

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, March 12, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

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 March 11, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will be available in the Aberdeen Area from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room B-14 (lower level), and in the Edgewood Area, building E-4140 (Recreation Center), 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

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

Enter 143rd talent show by March 11

All soldiers and their families are invited to the 143rd Ordnance Battalion Talent Show on Friday, March 21, 7 p.m. at the Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140 on Austin Street. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Submit your entry today – forms are due no later than Tuesday, March 11. Entries must be submitted to the company chain of command.

ROTC celebrates anniversary

On April 18, Howard University Army ROTC Program will commemorate its 85th anniversary and annual military ball at the Hilton Hotel in Silver Springs, Md. The theme "Commemorating the Past, Present, and Future" promises to be an evening of fun, reflection and the coming together of various generations who have served, are currently serving or preparing to serve.

For more information, call Maj. Timothy F. Johnson, Ph.D. at 202-806-6785 or e-mail tfjohnson@howard.edu.

ACS hosts Waiting Families Support Group

Army Community Service is sponsoring Waiting Families Support Group for family members whose sponsors are on

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Spraying for safety

Project managers at the Lauderick Creek Chemical Warfare Materiel Removal Action site, located in Aberdeen Proving Ground's Edgewood Area, test the water spray system. Three water spray systems are always on hand to mitigate the release of chemical agents if an accident should occur. The water would disperse a chemical plume making it less effective and thereby minimizing harm to the public. Each of the eight obsolete armored personnel carriers were retrofitted to hold a 250-gallon water tank capable of instantaneous water spray. Lauderick Creek's removal action is 90 percent complete.

Photo by JEANNIE SKILLMAN

ATC technical director receives Hollis award

Mike Cast
DTC

"If you had a rifle that could shoot and hit the moon, and you aimed and shot at it, the image of the moon is a bigger target than a soldier gets when he aims at an enemy tank."

The technical director of the Aberdeen Test Center used that description to point out one of the daunting challenges that soldiers face on the battlefield.

James Fasig and his team of engineers, scientists and technicians at Aberdeen Proving Ground and at other sites are aiming all their expertise and skill at one crucial target - ensuring that weapons and other military equipment will perform superbly for the soldiers whose lives may depend on it.

For his role in achieving this goal over the past four decades, Fasig received the Walter W. Hollis Award for Lifetime Achievement in Defense Test and Evaluation Feb. 25 at the National Defense Industrial Association's test and evaluation conference in Victoria, British Columbia.

The NDIA began this award program when it bestowed a gold medal in 2000 to Walter Hollis, Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for Operations Research. The award goes to people whose lifetime efforts in test and evaluation exemplify professional excellence.

"I feel that I am the catalyst for making things happen," said Fasig, stressing that the award is really recognition that his ATC team excels at meeting complex technical challenges. "I'm the one who energizes very bright people, and the very bright people make me and the command look great. The thing that is unique in my career is that management has let me take bold risks, to take on challenges when things could turn out very badly if they didn't work. I've done very well at it because the workforce has come through."

Fasig, a Pennsylvania native who earned a master's degree in science and administration from Central Michigan University, joined that workforce in 1962 as a test director.

Though he didn't know where Aberdeen Proving Ground was located or what it did before he applied for the position, he soon found himself in charge of programs that would make a big difference in equipping U.S. soldiers to fight and survive on the battlefield.

The technical challenges of planning and executing tests came to him early in his career, when he was placed in charge of fire-control testing on developmental weapons systems. As a test director for ATC's predecessor organization and its parent command, the Test and Evaluation Command (TECOM, renamed the

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Army limits re-up options

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

Re-enlistment options are being limited to prevent the Army from exceeding end-strength numbers authorized by Congress, said a personnel official.

"We're taking away incentives and making it harder for soldiers who are flagged (to regain eligibility) to re-enlist," said Sgt. Maj. James Vales, the G1 retention sergeant major. "This is to dissuade soldiers who are not totally dedicated to the Army or who are not of the caliber we want to keep."

The Army is authorized 480,000 troops, and Congress has mandated that the Army stay within 1 percent of that number, Vales said. Projections show that for fiscal year 2003, personnel strength will exceed the mandate. By taking away options, no one will be prevented from re-enlisting, but the numbers will be moderated, he added.

Korea is the only option mid-term soldiers serving on a second or subsequent enlistment period will have if they want to re-enlist for an overseas assignment. Overseas and stateside assignments are the most popular options soldiers inquire about, said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Moss, a career counselor for the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army.

"Some soldiers are disappointed that they have to re-enlist for the needs of the Army, but we don't re-enlist soldiers for options, but for service to this nation," Moss added.

Another incentive that has been cut is the Selective

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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!

OC&S Gospel Night celebrates centennial reflections

Yvonne Johnson
Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

The 30th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night, held Feb. 23 at the Post Theater, lived up to its reputation as Aberdeen Proving Ground's single most uplifting night of spiritual praise.

Sponsored by the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, the show is named for Wilbert Davis, the former APG employee who founded the program in 1973.

Davis joined Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, chief of Ordnance, OC&S Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Ayers, Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stalling, and about 400 others for the night of praise in song and dance.

Carrying the theme "The Souls of Black Folk: Centennial Reflections," the program kicked off with welcomes from Stevenson and master of ceremonies Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Lyons, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade.

"We gather tonight to celebrate a history rich in culture," Stevenson said.

"There's no way you can sit back and just enjoy the evening," he added. "It's time to clap your hands and stomp your feet."

Lyons said heavy rains the day before nearly caused the show's cancellation as water flooded into the front stage area during the final rehearsal.

"We got together and prayed, and as we prayed the water started going back the other way," Lyons said.

Leading off was the APG praise team consisting of Lyons, his wife Lisa, Regina Mack, choir director of the APG Gospel Choir and S. Jonathan, a music teacher from Aberdeen Middle School and director of the Aberdeen Middle/High School Gospel Choir.

Performing groups included the Refuge Temple Combined Choir, the Gospel Tabernacle Deliverance Choir, Sisters Singing

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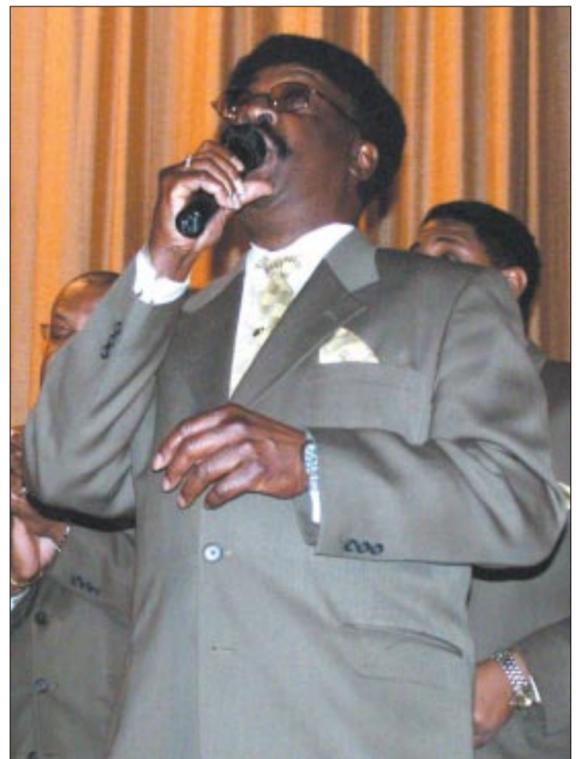


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Hosea Edwards of the Mount Zion Male Chorus belts out the lead in the song, "Prayer Will Change Things," during the 20th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night celebration at the Post Theater Feb. 23.

Award

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Developmental Test Command in 1999), he was responsible at a young age for testing major systems the Army wanted to field. Among these were new systems such as the Army's Shillelagh Missile, designed to be the main armament for armored combat vehicles. He also oversaw testing on new fire-control system that used a laser rangefinder. This revolutionary system replaced the traditional method of range "guesstimation" and the "Kentucky windage" method of sighting through a tube or down a gun barrel.

"I came here the day they opened TECOM in 1962, so a lot of people in ATC's management were being hired by TECOM," he recalled. "I was too young to be a manager then, but I had a lot of opportunities . . . because of this massive change in how we were going to do test and evaluation."

As weapon systems became more complex, testers had to design more complex tests to ensure they were getting all the answers they needed, he said.

Infrared technologies and night-vision equipment made it possible for the first time for the Army to fight at night, he added, making it necessary to test at night to achieve the needed realism.

Testing for the laser-based fire-control system was "exciting," according to Fasig, because the technology was such a substantial leap forward over the method that tank gunners had at that time to sight and hit their targets.

"One of the interesting aspects of receiving the Walt Hollis award is that when I came here back in '62, one of my first projects was to support Walt Hollis's new fire-control system for tanks," Fasig said. "The Army had just fielded the M60 tank, and it was the first time they even had a range finder for their tanks. In those days, a lot of people didn't even know what a laser was, and along comes a system with a laser range finder and full-solution computer, including wind sensor, cant correction, the whole nine yards. It's the fire-control system we now have on the M1 tank, by the way. To me, Mr. Hollis was 20 years ahead of everybody, and it was fun to be in the game."

He said the test program for the Shillelagh missile was one of the most "arduous" that he encountered during his early days as a test director.

"I was told the missile cost as much as my house every time I pulled the trigger, so I had better do it right," he said. "Because they were so expensive, we designed the test so we got the maximum information every time we pulled the trigger. We collected an enormous amount of data for each range shot. The TOW took over as the tactical missile of that size for the Army for a lot of reasons, and I think we demonstrated some of them during our test."

Getting the most 'bang for the buck' is more than a cliché to Fasig and his team at ATC. The managers of weapons programs are under pressure to keep systems on schedule while cutting costs, and reforms to military acquisition programs allow them some discretion in determining where they take their systems for testing.



Photo by U.S. ARMY

As the technical director of the Aberdeen Test Center, Mr. Fasig is responsible for overseeing testing in support of Army Transformation, including road tests of the Stryker interim armored vehicle.

Like "customers" in private industry, they expect to receive a service that is timely, efficient and cost effective.

"Just as a design engineer is focused on how to take an idea and make it reality, a tester's role is to add value to the product," Fasig explained. "By identifying its flaws or its good features, as we did with the fire-control system, we add value."

"Second, I have to do it in the most economical way possible so the taxpayer, the program manager or the Army doesn't have to pay enormous costs for tests when that isn't needed," he said. "Third, to do that, I want to be ingenious. I want to use the latest technologies so that the test is at the same cutting edge as the item I'm testing."

As he moved up the ranks at the test center - becoming chief of the Instrumentation Development Branch in 1969, director of the Measurements and Analysis Directorate in 1980, and techni-

cal director in 1994 - his superiors allowed him the freedom to make critical decisions.

Likewise, he believes in giving his staff as much freedom as possible to do their work in a creative way, believing this approach maximizes the benefits the Army obtains from their knowledge and ingenuity.

"One of the reasons I have been successful is a wonderful workforce that will do anything to get a job done, and do it with great excellence, Fasig said, adding, "I also have great management all the way up to Walt Hollis, saying, 'Go for it.'"

"The most fragile thing in the world is a new idea, and you can kill a new idea with just a look," he said. "Fortunately, in my career I didn't have to deal with that reality. I've been blessed to deal with people who turn ideas into reality, so it has been exciting and fun."



Courtesy of OC&S

File photo showing a machinist in training at the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School. The school will receive accreditation for its metalworking skills training program at a ceremony March 6 in the Ball Conference Center.

Accreditation ceremony applauds Ordnance metalworking skills training program

E.C. Starnes
OC&S

The National Institute for Metalworking Skills, Inc. will present the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School with a certificate of accreditation for its metalworking skills training program during a ceremony on March 6.

The 11 a.m. event will be held in the Ball Conference Center, located in building 3074.

NIMS is an organization "actively promoting a skilled workforce for the metalworking industry in the United States. NIMS develops skill standards as a means to support quality in training programs allowing students, workers, and trainees to certify their competencies against the skill standards and earn credentials that are recognized nationwide. NIMS also will grant certification to programs that meet or exceed NIMS requirements and

procedures."

The NIMS accreditation is part of an overall program by the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps to interface with civilian industry.

Attendees include Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, the Army's Chief of Ordnance and Col. Paul Meredith, commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade and the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School joined by U.S. Department of Labor's David Dye, deputy assistant secretary for education and training, and Maryland State Director Robert H. Laudeman for Apprenticeship Training and Employer Services, U.S. Department of Labor, Baltimore.

The National Institute for Metalworking Skills, Inc. in Fairfax, Va., will be represented by Executive Director Stephen C. Mandes, Certification Director Beverly C. Rudolph and Deputy Director James B. Wall.

Matthew B. Coffey, President, National Tooling and Machining Association, Ft. Washington, Md.; James B. McGregor, President, Ohio Stamping and Machine LLC, Morgal Machine, Rose City Manufacturing, Springfield, Ohio; Gregory M. Safko, Senior Director, American Machine Tool Distributors' Association, Rockville, Md.; David Stauffer, Project Manager, Lancaster County Career and Technology Center, Mount Joy, Pa.; Don Turley, President, The Bechdon Company, Inc., Upper Marlboro, Md.; and Paul Warndorf, Vice President, Association for Manufacturing Technology, McLean, Va will also be attending.

Following the formal ceremony in the Ball Conference Center, there will be a tour of the Weapons/Metalworking Services Training Department.

For more information, call Ed Starnes, at 410-278-2415.

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FUTURE PENTAGON MEMORIAL



Photo by DoD

The winning design for the Pentagon Memorial features lighted benches, reflecting pools and lots of trees

Terry Riley, chief curator of design and architecture at the New York Museum of Modern Art, announced the winning design of the Pentagon Memorial March 3. The winning design was submitted by Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman of New York. The memorial will be on a 1.93-acre plot at the Pentagon near the spot of the attack. The memorial includes 184 benches with the name of each victim engraved into the face of the bench. The benches are to be comprised of cast, clear, anodized aluminum polyester composite matrix set on an eight-inch concrete pad for stabilization. Each bench will be positioned according to the age of the victim, progressing from the youngest, age 3, to the oldest, age 71. Each memorial bench will have a glowing light pool underneath with clusters of trees to provide shading and a more intimate atmosphere. The estimated cost is between \$4.9 million and \$7.4 million. Taxpayer funds will not be used to construct this project.

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extended temporary duty or on an unaccompanied tour state-side or overseas. The support group will meet the fourth Monday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 2754, Rodman Road. The next meeting is March 24.

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

For more information, call Cheryl Harris, relocation assistant, at 410-278-7474.

APG MWR holds job fair March 6

Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a job fair at the Aberdeen Sheraton Four Points Hotel, March 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Positions available include sports, fitness, golf, recreation, youth services and more.

For more information, call 410-278-4497.

143rd Ordnance Battalion Talent Show

All soldiers and their families are invited to the 143rd Ordnance Battalion Talent Show on Friday, March 21, 7 p.m. at the Stark Recreation Center, building E-E4140, Austin Street.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded.

Active parenting classes to start soon

Army Community Service, Family Advocacy Program, will be offering Active Parenting Today classes for parents with children ages 6-12. Classes meet for six weeks on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at ACS Building 2754 on Rodman Road.

If you are interested in taking Active Parenting Today, contact Laura Reich at 410-278-7478 by March 17.

Below is the schedule of topics.

March 18 - The Active Parent

March 25 - Instilling Courage and Self-Esteem

April 1 - Understanding Your Child

April 8 - Developing Responsibility

April 15 - Winning Cooperation

April 22 - Active Parenting in a Democratic Society

Training for effective parenting of teens

Army Community Service, Family Advocacy Program, will be offering Systematic Training for Effective Parenting of Teenagers (STEP/TEEN) for parents with pre-teens or teenagers. Classes will meet for six weeks on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at ACS Building 2754 on Rodman Road.

If you are interested in taking STEP/TEEN, contact Laura Reich at 410-278-7478 by March 19

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March 20 - Understanding Yourself and You Teenager

March 27 - Changing Your Response to Your Teen

April 3 - Communicating Respect and Encouragement

April 10 - Encouraging Cooperation and Problem Solving

April 17 - Using Consequences to Build Responsibility

April 24 - Deciding What To Do

KUSAHC asks for patience

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is currently facing mission requirements that challenge staff assets.

Soldiers deploying require a medical clearance, which is integral to Soldier Readiness Processing in preparation for possible war. In response to presidential orders, an increasing numbers of soldiers need provider appointments, immunizations, etc.

These deployments are taxing KUSAHC resources and beneficiaries need to be aware that changes may occur in access during the next month.

To meet this challenge KUSAHC may be forced to curtail or even cancel routine appointments to prepare soldiers in the event of war.

Beneficiaries are asked to be patient during this time of unrest.

APG Telephone Directory update

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

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

DOIM representatives will be calling individual numbers to verify that the name, building, floor, and room number on record for the circuit are correct. The Caller ID feature on telephones will display "APG TELE MGMT" for these authorized information requests.

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

Firewood for sale

In accordance with APG Regulation 420-11, wood is available at a cost of \$10 per pick-up truckload, standard one-half ton truck.

Permits to buy wood are good for seven days, or until an order is filled, whichever comes first. Permits will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

Only down wood is available; most from trees removed from the 2100 block in the Edgewood Area.

Some wood is available in the Aberdeen Area, near the deer shack, building 5504.

For more information, call Roger Stoflet, 410-306-1128.

Edgewood CB Center researchers secure biodetection patent

Timothy Lavery
ECBC

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground announced that its researchers have secured a patent for a novel technique with application for biological agent detection technology.

Edgewood scientists William Loerop, James Jensen, Janet Jensen, Alan Samuels and Harry Salem were awarded a patent on Dec. 31 for "methods and apparatus for detection of lesion-induced resonances in deoxyribonucleic acid via millimeter or sub-millimeter wave spectroscopy." The technique developed at Edgewood allows scientists to measure the properties of molecules in a sample using invisible light rays, and may be useful for new rapid detectors for biological warfare agents.

This patent describes a new spectroscopic method for the diagnosis of DNA damage, which can be utilized in equipment used to detect the presence of biological weapons, a technology area that is critical to protecting warfighters in hostile battlefield situations.

"This patent represents the hard work and dedication of our employees," said Jim Zarzycki, technical director of ECBC. "We expend serious amounts of effort to build our nation's chemical and biological defense capabilities. This patent is proof of our solid, novel approaches."

Scientists from ECBC's Research and Technology directorate partnered with personnel from the Army Research Office and the Stephens Institute of Technology in the work leading to this patent.

Force health protection - a military imperative

Conference to be held in New Mexico

Jane Gervasoni
CHPPM

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine will host the Sixth Annual Force Health Protection Conference, Aug. 11 to 17 at the Convention Center in Albuquerque, N.M. The theme for the conference is Force Health Protection - A Military Imperative.

The conference will provide the multidisciplinary military and civilian force health protection community with the opportunity to increase knowledge and awareness of current issues, attend short courses for professional development, mentor, network, and earn CEUs or CMEs.

This year, the Veteran's Administration will play a vital role by providing speakers and sessions in a special VA Veterans' Health track that will provide a training course for Preventive Medicine Program coordinators and other clinical staff in VA and Department of Defense facilities.

Participants will learn the basics of prevention, behavioral change counseling, how to overcome barriers to preventive services, and other practical information for health promotion and education

for the Primary/Ambulatory Care staff and their patients. Consultants will present "real world" experiences in delivering preventive services in a VA medical center, and an open-forum setting will present the opportunity to discuss specific problems.

Another innovation at this year's conference is the participation of the DOD Ergonomics Working Group that will host the Ergonomics track. This track will serve as the Annual DOD Ergonomics Conference for DOD, Federal, industry, and university safety and health professionals. The sessions will provide practical, user-friendly information on program development, implementation, and management; best practices; self assessments; cost benefits and return on investments; marketing and communication; intranet programs; workstation design; and research initiatives.

The other six conference tracks will consist of:

- The Environmental Sciences track will focus on topics concerned with health hazard/risk assessment skills that support the commander's risk management efforts across the operational spectrum.

- The Advanced Sciences track relates to the emerging technological and molec-

ular epidemiological practices of prevention/detection as a continuous process from accession, deployment and beyond.

- The Occupational and Preventive Medicine track will focus on topics related to the science and delivery of preventive, occupational, and environmental medicine services integral to protecting warfighter health.

- The Health Physics and Radiological Sciences track provides continuing education, scientific updates, and professional development for military and DOD civilian health physics professionals, and DOD preventive medicine professionals.

- The Industrial Hygiene track will provide updates on corporate initiatives, training on technical topics and pragmatic guidance on current issues relevant to DOD Industrial Hygiene such as exposure assessment, emergency preparedness and response, and resource management.

- The Behavioral Health track recognizes the behavioral factors inherent in preventive medicine and health promotion. It affords conference attendees the opportunity to integrate state-of-the-art behavior change strategies with more traditional health promotion and preventive medicine efforts.

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Sports

APG youth takes fifth place in Virginia Scramble



Aaron Diamond

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Already a seasoned dirt bike racer at age 13, Aberdeen

Proving Ground's Aaron Diamond added another trophy to his collection when he took fifth place in the Virginia Championship Hare Scramble Series in the 12- to 15-year old category in January.

During a Jan. 11 award banquet in Williamsburg, Va., Diamond received his trophy along with a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond from the American Suzuki Good Scholar Program for maintaining a 3.0 grade point average during 2002.

Sponsored by FMF/Sprocket Specialists and

Klotz Oil, Diamond drove his Suzuki RM 85cc dirt bike in 13 of 14 races, finishing in the top ten in nine races to garner the award.

The son of Sgt. 1st Class Darrell Diamond, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, said he also plans to race in the East Coast Hare Scramble Series and other local off road races during 2003.

In May, Diamond will race in the Grand National Cross Country race in Midfield, Ohio.



Photo by SFC DARRELL DIAMOND
Aaron Diamond zooms through a wooded course on his Suzuki RM850 bike during one of 14 races in the Virginia Championship Hare Scramble Series.

Basketball update

The following results were reported for intramural basketball for the week ending Feb. 28. The season is winding down to its final week. Teams with an average of .500 and above will advance to the post-season tournament.

American Division

Results
Feb. 24
NCOA, win; KUSAHC, forfeit
HHC 16th, 60; HST, 40
Feb. 26
KUSAHC, 63; HST, 58
HHC 61st, win; NCOA, forfeit
HHST, 50; HHC 16th, 47

Schedule
March 10
6:30 p.m., HHSB vs. HST
7:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. HHC

16th
Standings
HHC 16th 9-2
HHC 61st 5-2
NCOA 5-3
HHSB 5-3
KUSAHC 3-5
HST 1-7
1/246th dropped

National Division

Results
Feb. 25
Company C 16th, 53; 389th, 44
USMC, 56; Company E 16th, 51
Company B 16th, 53; USAF, 33
Feb. 27
USMC, 46; Company B 16th, 42
Company E 16th, 95; USAF, 29

Company A 16th, 73; 389th, 21
Standings
Company C 16th 7-3
Company E 16th 6-3
Company A 16th 6-4
USMC 5-4
USAF 1-9
389th 0-9

Edgewood Division

Results
Feb. 24
HHC 143rd, 61; CHPPM, 27
MRICD, 57; Company C 143rd, 45
Feb. 25
Company A 1/246th, 65; HHC 143rd, 48
Company B 143rd, 42; Company A 143rd, 38
Feb. 27
Company A 1/246th, 65; Company A 143rd, 41

MRICD, 70; Company A 143rd, 37
Schedule
March 10
6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Company A 1/246th
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company A 143rd
8:30 p.m., TEU vs. Company C 143rd
March 12
6:30 p.m., Company A 1/246th vs. Company A 143rd
7:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. TEU

Standings
MRICD 11-1
Company A 1/246th 7-2
TEU 5-2
Company B 143rd 7-3
HHC 143rd 5-6
Company A 143rd 3-6
Company C 143rd 2-7
CHPPM 0-12

Community Notes

FRIDAY MARCH 7 COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8; cash bar and no lessons. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

MONDAY TO THURSDAY MARCH 10 to 14 ADAPT COURSE

Army Drug and Alcohol Prevention Training will be held Monday through Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday, 5 to 9 p.m. All military families and civilian employees are invited to attend. For more information, call Troy Denson at 410-278-3137.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12 LUNCHTIME LECTURE

The OMMS Library, located in the basement of building 3071, will host a Lunch Time Lecture on Digital Electronics Logicgates, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Speaker will be Tracy J. Reeve of SmartFix Cooperation, a contractor on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Attendees should bring a lunch.

For more information or to RSVP, call Marie Morrisette, 410-278-4991, by March 10.

DAV MEETS IN BEL AIR

The DAV Bel Air Chapter 30 will meet at 7 p.m., at the VFW Hall, 303 S. Atwood Road. For information and transportation, call 410-838-8325 or 410-879-0861.

FRIDAY MARCH 14 BAYTRUST GRANT DEADLINE

Deadline for applications for the next quarterly Chesapeake Bay Trust grants of up to \$25,000 is 5 p.m. March 14. Applications with original signature must be received in the office by then. Grantees will be notified in May. Schools or organizations that have projects planned for the spring should submit their application now, as the next deadline will be July 18, with notification in September.

Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations, community associations, civic groups, schools and public agencies that contribute to revitalizing the Chesapeake Bay for results-oriented activities to promote public awareness and participation in the restoration and protection of the Bay, and must engage either students or volunteers. Grants are not awarded in support of endowments, individuals, building campaigns, deficit financing, annual giving, or research.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a private, nonprofit grant-making foundation whose mission is to promote awareness and public par-

ticipation in the protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. Proceeds from private donations, the Line 37 Maryland Income Tax Check-off, and the popular "Treasure the Chesapeake" Blue Heron Commemorative License Plates have allowed the Trust to fund over \$13 million since 1985.

For more information about the Chesapeake Bay Trust or to apply for a grant, contact the organization at 410-974-2941 (ext. 5) or visit www.chesapeakebaytrust.org.

SATURDAY MARCH 15 HOMEBUYERS SERMINAR

Home Partnership, Inc. a nonprofit agency for homebuyers, will hold a free seminar and lunch, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Havre de Grace Housing Authority. Registration is required due to limited seating. Call 410-297-6700.

GET AWAY FOR A DAY

Take a trip with NET NEMOW (TEN WOMEN Investment Club) to Dover Downs, Del., and Rehoboth outlets for gaming and shopping. Cost is \$35. The bus will leave from the Aberdeen Plaza Shopping Center at 7 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. For more information and reservations, call Pattie Ford, 410-939-1489, Connie Williams, 410-272-4902, or Bertha Copeland, 410-272-3744.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

The 16th Ordnance Battalion Family Readiness Group is sponsoring a family bingo night at the APG Recreation Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Food will be available to purchase, and there will be activities for children during the bingo games.

For more information, call Laura Keegan at 410-273-0161.

MARCH 15 TO 22 SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Hunger hurts, and we need your help. It is time again for the annual Harvest for the Hungry. This year Aberdeen Proving Ground's own Cub Scout Pack 924 and Boy Scout Troop 429 will be working with the local U.S. Postal workers to collect food for those less fortunate. The week of March 15 through March 22 your letter carrier will accept donations everyday. Another option is that on Saturday March 15th the Cub Scouts will be distributing door hangers to all of the quarters on post. If you wish to donate you can

simply leave your donation on you doorstep on Saturday, March 22nd, and the Boy Scouts will pick it up. No one will knock on your door so you do not have to home to donate. Since there is no food locker on post the Scouts will take the donations to the churches in Aberdeen to add to their supplies for the needy. Any questions can be directed to SSG Mathis at (410) 278-5641.

SUNDAY MARCH 16 BASKET BINGO

American Legion Post 194, 336 E. Main St., Rising Sun, is sponsoring a Basket Bingo starting at 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Boy Scout Troop 28. For more information, call 410-658-3915, or e-mail basketbingors@aol.com.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MARCH 21, 22 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all women to join us for our Spring retreat at the APG Main Post Chapel with guest speaker Candy Davidson, director of Sandy Coves Ministries who will be reminding us that "Nothing is impossible with God." The retreat will include dinner and session on Friday night, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and breakfast, lunch and program from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Child care is available but must be reserved in advance. A \$20 donation and reservations must be in by March 14. Scholarships are available. Contact Laura Keegan at 410-273-0161 or Shirley Huffman at 410-273-1497 for information or to register.

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY MARCH 24 TO 28 UPL CERTIFICATION COURSE

The Unit Prevention Leader Certification Course will be held 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Commanders are reminded that all nominees must have had a background check initiated prior to attending the course. Slots are limited. For reservations, call Cindy Scott at 410-278-3784 or Dadrain Willis at 410-278-3810.

TUESDAY MARCH 25 ABERDEEN LIONS CLUB PANCAKE DINNER

The Aberdeen Lions Club will host their annual Pancake Dinner at the Aberdeen High School from 4 to 7 p.m. Club members are selling tickets for \$5.50 in advance for those 4 years and over (\$6 at the door); children 3 years and under

MOVIES

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

The PostTheater will be closed on Saturday March 8 for the Shirley Caesar Gospel concert.



CONFESSIONS OF A DANGEROUS MIND (FREE ADMISSION)

Friday, March 7, 7 p.m.

Starring: Sam Rockwell, George Clooney

Television made him famous, but his biggest hits happened off screen. "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" is the story of a legendary showman's double life - television producer by day, CIA assassin by night. At the height of his TV career, Chuck Barris was recruited by the CIA and trained to become a covert operative. Or so Barris said. (Rated R)

are free. Price includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and drinks. For tickets, contact any club member or call 410-939-9082. The club will use profits from this fund raiser for their community service activities and scholarships.

SATURDAY

MARCH 29

USO SHOW TO HONOR THE MILITARY

The Junior Girls Unit of the Dublin-Darlington VFW Post 10146 is hosting a USO show to honor all past and present military to raise funds for Operation USO Care Package. The VFW is located at 3440 Conowingo Road (on Rt. 1 near Rt. 136) in Street, Md.

The first show and buffet dinner at 2 p.m., specifically for active-duty military and their family members, is free of charge as the VFW's way of saying thank you to the military men and women who defend freedom every day.

The second show and buffet dinner at 4 p.m. will be open to the general public at a cost of \$10 per person.

Performers include the local classic and contemporary jazz band Defractions, the North Harford High School

Madrigals, and local vocal artists, performing several renditions of patriotic and pop music. In addition, the VFW Junior Girls Unit will perform several patriotic skits and songs. A karaoke machine is available for anyone else wanting to perform a selection.

Call 410-457-5461 to reserve your seat.

FRIDAY

APRIL 4

BASKET BINGO

Basket bingo featuring Longaberger Baskets will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, 21 North Rogers Street in Aberdeen. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bingo begins at 7 p.m. There will be 20

games, door prizes and raffles. Refreshments will be sold. Proceeds will benefit Parent Child Care Association of APG/EA Child Development Center. Tickets are \$10.

For tickets and information call Nancy @ 410-569-9126 or Leeann @ 410-836-5618.

BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Edgewood Area Child Development Center will hold Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, 21 North Rogers Street, Aberdeen at 7 p.m. Doors open at

6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and include 20 games of bingo, door prizes and raffles. Refreshments will be sold; proceeds will benefit Parent

Child Care Association of the APG/EA Child Development Center. For information or tickets, call Nancy Hofmann, 410-569-9126 or Leeann Domanico, 410-836-5618.

COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8; cash bar and no lessons.

For more information, call 410-272-8318.

Government employees recycle used electronics

Don't trash your old electronics - "ecycle" your used electronic equipment on Thursday April 10 and Friday April 11 at the Maryland Department of the Environment, Montgomery Park Headquarters, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore.

The Maryland Department of the Environment in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency is offering this electronic equipment recycling opportunity to Federal, State, and local employees.

Government employees with proper ID can drop-off their personal, used electronic equipment at MDE's loading dock.

Items being accepted include computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, modems, laptops, TVs and cables.

eCycling your electronics keeps toxic materials out of landfills. Electronic equipment contains material such as lead, mercury, cadmium, and chromium. These materials need to be handled properly and not released into the environment.

For more information including event times and directions, call MDE at 410-537-3314, or visit MDE's web page at: www.mde.state.md.us

Health

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The conference will include both plenary and breakout sessions designed to provide an exchange of hands-on information that has a wide application within the DOD community in the areas of homeland security/homeland defense, environmental health, population health, behavioral health, injury prevention and other areas of preventive medicine.

Technical presentations or papers and technical posters are being solicited through a link on the conference Web site. The focus will be on topics that provide hands-on information and training to assist those who support preven-

tive medicine in a garrison and in the field.

Commercial and military exhibits will be an integral part of this conference providing state-of-the-art materials to assist professionals with their jobs at installations and units.

Exhibits will be open for viewing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Military and commercial exhibitors are encouraged to apply for exhibit spaces in the conference center exhibit hall.

Information on the conference including the call for papers, call for posters, and exhibitor prospectus will be found on the FHP Web site at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/fhp>.

The Web site is currently available for registration. For additional information, call Lt. Col. Michael Custer, director, 410-436-6250/5091.

Water

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approximately 151 substances, in accordance with the EPA Safe Drinking Water Act. Coliform bacteria, lead, copper, trihalomethanes, and chromium are a few examples included in the APG water-monitoring program. The bottom line is our water is safe to drink."

Each year, a Consumer Confidence Report is produced in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act providing analytical data for the previous calendar year's water quality. A copy of the 2001 CCR is available on APG Garrison's Web site for the Directorate of Safety Health and the Environment's Environmental Compliance Division, www.apg.army.mil/garrison/safely-environ/safe.html with a link to the City of Aberdeen for the Aberdeen Area CCR. The 2002 CCR will be posted in July.

Like other water systems and private wells, APG has occasional "brown water" issues. To help prevent rust and sediment from building up in waterlines, the Directorate of Installation Operations flushes fire hydrants throughout the Edgewood Area, and the City of Aberdeen flushes in the Aberdeen Area, two times each year. However, this is only a partial solution.

To keep sediments or rust from forming or collecting in

building water systems, daily flushing of the building water systems is necessary in areas that have this problem.

It also helps if all buildings in an area are doing this flushing, as water flow is increased, sediments and rust are

removed more quickly and less sediment or rust forms in the future.

For more information on the APG Drinking Water Program, contact the DSHE Environmental Compliance Division at 410-306-2279.

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Activities

Intro to Woods

This one-hour class will help improve your golf score by teaching you the proper grip, stance, and swing of the woods. Class will be held on Mar. 20 at Ruggles Golf Course from 5 to 6 p.m. Register by Mar. 14 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 Irons

This one-hour class will help improve your golf score by teaching you the proper grip, stance, and swing. Class will be held on Mar. 16 at Ruggles Golf Course from 1 to 2 p.m. Register by Mar. 6 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.

Yoga Fit

Yoga Fit is a hybrid style of yoga that is fitness oriented and user friendly. The Yoga Fit style follows the traditional group exercise model warm-up, work and cool down. Yoga Fit draws on Ashtanga, Iyengar and Kundalini yoga but maintains the safety guidelines and eliminates the fitness contraindications.

There are two sets of classes - March

24 to May 21 at Youth Services from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. and March 25 to May 22 at AA Youth Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m. Cost for this series is \$30. Register by March 13 at MWR Registration or online at www.apgmwr.com

For more information contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

March Madness 3 on 3

Basketball tournament weekend runs from Mar. 22 to 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center. Cost is \$30 for active duty and \$40 for others. This is a five-person roster, three-person play, half-court games, 30-minute running clock, double elimination, officials, and awards for 1st and 2nd place. Register by March 10 at MWR Registration or APG Athletic Center.

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

NCAA Men's Basketball March Madness

The Sutherland Clubhouse at Ruggles Golf Course is the place to be for all your NCAA Men's Basketball action. We will have EVERY game for the entire tournament on television. Don't get forced to watch the "local" game, we have all the action! There will be limited bar service,

draft beer and food specials during the games. The action runs March 20 to April 7. Times will depend on the schedule of games. For more information contact Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

St. Patrick's Day Sale

Ruggles Golf Course is having a St. Patrick's Day sale March 3 to 18, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (weather permitting). Receive 40 percent off any items that are green, 75 percent off selected group of ladies and men's gloves, and 20 percent off all other golf merchandise (shoes and balls not included). For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

Circus tickets available

Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus tickets are available at MWR Registration. Price is \$16.

Two shows each day -

March 15 - 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

March 16 - 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

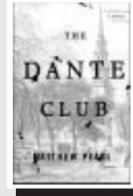
March 22 - 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

March 23 - 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail MWR at MWR_Registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

A few of the new books available at the APG MWR libraries include:



The Dante Club by Matthew Pearl. A series of murders sow panic through the city of Boston in 1865. Only the members of the Dante Club realize that the styles of the killings are directly from Dante's Inferno and its singular account of Hell's punishments.



Flashback by Nevada Barr

Liberty by Stephen Coonts

The Master Butchers Singing Club by Louise Erdrich



The Battle of Milroy Station by Robert Fowler

Tuxedo Park: a Wall Street tycoon and the secret palace of science that changed the course of World War II by Jennet Conant



The Classical Music Experience: discover the music of the world's greatest composers by Julius Jacobson (book + compact disks)

Honoring Sergeant Carter: redeeming a Black World War II hero's legacy.



Log Homes Made Easy: contracting and building your own log home by Jim Cooper

Ice Age by Brian Freemantle

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.

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.

Aberdeen Lions Club offers scholarships



Application forms for the 2003 Aberdeen Lions Club scholarships are available from the Aberdeen High School, Harford Technical High School, the Aberdeen Branch of the Harford County Library and the club's Web page www.aberdeenlions.org.

The \$2,000 scholarships are available to high school or college students of any age whose home residence is in the Aberdeen High School District and live in the Aberdeen area served by the Aberdeen Lions Club.

Applications must be mailed by March 30 to the Aberdeen Lions Club, P.O. Box 111, Aberdeen, MD 21001.

Funds for the scholarships result from the club's fund raising activities in the community throughout the year.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

CHESS FORTEENS

Ivan Mehosky, noted chess master and instructor, is recruiting teens who have a desire to learn the game of chess as a life-long activity.

Participants must be members of the Aberdeen Youth Center and have their parents or legal guardian sign-up by calling 410-278-2857.

Teen classes will meet every Thursday at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522 from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

READING CIRCLES

An after-school reading program is now forming at the Edgewood and Aberdeen Youth centers on Mondays from 4:15 to 5 p.m. for first and second graders and third through fifth, starting March 24.

Small groups of 10 to 12 students who love to read and want to become better readers will be formed.

Call Renee at the Edgewood Youth Center, 410-436-2862 or Karen at the Aberdeen Youth Center, 410-278-4995 to sign up.

Penny Branham will be conducting the Edgewood reading program and Ivan Mehosky the Aberdeen program.

BOOK CLUB

A reading and discussion book club is now forming for middle school students at the Aberdeen Youth Center starting Wednesday March 26 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. To sign-up see Sarah at the Aberdeen Youth Center, 410-278-4995.

Ivan Mehosky will conduct the program.

DCFA-MWR holds summer job fair

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Community and Family Activities is sponsoring a job fair offering full-time, part-time, and flex positions

Anyone wishing to work at APG May through September 2003 should visit the Aberdeen Sheraton Four Points Hotel on March 6 between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A partial listing of available jobs include bartenders, cooks, food service workers, gardeners, gardeners (tractor operators), lifeguards, lifeguard training instructors (pool managers), operations assistant (night manager), recreation aides, small engine repairer and waiter trainees/waiters.

No photocopying services

will be provided, so anyone interested should bring multiple copies of their resume.

There is no limit to the number of interviews available.

Childcare will not be provided at the fair.

For more information, call 410-278-4497/9816.

Bowling Standings

Tuesday intramural Week of Feb. 18

Men's high series scratch, Jeffery Bailey, 613
Robert Carpenter, 563
Men's high series handicap Ron Ramirez, 716
Johnny Jones, 695
Men's high game scratch Jeffery Bailey, 258
Kris Prouty, 202
Men's high game handicap Jeffery Bailey, 275
Dale Ahern, 254
Women's high series scratch Nicole Washington, 478
Michele Williams, 371
Women's high series handicap Michelle Williams, 634
Nicole Washington, 625
Women's high game scratch Nicole Washington, 170
Michelle Williams, 149
Women's high game handicap Nicole Washington, 235
Michelle Williams, 227

Wednesday night mixed Feb 26

Men's high series scratch

Stuart Thacker, 631
Tom Curtis, 555
Men's high series handicap Terrance Harris, 725
Tim Anderson, 710
Men's high game scratch Stuart Thacker, 258
Tom Curtis, 191
Men's high game handicap Tim Anderson, 282
Stuart Thacker, 280
Women's high series scratch Kathy Anderson, 531
Ann Thacker, 529
Women's high series handicap Kathy Anderson, 705
Ann Thacker, 701
Women's high game scratch Kathy Anderson, 225
Ann Thacker, 201
Women's high game handicap Ann Thacker, 301
Renee Johnson, 271
Thursday National Guard mixed Week of Feb 20
Men's high series scratch Frank Mitchell, 566

Bill Morton, 543
Men's high series handicap Phillip Murphy, 748
Bill Morton/Cal Adams, 730
Men's high game scratch Bill Morton, 208
Frank Mitchell, 197/194
Men's high game handicap Frank Mitchell, 286
Myron Cole, 285
Women's high series scratch Fay Christy, 540
Barbara Thibault, 509
Women's high series handicap Lucy Montanez, 816
Mary Jo Smith, 727
Women's high game scratch Fay Christy, 228
Sally Leonetti, 193
Women's high game handicap Lucy Montanez, 293
Shelly Burmeister/Lynn Sims, 2
Friday night mixed Week of Feb. 28
Men's high series scratch Virgil Mills, 743
John Smith, 613
Men's high series handicap Virgil Mills, 842
Johnny Jones, 734

Men's high game scratch Virgil Mills, 268
John Smith, 218
Men's high game handicap Virgil Mills, 295
Eddie Sabina, 282
Women's high series scratch Lucy Montanez, 490
Tasha Taylor, 484
Women's high series handicap Tasha Taylor, 771
Lucy Montanez, 697
Women's high game scratch Lucy Montanez, 199
Doris Williams, 183
Women's high game handicap Ellen Hopkins, 270
Christine Wachter, 270
Saturday youth league (upcoming stars) Week of Feb. 22
Boys high series scratch Girls high series scratch Elizabeth Hampton, 203
Girls high series handicap Elizabeth Kempton, 647
Natalie Hanlon, 583
Girls high game scratch Elizabeth Hampton, 72
Girls high game handicap

Elizabeth Kempton, 222
Natalie Hanlon, 206
Saturday youth rising stars Week of Feb. 22
Boys high series scratch John Keegan, 284
Johnathan Pace, 279
Boys high series handicap Bobby Davis, 705
Eric White, 656
Boys high game scratch John Keegan, 139
Nathan Fleming, 119
Boys high game handicap John Keegan, 255
James Ables, 248
Girls high series scratch Magan Pace, 393
Amanda Anderson, 342
Girls high series handicap Amanda Anderson, 666
Jessell Cons, 654
Girls high game scratch Magan Pace, 136
Amanda Anderson, 123
Girls high game handicap Jessell Cons, 236
Amanda Anderson, 231

Saturday youth league - shooting stars

Week of Feb. 22
Boys high series scratch Chad Milton, 502
Luke Lepard, 450
Boys high series handicap Chad Milton, 759
Curtis Swauger, 752
Boys high game scratch Chad Milton, 208
Luke Lepard, 167
Boys high game handicap Chad Milton, 303
Curtis Swauger, 278
Girls high series scratch Ashley Taylor, 478
Heather Miller, 389
Girls high series handicap Ashley Taylor, 686
Heather Miller, 647
Girls high game scratch Ashley Taylor, 179
Heather Miller, 132
Girls high game handicap Ashley Taylor, 265
Heather Miller, 239



Military health care during deployments

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

The Defense Department has changed the way it will track and assess the health care given military personnel before, during and after deployments, according to a senior Pentagon health official.

DoD's new strategy emphasizes health care surveillance of deployed personnel, said Dr. Michael Kilpatrick, deputy director, Deployment Health Support Directorate, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection and Readiness.

Officials, he said, want no repeat of 1991 Gulf War health care problems, referring to widespread instances reported of deployed personnel returning home with incomplete and poorly maintained medical records and improperly monitored illnesses.

Kilpatrick said DoD is concerned with taking care of the health of its military personnel and their families. "To do that optimally, we need to provide preventive care," he said. "And if a service member becomes ill or is injured, we need to provide treatment for them."

After a deployment, he added, personnel need to know that the

Department of Defense will provide them with care for any medical problem they may develop.

This Force Health Protection strategy is designed to help the department track service members' diseases and injuries and to provide them comprehensive follow-up treatment for deployment-related health conditions, he said.

Kilpatrick directs the DoD effort to protect the health of deployed service members. He noted there was no unique screening being done prior to deployment during the Gulf War. "If you were on active duty, you were generally assumed to be deployable," he said.

Now, he said, the Defense Department plans to see that force health is closely monitored through a series of medical assessments before and after deployment and that health concerns are documented and closely monitored.

Kilpatrick said the pre- and post-deployment health assessment is a brief series of questions that look to see if troops are physically and psychologically prepared to deploy. The forms can be found on DoD's deployment Web site [http://www.deploymentlink.osd.mil] at www.deploymentlink.osd.mil.

"(The assessment is) an opportunity for them to bring up any medical conditions that occurred to them in the last several months or in the period since their last physical examination. It's a quick check to make sure they are ready to go," he said.

The health assessments are done on paper and checked by a physician "to see if there are any changes in a service member's health or condition that may require attention before or after they deploy," Kilpatrick said. Later, the forms are sent to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where they are scanned electronically and retained for analysis.

The Defense Department has established three deployment health centers, one each for health surveillance, health care and health research. They focus on the prevention, treatment and understanding of deployment-related health concerns. Two centers are at Walter Reed; the third is at the Naval Health Research Center in San Diego.

The department will improve deployment-related medical record keeping through its Composite Health Care System II and the Theater Medical Information Program, which is still being tested.

Kilpatrick said the two systems will collect immunization data electronically through a centralized data bank, along with computerized medical files currently being gathered on

deployed military personnel from all the services in order to document deployment-related health problems.

He noted that Special Forces soldiers deployed to remote areas can now use handheld computers to gather and store medical data on soldiers and then later transmit the data to rear operations headquarters.

Still, pre- and post-deployment health assessments and electronic record keeping are only part of the force protection strategy.

Kilpatrick said broader initiatives to protect deployed personnel are expected, and more research is being done.

The plan includes improving health risk communication and medical intelligence; providing environmental risk assessments to commanders on the battlefield; giving medical threat briefings; and distributing pocket-sized health guides to deployed personnel. Kilpatrick's office also has created deployment-focused Web sites, such as DeploymentLINK.

In addition, the Defense Medical Surveillance System has created a database on diseases military personnel may encounter in deployed areas. Another plan is to deploy preventive medicine and environmental surveillance teams to forward-deployed areas to evaluate health threats

on the battlefield.

Another measure calls for improved biological and chemical warfare detection and alarm systems. And the Pentagon is researching current vaccines and anti-malarial drugs and exploring next-generation vaccines and drugs, he said.

Kilpatrick said the new program shows how seriously DoD regards force health protection.

"We've learned a great deal from deployments over the past 12 years since the Gulf War and we intend to use those lessons to benefit those who serve today," Kilpatrick concluded. "That's what this program is all about."

Army Knowledge Online offers peace of mind

Patrick Swan
Army News Service

Loose lips sink ships, but will errant e-mails strafe soldiers and their families?

It may all depend upon whom soldiers trust with information about themselves and their families when surfing the vast, anonymous, unsecure locale called the Internet.

We'd be rightly skeptical if we linked to a Web site offering support for U.S. military families with emergency notifications — but which was run by Osama bin Laden's operatives.

But what if the Web site with such a service seemed innocuous enough — with good, red-blooded American names and addresses listed in its "Contact Us" button?

And what if the organization offering this service couched its request in noble-sounding, patriotic, rally-around-the-flag sentiments?

You know the kind: "We help our dedicated military people and their concerned loved ones stay in touch in uncertain times as these."

You just might be persuaded to submit your soldier's name, address, social security number — or your family member's names and addresses and other Privacy Act Information.

Such an Internet-based organization may or may not be legitimate. But to

borrow a phrase from a typical site's pitch, in these "uncertain times," why take the chance?

After all, any information provided to such sites could be used for identity theft, intelligence gathering by foreign nations or terrorists, or pose other threats to service members, their families and their privacy.

Indeed, why take any such chance when the Army is already offering a Web site to keep soldiers and families connected when separated by a deployment. That place is Army Knowledge Online, www.us.army.mil. AKO allows family members the ability to rapidly access general-level knowledge about the Army and their soldiers across a secure communications channel. Translation: It keeps the bad guys from getting your personal information while it helps you keep in touch with those you love in uniform.

AKO is a cyber-space example of its familiar credo: The Army takes care of its own. Hence, every family member of a soldier is eligible for an AKO account/e-mail address. All family members have to do to get one is sign in as a new user and request a guest account. Soldiers serve as the sponsors and once they approve the family member's request, they are re-connected in a trusted sector of cyber space. They can exchange e-

mail, chat online, engage in instant messaging. They can even post photos or personal information in a secure individual knowledge center on AKO that only the soldier and family can access.

A soldier from the Oklahoma Army National Guard recently wrote that a friend at work has a son who just joined the Army.

"She didn't know how to contact him via e-mail," said 1st Lt. Benjamin J. Weiss. "I was able to go onto the white pages in AKO and find his e-mail address. He's at Fort Carson, Colo., getting ready to head overseas."

And because his mother only has to know one, lifetime e-mail address for her soldier-son, she can stay in touch, even when he is far away. That makes her very happy when she could be heart-sick and worried.

Clearly, not every Web site claiming to "support the troops" is a security risk for the soldier and family member. But thanks to AKO's ability to keep the Army family connected, we don't ever have to find out, either. That's worth a world of piece of mind.

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Army changes policy for AGR extensions

Daphne Hart
Army News Service

The Army has changed the process for extending Active Guard and Reserve officers beyond 20 years of active federal service.

As of Feb. 11, eligible AGR officers and warrant officers will go before extension boards to determine whether or not they can stay on active duty.

The change was made after a study on the overall AGR program found a perception among those in the field that the old extension process might have been unfair as only some soldiers were considered for extension.

Following that study, Reginald Brown, the assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, asked the G1 to form a working group and decide upon possible solutions.

The solution ultimately agreed upon was a board selection process adhering to Department of Army standards and to be managed by the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G1.

The largest change from the previous system is that extensions are no longer reviewed on a case-by-case basis. All

soldiers eligible for extension will now automatically go before retention boards without having to submit an application.

"Everything is automatic, but that doesn't relieve them of responsibility for ensuring that something is not missing their file," said Col. Lynda Parsons, the assistant deputy for Reserve Personnel and Policy.

Prior to each board, the needs of the Army will be assessed and extensions will be granted based on those needs, Col. Parsons said. No AGR officer will now be extended without being considered before a board, Parsons said. She added the appropriate approval authority will then grant that extension in increments of up to three years, though most will likely be two years or less.

The chief of the National Guard Bureau and the chief of the Army Reserve may approve extensions for up to 22 years of active federal service for their respective components. The assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve affairs will approve all extensions between 22 years and the soldier's mandatory removal date.

Cartoonist Bill Mauldin part of Army Guard history

Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
Army News Service

Cartoonist Bill Mauldin, who gained fame for his beloved and combat-seasoned dogfaces Willie and Joe who slogged across Europe during World War II, never got the National Guard out of his system. He is, in fact, a part of the National Guard's legacy.

He first put on the uniform as a private in the National Guard's 45th Infantry Division in Arizona. Willie is a caricature of one Army infantryman who originally enlisted in that division as a Guardsman. And the largest single body of Mauldin's Pulitzer Prize winning, original World War II cartoons, 226 of them, are owned by and displayed at the 45th Infantry Division Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla.

That, observed Mike Gonzales, the museum's curator, makes Mauldin as much of an icon for the National Guard as he was for the Army.

Mauldin was 81 when he died on Jan. 22 at a nursing home in Newport Beach, Calif., reportedly from complications of Alzheimer's disease, including pneumonia. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Jan. 29 with honors appropriate for his rank as a sergeant, a cemetery spokesman explained. That included a 21-gun salute, a bugler playing "Taps," and the folding of the flag that covered his casket.

"I wanna long rest after th' war. Mebbe I'll do a hitch in th' reg'lars," Willie says to Joe while one savors a canteen cup of coffee and the other cuts open a box of K-rations in a bombed out building somewhere on the front.

That line, claims National Guard Bureau historian Renee Hylton, is a clue that Mauldin drew on his own experiences as a National

Guard citizen-soldier.

There were other clues.

Willie, for example, resembled a Native American from Oklahoma named Rayson Billey who Mauldin considered one of the bravest men he ever knew, Gonzales explained. Rayson Billey, who died recently, first joined the 45th Division as a Guardsman in a rifle company in McAlester, Okla.

Joe was drawn in Mauldin's own likeness, Gonzales believes.

"I asked him once who Joe was based on," Gonzales said. "He never answered the question, but he looked down at his shoes, then he looked at me and smiled. If you look closely, Joe looks very much like Sgt. Bill Mauldin."

The division encompassed four states, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma where it had its headquarters and where it now exists as the 45th Infantry Brigade, one of the Army Guard's 15 enhanced separate brigades.

Mauldin originally joined the Arizona National Guard after finishing high school in Phoenix and after studying at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts. He had suf-

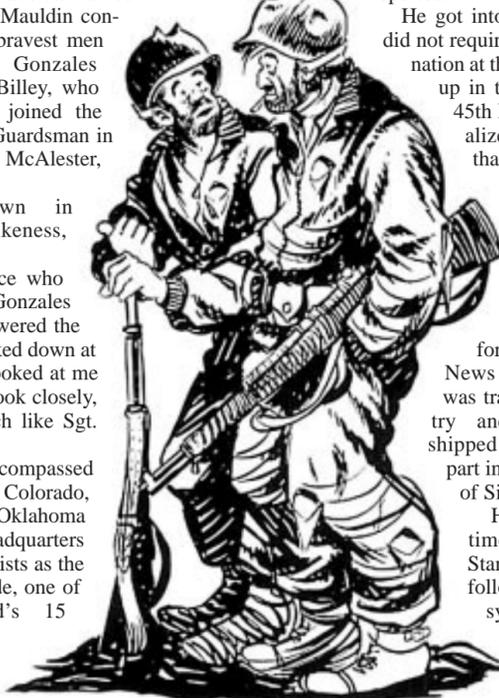
fered from rickets, a disease caused by a lack of vitamin D, as a child and could not take part in strenuous activities, The New York Times reported.

He got into the Guard, which did not require a physical examination at that time, and wound up in the Army when the 45th Division was federalized in 1940, more than a year before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Mauldin started with Company K of the 180th Infantry Regiment and drew cartoons for the 45th Division News while that outfit was training in this country and then when it shipped overseas to take part in the 1943 invasions of Sicily and Italy.

He became a full-time cartoonist for Stars and Stripes the following year, and his syndicated cartoons began appearing in newspapers across the United States.

"I drew pictures for and about the soldiers because I knew what their life was like and understood their gripes. I wanted to make



Back cover of Bill Mauldin's Army

Domestic violence decreasing Army wide

Army News Service

Statistics show that rates of domestic violence among Army families are not only lower than national standards, but they are also steadily decreasing, said Brig. Gen. Robert L. Decker, commander of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

Decker made that statement on the inside cover of "Hot Topics: Family Violence Behind Closed Doors," a pullout insert in the February issue of Soldiers magazine.

The rate for child abuse is 12.2 per 1,000 persons nationwide versus only 5.1 per 1,000 in the Army, according to the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

"During the past seven years, we have seen a steady decline in documented cases of abuse," said Lt. Col. Yvonne Tucker-Harris, family advocacy program manager for the Community and Family Support Center. She added, though, that some cases still go unreported in both civilian and military communities.

Studies of family violence in the Army show that age and maturity levels are important risk factors in determining an individual's involvement. Statistically, 22 to 26-year-olds have the highest rate of spouse and child abuse.

"Any case of domestic violence is one too many," Tucker-Harris said. "Those of us in the military see ourselves as a family, and family members are as important to readiness as our soldiers are."

In 2001 there were 6,404 substantiated allegations of family violence within Army ranks. Women and children suffered the most injuries, and researchers emphasize that these numbers

include only cases that were reported and cannot be inclusive of violence that occurred unnoticed or was ignored.

The total number of spouse-abuse reports was 7,693, with 3,948 of those reports being substantiated. Studies reveal that spouse abuse is most frequent among young couples who have not yet developed joint coping and communication skills.

Child-abuse reports were somewhat lower than those of spouse abuse at 6,579 reports, with 2,456 of those cases being substantiated.

Despite good news, the Army lost four wives and one husband in a string of deadly violence last summer at Fort Bragg, N.C.

"Violence is not compatible with our core values," Decker said. "It is contrary to everything we believe in as an organization: respect, honor, integrity, personal courage.

"We must empower soldiers to recognize risk factors in their own lives and encourage them to seek help before violence occurs," Decker said.

The Army Family Advocacy Program offers intervention and treatment services that can turn dysfunctional relationships into healthy bonds, Decker said. He added that every leader is responsible for acting upon known or suspected cases of family violence.

"If our families are in trouble," Decker said, "so too is soldier and unit readiness."

Editor's note: Beth Reece of Soldiers magazine is the editor of "Hot Topics: Family Violence Behind Closed Doors."

ACS Family Advocacy Program offers domestic violence prevention and treatment

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Family Advocacy Program is a service of Army Community Service. The FAP promotes and supports the foundations of well-being.

Services offered include family violence prevention, training for commanders, service members and employees; systematic training for effective parenting and teen workshops.

In addition the Victim Advocacy Program helps soldiers and their family members learn positive communication and problem-solving skills.

The ACS and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic FAP staff are knowledgeable, and always willing to listen to those who wish to improve their family dynamics said Laura Reich, family advocacy prevention specialist.

"There are numerous military and community resources available to help individuals who may need information or treatment," Reich said. "Both the prevention and treatment sides of the Family Advocacy Program are available to help families when stress arises."

For more information, contact Celestine Beckett, ACS Director, at 410-278-2500, Reich at 410-278-7478, Diana Hayes, Parents and Children Together program coordinator, at 410-278-4372, or the KUSAHC Family Advocacy Program, 410-278-1768.

Cutoff dates for submitting purchase requests

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

Customer support in identifying and submitting purchase requests by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the Directorate of Contracting to meet customer needs. Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end.

The following schedule should be used for the submission of purchase requests for FY 2003 and maintenance for FY 2004:

- Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 - May 15*
- Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 - June 15
- Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million - June 15
- Short-of-Award over \$2,500 - June 15
- Commercial Items under \$100,000 - Aug. 15
- Maintenance for FY 03 - June 15

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

The Defense Department contracting automated system, PD2, is used at APG. Although the submission schedule has been increased to permit additional time to process actions through this system, requestors are advised to submit their year-end requirements as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at

year end.

Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Refer questions to Joyce Roberts, Contracting Division, joyce.roberts@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0869.

More specific questions should be referred as follows:

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

Services Branch - general and specialized services for mission support; range testing of vehicles, equipment, ammunition; lease, rental, and maintenance of equipment; full food services; environmental services; equipment-in-place, and other base operations services - call Shirley Kelly at 410-278-0883 or e-mail shirley.kelly@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0854.

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

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

Stockpile neutralization start date to change

As a result of weather- and equipment-related issues, the start date for destruction of the mustard agent stockpile located in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground is being revised.

It is anticipated that agent neutralization operations will begin within the next few weeks.

The team at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility is committed to destroying the mustard agent stockpile in the safest manner possible.

"Our number one goal is to ensure the safe operation of this facility," said Jeffrey Lindblad of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization Public Outreach and Information Office.

Neutralization will not begin until the team is positive it is completely prepared to destroy the stockpile. When neutralization begins, the process will take about six months.

The byproduct of neutralization, called hydrolysate, will be transported to DuPont's Secure Environmental

Treatment at Chambers Works in Deepwater, N.J.

The hydrolysate is simply what's left-over after the agent is neutralized, and does not contain or possess the properties of chemical agent.

For additional information, contact the ABCDF Public Affairs Office, 410-436-5253; the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 410-676-6800; or the PMCD Public Outreach and Information Office, 410-436-4555/6137.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Aberdeen Area Chapel

Building 2485
410-278-4333/2886

Catholic

Saturday confessions, 4 p.m. and anytime by appointment
Saturday evening mass, 5 p.m.
Sunday mass, 8:45 a.m.
CCD (September to May), 10 a.m.
Weekday mass (Monday to Thursday), 11:45 a.m.
First Friday Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and mass, 11 a.m.
Choir practice (Wednesday), 7:30 p.m.
Rosary (Monday) 6:30 p.m.
Catholic Youth of the Chapel (fourth Sunday), 12:30 p.m.

Gospel

Sunday school (all ages), 11:30 a.m.
Worship service, 12:30 p.m.
Women's fellowship (first Saturday), 9 a.m.
Men's fellowship (Thursday), 7 p.m.
Singles fellowship (fourth Saturday), 10 a.m.
Choir practice (Tuesday), 7 p.m.
Bible study (Wednesday), 7 p.m.

Islam

Every Friday, noon to 1:30 p.m. in building 5447, call Sgt. 1st Class Washington, 410-278-5394 for more information.

Jewish

Luncheon each Thursday, noon in the chapel social hall.

Latter Day Saints



Every Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., classroom 3

Protestant

Sunday school (September to May), 9 a.m.
Worship service, 10:15 a.m.
Choir practice (September to May) Thursday, 7 p.m.
Protestant Men of the Chapel (Wednesday), noon
Protestant Men of the Chapel (second Saturday), 8 a.m.
Protestant Women of the Chapel (Monday), 7 p.m.
Protestant Women of the Chapel (Thursday), 9:30 a.m.

Edgewood Area Chapel

Building E-4620
410-436-4107/4109

Catholic

Sunday confessions (anytime by appointment), 10 a.m.
Sunday mass, 10:45 a.m.
CCD (September to May), 9:15 a.m.
Weekday mass (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), 11:45 a.m.
Communion service (Monday) Deacon, 11:45 a.m.
Choir practice (Wednesday), 7 p.m.
Hispanic prayer group (Friday), 7 p.m.

Latter Day Saints

Every Sunday, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Center

Protestant

Worship service, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.
Bible study (Sunday after services), 11 a.m.
Adult Bible study (Tuesday), 11:45 a.m.
Choir practice (Wednesday), 6 p.m.

Christian Fellowship Luncheon

Third Wednesday of each month, 11:30 a.m.

Chapel Coffee House - Solider Fellowship

Every Saturday evening, 6 p.m.
NOTE: After duty hours, in case of emergency, call the staff duty officer at 278-4500 or visit www.apg.army.mil/garrison/chaplain/default.htm any time for more information.

LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency);

and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should contact Dave Mial, 410-278-1524, to complete a termination form.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

William G. Argiropoulos
Mary A. Banaszak
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)
Mildred T. Becker (surgery)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)
Gretchen E. Blethen
Robert J. Boonstoppel (surgery)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)
Tammy Budkey
Jane E. Calahan (surgery)
Patricia D. Choate

Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)
Tracy H. Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)
Geraldine S. Cragg
Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)
Jessica L. Dang (maternity)
Rene de Pontbriand
Tricia Lin Dietz
Fred Dill
Joseph R. Dugan
Messina Enderlein
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)
Patty Gibson
Edgar W. Greer
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)

Fern L. Hitchcock (surgery)
Melanie A. Hoffman (paranasitis, fibromyalgia condition)
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)
Theresa L. Hutchins
Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)
(surgery on leg)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)
Beverly King (caring for husband)
William Klein

Anita L. Koller (care for husband)
Carrie L. Lambert
Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)
William B. McLean (kidney failure)
Michelle Millary (taking care of father)
John E. Mogan (surgery)
Calvin E. Peake
Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Karen S. Pense
Mary E. Pettitway
Linda M. D. Queen
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)

Michael Reynolds
Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Denise Robinson (mater-nity)
Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Jennifer W. Sekowski
Sherry Schaffer
Lena Shelton
Teresa L. Shores
Colvin J. Strickler II
Rachel Swearingen
Gale L. Thompson (surgery)
Alison Tichenor (surgery)

Susan J. Townsend (surgery)
Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)
Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Michelle L. Watters
Beverly A. Werner (surgery)
Michael R. Willard
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Ludilina O. Valarao (surgery)
(brain tumor removed)
Wanda L. Waldon (surgery)
*Colleen Waller (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.)

Containerized Chapel helps meet religious needs



Photos by CHAP. (MAJ.) JOHN WHEATLEY
Service members attend a Catholic worship service in the Containerized Chapel at the base camp in Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan. The chapel is the first complete prototype built at the Soldier Systems Center and has been at the base since July.

Curt Biberdorf
U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center

Worship will be easier for soldiers and the civilians who serve them at base camps after the Containerized Chapel goes into production this year.

The first complete Containerized Chapel prototype was built last year at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, Natick, Mass., and deployed in July to join a Force Provider base camp at Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan.

Two more chapels first used in Kosovo in 1999 are set to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and another chapel built at the Soldier Systems Center is waiting for the order to move out, according to Maj. John Wheatley, installation

chaplain.

Eventually 40 of the portable chapels, developed by Product Manager-Force Sustainment Systems, will be positioned around the world and available for deployment for each Force Provider, the Army's deployable "tent city."

Many of them were initially the chapel component of Force Provider and are being refitted at an Army depot into stand-alone Containerized Chapels.

The idea came up after identifying unmet needs from past long-term stability and support missions in Haiti, Somalia, Bosnia, Albania and Macedonia. Religious support equipment was substandard and often incomplete, Wheatley said, and the chapel is a significant step up from the dining tents normally

occupied for religious services.

"[The military] has been very good about supplying personnel. This confirms that the military is willing to put full research and development into the tools for religious support," Wheatley said. "It certainly allows many more options for the worship needs of all soldiers."

The Containerized Chapel is a package of equipment transported in a single steel ISO container that provides a multi-functional religious facility for a 550-person base camp. From the outside, the only thing setting it apart is the chaplain's flag flying near the entrance of the extended TEMPER tent.

Inside, chaplains have everything they need for religious support. Altars, lecterns, linens, candles, cross and crucifix, offering plates, communion sets and several versions of the Bible are available to support Protestant and Catholic Christians. Jewish and Islamic supplies include chaplain kits, yarmulkes, kufis, kimaras, prayer mats, Torahs and Korans.

"Demographics don't play a part in religious support. The military absolutely affirms the religious needs and diversity," Wheatley said. "That's a tribute to our country."

Worshippers and staff have other amenities. The climate-controlled chapel has a portable public address system, electronic keyboard, and if nobody's able to play a song, the music will play automatically from a digital hymnal programmed with hundreds of worship songs.

Each chapel has its own generator, electrical outlets, lights and seats for 100 people. Other support items are six months worth of consumables, such as communion wafers, a TV/VCR, microwave oven, coffee pot and folding tables.

Before the chapel arrived in Kandahar, troops gathered in the airport terminal for services and tolerated intermittent power outages and oppressive heat. Another advantage is the chapel's central location in the housing area. Wheatley said average weekly attendance rose from 90 to 150.

"This allows a place and a mechanism for the full dimension of worship, including religious education classes and fellowship," Wheatley said. "It's certainly a morale-booster. It becomes very visible and noticeable. Respect for the command is enhanced when they see such a clear support for these soldiers."

Among the activities held at the Containerized Chapel in Kandahar are Bible studies and choir practice to classes on Army values leadership and suicide prevention.

The Soldier Systems Center is part of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

For more information about SBCCOM or the Center, visit Web site <http://www.sbccom.army.mil>.

Re-up

From front page

Reenlistment Bonuses, which are monetary incentives given to soldiers in jobs that are short and have inadequate retention levels.

"Bonuses have been limited considerably compared to the last fiscal year," said Sgt. 1st Class David Gross, career counselor, Combined Joint Task Force-180, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C., who was quoted in an article from the 11th Public Affairs Detachment in Afghanistan. "Not only are the funds limited, but also the MOSs which offer bonuses."

A decrease in monetary incentives can be attributed to Congress cutting the SRB budget by \$26 million, Vales

said.

Not only have incentives been taken away, some soldiers in over-strength military occupational specialties will be forced to reclassify into MOSs with shortages, especially those specialties with a shortage of soldiers in the ranks of sergeant and staff sergeant which have become known as STAR MOSs because they are typically marked with an asterisk or star on personnel lists.

In some cases, soldiers who don't want to re-classify will have to voluntarily separate from the Army, Vales said.

An early-out option is being considered and will be available to soldiers in over-strength MOSs this calendar year, Vales said. Once approved, soldiers will be able to separate from the Army 90

days before their end-of-service date, he said.

Keeping in soldiers whose main focus is to serve their nation and maintain high standards is one of the ways the new retention changes are to keep active-duty numbers down, officials said.

Career counselors must assist commanders to ensure that only the very best soldiers are given the privilege of re-enlisting, stated a Re-enlistment Eligibility MILPER message released in January.

It's going to be tougher for soldiers who become ineligible to "re-up" while in their re-enlistment window, which begins 12 months before their end-of-service date and stays open for nine months, Vales said.

Two things that could jeopardize soldiers who want to continue their career in the

Army are: repetitive or recent non-judicial punishment, and slow rank progression resulting from a pattern of marginal conduct or performance, the MILPER message stated.

If a soldier fails a physical training test while in the re-up window, he's automatically ineligible to re-enlist unless he gets a waiver from the first general officer in his chain of command, Vales said. In the past, if the soldier retested and

passed, then he would become eligible, Vales added.

"We understand that even the best soldiers have bad days," Vales said. "This is so their chain-of-command looks at them a little closer."

So far, the changes have not deterred soldiers from wanting to continue their military service.

"Soldiers that want to stay in are re-enlisting," Moss said. "They understand that the

needs of the Army cannot be overlooked."

"The soldiers' patience is appreciated during this time," Gross said. "Hopefully things will die down soon and we can start providing troops with more options."

"Even with the changes, the Army is still a great opportunity for soldiers to continue doing good things for their families and for their country," Gross said.



Photo by SONYA P. REYNOLDS
Members of the Gospel Tabernacle Deliverance Choir perform "Prayer Will Change Things" at the 30th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night Feb. 23 at the Post Theater. More than 400 attended the night of praise in observance of Black History Month.

Gospel

From front page

with Anointed Voices, the Aberdeen Middle/High School Gospel Choir, Mount Zion Male Chorus and the APG Gospel Service Choir. Soloists included LaShawna Wright of Oxen Hill, Md., Maj. Lou Anne Maddox, HHC 143rd Ordnance Battalion and Roger M. Thomas Jr. of Philadelphia who performed two liturgical dances.

The night featured art, as well as music, as guest artist Max T. Ragland, an employee with the OC&S Directorate of Instructors, offered selections from his Black History collection in the theater lobby.

Ragland's works depicted snapshots of the black experience, such as "54 Miles to Freedom," which showed silhouettes of marchers on Alabama's Edmund Pettis Bridge during the march on Selma, Ala.

Stevenson thanked all participants and attendees and presented group leaders with OC&S coins.

"You are what makes this work year after year," Stevenson said. "It takes a community to bring this off and I think you'll agree we are one community working together."

"This was probably the best Gospel Night because of the obstacle we had to face," Lyons added, regarding the near flood and the cleanup afterward. "After it was over, we knew tonight would be something else."