor, a Puerto Rican drug-dealer, works the violent streets of the South Bronx. With an eye for money and a head for business, he dreams of one day achieving the wealth and success of a legitimate businessman. (Rated R)

STARTREK: NEMESIS (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Feb. 1, 7 p.m.

Starring: Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes

The Romulan Empire is thrown into disarray when Shinzon, a half-Roman cloned from Captain Picard, and exiled slave on the sister planet of Remus, murders the entire senate of the Romulus home world. Now, the mad man wants to use the crew of the Enterprise in his scheme to incite a revolution. (Rated PG-13)



DRUMLINE

Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 p.m.

Starring: Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana

Devon, a street drummer from Harlem, enrolls in a southern university, expecting to lead its marching band's drumline to victory. He initially flounders in his new world, before realizing that it takes more than talent to reach the top. (Rated PG-13)

Miles of Smiles for vets

USO

The USO of Metropolitan Washington is currently planning its 16th annual "Miles of Smiles."

On Feb. 10, the USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center will present the "World's Longest Valentine" to hospitalized veterans in conjunction with the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week. The "Miles of Smiles" ceremony will take place at the VA Medical Center, Washington, D.C., at 1:30 p.m.

The Washington Wizards Dance Team will perform, and after the ceremony, volunteers will visit the hospital wards to hand out portions of the card, along with donated candies and flowers.

USO-Metro has assembled the "World's Longest Valentine" which is collected from local businesses, active duty service members, civic associations, military units and school

children. The USO of Metropolitan Washington would like to invite everyone to participate in the creation of the Valentine for this heart-warming event.

Everyone is encouraged to make Valentines on perforated computer paper - all cards will be distributed to the many veterans who are at the VA Hospital. Send all donations to: USO-Metro, Community Center - Bldg 405, 228 McNair Road, Fort Myer, VA 22211.

Volunteers also are needed for setting up and running the game table, for escorting and assisting patients to the game table and to visit patients and distribute Valentines.

For more information regarding the Valentine, call the USO-Metro Programs Office at 703-696-3279.

For any questions about how you can participate in the VAMC program, call Paula Gorman at 202-745-8692.

MWR Morale, Recreation & Welfare

Activities

Chili cook-off

The first MWR Chili Cook Off will be held Feb. 15 at Ruggles Golf Course. All types of chili are welcome, from spicy to sweet. Participants must be willing to share their recipe and provide a quart sample. Cook off starts at 11 a.m. and the winning chili will be served at the Chili Open Golf Tournament, Feb. 22 and 23.

Chili Open Golf Tournament

The Chili Open, using a seven-club format, will be held rain or shine. Select any seven clubs to use for both days of the tournament. All players must walk, but pull carts are permitted. There will be ladies, men's, and a senior division. Cost is \$35. Register by Feb. 20 at MWR Registration or Ruggles Golf Course. For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278-9452 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

President's Day 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Join in these half court games consisting of two 15-minute halves and a three-minute half time, Feb. 14 at the APG Athletic Center starting at 10 a.m. This is a double elimination tournament with officiated games. Awards will be given to the championship and runner-up teams. Cost is \$30 per team for active duty military and \$40 per team for all others. Register by Feb. 4 at MWR Registration, APG Athletic Center, or online at www.apgmwr.com. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil

Introduction to putting

This one-hour class can help improve your golf score through training on the proper grip, stance, swing, and putting green aim. Class will be held on Feb. 15 at Ruggles Golf Course, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Register by Feb. 7 at MWR Registration, Ruggles Golf Course, or online at www.apgmwr.com. Cost is \$10. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Introduction to cake decorating

Decorating cakes can be profitable as well as fun. This 5-week class teaches how to make frosting, flowers, borders and

tube writing, as well as patterns and designs. The class begins Feb. 20 at AA Recreation Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$45. Register by Feb. 13 at MWR Registration or online at www.apgmwr.com. For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3854 or e-mail chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

'Luck O' Irish' Basket Bingo

Get your blotters ready! MWR is bringing Basket Bingo back on Feb. 21 at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. There will be famous name baskets and lots more. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available for purchase. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10. Purchase tickets at MWR Registration. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

2nd Annual Harlem Experience

Celebrate Black History Month with a tour of Harlem Feb. 15. Experience the history and renaissance of Harlem, beginning with lunch at Sylvia's Restaurant, the Queen of Soul Food. Then travel back in time with a tour of the Apollo Theater and The Cotton Club. The rest of the afternoon is reserved for shopping. Cost is \$65. Purchase tickets at MWR Registration. Bus will pick up at 8:30 a.m. at the Ames Shopping Center in Edgewood and return at 11 p.m. Bus will also pick up at 9 a.m. at Ollie's Shopping Center in Aberdeen and return at 10:30 p.m. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-287-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Bowling specials

A Thursday Lunch league starts Feb. 6 at the APG Bowling Center. The league costs \$10 per week and includes two games and lunch.

On Feb. 7, the APG Bowling Center is starting a Friday Couples League. This eight-week league costs \$10 per week.

There will be a King of the Hill Tournament on Feb. 9 for all men league bowlers. Bowl four games and the top four will qualify for a stepladder final. There will be cash prizes at the end of the tournament.

On Feb. 15 there will be a Scotch Doubles tournament. Partners will pick up any left over pins from the first bowler. Cost is \$8 per person.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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



Eyes of the Virgin by Thomas Monteleone

In a Portuguese chapel, one piece of a stained-glass window of the Virgin survives an explosion. On the fragment are her eyes, which are believed to occasionally disclose a strange text said to have earth-changing implications.



Two in the Field by Darryl Brock

As Above, So Below: a novel of Peter Bruegel by Rudy Rucker

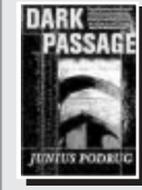
Silent Partner by Stephen Frey



The Kingmaker by Brian Haig

Light in Shadow by Jayne Ann Krentz

Along Came Mary by Jo-Ann Mapson



Dark Passage by Junius Podrug

Samaritan by Richard Price

Whispers at Midnight by Karen Robards



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

To receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically, call the library at 410-278-3417.

BOWLING STANDINGS

Wednesday Night Mixed

High Men's Series Scratch
Stuart Thacker, 576
Jesse Cons, 517
High Men's Series with Handicap
Terrance Harris, 725
Tim Anderson, 710
Women's High Series Scratch
Ann Thacker, 623
Kathy Anderson, 524
High Women's Series with Handicap
Kathy Anderson, 705
Sherry Cons, 693
Men's High Game Scratch
Stuart Thacker, 215
Charles Sorensen, 203
Men's High Game Scratch with Handicap
Tim Anderson, 282
Stuart Thacker, 280
Women's High Game Scratch
Ann Thacker, 275
Debbie Curtis, 194
Women's High Game with Handicap
Renee Johnson, 271
Michele Betro, 269

Thursday National Guard Mixed

Men's High Series Scratch
Michael Murphy, 610
Fran Bill Morton, 589
Men's High Game Scratch:
Frank Mitchell, 246
Bill Morton, 231
Women's High Series Scratch
Pamela Murphy, 521
Fay Christy, 495
Women's High Game with Handicap
Barbara Osborn, 197
Pamela Murphy, 189

Thursday Lunch League

High Men's Series Scratch
Paul Moy, 330
Kevin Dougherty, 315
Men's High Game
Dave Spagnoulo, 182
Kevin Dougherty, 167
Women's High Series Scratch

Betty Taylor, 318
Dawn Gordner, 297
Women's High Game Scratch
Betty Taylor, 181
Dawn Gordner, 160

Friday Night Mixed

High Men's Series Scratch
Dennis Williams, 666
Eddie Sabina, 619
High Men's Series with Handicap
Virgil Mills, 842
Johnny Jones, 730
Women's High Series Scratch
Violet, 501
Tasha Taylor, 486
High Women's Series with Handicap
Vera Mills, 702
Tahsa Taylor, 697
Men's High Game Scratch with Handicap
Dennis Williams, 240
Richard Trimble, 226
Women's High Game Scratch
Tasha Taylor, 203
Violet, 185

Saturday Youth League - Upcoming Stars Week of Dec. 14

Girls High Scratch Game
Elizabeth Kempton, 63
Natalie Hanlon, 30
For Season with Handicap
Elizabeth Kempton, 221
Natalie Hanlon, 206
Girls High Scratch Series
Elizabeth Kempton, 174
Natalie Hanlon, 79
For Season with Handicap
Elizabeth Kempton, 598
Natalie Hanlon, 583

Saturday Youth League - Rising Stars Week of Dec. 14th

Boy's High Series Scratch
Eric White, 293
Zackary Gosnell, 270
For Season with Handicap

Bobby Davis, 678
Eric White, 656
Boy's High Game Scratch
Eric White, 112
Zackary Gosnell, 100
For Season with Handicap
James Ables, 248
Bobby Davis, 245
Girl's High Series Scratch
Magan Pace, 298
Jessell Cons, 289
For Season with Handicap
Jessell Cons, 654
Magan Pace, 638
Girl's High Game Scratch
Jessell Cons, 109
Magan Pace, 106
For Season with Handicap
Jessell Cons, 228
Magan Pace, 227

Saturday Youth League - Shooting Stars

Week of Dec. 14
Boy's High Series Scratch
Ethan Knack, 609
Curtis Swauger, 578
For Season with Handicap
Chad Milton, 759
Ethan Knack, 737
Boy's High Game Scratch
Ethan Knack, 223
Curtis Swauger, 220
For Season with Handicap
Chad Milton, 303
Curtis Swauger, 275
Girl's High Series Scratch
Ashley Taylor, 481
Heather Miller, 341
For Season with Handicap
Ashley Taylor, 686
Heather Miller, 630
Girl's High Game Scratch
Ashley Taylor, 164
Heather Miller, 136
For Season with Handicap
Ashley Taylor, 265
Jessica Authur, 230

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FAIR

An Assistive Technology Fair will be held on Feb. 8, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the John Archer School. The fair is designed to provide information about Assistive Technology for students ages birth through 12 who have diverse learning styles and special needs. It will include a workshop and demonstrations of software and hardware including talking word processors, modified keyboards, and switches to operate toys and appliances. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day. The fair is sponsored by the Harford County Public Schools' Partners for Success Resource Center.

For more information, call 410-638-3858.

SCHOOL SPEECH FESTIVAL

The Eighth Annual Harford County Elementary School Speech Festival is scheduled for March 22 at Bel Air High School, 9 a.m. to noon. Forest Hill Elementary is hosting this year's festival, and Marybeth Ford is the coordinator. The festival will be divided between primary (K-2) from 9 to 10 a.m., and intermediate (grades 3 to 5) from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 410-638-4166.

APG HOMESCHOOLERS

Parents who home school their chil-

dren are asked to call Ivan Mehosky, School Liaison/Youth Education Services, to set-up a meeting to share information and establish a resource network. Call the School Liaison Office, building 2752, Room 200 at 410-278-2857.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

APG parents who's children attend private schools are asked to contact Ivan Mehosky, School Liaison/Youth Education Services, at 410-278-2857 for the purpose of establishing a networking meeting group at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

MWR announces gospel concert March 8

Join MWR March 8 for "Celebrating the Gospel in Song" featuring Evangelist Shirley Caesar and the Caesar Singers. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.

The concert will be held at Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater. For tickets call MWR Registration, at 410-

278-4907, or visit building 3326.

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

For information on the performers, visit www.shirley-caesar.com or www.worldrecords.com.

APG CHILD, YOUTH SERVICES

School age/middle school services summer program announced

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Summer Program will run for eight weeks, June 23 through Aug. 15, Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You may sign up for the weeks that fit your schedule. There will be no program on July 4. The program is open to all qualifying children who have completed first through eighth grades. There will be a \$20 non-refundable deposit required at the time of registration for each week selected. Tuition fees are based on total family

income. Waiting list forms may be picked up and dropped off starting Feb. 7 at the Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902, the Aberdeen Youth Services, building 2522, or the Outreach Services, building 2752 during regular working hours. They may also be faxed to 410-306-2294. Waiting list forms will not be accepted at the Aberdeen Youth Services. Available openings will be posted starting March 3. Registration is by appointment only.

For more information, call the Outreach Services Office at 410-278-7571/7479.

Join the boat club



Membership requirements include performance of eight hours of work and standing assigned security watches. Members must provide proof of identification, boat registration and liability insurance.

Costs are:

- moored boat with parking lot space for trailer is \$19 per foot
- moored boat (only) is \$11 per foot
- boat on trailer in parking lot space is \$8 per foot
- ramp access (only) is \$7.50 per foot

The Spesutie Island Boating Activity is accepting applications for the 2003 season.

Membership is open to active duty military, full time Army National Guard, retired military, APG DoD/Nonappropriated Fund civilian employees, retired APG DA civilians, and long term contractors with government ID card.

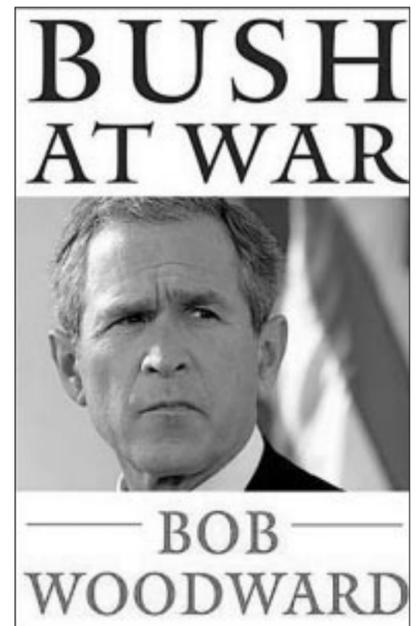
Applications can be picked up at the SIBA Club house, building 36 or at Outdoor Recreation.

For more information, call 410-278-4124.

Commentary

The presidency comes to life

Bush at War, written by Bob Woodward



Capt. Eric Shuler
Special contributor

This book details President George W. Bush and his administration's plan to conduct the war in Afghanistan. The pressures shortly after September 11, 2001 to find and bring to justice the people responsible for this tragedy were enormous.

Bush did not want a hasty and ill thought out campaign.

He did not want a million dollar missile going into a five-dollar tent. He wanted a well thought out plan, which would minimize loss of life to civilians and our own military. Concurrently, there was a humanitarian mission planned to coincide with military operations. Previously, there were no bases near Afghanistan available to the United States. The logistical needs and diplomacy needed to secure bases for our forces was extremely difficult. Afghanistan is in Russian's backyard and they were concerned with our presence. To make things more difficult the press equated Afghanistan with Vietnam and often used the word "quagmire" to describe a war in that country.

Author Woodward wrote the first book that I have seen go into detail about the Central Intelligence Agency's role in that war. The CIA is secretive but their accomplishments should be noted. One of the CIA operatives earned the Intelligence Star posthumously, which is equivalent of the Silver Star. CIA operatives and Special Forces worked together for the first time. President Bush gave broad authority to the CIA and the military to bring those guilty to justice. I had often wondered why so many of the Taliban and Afghan tribes switched sides in favor of the

United States. The CIA gave out over \$10 million in cash for them to become our allies. In Afghanistan the going price for a brigade was \$50,000. One Afghan leader was balking at the amount. A Special Forces Operative directed a precision-guided munition to explode near his command post. The Afghan leader called the next day and dropped his price to \$40,000. It is often joked that loyalty in Afghan changes with who is paying.

I learned a great deal about Bush. The press release from Bush at War states it has over 15,000 words from direct quotes. Woodward had the support of the administration in writing this book.

I liked the quotes from Bush that reflect his feeling about Sept. 11, and the war in Afghanistan. They bring to life the presidency of the United States.

The only change to this book I would make is that I would call this book Bush at War Part I. As our nation gets ready for a possible war with Iraq, I am positive that Woodward can accurately write that story.

Bush at War makes interesting reading. It is hard to believe that the war in Afghanistan is over a year old already.

Let us not forget our military personnel who lost their lives or were wounded that served in that hostile part of the world. If you take the time to read Bush at War, I am sure you will learn more about how the United States will conduct future warfare and diplomacy.

The book, published by Simon & Schuster, New York, NY, ISBN 0-7432-0473-5, contains 376 pages with photographs and an index.

Letter to the Editor

Dear [editor],

I could not find an e-mail address for your hospital or Military Treatment Facility on the APG Web site.

Can you find out if your hospital or MTF supports the RACHAPP program? The following was received from TRICARE:

"Some military facilities support a Retiree At-Cost Hearing Aid Purchase Program (RACHAPP). Check with your nearest military treatment facility to see if it supports this program. The MTF may be able to purchase the hearing aid for you, and you reimburse the MTF its costs."

SGM(Ret) Warren S. Rees
Response:

The Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Web site is currently being revised. APG News will publish the Web site when the site is operational again.

The Retiree At-Cost Hearing Aid Purchase Program provides retired service members the opportunity to purchase hearing aids at government cost. The hearing aids are purchased directly from the manufacturer at substantial savings, often as much as 300 percent over the cost for the same hearing aids sold and fitted in the civilian community.

This program is not available to family members.

The closest facility to Aberdeen Proving Ground that participates in the RACHAPP is Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Audiology Clinic at 1-202-782-6643.

Janice Spellman, Patient Advocate, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, 410-278-1724, janice.spellman@na.amedd.army.mil



Captains must decide now on career fields

Army News Service

Officers in cohort year groups 1993 and 1997 will have crucial career decisions to make beginning Feb. 1.

The career-field designation board for 1993 officers will convene June 17, Army Personnel Command announced.

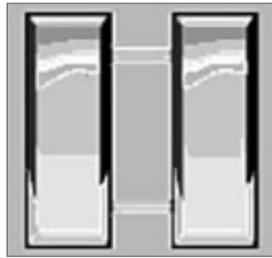
About 1,830 year group 1993 officers will be considered for promotion to major, PERSCOM officials said. Following selection for major, all active-duty Army competitive-category officers are designated into one of four career fields. Under the Officer Personnel Management System III, there are of four career fields, comprising 18 functional areas and 16 basic branches.

The CFD Board will convene following the year group 1993 major's promotion board.

Last year 250 of year group 1992 officers did not submit a preference statement during the open window.

"If your file goes before the board with no preference information you will be

career-field designated in accordance with the needs of the Army," said Brig. Gen. David Valcourt, the director of the Officer Personnel Management Directorate. "A failure to submit a preference statement whether intentional or not, does not indicate to the



board a desire to remain in the operations career field."

Officers will receive information packets from PERSCOM explaining how to submit their online preference statement through the Army Knowledge Online Web page. Captains with a date of rank of Sept. 30, 1997 or earlier should submit their choices accordingly, PERSCOM officials said.

The functional area design-

ation board for year group 1997 will also convene in June 2003.

Between the fifth and sixth years of service all active-duty, Army competitive-category officers are designated with a functional area. This is decided by means of the FAD Board.

Captains with a date of rank between June 2, 2000 and March 31, 2001 should submit a preference statement, PERSCOM officials said. Similar to the CFD process, year group 1997 officers will also receive an information packet from PERSCOM.

The AKO Preference window is scheduled to open on or about Feb. 1 for CFD and FAD for 1993 and 1997 officers respectively.

More information is available at the CFD and FAD Home Pages, which can be accessed from PERSCOM Online.

(Editor's note: Information submitted by Capt. Jason Lerner at PERSCOM.)

Soldiers destroy weapons cache in Afghanistan

Cpl. Keith A. Kluwe

Army News Service

Members of the 731st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company from Ohio celebrated New Years with a bang when they destroyed nearly 7,500 lbs. of unexploded ordnance at two sites a few miles outside the main gate of Kandahar Air Base.

It was a dangerous mission, but extremely important, said Staff Sgt. Ernest Richter III, a team leader with the 731st EOD.

"We destroyed these weapons caches so they can't be used against us or the current Afghan government," he said. "[The ordnance] is all still serviceable. They could fire it at U.S. troops or at each other."

Richter said safety is a prime consideration throughout the planning of each operation and during a mission. Planning typically starts a week before the mission, and includes such things as calculating the safe distances for personnel from the blast and fragmentation.

The day of the operation begins with a safety brief for all soldiers participating. Because of the risks involved, EOD technicians clear a safe area that is used when personnel are not actively working with ordnance.

Once each area is cleared, the rest of the unit moves in.

One work area for this mission was a concrete bunker filled with Spanish-made AE-120 mm-high-explosive mortar rounds.

The bunker was covered with steel decking and sand, which had to be removed with heavy equipment. The remaining dirt had to be removed by hand, and the team removed the packing crates filled with mortar rounds.

There were enough crates of mortar rounds to fill a flatbed truck twice.

Another work area was an open pit containing more than 40 Soviet-made FOTAB 100-80 aerial-photoflash bombs. FOTABs are filled with flash powder and are used at night for photography.

The FOTAB bombs were blown in place, but the mortar rounds were moved to a different blast site.

Once at the blast site, the mortar rounds were taken out of their crates, removed from their packing tubes, and stacked in a row - 115 rounds long and three high.

It's tough work, said EOD members, but there is no room for complacency. They said dropping a 37-pound mortar round at your feet is dangerous, to say the least.

The team placed blocks of C-4 explosives in planned locations on the pile and laid Bangalor torpedoes on top. All non-essential personnel left the area while the explosives were wired for detonation.

All explosions are controlled with a remote-command detonator as opposed to a timer. This is a safety precaution for aircraft flying in the local area or people on the ground who might wander too close to the blast area.

"Our job here is trying to keep all the soldiers here safe," said EOD Tech. Sgt. Justin Roe. "In addition to destroying ordnance, we give classes on different types of ordnance and what can happen if they are handled by someone who doesn't know what they are doing."

(Editor's note: Cpl. Keith A. Kluwe is a member of the 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.)

Change

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said he waited for a special NCO to move into the position before selecting Torres.

Ayers stated that Torres was responsible for many advances and improvements in the academy to include the physical facilities and the content and structure of the instruction. He went on to thank Torres' wife, Nellie, for being a valuable team player and a big contributor to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"She is a great friend and a great confidant," Ayers said.

He welcomed Crofts to the academy position and noted, "You have big shoes to fill, but you have big feet as well."

Ayers praised Crofts for her many accomplishments in a short time as the 61st Ordnance Brigade command sergeant major.

"She has streamlined the instructor development program, developed a vastly improved soldier of the quarter program, and made many innovations in the FTX [field

training exercise]."

Torres thanked all those who braved the cold to join in the ceremony.

He noted that the soldiers and NCOs "look great. You represent the backbone of the Ordnance Corps and you are ready to accept the challenges of the next several months.

"I worked hard to carry on the hard work of the previous 8 commandants. I want to thank the key leaders who helped as mentors and supporters. This is not about me but about all of you," Torres said.

He explained that the physical renovations and the development of a standardized test lab came about because of the students, small group leaders and first sergeants. He also thanked his wife for her continued support.

Crofts stated that she was "humbled and honored to accept the position as commandant. It has been my goal since I was a small group leader in ANCOG [Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course]."

She promised to uphold the traditions of leadership and integrity by which the academy is known. She stated her goal is to "provide the best possible training for the best soldiers in the Army."

Command Sgt. Maj. Edith R. Crofts

Crofts entered the Army in 1976 and trained as a watercraft engineer. She later reclassified as a power generation equipment repairer.

She has served in a variety of positions and assignments to include platoon sergeant, drill sergeant, recruiter, shop foreman, reenlistment NCO, instructor, small group leader, first sergeant, operations sergeant, battalion command sergeant major, and brigade command sergeant major. She has served in Germany, Korea, and several stateside posts.

She has completed all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System and is a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Drill Sergeant School, Recruiting School, the Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, and the U.S. Army Instructor Training Course. Her awards and decorations include five awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, two awards of the Army Commendation Medal, eight Good Conduct Medals, Drills Sergeant Badge, Recruiter Badge, and the NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4).

Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel F. Torres

The California native entered the Army in 1975 and has served in a wide variety of assignments and positions to include first sergeant, training department sergeant major and battalion command sergeant major. He has served in Germany, Korea and in Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Torres' awards and decorations include four awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, three awards of the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Medal, Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), the Overseas Ribbon (Numeral 4), Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Kuwait), the Parachutist Badge and the Driver/Mechanic Badge.

He is married to the former Nellie Goins, and they have two children, Keith and Kathy.

Bringing a touch of home to service members

USO

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.

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sunscreen. They also include greetings from the American public, transcribed onto official "Operation USO Care Package" post cards by volunteers and USO staff members.

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USO calendar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 WWE SUPERSTARS TO GREET TROOPS

The USO of Metropolitan Washington will host World Wrestling Entertainment Superstars Hurricane, Molly Holly, The Dudleys and Jackie as they greet service members, 11:30 a.m. to noon, in the USO Lounge located in BWI Airport, International Pier, lower level. Troops will have the opportunity to shake hands with some of the leading WWE talent.



For more information on these calendar events, call Beth Bradner, 703-696-3261.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4 VOCALIST PERFORMS FOR SOLDIERS

The USO Metropolitan Washington will host vocalist Sasha Lazard to entertain troops at a concert, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the BWI USO Lounge, BWI Airport, International Pier, lower level.

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Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
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Sherry Schaffer
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Lena Shelton

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Hilary P. Talbot
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Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)
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Michelle L. Watters
Beverly A. Werner (surgery)
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Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877. (*An asterisk indicates employees working at the APG office of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. Call Susan Goldberg, 301-394-1080, regarding ARL employees.)

MLK celebration appeals to community

APG employees celebrate a day on, not a day off



1st Lt. Claudette Blake, 16th Ordnance Battalion, plays the role of a mother, holding her son who was shot because of a gang initiation. The play was part of the Martin Luther King Jr. event at the post theater, Jan. 16, portraying the need for community involvement.

Story and photo by
Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

Twenty years after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke the words "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed," a law was enacted, designating the third Monday in January as a federal holiday, commemorating his birthday. Aberdeen Proving Ground joined the effort in making King's vision a continued reality, in the celebration of the theme, "A Day On, Not A Day Off," Jan. 16 at the post theater.

One highlight of the program was a play, written and acted in part by 1st Lt. Claudette Blake, 16th Ordnance Battalion. The short skit told the story of how a community neglects to get involved in issues that happen outside of its backyard. It is not until it knocks at the front door of the victim's family that the problem becomes an issue in which a plea for help to the community is necessary.

More than 300 people from the APG com-

munity gathered to support King's legacy.

The host of the event, Sgt. 1st Class Rodney Yelder, 61st Ordnance Battalion, opened by commenting on King's dream being one based on Christian beliefs.

"We commemorate a man that had a dream based on the principles of Christ," Yelder said.

"His dream changed the way we think in America, the way we treat each other in America and the way we have evolved as Americans."

Yelder asked attendees to keep an open mind to the day's program and share in a variety of King's dreams and what it means to have an open mind and celebrate "a day on and not a day off."

"With an open mind, we hope to teach you something and hope to learn something as well," Yelder said.

Reflecting on the impact that King has had on the lives of many Americans, Col. Mardi Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, in her opening remarks, touched on the subject of his dream being one that was

based on equality, which helped change the course of history.

"We have these commemoration ceremonies so that you can remember the history of Dr. Martin Luther King," Mark said.

"It will be 35 years, this year, since the tragedy of King, but his messages continue to grow stronger and stronger in every man, woman and child in America."

Mark said that King believed, regardless of the circumstances, that love and respect are the rights of all human beings.

She said that he also believed that no one man is exempt from contributing to making the world a better place.

"He also believed that it is everyone's obligation to act and make a difference, to make the world a better place," Mark said. "He put his beliefs into action and nearly 35 years after his death, his message inspires all of us."

In closing, Mark presented a challenge. "I challenge you, to remember and celebrate, that one person can make a difference," Mark said. "Act by taking it upon yourselves to follow Dr. King's example of love and good will."

In honor of the celebration of her husband, Coretta Scott King wrote a letter that was presented by Loretta Martin, U.S. Air Force Detachment. The letter expressed gratitude to all who take part in commemorating King, as well as outlining the meaning of his existence and of his dream.

"We call you to commemorate this holiday, to make it a personal commitment to serve humanity with the vibrant spirit of unconditional love," Scott-King wrote. "That was his greatest strength. May he who follows Martin, now pledge to serve humanity and carry forth his legacy."

Keynote speaker, Dr. Frank Reid III, senior pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, then presented a message gathered from King's vision titled, "You've Got the Power."

"King's message was discipline, non-violent confrontation, rooted into his commitment of transformed power to Christian love," Reid said. "His message was to inform and inspire each person to use their God given talents to create a new and better community, nation and world."

He continued by saying that it was King's

vision that fueled the mission of the civil rights movement, gave energy to the marches that challenged and changed America's view as it is today. Reid commented on the voice of King, played on the overhead intercom, saying that the power in his voice is what has touched Americans.

"You can hear a voice that quivered with strength and courage and a voice that moved America," Reid said. "King's purpose was to wake up every individual to the revolutionary power God has placed in you."

Reid encouraged the community to use obstacles of oppression as opportunities to move forward.

"Problems that lay before you and I are not to be seduced back to sleep by what's on television and what is on the Internet," Reid said. "With Dr. King's God given talents to wake people up to their revolutionary responsibilities, that's what made Dr. King one of the greatest leaders of the 20th century."

Reid closed by saying that the message of King is still alive today.

"It is my responsibility to remind you that you've got the power to change your condition and as a community of human beings, we have the power to change our world, or nation," Reid said.

Attendees to the event enjoyed the program and added that they will return for next year's program.

"I'm just honored to be here. It was an excellent program from beginning to end," Brinda King said, Aberdeen Test Center employee. "I can't say enough about how well put together it was and I've enjoyed it and have been inspired by it."

The afternoon's celebration included the playing of a taped speech, "A Preacher Leading His Flock," by King. A dance tribute, choreographed by Crystal Jordan, to the song Black Butterfly, by Denise Williams, was also part of the celebration.

In addition, The Gospel Tabernacle Deliverance Choir sang three songs, "I Need you to Survive," "God's Mercy Kept Me" and "We Shall Overcome."

Closing remarks by Col Paul Meredith, commander, 61st Ordnance Brigade, were presented, thanking all for their efforts.

Army Guard remembers Dr. King at prayer breakfast

Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
Army News Service

An Army National Guard general who has helped to perpetuate the legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. remembered him as a civil rights hero who sought freedom and justice for all people during a prayer breakfast in Washington, D.C.

"Doctor King looked to advance his race, that race being the human race," Brig. Gen. Julia Cleckley told 150 members of the National Guard who paid tribute to the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner at the community center on Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., Jan. 16.

King, who was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn., would have celebrated his 74th birthday on Jan. 15.

King was honored in many ways and in many places during January's third weekend and on Jan. 20, the national holiday in his memory.

"He no longer is here with us in

body, but he is all around us in spirit. You can see his philosophy getting stronger day by day and year by year.

Though hate caused his death, it heightened the cause," added Cleckley, an African-American woman from New York who was promoted to one-star flag rank last September.

Cleckley was the first African-American woman to be promoted to colonel in the Army Guard's Active Guard and Reserve ranks. She now serves as the Army Guard director's special assistant for human resource readiness, and she chairs the Army Guard's Equal Employment Opportunity Committee. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People presented Cleckley with its Roy Wilkins Renowned Service Award in 1998.

She praised King as a man of faith and "a visionary leader who used non-violence

to bring about social change for the betterment of our nation." She also cautioned that the civil rights movement has not put an end to injustice.

"Today there are still barriers," Cleckley charged. "People like you and I make those barriers. And people like you and I must work hard every day to tear down those barriers."

Members of the Army and Air National Guard, she added, "are working together through our diversity programs to help knock down those barriers."

Cleckley's comments and the fact that King is remembered every January struck a chord with those at

the Guard gathering.

"Color was not a factor. He was trying to get equal opportunity for everyone," said Alabama Air Guard Senior Airman Ray Simon, 23, who is now serving with the National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Va.

King is perhaps best known for leading the peaceful march of 250,000 people on Washington, D.C., and for delivering his "I Have a Dream" speech in August 1963. Alabama, however, is where the Baptist minister also did some of his most significant civil rights work.

He led a 382-day bus boycott in Montgomery that ended in December 1956 after the U.S. Supreme Court declared that state laws requiring segregation on buses were unconstitutional. King also led demonstrations in Birmingham in April and May 1963 that helped lead to the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 that banned discrimination in voting, jobs and public accommodations. The march from Selma to Montgomery that

King began in March 1965 led to the Voting Rights Act that was signed that August.

"Dr. King changed the world, including Alabama. He helped us tremendously," said Simon. "If it hadn't been for him, things would not have changed."

Army Guard Lt. Col. John Gereski maintained over breakfast that King has met the standards as one of this country's great leaders for all time.

"The African-American community is an incredibly important part of our country and our history," Gereski said. "But Dr. King was not just a leader for the African-American community. He was a leader for all Americans. The leadership skills he embodied and the vision he had is something that all Americans should strive to emulate."

(Editor's note: Master Sgt. Bob Haskell is a member of the National Guard Bureau public affairs team.)



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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at a glance

Defense Link

The child

Martin Luther King Jr. was born Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Ga., to the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. and Mrs. Alberta Christine King.

As a son of a preacher, he was taught by his parents to respect all people. This was the foundation for his fundamental beliefs. As King grew up in the south, he found that not everyone followed his parent's principles. He noticed how "black people and white people were treated differently."

His best friend as a child was a white boy. Together they played happily while escaping the world of racism. This fun came to an abrupt halt when the children came of school age. Even though they lived in the same neighborhood the two friends would not be allowed to attend the same school. After the first day of school, the boys were never allowed to play together again.

The student

As a boy, he attended David Howard Elementary School, Atlanta University Laboratory School and Booker T. Washington High School. Upon high school graduation in 1944, he attended Morehouse College, the same institution his grandfather and father attended.

In 1947, King was an assistant pastor to his father at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

In 1948, he was ordained to the Baptist ministry, graduated from college with a degree in sociology and entered Crozer Theological Seminary. While attending the seminary in

Pennsylvania he became familiar with Mahatma Gandhi, who had struggled to free the people of India from British rule by "peaceful revolution."

In addition to Gandhi's influence, King was also inspired by the work of Henry David Thoreau, particularly his essay called "Civil Disobedience." It stated that if enough people would follow their conscience and disobey unjust laws, they could bring about a peaceful revolution.

In 1951, King graduated from Crozer and in 1954, became the 20th pastor of the Dexter Avenue Church in Montgomery. In 1955, the Rev King received his doctorate in systematic theology from Boston University.

The man

In 1955, his quest for civil rights derived from the arrest of an African-American seamstress named Rosa Parks. She did not relinquish her bus seat to a white bus rider and her arrest spawned a protest by King and other African-American leaders. These leaders asked the African-American bus riders to boycott the bus service by finding other modes of transportation or just plain walking. The United States Supreme Court finally passed a law prohibiting bus segregation after a successful 381 day long boycott. King showed the world that this immense peaceful approach to racism could bring about change.

In 1957, King was elected president of a newly formed Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Later that year, he led a 37,000

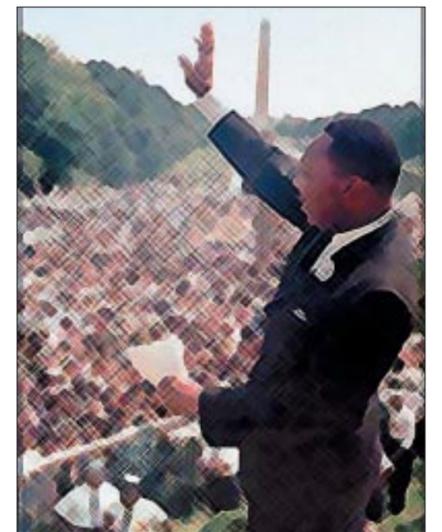
people march to the front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. By this time, people established this man as the undisputed leader of the civil rights movement.

In 1963, King and the Freedom Fighters were arrested while protesting against segregation laws in Birmingham, Ala. After their release from jail, more peaceful protests evolved and police authorities retaliated with the vengeance of water hoses, tear gas and attack dogs. This shameful retaliation was viewed on television news from around the world and the television audience was ashamed with disgust of how southern blacks were treated. This was a major pinnacle for the civil rights movement.

By August, King brought this mass movement to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation anniversary and to continue the fight for civil rights. More than 200,000 people gathered as they listened to the famous "I have a dream" speech. The audience came from all walks of life, black and white, young and old; it did not matter.

In the year 1964, King won the Nobel Peace Prize for contributing the most to further peace among people. He distributed the prize winnings among various civil rights organizations.

Over his lifetime pursuit of civil rights, the numerous arrests and deadly threats upon his person and family did not sway his true convictions of equality for all. He was a visionary who possessed a unique insight into the conditions



Graphic by DIANE BURRIER

and plight of African-Americans. He authored five books that reflected the true foresight of this nation.

The death of King did not end the civil rights movement, it only strengthened its cause.

(Editor's note: Contributing sources to this article include the Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institution and http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Dec2000/n12152000_200012151.html.)



The first Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers to deploy from the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion stand in formation for a briefing.

Deploy

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a military family and we just love our country.”

“I don’t feel good about my son going away,” Mrs. Wesley said. “I don’t want my only son to be in harms way, but he’s trained and ready to go, so I have to respect his wishes.”

There were mixed emotions among the soldiers with most of them dreading the idea of leaving their loved ones

behind. However, one soldier was actually looking forward to the journey.

“I’m trying to get prepared to roll out this afternoon. I guess I’m nervous and excited at the same time,” Lt. Apolonio said. “This is my first deployment.”

Some soldiers expressed mixed feelings about the deployment.

“We are prepared to go. This is what we get paid to do and my family is okay with it so I’m okay with it,” Sgt. 1st. Class Coleman said. “As long as they are able to deal with it,

then I’m able to deal with it. I’m leaving behind my wife, twin boys and a little girl but I think we’ll be okay.”

The 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion has a long history. It was activated during World War II. The unit mission is to deploy technical intelligence teams to collect,

identify, assess and evacuate enemy weapons and materiel worldwide. Since World War II, the unit has provided the military’s primary expertise on enemy armaments and has deployed to conflicts including those in Vietnam, Somalia, Kuwait and Kosovo.

Command

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“Thanks for your patience, understanding and most importantly dedicated support,” he said. “Our accomplishments are staggering and I have no doubt your contributions will continue the activity’s success over the next year.”

Doesburg welcomed Gladney as “the right person for the right job at the right time, who has the leadership, the skill, and the ability to do great things for our nation, for our Army and for this community.”

Gladney is a native of South Carolina, whose most recent assignment was as deputy corps chemical officer, III (Armored) Corps, Fort Hood, Texas.

Gladney’s wife, Deidre, and the couple’s son, Brentley, 12, watched proudly as Gladney addressed the audience for the first time as Edgewood Chemical Activity commander.

“I am deeply humbled by the fact that I have been given this ‘once in a military career’ opportunity to command this organization and continue its legacy already firmly established by so many great former commanders,” he said. “I will try my very best to continue to maintain the lofty standards set by all of my predecessors and carry the legacy forward.”

Gladney earned a master’s in administration from Central Michigan University, as well as a bachelor’s in biology with a minor in chemistry from South Carolina State University. His military education includes the Chemical Officer Basic Course, the Airborne Qualification Course, the Chemical Officers’ Advanced Course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the United States Army Inspector General Course, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Joint and Combined Staff Officers’ Course.

Earlier in his career, Gladney served as a smoke platoon leader and decontamination platoon leader in the 12th Chemical Company, 1st Infantry (Big Red One) Division, Fort Riley, Kan. He also served as the battalion chemical officer for the 3rd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment.

Later, Gladney was stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala., where he served as the chief, Resident Training Branch; aide-de-camp for the U.S. Army Chemical School’s commandant/deputy commanding general; S-3 operations officer, 84th Chemical Battalion; commander, Company C, 84th Chemical Battalion; and deputy inspector general, U.S. Army Chemical and Military Police Centers and Fort McClellan.

Gladney’s assignments also included duty in Germany as a regimental chemical officer, 11th Attack Aviation Regiment; and as an S-3 operations officer for the 7-159th Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Battalion. He later served as the chief, Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Operations, J38 Readiness Division, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Gladney’s awards and decorations during his military career include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), and the Parachutist Badge.