

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, July 9, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



Holiday refuse pickup

The refuse contractor will pick up Patriot Village housing occupants' trash on July 5. There is no pickup on July 4.

Post Office closes for holiday weekend

The U.S. Post Office Gunpowder Branch in building E-4405 will be closed on July 4 and 5 in observance of the holiday.

The Aberdeen Branch will be open on July 5.

Questions or concerns may be directed to the APG Postmaster Al VanKleeck at 410-272-2706.

Alert to APG community

Aberdeen Test Center will support a training exercise in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, which may result in noise between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m., July 3.

Residents and boaters in the surrounding communities may possibly see flashes of light.

Activity may take place in the installation's restricted waters and/or in the air, over both land and water, and may include weapons firing and use of air and watercraft.

For complaints or more information, call 410-278-1147 or 1-800-688-8705.

AA Thrift Shop bag sale, discount

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop will offer 10 percent off total purchase to patrons who present this ad.

Customers can also take advantage of the \$3 brown bag sale in July. The cashier will fill bags at counter with customer's selections from the donation room for \$3, no matter how many items.

The Thrift Shop sales hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Consignment hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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ChalleNGe academy graduates 95



Freestate ChalleNGe Academy cadre shift supervisor, Sgt. Job Stringfellow, left, watches over the cadets of graduating class 02-2 as they wait to be seated at the start of the commencement program at the Post Theater, June 21. From left, Jamie Barksdale, Chakida Bell-Powell, Russell Briscoe Jr., Tiffany Bostic, Racquel Bowers and Jarita Bowman.

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With heads held high, 95 cadets of the Maryland Army National Guard's Freestate ChalleNGe Academy strode across the Post Theater stage to receive graduation certificates during the academy's commencement exercise June 21.

The graduates successfully completed the state's only residential military-styled training program operated by the MDARNG that offers high school dropouts or at-risk youths ages 16 to 21, the chance to obtain a GED and move on to employment, college or the military.

With family members in the packed theater ready with cameras and camcorders, MDARNG Lt. Col. Ronald Martin-Minnich, the academy's director and chaplain, welcomed all to the formal conclusion of the 22-week program.

"We are here today to give witness to the power of personal willpower and tough love, in a country that values education and life," Minnich said.

Of the 162 cadets who began the program in January, 95 who stuck with it would be receiving diplomas during the commencement, he said.

"They started on a journey designed to provide these

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Veterans celebrate end to 3-year commemoration

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Members of the Maryland Korean War Veterans Association gathered in Churchville to mark the 53rd anniversary of the start of the war with its final gathering of the three-year commemoration, at the home of Arthur Garrett, June 22.

Led by Korean War-era veteran, retired Brig. Gen. Joe Brooks, the ceremony was marked by the presentation of a Harford County proclamation from Councilwoman Roni Chenowith.

"Like many here, I grew up in a time when our parents taught us the importance of remembering the past, so it's my pleasure to present this proclamation on behalf of County Executive James Harkins and the Harford County Council," Chenowith said.

She presented the proclamation to Blair Cross, former director of the KWVA Affairs office in Washington, D.C. Cross said it was an honor and privilege to serve the past three years.

"We've been working constantly on getting veterans out to be recognized," Cross said, noting there are more than 3,000 veterans in the county. "We'd like them all to come out and be part of our group. We're very active and involved in all types of things together, like a family," he said.

Cross announced that eight members of the association's honor guard have been invited to Korea, at government expense, to participate in the commemoration's closing ceremonies. Five of the eight, who were present, stood and were applauded by

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Five members of the Maryland Chapter of the Korean War Veteran's Association honor guard listen as Blair Cross, right, announces that they were invited to the Korean War Armistice Day ceremony in Korea in July. From left, Raymond Glock, honor guard captain; Tony Cirincione, chapter president; and Carl Collier, Sam Fielder and Bob Banker. Eight in all will travel to the celebration at government expense. The other three honor guards include Leroy Thornton, Sylvester Walker and Charles Ridgway.

DIO warns illegal dumping prohibited on APG



This is a good example of what not to do around dumpsters and what not to put in them. Government supplied dumpsters are provided for use by tenants at assigned buildings, not for contractor use or housing occupants. Housing occupants with trash, bulk or recycling problems, as well as industrial areas with dumpsters both military and civilian, can call 410-306-2349 (primary) or 410-306-2337 (secondary) or 410-306-1161.

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

On a regular basis, items like sofas, car batteries, and appliances are illegally placed in and around the brown dumpsters located near activities on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Illegal dumping creates an eyesore, a health hazard, and extra work for the garrison, but most importantly, it's illegal on APG, according to the Directorate of Installation Operations.

"We are sending out a warning to residents, employees and guests of APG to cease dumping unauthorized and hazardous refuse in and around the installation dumpsters, said Chris Barwick, contract performance specialist, Engineering Construction Division.

Dumpsters placed next to activities are only for use by employees of those activities.

"The biggest problem is persons using the dumpsters

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Cadet Michael Richmond, right, receives the \$500 Nancy H. Sevier Scholarship from retired Army Col. Vernon A. Sevier, the former director of the academy who named the scholarship in honor of his wife, a retired Baltimore County special education teacher.

vision.”

Tuxill spoke on understanding the difference between good and bad, utilizing personal strengths and choosing the right road.

“You chose to stay in this program. That means you understand the good that happens when you go down the right road,” Tuxill said.

Using the first black American fighter pilot who successfully flew 20 sorties during World War I with the French Foreign Legion as an example, Tuxill said, “He overcame a lot of odds and followed his path. You are starting on that road today. Find your path and follow it,” he said. “One day you will look back and say, ‘Thank God I stuck it out. Thank God I did this.’”

Wherley added that the partnership between the military, state and local supporters, “Demonstrates the commitment the federal government has to the community.”

“Congratulations on your achievement,” Wherley told the cadets. “Please continue to dream and make those dreams happen.”

The academy’s deputy director retired MDARNG Col. Richard E. (Thunder) Young, Martin-Minnich and the platform guests handed out the diplomas and presented special awards to the following cadets:

Matthew Singleton, Rotary Club of Towson, \$500 scholarship

Jason Kidwell, Maryland National Guard Foundation \$500 scholarship

Bryan James, Harford Community College, \$4,000 scholarship

Baonhan Huynh, Freestate ChalleNGE Academy Advisory Council, \$1000 scholarship

Jonathan Velasquez, National Guard Association of Maryland, Lt. Gen. James F. Fretterd \$500 scholarship

Michael Richmond, the Nancy H. Sevier \$500 scholarship

Michael Thompson, Maryland National Guard Family Association, \$250 scholarship

Bradley Williams, Maryland State Legislature, \$250 scholarship

Class 02-2 spokespersons Travis Jay Davis and Jasmine Butt closed the program with comments to their fellow graduates.

“Today, I have all my future before me,” Butt said. “I met my challenge and my mission is completed.”

She thanked the academy’s staff and cadre and congratulated her fellow graduates.

“I wish you all the best. Good luck in all your endeavors.”

Davis added that parents were, “the most important people here today.”

“We would not be here if not for our parents,” he said, adding that they gave him a challenge that, “taught me discipline and helped me to change.”

Noting his new goal of pursuing his bachelor’s degree after graduation, he offered special thanks.

“Without God none of this would have been possible,” he said. “My thanks to chaplain Martin-Minnich who prepared us so we could overcome any obstacle.”

The following cadets received awards during the Freestate ChalleNGE Academy awards luncheon, held at Top of the Bay, June 17.

Bradley Williams, Academic Achievement Award, \$500 Savings Bond

Shawnita Williams and Tory Herber, Physical Fitness Award, \$500 Savings Bond

Bryan James, Cadet of the Cycle Award, \$1,000 Savings Bond

Hasahn Fareed Thomas, Most Improved Cadet Award, \$500 Savings Bond

Leon Calloway, Leadership Award, \$500 Savings Bond

Marquita Richards, \$300 scholarship from the Rotary Club of Middle River

Jasmine Butt and Jessica Yoo, \$100 Savings Bond from Towson United Methodist Church Women

Darrell Williams, Erica Watts, Teaira Parker, and Charles Shipley III, \$50 Savings Bond from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Jonathan Velazquez and Alexander Sanchez, \$100 Savings Bond from the Rivera Family

Jasmine Butt and Antoine Smith, \$100 Savings Bond from Summit Driving School

Anthony Register and Timothy Montgomery, \$100 Savings Bond from Department of Maryland Military Order of World Wars

Justin Flinchum, Charles Shipley, Jarita Bowman and Leon Callaway, \$50 Savings Bond from Military Order of Foreign Wars Cadet Leadership Award

Leon Callaway named Military Order of Foreign Wars cadet of the cycle

Lisa Dora Flanagan, \$100 Savings Bond, Maryland National Guard Historical Society

Justin Flinchum, \$100 Savings Bond, VFW Post #5337

Dylan Kelly, \$100 Savings Bond, VFW Post #5337

Jessica Yoo, \$100 Savings Bond, Ruth E. Ferger Memorial Cancer Fund

Timothy Roland, Ryland Jones Jr., Joshua Buckland and Michael Parks, \$100 Savings Bond, American Legion Post #128

Amber Curry and Basile Ferro, \$50 Savings Bond, Baltimore Oriole Advocates

Steven Noll, \$200 Savings Bond, Dr. Charles L. Webb Award

Outstanding Cadets, \$50 Savings Bond: Michael Fernekees, computers

Amber Curry, writing

Sean Hill, social studies

Justin Lee, literature and arts

Nathan Glines, mathematics

Robert Hillard, science

Student Spirit Awards, \$100 Savings Bond: Thomas Helms, Sean Hill, Jonathan Velazquez, Justin Flinchum, Charlotte Butler, Jarita Bowman

Student Spirit Awards, \$50 Savings Bond: Robert Hilliard, Christina Thomas, Goodwin Henderson, Daniel Bunce, Lisa Flanagan, Erica Watts.

Graduation

From front page

young people, considered “at risk” high school dropouts, new direction for their lives. They met the challenge and achieved the objectives that were set before them.”

Also on hand to witness the occasion was Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological

Chemical Command; Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, Maryland Adjutant General; Senator J. Robert Hooper, Maryland Legislature; Brig. Gen. David F. Wherley, Adjutant General of the District of Columbia National Guard; and Brig. Gen. Carole Briscoe, MDARNG.

After recognizing the staff, advisory council, veteran organizations, parents and mentors who supported the cadets throughout their stay, Martin-Minnich introduced Tuxill as, “One of our best supporters and advocates. We are truly indebted to his strong leadership and inspiring

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

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Edgewood Area 410-436-2222
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Lab turns to digital photography

Susannah Dowell
Special contributor

Some U.S. Army Research Laboratory facilities are switching from traditional photography and x-ray methods to digital technologies that could save up to \$1.4 million annually through the elimination of large quantities of developer each year. Although it will require an initial investment in digital technologies, payback is expected in as little as six months to four years.

In addition to the environmental and cost savings benefits, digital technology is fast and delivers high-quality results. It eliminates the

requirement for film and hazardous developing and fixing chemicals used in a darkroom. The light-sensitive chemicals required to produce visible and permanent images, such as silver halides and acetic acids, are hazardous to the environment and to the people who use chemicals, which can cause burning of the skin, light-headedness, and nausea.

Developing one roll of film requires four ounces of hazardous chemicals that are spent after only 10 minutes of use. Frequently, because of their brief shelf life, the chemicals

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OZONE ACTION DAYS TIPS



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- When the air quality is predicted to be poor:**
- Refuel cars after dusk and limit driving.
 - Put off any painting until later.
 - Don't use aerosol consumer products.
 - Avoid mowing lawns with gasoline-powered mowers.
 - Start charcoal with an electric or chimney-type fire starter instead of lighter fluid.

- Take public transportation.
 - Try telecommuting.
- To become an ENDZONE Partner or an Ozone Action Day participant, contact the Clean Air Public Outreach Coordinator, Baltimore Metropolitan Council, 601 North Howard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-333-1750, ext. 214.

Army lodging holds open house

Story and photos by
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APG News

Employees, residents, and visitors to the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground were provided an opportunity to visit and tour the new Army Lodging Welcome Center and administrative facility in building E-4903 on June 3.

Upon entering the spacious lobby, members of the lodging staff, led by Carol Lamp, chief of the Army Lodging Division, welcomed guests and showed them the facility's attributes.

Lamp gave guided tours and pointed out the most popular features of the activity.

She said guests are welcome to tour the center any time.

"For those who were unable to attend the open house, the

staff of Army Lodging welcomes visitors anytime," Lamp said.

Visitors toured the sunroom



adjacent to the lobby where guests sit in comfortable chairs and enjoy complimentary continental breakfasts.

The recreation room features a foosball table, television and comfortable seating.

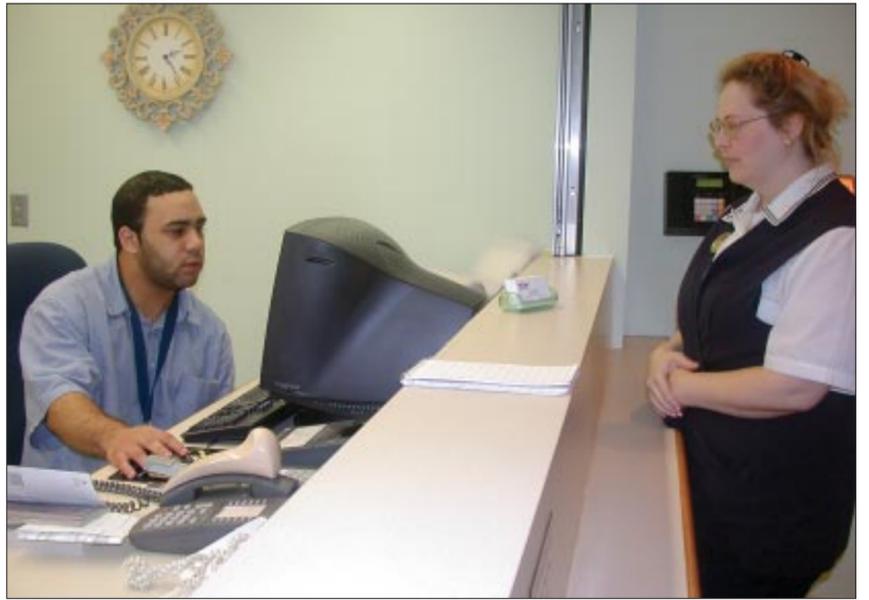
After the tour, visitors were treated to refreshments of sandwiches, fruit and beverages in the sunroom.

The visitor center is located on Jessup Road in the Edgewood Area. Tastefully furnished, it is available for guests to visit from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

The center provides visitors with information on a variety of on and off-post sites and attractions. After hours, guests may check in and out of their rooms electronically using a terminal located just outside the front door.

Planning and construction for the facility took just over four years. The cost, funded with non-appropriated fund dollars in the amount of \$357,000 came solely from monies generated from Army lodging operations.

Several members of the community who attended the tour complimented the staff on the facility.



Left inset, the tastefully furnished lobby of the Army Lodging Visitor Center, building E-4903 on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, opens to a bright sunroom where patrons enjoy complimentary continental breakfasts.

Above, desk clerks Ben Smith, left, and Sandra Kane discuss the day's business at the front desk of the Army Lodging Visitor Center in building E-4903.

APG S&T community hosts technology showcase, renews MOA

TEDCO/SBCCOM

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Science and Technology community highlighted some of its most promising new technologies during the Maryland Technology Development Corporation, or TEDCO, Federal laboratory program showcase at Aberdeen Proving Ground, March 26.

During the showcase, officials from APG's S&T Board and TEDCO renewed their Memorandum of Agreement for an additional three years. Under the agreement TEDCO serves as a link between tenant commands under the S&T Board and emerging companies that wish to commercialize technology.

"There is no better way to increase our surplus of highly skilled jobs than through partnerships like this one," said Maryland Congressman C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger.

"We are fortunate that small businesses and entrepreneurs can capitalize on the wealth of research in those labs through

technology transfer, spurring the growth of new products and economic growth," added Aris Melissaratos, secretary of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development.

Organizations involved included the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, the U.S. Army Research Laboratory and the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.

The showcase, called "Emerging Technologies and

Opportunities: Bioscience, Health, and Medical Technologies," featured new technologies ready for commercialization by businesses and entrepreneurs. It was hosted by TEDCO and the U. S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. In addition to overviews of specific technologies, the event also included presentations about APG's facilities, its capabilities and expertise for collaborative efforts, and state and federal funding support for technology transfer projects.

Dumping

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who are not authorized to use them," Barwick said.

He added that unauthorized persons regularly bring items from off post to dispose of in APG dumpsters.

"This is costly to the installation," Barwick said. "The dumpsters are taken to waste disposal plants where the refuse is burned. When items that can't be burned, such as metal appliances and batteries, are left at the dumpsters, a contractor has to be called in to pick them up," he said.

The collection station in building 3358 on the Aberdeen Area collects bulk items from residents and tenants twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday, Barwick added.

In the 1300 block of the Edgewood Area, items may be turned in on Monday and Wednesday.

In addition, "if housing residents place bulk items out on trash day, the contractor will pick them up," Barwick said.

A new contractor, Allstate Professional Movers, takes over the installation trash collection July 1, he added.

"The new contractor will be placing new brown dumpsters and also will be placing recycle dumpsters for cardboard and paper," Barwick said, adding that residential trash and dumpster removals will remain unchanged.

"Time and money would not be wasted if people would just get rid of their bulk items correctly," Barwick said.

For information on the installation trash removal policy or to learn more about the installation collection stations, contact Barwick or Deborah Meranski, at 410-306-2337.

Digital

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are often disposed of as hazardous waste before they are used. Once used, the compounds change immediately so that they are ineffective for a second use and must be discarded. At Aberdeen Proving Ground, all fixer is collected and treated by a silver-collection and recovery device before disposal through the sanitary sewer, but this process is time and resource intensive. Eliminating these chemicals is the best opportunity for cost savings and environmental protection.

Digital technology, on the other hand, requires no film or chemicals and has virtually no environmental impact. Digital images are available immediately, increasing productivity and improving test results. Because images are stored on a disk and then printed from a computer when needed, the photographer can choose immediately how many photographs to print. Furthermore, computer programs make it possible to modify and enhance photographs in ways not possible with traditional technology.

Digital technologies allow researchers to correlate digital images with mathematical data, creating more precise measurements and results.

(Editor's note: Susannah Dowell is a contractor from Ecco Verde, Inc. working for the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment.)

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Community Notes



FRIDAY JULY 4 KINGSVILLE PARADE

The Greater Kingsville Civic Association, in cooperation with the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company, will sponsor the Kingsville 4th of July Parade at 10 a.m., rain or shine.

This year's theme is "It's a Grand Old Flag." Opening ceremonies will be held at the judges viewing stand presided by Bruce McCubbin, master of ceremonies with Maj. Luanne Maddox from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion performing the national anthem with the John Carroll High School Band.

Participating bands include the Westminster Municipal band, John Carroll High School, Baltimore City Pipe Band, Baltimore Lutheran Dixie Land Band, Havre de Grace High School, Aberdeen and Fallston high schools along with Buttons the Clown, the 143rd Ordnance Battalion from APG, and many more.

COUNTRY HOE DOWN

Due to the July 4 holiday, the Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, will not hold country western dancing in July.

For more information, call 410-272-8318.

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY JULY 7 THRU AUGUST 1 ASSISTANT CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist youths at summer camp, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Summer camp in Edgewood is sponsored by FamilyTree. Training will be provided.

For more information or to volunteer, call Volunteer Connection RSVP at 410-638-4444.

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY JULY 18 TO 20, 25 TO 27 HCC OFFERS MILITARY DISCOUNT

The Phoenix Festival Theatre wants you, a few good men and women, to attend "A Few Good Men" by Aaron Sorkin at a military discounted rate of \$6 (with proper identification). Harford Community College's PFT will present the play directed by Todd Starkey, July 18 to 20 and 25 to 27 in the Chesapeake Theater located on campus.

Based on the movie of the same name starring Tom Cruise, Demi Moore, and Jack Nicholson, the play depicts the trial of two Marines who are being tried for complicity in the death of a fellow Marine at Guantanamo Bay.

Through a series of clever defense moves, the poignant drama puts the military mentality and the Marine code of honor on trial. (Adult language.)

Tickets for "A Few Good Men" are \$12 for adults, \$6 for patrons age 17 and

younger, \$6 for seniors (Sundays only), and \$6 (with military identification). For more information or to order tickets, call the HCC Ticket Office at 410-836-4211 or 410-879-8920, ext. 211.

For TTY, call 410-836-4199. Harford Community College is located at Route 22 and Thomas Run Road in Bel Air.

SUNDAY JULY 20 BASKET BINGO

VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit, will sponsor a nonsmoking Basket Bingo. Doors open at 2 p.m. and bingo will start at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and include all paper cards.

Food, beverages, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. No smoking permitted.

For more information, call Anne at 410-378-3338, Brenda at 410-273-7332, Kathy at 410-378-3594, or Stephanie at 410-378-2672.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JULY 26 AND 27 THE SECOND ANNUAL MARYLAND SHOOT FOR THE CURE

Deer Creek Archery and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation are teaming up to hold a 3D shoot for the cure, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bring personal equipment or use Deer Creek Archery supplied equipment. All archers will be shooting at IBO approved 3D targets by Delta Targets in the worlds' largest indoor range.

The cost of the shoot is \$20

with proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. All registrants will be eligible for door prizes donated by Deer Creek Archery, archery manufacturers, and friends of Deer Creek Archery. Muzzy Silent auction items consist of a Schrader's Hunting youth hunt, BuckShot tree-stand, and a Remington 50 Caliber Model 700 Muzzle loader.

To register, visit the store at 3021 Churchville Road, Churchville, or the Web site at www.deercreek-archery.com and look for '2003 Shoot For The Cure Registration.'

SATURDAY JULY 26 HOMEBUYER'S WORKSHOP

Home Partnership, Inc., a nonprofit agency, will offer a free seminar on how to buy a home, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wilson Community Center on 1024 Main Street in Darlington.

A free lunch will be provided. Registrants must call 410-297-6700.

FRIDAY AUGUST 1 COUNTRY HOE DOWN

Due to summer vacations, the Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, will not hold country western dancing in August.

It will resume Sept. 5 at the American Legion on Parke Street in Aberdeen. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

MOVIES

The theater will be closed July 4 and 5

OMMS LIBRARY

LUNCHTIME LECTURE SERIES

The next topic in the Lunch Time Lecture series is entitled "Calculation of Gear Ratios" and will be held July 16, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the OMMS library, building 3071, lower level. The alternate date is July 23. Tracy Reeve of SmartFix Corporation will discuss the methods used in calculating gear ratios in parallel, right angle, and planetary gear

systems used in automotive components. The lecture will be of interest for individuals studying for Automotive Service Excellence, or ASE, certification in the following automobile and truck areas: A2, Automatic Transmission/Transaxle; A3, Manual Drivetrain and Axles; and T3 Drivetrain. Attendees will receive a training certificate. To make a reservation, call 410-278-4991 or visit the library.

Intramural golf standings

USMC #2	10-0-0	Company C 16th	7-5-0
USMC #1	11-0-1	HHC 143rd #3	3-5-0
HST	9-0-1	Company A 16th	4-5-2
MRICD #2	10-2-0	MRICD #1	4-7-0
203rd MI	4-2-1	Teams with .500 or better records will advance to the intramural golf postseason tournament that begins July 14.	
HHC 143rd #1	8-3-0		
HHC 143rd #2	6-3-1		
MRICD #3	7-4-0		

Intramural tennis

Play is underway at the Aberdeen Area Tennis Courts. There are two matches a night in this double elimination tournament running through July 9. Participants include 16 men and six women from USMC, Company C 16th, MRICD and HHC 16th.

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Beginning in October, the 10th Battalion, 80th Training Division will conduct classes in Phases I and III of the Command and General Staff Officer's Course at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Attending class offers many advantages over the correspondence option including access to instructors, the opportunity to learn from fellow students with a wide variety of backgrounds and expertise, and a structured environment best suited for completing the course on time.

Enrollment is open to active duty, AGR, Army Reserve and National Guard officers in the rank of captain (promotable) and above.

Officers enrolled in the Correspondence Program are encouraged to move to the class option.

Enrollment in ATTRS is required to reserve a slot to attend CGSOC.

Additional documentation is also required to ensure enrollment; you must contact the instructor to confirm enrollment in the class.

- The ATTRS numbers are:
- Phase I:
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 - Phase 1:
Class: 302
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Course: 701-1-250-C3 (NEW-IDT)(F)
 - Phase III:
Class: 301

For more information or assistance applying for Phase I, contact Maj. Alice Roosa, 410-612-8218 (W), or 410-297-6972 (H), 410-297-6971 (fax) or e-mail her at alice.roosa@us.army.mil.

For Phase III enrollment, contact Lt. Col. Mark Valeri, 410-877-7033 (W) or 410-299-2068 (H), 410-877-7053 (fax) or e-mail him at mavaleri@regaldecision.com.

POST SHORTS

From front page

For more information, call 410-272-8572.

Change of Command at KUSAHC, July 11

A Change of Command ceremony will be held on July 11 at 9 a.m. on the front lawn of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Col. David D. Krieger will relinquish his command to Lt. Col. John M. Wempe. Everyone is invited.

ACS hosts job interview workshop

The Army Community Employment Readiness Program will present a job interview workshop on July 29, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Army Community Service, building 2754 Rodman Road, classroom #103.

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

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

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 July 8, 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.

APG College Fair, Aug. 21

APG will hold the 15th Annual College Fair, Aug. 21, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Anyone interested in furthering their education through resident, extended learning or distance learning courses should attend.

Veterans Administration, Green-to-Gold, AARTS/SMART Transcript - American Council of Education (ACE), and Troops-to-Teachers representatives will be on hand to answer questions as well as representatives from 24 organizations.

For more information, call the Education Center at 410-278-3515/2481/2380.

EA to conduct fire hydrant flow tests

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

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

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

Hydrant testing is required by Army Regulation 420-90.

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

Holiday hours at KUSAHC

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

The General Medicine (410-278-1812) and Pediatric

(410-278-1717) clinics will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment.

KUSAHC will be closed on July 4.

The Saturday Walk-in Clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.

Regular hours at KUSAHC will resume on July 7.

Kirk offers classes

The following classes will be held in the Behavioral Health conference room (Room 316), located on the first floor at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend. Registration is required. For more information and to register, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Tobacco cessation

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Thursdays, July 10 through 31, noon to 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

Take care of yourself class

This class teaches patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and when to see a doctor. Class will be held the third Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon. Each participant will receive a "Take Care of Yourself" handbook and a "Take Care of Your Child" handbook.

Additionally, at the end of each class, medication cards will be given out which allow patients to pick up specific medications without a prescription.

KUSAHC offers Lyme Disease class

Johnson & Johnson will hold a class on Lyme Disease Aug. 5, noon to 1 p.m. in the Preventive Medicine conference room located on the first floor of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. These classes are open to everyone. For more information, call Preventive Medicine, 410-

278-1964.

Opportunity to earn money

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory is conducting several studies on hearing. Paid listeners must be 18 to 28 years old with normal hearing. Listening time is five hours or more.

Each listener will be paid \$10 per hour.

Qualified listeners can participate in one or more studies.

Interested volunteers should contact Paula Henry at 410-278-5848 or e-mail her at phenry@arl.army.mil or Martha Dennison at 410-278-5918 or e-mail mjdennis@arl.army.mil.

Lonestar concert slated for Sept. 12

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

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

Tickets can be purchased from the Hoyle Fitness Center, MWR Registration in building 3326, Ticketmaster, or at the MWR Web site www.apg.mwr.com.

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

We've lost a ton

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are continuing on post, and new participants are welcome. Since the Weight Watchers at Work Program began at Aberdeen Proving Ground, APG members have lost over 2,220 pounds. The program offers professional leadership, group support and a sound and safe weight control plan. Join WW for an open meeting on July 16, or call 410-278-1151 to learn more.

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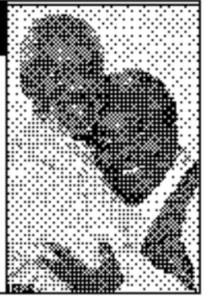
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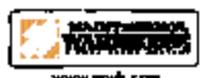


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Lunch is for professional development

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Professional development opportunities for soldiers are usually confined to evenings and weekends, but not at the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School thanks to the Library staff.

Librarian Lenora Haughton and Library Technician, Marie Morrisette developed a program called the Lunchtime Lecture Series, whereby soldiers can visit the library, eat their lunch, and participate in lectures that are stimulating and challenging.

Currently the programs are offered monthly and usually

run from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The programs are advertised in the *APG News*.

According to Tracy Reeve, a retired Army master sergeant and knowledge engineer with SmartFix Corporation, the idea for the lecture series came about during a visit to the library last February.

"Currently," he said, "lecture topics are typically focused towards vehicle and equipment diagnostics. Some of the lectures contain information that is valuable for soldiers and Marines seeking National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence, or

ASE, certification."

With the recent announcement that such certification is worth promotion points, interest has grown.

Reeve, who as a young soldier was assigned to the ordnance school in 1979, has been the sole lecturer, but hopes to gain more volunteers from within the school workforce to take on some projects.

While a soldier at the school he received presidential recognition through the Army Suggestion Program for his contributions to vehicle and equipment diagnostics.

Reeve generally presents not only a lecture on the various subjects, but also provides hands-on exercises or uses simulation programs for the

attendees.

Training certificates are available.

Topics already presented included "Signal Generation and Measurement," "Digital Electronics, Introduction to Logic Circuits," "The Art and Science of Troubleshooting" and "Diagnostic Expert System for the AGT-1500 Gas Turbine Engine."

The next topic in the Lunchtime Lecture series is entitled "Calculation of Gear Ratios" and will be held July 16, 11:45 to 12:30 at the OMMS library, building 3071, lower level. The alternate date is July 23.

Anyone who would like more information or would like to volunteer to teach a class or suggest topics can call the OMMS Library at 410-278-4991, or contact Reeve at smartfix@aol.com.



U.S. Army photos
Attendees take part in a practical exercise.



Tracy Reeve of SmartFix Corporation provides some guidance to soldiers attending a Lunchtime Lecture on logic circuits at the OMMS Library.

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BEP promotes Juneteenth awareness with community celebration

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Members of Aberdeen Proving Ground's Black Employment Program hosted the first of what they hope will become an annual celebration of the little-known holiday called Juneteenth.

Juneteenth is a shortening of the date, June 19, the date that slaves in the state of Texas were set free by a regiment of union soldiers in 1865.

Celebrated annually for several years, by African-

Americans, the holiday slackened but is experiencing a rebirth and renewed interest.

More than 100 people attended the Juneteenth celebration at Festival Park in Aberdeen, June 19.

Led by BEP chair, Jackie Pitts, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and Carol Bruce, president, Blacks in Government, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, the event included modern dance, artwork, music and down-home cooking, as well as family games.

"This was intended to mirror the old style of celebration by former slaves following their emancipation," Pitts said. "Families got together, ate

drank and played, and just had a good time."

"The focus is to bring the significance of Juneteenth to the community to encourage total involvement," Bruce added.

Denise Coleman of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command opened the celebration with an interpretive dance to the music of the Black national anthem, "Lift Every Voice," and A.J. Shaw, a welder with the U.S. Army Mechanical Maintenance School displayed his original artwork of Buffalo Soldiers, constructed of horseshoes. In addition, Aldona Pryce, BEP co-chair, U.S. Army Environmental Center, asked

black history questions, encouraging youths to answer for a prize.

"This is just another way to encourage our youth to celebrate their history," Pryce said.

It was more than just a celebration, however, as planners took care to ensure the importance of the observance was not lost on participants.

Frank D. Boston Jr., special assistant to Harford County Executive James Harkins, hand delivered a Harford County Proclamation as the celebration got underway.

The proclamation, signed that day so it could bear the date, June 19, declared that persons of all back-

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Myrtle Christmas of Bel Air, left and Marilyn Kyler of Havre de Grace tend to the food tent as hungry celebrants wait for more fish to fry during the Juneteenth celebration in Festival Park in Aberdeen, June 19.

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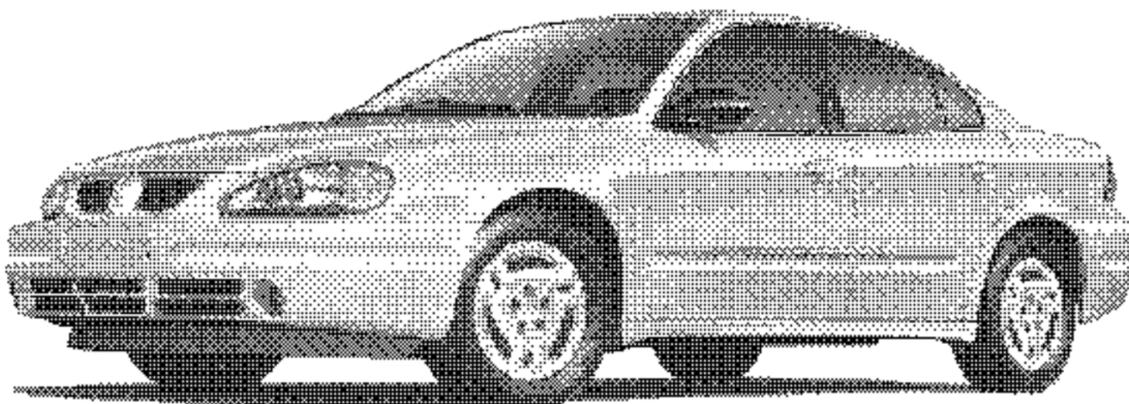
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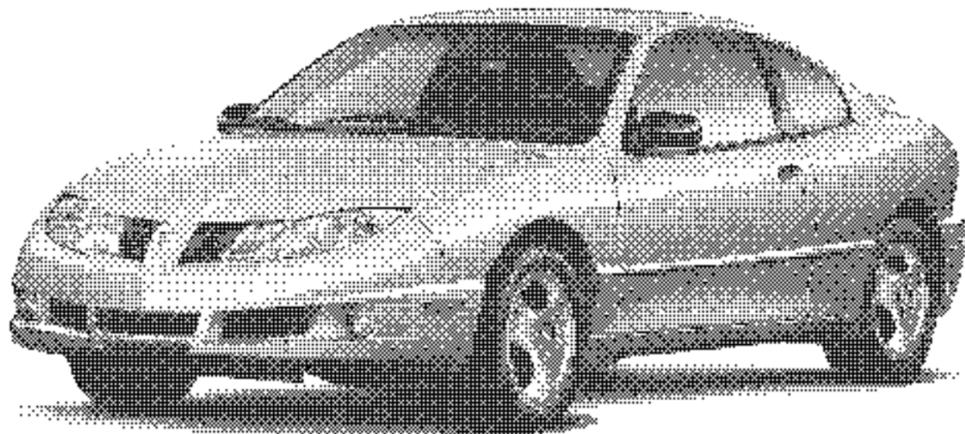
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Activities

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.

Intermediate putting

This one-hour group lesson at Ruggles Golf Course expands on Introduction to Putting. Learn lag putting and how to use the putter in different situations. Class will be held July 12, 1 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15. Register by July 2.

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

Liberty Cruise and New York City highlights tour

Take a trip and enjoy the world's premier skyline on a Circle Line Cruise. Trip includes a one-hour cruise, shopping time in midtown New York, land tour to see Battery Park, Ground Zero Memorial, South Street Market, The Village, Times Square and more.

Trip is scheduled for July 19, 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. Cost is \$78. Register by July 11.

For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-287-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Adult swim lessons

An adult swim lesson class will be held

July 7 through 18, 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person.

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

Salute the Kids & Good Grades

Now thru July 17, students in Kindergarten through grade 12 with two or more A's on their final report cards will receive one free game of bowling at the APG Bowling Center, Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m., or Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; and one free game of miniature golf at the Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park, Monday through Friday, 5 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail him at dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil or call Wayne Doyel at 410-278-4124 or e-mail him at wayne.doyel@usag.apg.army.mil.

Summer Swap Golf Tournament

The Captain's Choice Scramble will be held July 19 at Exton Golf Course, with a 5:30 p.m. tee off.

The first nine holes are played just before sunset, a full picnic style dinner will be served, and then the last nine holes will be played in total darkness.

Night golf equipment is provided.

Sign up individually or as a team. Register by July 17 at MWR Registration, Exton Golf Course, or Ruggles Golf Course.

Cost is \$35 for patrons, \$45 for authorized, \$55 all others.

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

Batting clinic

A clinic conducted by the Baltimore Orioles coaching staff will be held July 19, 10 a.m. to noon, at Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park.

Learn the ins and outs of hitting, find out what it takes to be a big league performer, and get the inside information on how to acquire the skills to improve batting.

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

Primary aerobic certification

To become a primary aerobic certified instructor, attend class July 26 at the AA Fitness Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The class will teach the aerobic class structure and design, anatomy and physiology, injury prevention and identification, emergency procedures and more.

Certification will allow participants to teach their own aerobic fitness classes. Register by July 11. Cost is \$99

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

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

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



Murder in the Hearse Degree by Tim Cockney: This is Cockney's fourth book featuring Baltimore undertaker Hitchcock Sewell and a cast of screwball characters. The antics begin when he is asked by a former lover to find her missing nanny.



Oryx and Crake by Margaret Atwood

Air Battle Force by Dale Brown

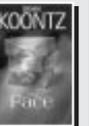
The Hills at Home by Nancy Clark

Moon over Manhattan: mystery and mayhem by Larry King and Thomas Cook

The Face by Dean Koontz

Wigfield: The can-do town that just may not by Amy Sedaris

Roma Eterna by Robert Silverberg



The 2003 Summer Reader Program has begun. Drop by the library or call Bill at 410-278-3417 for details.

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

Outdoor Recreation specials

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park is having reduced rates on July 4 from 1 to 8 p.m.

Go-kart rides are only \$3, Mini Golf is only \$2, and receive two batting cage tokens for only \$.50.

For more information, call Ed Delacruz at 410-278-4124 or e-mail him at ed.delacruz@usag.apg.army.mil.

Rent equipment from the Equipment Resource Center anytime on July 3 and return it anytime on July 7 and only pay for a two-day rental.

For more information regarding this special, contact Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or e-mail outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.



Hole in one

Photo by TOM GREEN
Congratulations to Steve Skjoldager of Joppa who scored a hole in one at 165 yards on the 15th hole at Ruggles Golf Course using a 7-iron, June 30.

APG Bowling Center news

If interested in joining any of the summer league's forming, contact the Bowling Center at 410-278-4041.

Wednesday Fun Bunch, two per team, starts July 16, 6:30 p.m. for seven weeks

Thursday doubles league starts July 17, 6:30 p.m. for seven weeks

Friday Adult/Youth league starts July 18, 6:30 p.m. for seven weeks, \$5 per person per week

Wednesday lunch league starts July 16, 11:30 a.m., \$10 per person each week, lunch included, bowl two games

Mystery Bowl II continues

The Bowling Center is offering specials throughout the summer, such as MYSTERY BOWL II. For each game bowled or purchase from the snack bar, receive an entry form for Mystery Bowl.

There will be a weekly drawing each Monday for the nine weeks. The winners of the nine weeks will be put in a drawing to have a chance to win a resort vacation package.

There are giveaways, instant winner prizes, and dou-

ble/triple coupon days.

The bowling center is having a drawing for all non-winners at the end of July for a pizza party for eight people that includes pizza, drinks and two hours of bowling.

Miller Brewing Company promotion

Miller Brewing Company is having a promotion from June through the end of August. Participants must be 21 or older. Purchase any Miller product to receive a scratch off ticket. If a Miller logo(s) is on the scratch off, redeem it for prizes through Miller Company and have a chance to win a "Harley Davidson" motorcycle. Prizes are from Harley Davidson or commemorative cans from Miller. The more the facility is used the more chances of winning.

Red Pin bowling

Red Pin bowling will be held Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m. and Wednesday through Friday 1 p.m. to closing.

Bring out the little ones to have some fun with bumper bowling. (No gutter balls for them.)

Thursday Lunch League

Final Standing's Week of June 26

- Men's high series scratch*
Don Donnelly, 362
Terry Bonine, 356
- Men's high series handicap*
Jeff Swab, 505
Johnny Jones, 490
- men's high game scratch*
Bob Dowling, 201
Gordon Brown, 200
- Men's high game handicap*
Johnny Jones, 289
Terry Pollard, 279
- Women's high series scratch*
Sandy Dowell, 325
Dawn Gordner, 302
- Women's high series handicap*
Linda Ghiorse, 464
Dawn Gordner, 459
- Women's high game scratch*
Sandy Dowell, 189
Dawn Gordner, 167
- Women's high game handicap*
Chris Lockhart, 261
Dawn Gordner, 252

MWR holiday hours schedule

	July 4	July 5	July 6
AA Arts and Crafts	Closed	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed
EA Arts and Crafts	Closed	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed
Auto Crafts	Closed	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Bowling Center	Closed	1 to 10 p.m.	Closed
Libraries	Closed	1 to 5 p.m.	1 to 5 p.m.
EA Library	Closed	Closed	Closed
AA Recreation Center	noon to 6 p.m.	noon to midnight	noon to 6 p.m.
AA Recreation Center Snack Bar	noon to 5:30 p.m.	noon to 11:30 p.m.	noon to 5:30 p.m.
EA Recreation Center	noon to 6 p.m.	noon to midnight	noon to 6 p.m.
EA Recreation Center Snack Bar	noon to 5:30 p.m.	noon to 11 p.m.	noon to 5:30 p.m.
MWR Registration/ITR	Closed	Closed	Closed
AA Health & Fitness Center (building 320)	Closed	Closed	Closed
Hoyle Health & Fitness Center (building E-4210)	Closed	Closed	Closed
APG Athletic Center (building 3300)	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Hoyle Gymnasium (building E-4210)	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
*Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Center (building 2407)	Closed	Closed	Closed
Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park	1 to 8 p.m.	1 to 10 p.m.	1 to 8 p.m.
Shore Pool (AA)	11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Bayside (EA) Pools	11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Golf Courses			
Ruggles, Plumb Point and Exton are open daily.			

*Outdoor Recreation is having rental specials for the period July 3 through 7.



Photo by KELLY HILL

Week 3 Mystery Bowl Winner

Danny Jones
Army Lodging

New TSP system operational

CPAC

The new Thrift Savings Plan system became operational on June 16, and implements many new changes.

TSP is now a daily-valued plan; dollars are reflected as shares; users can apply for a loan on-

line; pay ahead on their loan without having to pay the full amount and much more.

The chart below, which depicts the changes, can also be viewed at "How the TSP is Changing" at <http://www.tsp.gov/curinfo/newsystem.html>.

The TSP Web site is www.tsp.gov.

How the TSP is changing

Before	Now
The TSP was a monthly valued plan. Transactions were processed once a month.	The TSP is a daily valued plan. Transactions are processed each business day.
Account balances and transactions were processed and shown in dollar amounts.	Account balances and transactions are processed and shown in dollar amounts, shares, and share prices.
The TSP issued participant statements twice a year, for the periods ending April 30 and October 31.	The TSP issues quarterly statements for the periods ending March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. Also, quarterly participant statements will be available on the Web site.
You could only contribute the maximum amount of regular contributions for which you are eligible within TSP and IRS limits.	Beginning in July, if you are age 50 or older and are contributing the maximum amount of regular contributions for which you are eligible, you may also elect to contribute "catch-up" contributions subject to their own annual limits. For elections made in July, contributions will begin in August.
Loans and Withdrawals	
If you have a loan, you received quarterly loan statements.	Loan information is instead included on your quarterly participant statements.
You had to repay a general purpose loan within 4 years.	You can take up to 5 years to repay a general purpose loan.
You could reamortize your loan only once.	You can reamortize your loan without limit.
You could repay a TSP loan at any time, but only in full with guaranteed funds. (Personal checks were not accepted.)	In addition to repaying your TSP loan through regular payroll deductions, you are also able to repay all or part of it at any time with a personal check.
Married FERS and uniformed services participants had to obtain their spouses' waiver or consent for all withdrawal requests (except the prescribed TSP annuity).	For any withdrawal requiring a spouse's waiver or consent, a FERS or uniformed services participant must have his or her spouse's signature notarized.
You could make a financial hardship in-service withdrawal if you were able to document financial need.	To make a financial hardship in-service withdrawal, you instead have to certify under penalty of perjury that you have a genuine financial hardship.
Only monthly withdrawal payments could be electronically deposited into your checking or savings account.	You can also have loan or withdrawal payments deposited electronically into your checking or savings account.
Withdrawals after separation from service had to be for your entire TSP account balance.	After you separate, you can also make a one-time partial withdrawal (if you have not made an age-based in-service withdrawal).
You could only make a post-employment withdrawal as either a single payment, monthly payments, or a life annuity.	You can use any combination of these same options to make a post-employment full withdrawal.
You could elect to receive monthly payments for a fixed dollar amount or for a fixed number of months, or you can have the TSP compute your payments based on your life expectancy. You could not change your election.	You can receive monthly payments for a fixed dollar amount or have the TSP compute your payments based on life expectancy. You can make a one-time change from TSP-computed payments to fixed-dollar-amount payments. Once a year, you can change the monthly fixed dollar amount you are receiving.
After separating from service, you would receive an automatic cashout if your account balance was \$3,500 or less, unless you chose another withdrawal option.	After you separate from service, you will receive an automatic cashout if your account balance is less than \$200. No other withdrawal options will be available.
Web Site and ThriftLine	
Both the TSP Web site and the ThriftLine provided general Plan information and allowed you to: find out your (monthly) account balance; make an interfund transfer; allocate future contributions among the five funds; change (or request) a PIN; find out the current loan interest rate; and learn the amount available to you for a loan.	On both the TSP Web site and the ThriftLine, you can also find out your daily account balance and daily share prices.
On the Web site, you could find out your outstanding loan balance and prepayment amount.	You can also find your outstanding loan balance and loan prepayment amount on the ThriftLine.
On the Web site, you could download TSP forms and materials. You could also use interactive calculators to project a future account balance; to estimate annuity payments and loan payments; and to find out how much you could contribute per pay period without exceeding the elective deferral limit before the end of the year.	On the Web site, you can also begin (and in some cases, complete) a loan or withdrawal request and reamortize a loan. You can either estimate the number of monthly withdrawal payments you will receive if you choose payments of a specified amount, or estimate the amount of your payment if you have monthly payments computed based on IRS life expectancy tables. If you are separated from service, you can also update your address.
	On the ThriftLine, you can also request that certain TSP forms and publications be mailed or faxed to you.

Juneteenth

From front page

grounds should celebrate the historical remembrance.

"It surprised me how little most people know about Juneteenth," Boston said. "I hope they continue to hold this event."

Guest speaker Catherine Short, CEO and founder of Community Connections in Middleton, Del., spoke of Juneteenth as the day, "The legal chains of enslavement came off."

Noting that a full regiment of the U.S. Cavalry was sent to Texas to enforce Executive General Order No. 3 from President Abraham Lincoln, which proclaimed, "absolute equality of personal rights," for all slaves, Short said the event showed how important the government took the message in that document.

"Imagine standing there listening to the reading of that document," Short said. "Your hands,

feet, body and mind are worn, and all of a sudden you have personal rights."

In jubilation, slaves threw their rags into the river, many were legally married, and others planned on legally changing their names, she added.

"All stopped worrying about their families being torn apart."

Short said the modern-day celebration of Juneteenth must serve as a "sign post" for others to follow.

"It can be a guide and reminder that we did overcome these atrocities," she said.

As the celebration continued, participants enjoyed fried fish sandwiches, deserts and refreshments provided by Myrtle Christmas and Marilyn Kyler and families took to the field to play games with their children. Most agreed the celebration should be repeated annually.

"It's a great event that gives us an avenue to express ourselves," said Rick Witherspoon, a supply technician with the Directorate of Installation Operations, as he played horseshoes with his 12-year-old son, Rick Jr. and his

friend, Taneka Coleman, 13.

"It's important to include kids. It's our responsibility to make sure they are informed," Witherspoon said.

"The day turned out better than we hoped," added Nancy Coleman Jones, DIO contract support specialist. "It's like a family reunion. Everyone should come out to future celebrations, no matter what color, to celebrate history."

Juneteenth - Freedom Day

Juneteenth is the annual day of celebration begun in 1866 by former slaves.

As soon as the Civil War ended, almost all of the slaves in the south were freed, except for those in Texas. Although the Emancipation Proclamation was signed Jan. 1, 1863, and the Civil War ended in April 1865, slavery in Texas continued.

On June 19, 1865, Gen. Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, with a regiment of Union soldiers to deliver General Order No. 3, part of an executive proclamation, to the people

of Texas. Declaring the slaves of Texas free men with "an absolute equality of personal rights..." Granger established his regiment to ensure compliance with the order.

The system of slavery in Texas was broken, and for the former slaves, it became a day of celebration known as Juneteenth, a shortening of June 19.

General Order No. 3 - June 19, 1865

The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly in their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.



BEP member and Directorate of Installation Operations supply technician Rick Witherspoon and his son, Rick Jr., 12, watch as Taneka Coleman, 13, tosses horseshoes during the Juneteenth celebration in Festival Park, June 19.



A.J. Shaw, a welding instructor with the U.S. Army Mechanical Maintenance School and part time artist, sits with a buffalo soldier sculpture he created out of horseshoes. Shaw presented the sculpture to the guest speaker as a gift after the program.



Korea



Korea 50 years ago this month, May 29 to June 24, 1953

Chinese capture outposts, Rhee concedes on peace plan

May 27 - Wave after human wave of Chinese soldiers lost their lives attacking outposts in the Nevada complex, but the bloody assaults eventually convinced I Corps to fall back to its main line of resistance, 50 years ago this month in Korea.

May 29 to June 4 - The Associated Press figures for American casualties as of May 22. They are 135,221, with 24,119 dead. Great Britain is next with 3,763 casualties, followed by Turkey with 2,700 casualties. Press reports that the total casualties in the war for both sides now stands at more than 2.3 million. China has suffered more than one million of those casualties, while 802,000 North Koreans have been wounded and killed. There are almost 257,000 ROK casualties.

The battle for the 25th Infantry Division's Nevada complex of outposts in I Corps continues to rage. Turkish soldiers attached to the division defend the outposts. On Carson, they are in serious trouble. A few manage to slip away to join their countrymen still holding Outpost Elko, but most of them die at their positions or in the trenches on Carson. As dawn breaks on May 29, the Chinese own Carson. Enemy soldiers also take control of the northwest part of Outpost Vegas.

Maj. Gen. Samuel T. Williams, 25th Infantry Division commander, places the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment under the control of the Turk commander, Brig. Gen. Sirri Acar. Before the GIs can be deployed, the Turks attack straight into the enemy. Using knives, hands and small weapons, the Turks push the Chinese off of Vegas.

The enemy strikes back quickly. Mindless of the bloodbath, Chinese commanders send wave after wave against the Turks, but still the Turks hold on to Vegas.

The situation is grim on Outpost Elko. Only a few Turks are able to fight. In the early morning of May 29, Acar orders the 1st Battalion to send a platoon to reinforce Elko, and then to retake Carson. On the way to Elko, Company B runs into Chinese holding positions around the outpost. After a 25-minute fight, the company secures Elko.

Company B then leads another company against Carson. Halfway there the Americans begin taking heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire, along with

artillery and mortars. The companies have to pull back to Elko.

Two more attempts are made against Carson, but the rain of metal against them is too much each time.

After the last attempt, the Chinese on Carson attack Elko. They repeatedly come through supporting artillery, tank guns and mortars. Twice they get close enough to throw grenades at the Americans. After that, the assault ceases momentarily.

That afternoon Williams and Lt. Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, I Corps commander, conclude that the Chinese will continue the attacks until they control the entire Nevada complex. More than 150 Turks and Americans have been killed. Little more than 40 men, many of them wounded, hold Vegas. On Elko, there are a little more than 20 and many of them are also wounded.

The Chinese have suffered an estimated 3,000 casualties, but their commanders have shown they were willing to take those losses. Clarke decides the outposts aren't important enough to justify more American and Turkish lives. That evening the troops withdraw to the main line of resistance.

Fighting shifts east to X Corps where the North Koreans capture Hill 812, four miles northeast of the Punchbowl, from the ROK 12th Infantry Division on June 1.

On June 2, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Eighth Army commander, tells Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. supreme commander, of his concerns about two line positions in the I Corps and IX Corps.

Positions north of the Imjin and Hantan Rivers are on easily defended territory, but the lines are thin. If the communists hit those positions using the same human wave assaults as in the most recent battles, they could break through. Once U.N. troops pull back across the rivers, it will result in heavy losses to contain the breakthrough.

Taylor has already taken the only actions he can to try to avoid this situation. He has put his reserves on alert, increased ammunition stocks and has Fifth Air Force flying reconnaissance missions in those areas to track possible enemy movements.

On June 4, North Koreans capture Anchor Hill in the ROK I Corps. Repeated counterattacks by the South

Koreans to retake Anchor Hill results in heavy casualties among the communists, but they are losing men too.

The counterattacks are stopped to keep from incurring more losses. ROK forces are redeployed to positions to keep the North Korean contained on the hills.

May 29 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower meets with his political, diplomatic and military staff May 29 to 30 to find a way to convince President Syngman Rhee to accept a peace settlement with a divided Korea.

On June 2, Rhee says he will concede to American pressure after receiving a message from Eisenhower. "Out of gratitude to the U.S." because "common sense and wisdom require that we cooperate with the U.S. at any cost. We must accept anything the U.S. president wants, but to allow Chinese soldiers to stay in our country is similar to a death sentence."

Reporters in Seoul suspect that Rhee changed his mind because Eisenhower guaranteed South Korea security and agreed to provide various loans to the South Korean government for reconstruction after the war.

June 4 — The truce delegations meet on June 4 because on June 1 the communists request two more days to consider the U.N. proposal. Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief U.N. delegate, has misgivings with only how the Reds have rewritten the proposal on what is to be done with the POWs who still refuse repatriation if their fate has not been decided at the end of 120 days. His superiors in the United States tell him not to make an issue of it at this time.

Chinese radio has been complaining about the clause that says if the issue isn't settled, the U.N. General Assembly will decide what to do with the POWs. Their sticking point is that the General Assembly, their opposition in the war, will make decisions about Chinese and North Korean prisoners.

June 12 to 18 — South Korea releases anti-communist prisoners; delays truce.

As the conflict continued in Korea, a truce seemed further off as South Korean President Syngman Rhee persisted in opposing truce talks.

The Reds are trying to push the U.N. main line of resistance farther south in selected locations. Their main effort is concentrated in the ROK II Corps zone, between the U.S. IX and X Corps. The Chinese began their offensive on June 10.

On June 12, the Chinese apply pressure on the ROK 21st Regiment, 8th Infantry Division. The 8th ID holds the line on 5th ID's left flank. The attack against the regiment begins with two companies against its outposts. The Reds throw in three more companies. They overrun the outposts and then penetrate the MLR positions.

June 13 — Two ROK battalions counterattack, but they can't push the Chinese back. Two Chinese companies attack in the afternoon, driving the regiment farther back. All the next day the regiment repels attack after attack. At night on June 14, a reinforced enemy battalion surrounds the 21st IR's 3rd Battalion, fragmenting the unit into small groups of men who fight on. The 3rd Battalion suffers the same fate. What's left of the regiment behind the lines pulls together a new, fragile MLR.

To the east of the 5th ID, the ROK 20th ID, which is in the X Corps part of the line, has also been under attack since June 10 but on June 12 the

enemy assault is heavier. The 20th ID's 61st Regiment holds a series of hills in the Christmas Hills complex. They've lost Hill 1220 despite a counterattack.

Lt. Gen. Isaac D. White, X Corps commander, sends the corps reserve, the ROK 7th ID, to take over the line between the 5th and 20th IDs. An enemy division attacks the 5th and 20th again on June 14. The attack forces the 5th ID to fall back below the Pukhan River. The rapid withdrawal leaves the 7th's left flank exposed.

The enemy fails to take advantage of the break in the front. Artillery and close air support concentrates on those units in front of the 5th to give the 7th enough time to move its left flank to re-establish contact with its sister division.

June 15 — The 8th ID moves part of its forces a mile south to reestablish a line on the 5th ID's western flank. The ROK 3rd ID is ordered into the line and takes over two of its regiments already there. The X Corps assumes operational control of the 5th ID, and immediately begins re-supplying the hard-hit South Koreans. Since ground transportation is impossible, 12 H-19 helicopters carry a quarter of a million pounds of supplies to the battered South Koreans.

By the time the Chinese stop the all-out assaults, they have pushed the South Koreans back 3,000 meters on a 13,000-meter front. The ROK divisions suffered more than 7,300 casualties against an estimated 6,000 Chinese killed and wounded.

The ROK Army has adapted U.S. Army officer and non-commissioned officer leadership development and training, and improved basic training. Korea Military Advisory Group personnel observe the action and pinpoint the areas where the ROK Army needs to do better.

June 18 — Communist propaganda loudspeakers all along the front broadcast the news that the armistice will be signed June 25, the third anniversary of the war.

June 12 to 18 — Staff officers from both sides at Panmunjom begin the week deciding where the line of demarcation will be. Their work begins during the height of the Chinese attacks on ROK II Corps units.

Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, U.S. Eighth Army commander, tells troops on June 14 they must stay at their battle positions during an armistice "until it is definitely established that the fighting will not be resumed."

With fighting in the ROK II Corps area subsiding on June 16, the two sides work out an agreement where the line should be on a map and recommend to leaders of the main negotiating team that it be accepted. Both sides agree on the proposed demarcation line on June 17, and formally adopt the full agenda of issues that were before them when talks began July 10, 1951. But, a truce will not be signed on the third anniversary of the war.

On June 17 Gen. Mark W. Clark, U.N. Supreme Commander, names four U.S. flag officers to serve on a U.N.-communist Military Armistice Commission. The commission will work with neutral observers to prevent violations of the truce. The officers are Maj. Gen. B.M. Bryan, commander of the 16th Corps in Japan, senior U.N. delegate; Rear Adm. W.K. Mendenhall, commander of a Western Pacific destroyer flotilla; Brig. Gen. E.H. Underhill, Fifth Air Force vice commander; and Brig. Gen. John P. Daley, artillery commander for the 2nd Infantry



Courtesy <http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/photos/Korea/kwengin/misc.htm>
Maj. Michael J. Stoke, executive officer, 79th Ordnance Aircraft Maintenance Battalion, U.S. 8th Army, and Chaplain (Capt.) Charles C. Blake, the "flying Captain", leave the battalion area in a helicopter to visit with one of the 79th Ordnance Battalion units in Korea, June 8, 1953.

Division.

The officers leave Japan and arrive at Munsan, Korea, to set up their headquarters.

June 18 — South Korea President Syngman Rhee has been trying to derail the truce talks. Before dawn on June 18, South Korean guards at four prisoner of war camps on the mainland open the gates and set 25,000 North Korean anti-communists free. About 5,000 prisoners remain in the compounds. American guards try to stop the escape. They kill nine, injure 16 and round up 971 a few hours later.

South Koreans are told to shelter and feed the released prisoners. No one, "regardless of nationality," will try to round up the escaped prisoners.

Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, U.N. chief delegate at Panmunjom, informs his counterpart, North Korean Lt. Gen. Nam Il, of the mass prisoner release and explains that the South Korean government was responsible.

June 19 to 25 — Peace talks snag while Chinese capture Sniper Ridge. South Koreans protested negotiated truce terms as U.S. officials continued to try and appease frustrated parties. Meanwhile, a brief lull in fighting was broken on June 24 as Chinese troops attacked Sniper Ridge.

South Korean President Syngman Rhee's attempt to derail truce talks is met with international disapproval. However, several American politicians agree with the move, adding that the prisoners should have been released much earlier.

On June 19, U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles assures U.N. representatives from the 14 allied countries with troops in Korea that Rhee had acted on his own.

North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung and commander of Chinese forces in Korea Gen. Peng The-huai send a letter to U.N. Supreme Commander Gen. Mark Clark demanding that the freed POWs be rounded up immediately. Recapturing the prisoners is framed as a necessary gesture for the U.N. to show "good faith." At the same time, the Red leaders make no qualification for resuming talks. They want to know if Clark will be able to "control the South Korean government and Army," and what "assurances" he can give "for the implementation of the armistice agreement on the part of South Korea."

On June 20, in response to a letter from Clark on June 18, Rhee writes, "Korea has come to a crossroads." Rhee's letter describes the pending truce as an "imposition of what we so long have been asking our allies not to ask of us..."

The next day, U.N. Command officials report the total number of prisoners released as 27,160. At this stage around 1,000 have been recaptured, but officials say catching more escapees will be near-impossible as South Koreans have already taken

them in and given them refuge.

Clark flies to Seoul and meets with Rhee June 23-24, getting assurance that ROK soldiers won't be pulled out of the U.N. Command without prior warning.

June 25 — Walter S. Robertson, assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, arrives in Seoul amid demonstrations against truce terms negotiated by the U.N. and the Communists. Robertson comes to express U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower's displeasure with Rhee, and to seek Rhee's support for a truce.

However, the ROK president continues to sound defiant, speaking to a Unification Day rally that day. He says the current terms of the truce won't keep the enemy from sneaking forces into South Korea, leading to "the same disaster suffered by the peoples of Czechoslovakia, Poland and China."

June 24 to 25 — On June 24 the Chinese end a brief break in fighting, with fresh attacks aimed at ROK units to show how hard it will be for South Korea to fight alone.

The 9th Division is among the first ROK units to come under the Chinese onslaught, in the eastern and central areas of the main line of resistance. Two company-size forces attack the division's 29th Regiment. Overnight the Chinese throw in more soldiers until the force is about the size of a battalion. Still the ROK soldiers hold firm. The next day, the Chinese break off the attack after having suffered about 700 casualties.

Around Sniper Ridge on June 24, the enemy drives ROK troops from an outpost and holds it against counterattacks. However, when the Chinese try to take a neighboring outpost June 25, the South Koreans throw back every attempt. The ROKs suffer more than 240 casualties, but they say the Chinese lost twice that many.

In the American I Corps, where the Imjin and Yakkok Rivers meet, is a series of outposts held by the ROK 1st Division. The defenders are ready for an attack, as they've seen increased vehicle traffic on the Chinese side as well as a raised intensity of enemy artillery. Nevertheless, the size of the offensive surprises them.

On June 25, behind a heavy artillery barrage, parts of two enemy regiments attack Outposts Bak and Hannah, Hill 179 and five other strong points. The South Koreans receive orders from I Corps to hold their positions, and then Corps artillery begins hammering enemy approach routes.

Still the enemy force comes on and gets into trenches and bunkers of the positions. Gradually, ROK troops are beaten back until the enemy owns the ridge crests, the two outposts and Hill 129.

Veterans

From front page

their fellow vets. They included Raymond Glock, Robert Banker, Sam Fielder, Tony Cirincione and Carl Collie. The other three named were Leroy Thornton, Sylvester Walker and Charles Ridgway.

Glock, the honor guard captain, who served in the Army 16 months from 1953 to 1954, said he was excited to be returning to Korea.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to go back. It's probably our last trip," Glock said. He added that he planned to visit the hill his unit defended in the Chorwon Valley.

Also looking forward to their trip, Fielder, a former Marine who served from 1952 to 1953, and Cirincione, an Army veteran who served 1952 to 1953, agreed they were pleased to be returning.

"When we left, there was only one bridge over one river," Fielder said. "Now there are 20."

"I'm both excited and curious," added Cirincione, noting that his son served in Korea 25 years after he did. "The trip shouldn't be a problem," he added. "Fourteen hours is nothing compared to 14 days on a ship."

Local ceremonies for the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Armistice on July 27, 1953 include events sponsored by the Korean War Commemoration Committee in Washington, D.C.

Events include a performance by the Korean American Foundation Dance troupe at Fairfax High School in Fairfax, Va., July 25, 5 p.m.; a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, July 26, 10 a.m.; a celebrity-filled Salute to Korean War Veterans at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C., 4:30 p.m., July 26; and an Armistice Day ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial, Washington, D.C., 10 a.m., July 27.

For more information, call 1-800-554-2200 or visit Web site <http://korea50.mil/armistice.shtml>.

Sports & Recreation



Company B 143rd pitcher Matt Liles sends a high one to the plate in the top of the sixth. Liles allowed only two hits and no runs in the final two innings for the 12-5 win over Company C 143rd.



Company B 143rd's Tory Lewis hits a grounder to the pitcher for the second out of the unit's four-run scoring inning.

Company B 143rd overpowers Company C 143rd, 12-5

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Patience in the batter's box and smart base running made the difference for the Company B 143rd Ordnance Battalion intramural softball team as it out swung Company C 143rd, 12-5 in Edgewood Division action, June 25.

Led by coaches Neil Werlinger, Company B 16th and Scott Ryan of Company C, the two teams slugged it out evenly early in the game with Company B leading 3-2 by the end of the first inning.

It stayed relatively close until the bottom of the fifth inning

when, leading 8-5, Company B batters held their own slugfest. Werlinger led the inning off, lining to center field with a triple. Catcher Matt Liles followed with a run-scoring grounder that he outran to reach first base safely, then Mason Totz hit a double to center to drive Liles to third and a Violet Torres grounder for an out, also allowed Liles to sneak home uncontested. The next hit, a triple by Roy Naranjo, to that same crater in center field, paid off when, with two outs, Kevin Richards hit for a run-scoring single.

When the dust settled, Company B was up, 12-5, and held Company C scoreless the rest of the way to make it a final.

"We hit too many in the air," Ryan said after the game. "Keep

the ball on the ground," he added as advice to his players.

"We have to at least make them work for it."

"We've got guys who can get the job done," Werlinger said adding that he believes the team can make the playoffs.

"As long as we play solid, make good contact and play smart, we could go all the way," he said.

Third baseman Charlie Garmon, was a major factor in the Company B win, with a triple in the second and RBI single in the third for three of the teams' runs. Garmon said all he thinks about in the batters box is, "putting one over the fence."

"I put my runners first and try to drive the run in, whether I have to hit it to the left or right," Garmon said.

Sign up for APG sports camps

Soccer

Youth Services will offer a Soccer Camp July 28 through Aug. 1, 8:30 to 10 a.m. for ages 4 to 5, and 10 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. for ages 6 to 16.

Instructors include a professional British coaching staff from Challenger Sports British Soccer Tours with programs for all levels and ages.

The program will offer individual skill development, innovative camp curriculum and a daily World Cup style tournament.

Mini-soccer camp costs \$69 per child and \$98 for half-day. Family discounts are available.

Make checks payable to: Challenger Sports. A late fee will be added to registrations received after July 18.

For more information and to sign up, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297 or e-mail William.Kegley@usag.apg.army.mil.

Host a coach

Make this experience even more special for children by hosting one of the professional British coaches during camp week.

Scholarships are available for hosts - call a camp coordinator for more information.

Basketball

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Youth centers will offer Summer Basketball Camp, July 21 through 25, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Youth Center, building E-1902.

The camp will teach the fundamentals of basketball including passing, shooting, dribbling, rebounding, de-fense, team play and sportsmanship.

There will be three-on-three and five-on-five league games, along with foul shooting and hot-shot competitions.

Youths need to bring a basketball (balls should be labeled), sneakers, athletic shorts and shirt.

Camp instructor will be Bill Lewit, the head coach of Cecil Community College Men's Basketball Team.

Cost to attend basketball camp is \$45 per player.

Registration will be held at the AA and EA youth centers July 1 through 16, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call Bill Kegley at 410-306-2297, or e-mail him at William.Kegley@usag.apg.army.mil.

Softball update

The following results were received for intramural softball for the week ending June 27.

American Division

Results

June 23
WOA, 12; HHC 16th, 11
USMC, 24; HST, 8
NCOA, 9; MRICD, 8

June 25

NCOA, 9; USMC, 7
USMC, 11; HHC 16th, 10
HST, 15; HHC 61st, 10
HST, 14; HHC 61st, 8

Schedule

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

Standings

USMC	5	1
HHC 16th	4	2
WOA	3	2

NCOA

2	3
HST	2
HHC 143rd	0
MRICD	1
HHC 61st	1

Edgewood Division

June 23

Company C 143rd, 2; 389th, 10

Company B 143rd, 7;
Company A 143rd, 0

June 25

Company A 143rd, 7;
Company A 121st, 0
Company B 143rd, 12;
Company C 143rd, 5

Schedule

July 8
6:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. Company C 143rd
7:30 p.m., 389th vs. Company B 143rd
July 9
6:30 p.m., WOA vs. Company A 121st
6:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. HHC 143rd
7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd

vs. MRICD
8:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. HST

Standings

389th	3	0
Company B 143rd	3	1
Company C 143rd	1	2
Company A 143rd	1	2
Company A 121st	0	3

National Division

Results

June 24
Company E 16th, 17; USAF, 5
Company C 16th, 23;
Company A 16th, 11
Company B 16th, 15; USMC, 2

Schedule

*No games scheduled July 7 to 11.

Standings

Company A 16th	1	1
Company B 16th	1	1
Company C 16th	1	1
Company E 16th	1	1
USMC	1	1
USAF	1	1

APG league bowlers shine at youth awards ceremony



Five-year-old Elizabeth Kempton hoists her trophies high. It was a fine first year for the young lady who stole the show with a winning attitude and a pretty good game to boot.

Story and photo by
Frank S. Palmisano III
Special contributor

The youth bowlers of Aberdeen Proving Ground received recognition in an awards ceremony conducted by Sandy MacDonald on May 31. The Youth Bowling Awards Ceremony is sponsored annually to honor the achievements of young bowlers who regularly meet on Saturdays during the season to bowl in their league.

On hand to pass out trophies for league accomplishments was Col. Jill Grant, Garrison

Staff Judge Advocate. Time and attention were given to each child who made a significant impact both on their game and the league.

Many individuals received multiple trophies and award patches symbolizing their effort and dedication over the past season. Among the many bowlers, no one knew how to work the spotlight better than 5-year-old Elizabeth Kempton, who quickly became the star of the show. The youngest bowler in the group, Kempton started playing the game in October.

"She learned to throw the ball this year. She had a few spares, which impressed us all," said Kempton's mother.

So far, her highest game is a 72, an impressive feat for a 5-year-old with less than a year's experience.

After a picture taking session and ingesting some sugar, Kempton sat down long enough to divulge her winning strategy.

"It's very fun to get all the bowling pins to fall down," Kempton said, and continued to ask when she could have her picture taken again.

But soon distraction got the best of her, and Kempton was out on the approach, rolling the 6-pound ball down the lane toward the pin deck.

At age 9, Amanda Anderson is a veteran to the game with more than four years of bowling experience to her credit. This year, Anderson took home three trophies including high game, most improved player, and a second-place team finish in league play.

"My best score is a 124," Anderson said, to which she added, "I think bowling is fun and I like to get trophies and have a good time."

Who ever said bowling is a gritty game? Not Anderson who is also active in cheerleading and local beauty pageants.

Heather Miller is well-adjusted to competitive bowling. After just three years, this 14-year-old competed at the state level last year in Easton at the Pepsi-Cola Bowling Tournament. Miller walked away with a 174, which capped off a respectable fourth place finish.

During the APG bowling league season, Miller took home a few trophies as well, including a fifth-place team finish in league play and a high scratch series.

Miller's inspiration comes wrapped in a familiar package.

"I bowl to take after my grandfather," she said. During his amateur days, her grandfather received "a belt buckle with 11 strikes and spares and bowled a perfect game," Miller said.

So what's in Miller's future? The young lady is looking far beyond the bowling lanes at APG.

"When my father retires, he's going to take me around to all the tournaments," she said with a smile.

The APG bowling season provides a vital outlet of entertainment for children and adults alike. Coordinator MacDonald is actively involved in all aspects of APG's Bowling Center, from clearing the lanes to cooking the food for the concession stand, and has been

interested in the sport of bowling for as long as she can remember.

"I've been doing this since 1978—started in Germany and then continued it through my travels. I've been here at APG for about six or seven years," she said.

Youth bowling is near and dear to MacDonald's heart, and the league is one way in which she gets to interact and nurture the children's skill.

"It's important to see smiles on their faces and show them there is something here at APG to do," she said.

MacDonald admits there is a process involved that takes them from beginning to end as they progress through the season.

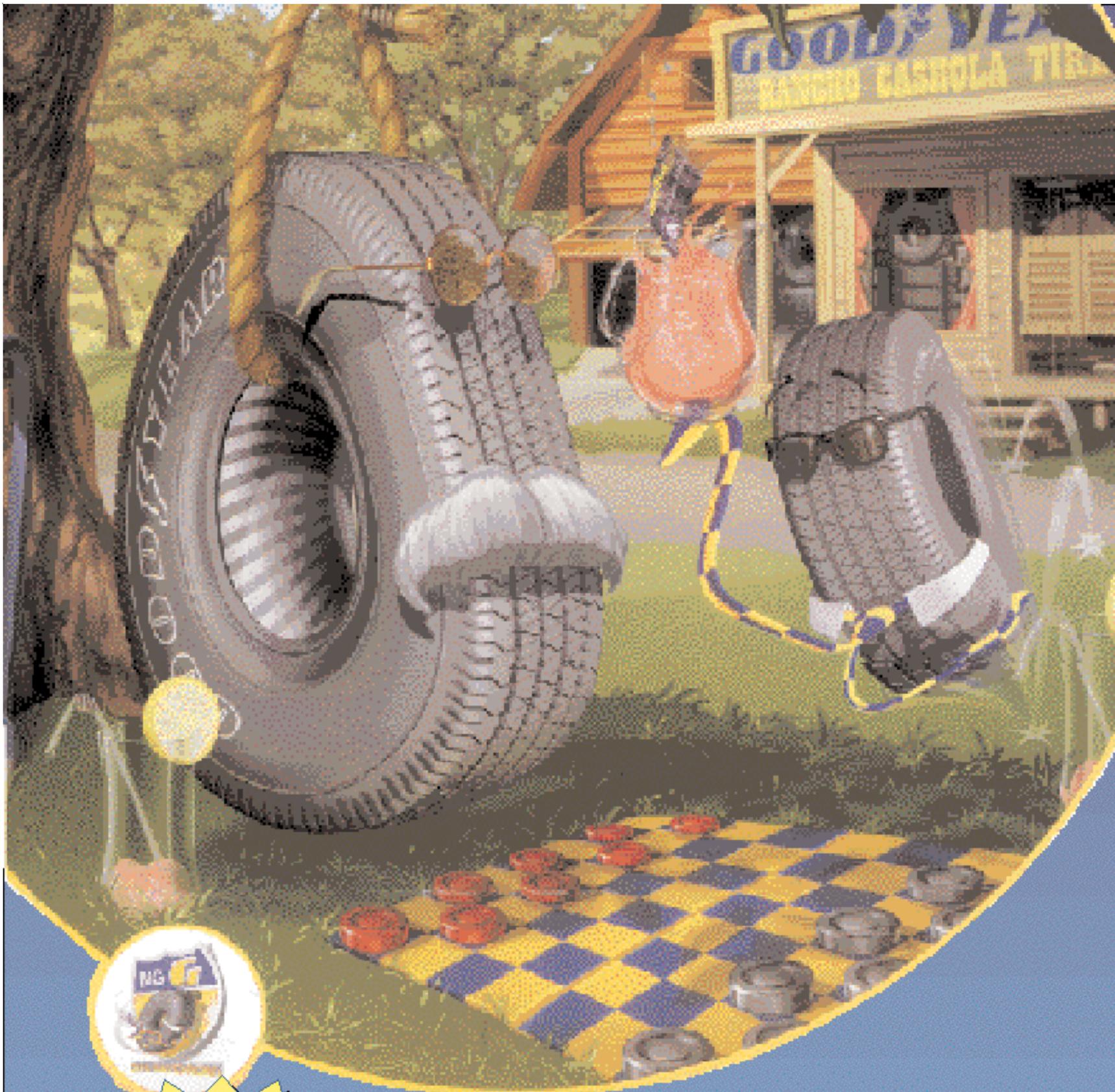
"They'll say I can't do it when they start out, and at the end of the year, they can," she said.

MacDonald says her group is a 50/50 split between military and civilian children.

"For a while it was all military," she said. "Since they've eased restrictions at the gate, more of a crowd is coming out."

For MacDonald, the result is good for business and morale.

MacDonald is excited about next season's youth league, but she extends a warm invitation as well to anyone who wants to try their hand at 10-pin and polish up their bowling skills to come out to APG's Bowling Center, even if those skills have been "guttered" through years of neglect.



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