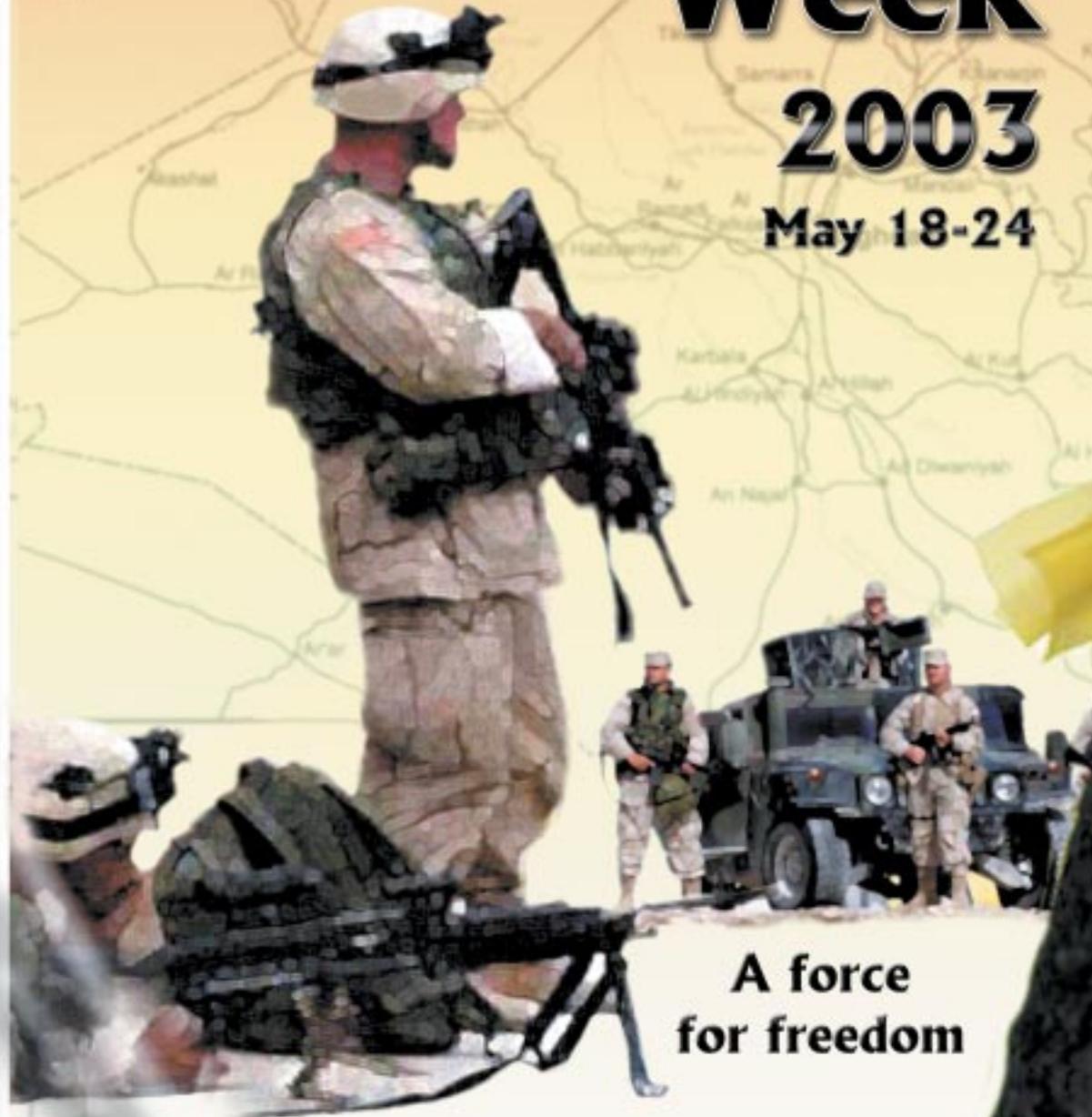




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Harford County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee proclaims support of military at APG

The Harford County Chamber of Commerce is proud of the military men and women who serve our country.

The chamber has expressed this pride for the past 25 years. During the week of May 18, the chamber will, once again, sponsor Military Appreciation Week in Harford County.

This weeklong celebration will honor all who serve in the U.S. military, especially those whose careers are based at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

It seems most fitting to recognize and support our colleagues at APG during this the 26th Annual Military Appreciation Week.

This publication is designed to recognize and salute the accomplishments of the U.S. military as well as to help the citizens of Harford County know of the important role APG plays in this region.

Personnel assigned to APG, both military and civilian, contribute to the well-being of our county in many ways--economically, socially and spiritually. Their efforts and those of the

hundreds of military contractors working at APG contribute to the excellent quality of life we enjoy.

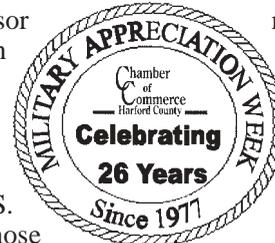
It is with pride and dedication that the members of the Military Affairs Committee participate in this annual recognition. We look forward to the 26th Annual Military Appreciation Luncheon on May 22 at Top of the Bay to thank our troops for their dedication and continued efforts in the line of duty.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to the advertisers who have come forward this year to place ads and notes of appreciation, and to extend a note of thanks to the sponsors of the Military Appreciation Luncheon who continue to make this event one of the premier military recognition events in the region.

This year brings the message even closer to home and the chamber appreciates the efforts of everyone involved in making the week of May 18 another successful salute to the U.S. military.

May God Bless America.

Linda Walls
Chair, Military Affairs Committee



Chamber highlights support for ESGR

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In July 2000 the United States Chamber of Commerce, the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and the Harford County Chamber of Commerce endorsed the following proclamation which reads:

"We recognize the National Guard and Reserve as essential to the strength of our nation and the well-being of our communities. In the highest American tradition, the patriotic men and women of the Guard and Reserve serve voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession. They train to respond to their community and their country in time of need. They deserve the support of every segment of our society."

If these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, increased public understanding is required of the essential role of the Guard and Reserve in preserving our national security. Their members must have the cooperation of all American employers in encouraging employee participation in

Guard and Reserve training programs.

Therefore, we join other employers in pledging that:

1. Employment will not be denied because of service in the Guard or Reserve;
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3. Employees will be granted leaves of absence for military training in the Guard or Reserve, consistent with existing laws, without sacrifice of vacation; and
4. This agreement and its resultant policies will be made known throughout our organizations."

This agreement hangs in the Harford County Chamber of Commerce and is signed by the Secretary of Defense and all appropriate designees of the endorsing organizations.

Employers who have questions regarding the current law, may contact the chamber at 410-838-2020 for additional information.

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Commander's message



*John C. Doesburg
Major General
Commander, Aberdeen Proving Ground*

Harford County and Aberdeen Proving Ground began their partnership in 1917, when the nation's attention was focused on World War I in Europe.

In 2003, more than 85 years later, with everyone's attention concentrated on our military successes in Iraq and Afghanistan, we see that partnership continuing to grow and prosper.

Today, our Army is in the midst of a monumental transformation.

The goal is to make the Army of tomorrow more mobile, more flexible, more lethal and more supportable. APG and its many, varied tenants are all part of that transformation.

In the year since Armed Forces Day 2002, APG has seen many changes.

To name just a few, the APG Garrison has become part of the Army's Installation Management Agency, a move that is expected to enhance our ability to manage installation resources and support our many tenants.

My own command, the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command has undergone its own transformation.

While some elements of SBCCOM have become part of the Army's new Research, Development and Engineering Command, others are now the core of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency.

These changes will enable each element to better contribute their expertise and talents toward making tomorrow's Army even stronger and more effective.

All of these changes make APG a more vital, viable contributor to America's defense posture.

APG's ability to successfully make that contribution is rooted in its partnership with its neighbors.

In addition to APG being Harford County's largest employer and the source of hundreds of millions of dollars in to the county and Maryland, APG's men, women, families and organizations are important parts of the larger community.

Our people work in local schools, serve in civic groups, churches and synagogues and volunteer with youth and senior citizens.

APG and the people of Harford County share a pride in what we do and in who we are.

We also share values, common goals and a sense of purpose. We are working together to make a better community, nation and world.

I want to thank you all for the support and appreciation you continue to demonstrate for APG and to the men and women of today's Army.

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History

Aberdeen Proving Ground was established by order of President Woodrow Wilson in December 1917, eight months after the United States entered World War I. The Army had taken over 69,000 acres of land and water two months earlier.

Sandy Hook, N.J., the Army's proof and acceptance testing ground for ammunition and cannon since 1874 was being closed and the Chesapeake Bay site was selected as the best suited to carry on the mission of testing field artillery, ammunition, air defense guns, trench mortars and railway artillery.

From this beginning, APG has grown and evolved into one of the most diversified military installations in the United States. The Edgewood Area of APG was also established in 1917 when the Army Ordnance Department acquired land 16 miles from Aberdeen and built a plant for the production of chemical munitions. This area was known as Edgewood Arsenal.

The July 1971 merger of Edgewood Arsenal and Aberdeen Proving Ground created a unique combination of activities and missions. Today, APG is recognized around the world as a leader in the research, development, testing and evaluation of materiel and the training of the officers and enlisted personnel to utilize it.

APG today

As the "Home of Army Ordnance," APG is an Army Installation Management Agency installation operated by the U.S. Army Garrison, APG.

There are eight major Army Commands represented on APG and the installation supports 61 tenants, 21 satellites and 17 private organizations. No longer dedicated to exclusively testing ordnance items, the installation provides facilities to test and proof all Army materiel. Test and support facilities provide for instrumented firing of weapons on a variety of state-of-the-art ranges, testing of tanks and other tracked vehicles over specifically engineered courses, and a wide variety of laboratory-type investigations.

Missions

Test and evaluation
Foreign intelligence
Research and development
Calibration
Training
Packaging technology
Chemical and biological defense
Installation restoration
Health services
Materiel systems analysis
Medical research
Occupational health

Installation support services

The APG population

APG is home to one of the finest teams of military and civilian scientists, research engineers, technicians, and administrators in the world. The work force responds to the critical training, test and evaluation and research and development mission by being diverse, highly trained and technically oriented. Some pertinent population facts:

Military - 4,785
Enlisted - 4,062
Officer - 589
Warrant Officer - 134
DOD Civilian - 6,699
Professional - 2,418
Administrative - 1,549
Technical - 1,206
Clerical - 567
Wage Grade - 542
Other - 417
NAF - 546
Contractors - 2,577
Other - 169
Dependents of active duty personnel - 5,739
Dependents of Reserve Components - 2,274
Retirees/family members - 20,839
Total - 43,628

Economic impact on Maryland

APG continues to be a dominant economic force in northeastern Maryland.

The combined military and civilian work force is over 14,700. APG employs over 7,200 appropriated and non-appropriated civilians to include over 5,100 that live in Harford County.

APG provides employment for approximately 4.3 percent of Harford County's 119,844-person civilian labor force, making it the largest single employer in the county.

Public responsibility, corporate citizenship

Situated at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay and surrounded by dense population, APG is extremely sensitive to its role as a community leader and environmental steward.

Highlights of APG's involvement with the surrounding community

Environmental outreach
Economic Development & Advisory Board
Higher Education & Applied Technology Center
Harford County Education System Partnerships
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CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OPERATIONS CENTER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Established at APG in August 1997 to manage the five Civilian Personnel Operations Centers in the contiguous United States, the agency provides civilian personnel support to nearly 180,000 appropriated-fund civilian

employees and leads a work force of approximately 1,400 people. CPOCMA sets and monitors production standards, trains human resource personnel and manages and markets regionalization and modernization. It provides leaders with the service and personnel systems necessary to attract, compensate, develop and retain a highly qualified work force that is ready to meet the challenges of constant change.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office, 410-306-1757.

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These investigations are used by Department of Defense adjudicative facilities to determine an individual's suitability to enter the armed forces, to access classified information, or to hold a sensitive position within DoD. The DSS Industrial Security Program includes the Defense portion of the National Industrial Security Program, the Arms, Ammunition and Explosives Program and the Critical Assets Assurance Program.

The NISP was established to ensure that private industry and colleges and universities, while performing government contracts or research and development, safeguard classified information in their possession.

Provides security, advice and assistance, counterintelligence support and industrial security oversight to cleared civilian contractor facilities performing classified contracts.

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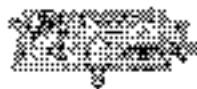
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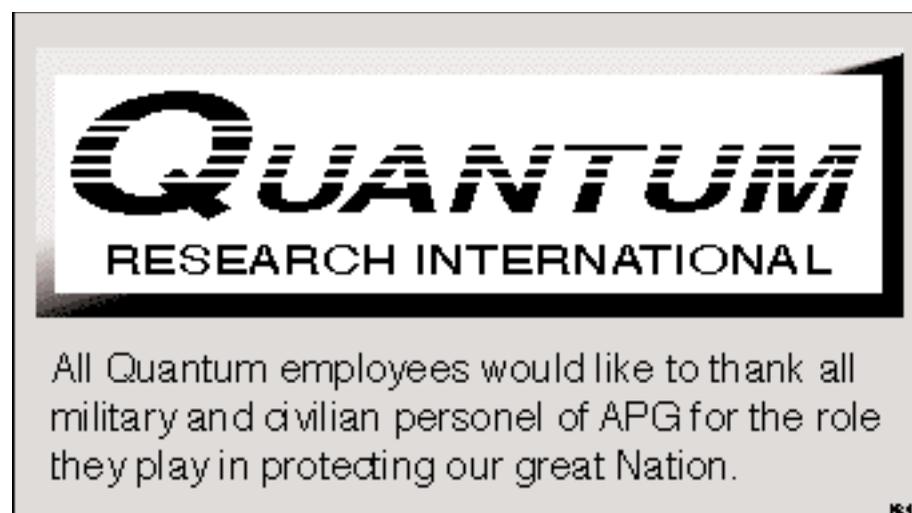
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APG joins City of Aberdeen to celebrate Armed Forces Day

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Aberdeen Proving Ground and the City of Aberdeen will team up for an Armed Forces Day celebration on May 17 to honor those who have served in the U.S. military.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen.

Displays will provide information about the organizations that support APG.

Entertainment will begin at 6 p.m., and includes local and military groups. The evening will culminate with a concert by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), followed by fireworks.

"This will be an exciting way for us to celebrate with our on-post community," said Darlene Ostroski, Aberdeen's Armed Forces Day coordinator. "So many veterans are located in this area that the event has even more meaning."

A video of the event will be taped

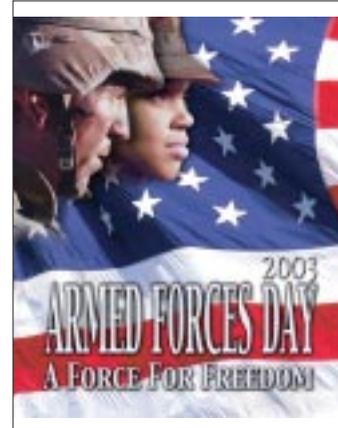
throughout the day, and the final version will be sent to units that are deployed overseas.

"We would like to have a great turnout on Armed Forces Day, so we can show our deployed military personnel that we support their efforts, and appreciate their sacrifices," said Katie McRoberts, APG's Armed Forces Day coordinator.

Armed Forces Day was established in 1949 to celebrate America's military as a single unit, reflecting the unification of the military branches under the Department of Defense.

Today, it is a celebration of America's military, past and present.

Donations are needed for the event. For information about how to help, or details about entertainment, call Darlene Ostroski at 410-272-1600, or visit the City of Aberdeen Web site, www.aberdeen-md.org.



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Technology transfer

Federally owned laboratories are the source for numerous scientific advancements and discoveries each year. These advancements are valuable not only to the government, but also to private businesses doing similar research and development.

ECBC is an active participant in the federal technology transfer program, and the organization makes its research facilities available to businesses to perform a variety of tests and evaluations.

The Technology Transfer Program at ECBC has grown from less than a \$1M of revenue in fiscal year 2000 to \$5M in fiscal year 2002 (counting inter-agency and other agreements) and has resulted in the availability of valuable technologies and technical services for use in the war on terrorism and other applications. ECBC believes partnership with industry is essential to maintaining the nation's spot on the frontier of chemical and biological technologies.

In particular, the Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) between ECBC and Chesapeake PERL, Inc., is an excellent example of how ECBC works with and benefits local enterprise. The partnership, focusing on a project involving antibodies and genetic technology, was

the result of an encounter made during Aberdeen Proving Ground's first technology transfer showcase, "Biotech Resources for Business," held in January 2001. C-PERL, a start-up biotech firm operating from a University of Maryland Technology Incubator, came to the event looking for a possible research and development collaboration.

As discovered at the January 2001 event, C-PERL and ECBC were natural partners. ECBC researchers had the experience, gene sequences, and facilities to demonstrate proof-of-principle of C-PERL's technology; and C-PERL had a proprietary technology of great interest to ECBC. With this clear match of interests, the ECBC Technology Transfer Office formed a CRADA and assisted in securing a grant from Maryland's Technology Development Corporation. ECBC scientists then went to work, developing antibodies presently used in biological threat agent detectors - a valuable product for both national defense and homeland security objectives.

The outcome of this CRADA partnership was a major factor in C-PERL's attaining private investment, completing key technical milestones, and achieving almost threefold company growth.

When asked about the importance of this CRADA partnership in choosing to invest in C-PERL, one investor said, "It was very key - it not only helped the company's technology, it was an external review of and addition to the technology by reputable scientists."

In FY02, ECBC and C-PERL completed a successful proof-of-principle demonstration under the CRADA. C-PERL obtained \$1.5M of private investor funding, won the Maryland Biotech/Life Sciences Incubator Company of the Year Award, and was featured in more than 20 news articles, including *FORTUNE Magazine's* "Coolest Companies of 2002," which featured results from the CRADA.

Kids & Chemistry

Volunteers from the ECBC conduct APG's Kids & Chemistry program, which organizes fun and educational science programs throughout the year



Carl Manahan, a fifth grade student at North Harford Elementary School, uses an eyedropper as part of an experiment to see the chemical reaction of two chemicals mixed together.

at various Harford County schools.

APG's Kids & Chemistry program, staffed in part by scientists and engineers from ECBC, encourages scientists to share their knowledge and enthusiasm of science with children through organized program events.

Kids & Chemistry also is designed to give local students a better appreciation for science while helping them understand how chemistry impacts their everyday lives.

The APG Kids & Chemistry program was founded in 2000 and has about two dozen volunteers who spend personal time with the schoolchildren, who are primarily fifth and sixth graders.

The group goes to Harford County classrooms, bringing lab kits they have made themselves, and shares experiments with the students.

One recent session at St. Margaret's Middle School explored the principles of electricity, magnetism, chemical reactions and surfactants through hands-on science activities.

Program leaders hope the Kids & Chemistry classroom visits will lead to similar groups working with children in Harford County and neighboring areas.

The APG Kids & Chemistry program is locally funded, receiving much of its support from companies working



Susan Procell, a volunteer for Kids & Chemistry Program, demonstrates to a fifth grade class at North Harford Elementary School how to check chemical reactions.

in Harford County.

Kids & Chemistry is an outreach program of the American Chemical Society that provides scientists with special training and hands-on science activities and demonstrations to share with children ages 9 through 12.

New organization responsible for nation's stockpile

Chemical Materials Agency (Provisional) stands up

Barry Napp
CMA-P

The Chemical Materials Agency (Provisional), located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, is a new organization that became provisional Feb. 19, 2003.

The CMA concept was approved and directed to stand up by the Secretary of the Army and was specifically created to enhance the safe storage and elimination of the nation's aging chemical weapons stockpile. CMA was formed by combining key elements from the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command with the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization.

The new organization assumes the responsibility of safely disposing of the nation's chemical warfare materiel while ensuring maximum protection of the public, workers and the environment.

Storage, security and emergency preparedness are also included in the CMA charter and this new organization also supports U.S. government programs to assist other nations in eliminating their chemical warfare related materiel as well as taking on the enormous task of administering the non-stockpile program throughout the nation.

Under the leadership of former deputy director of SBCCOM, Mike Parker, CMA, is now charged with the responsibility of combining chemical

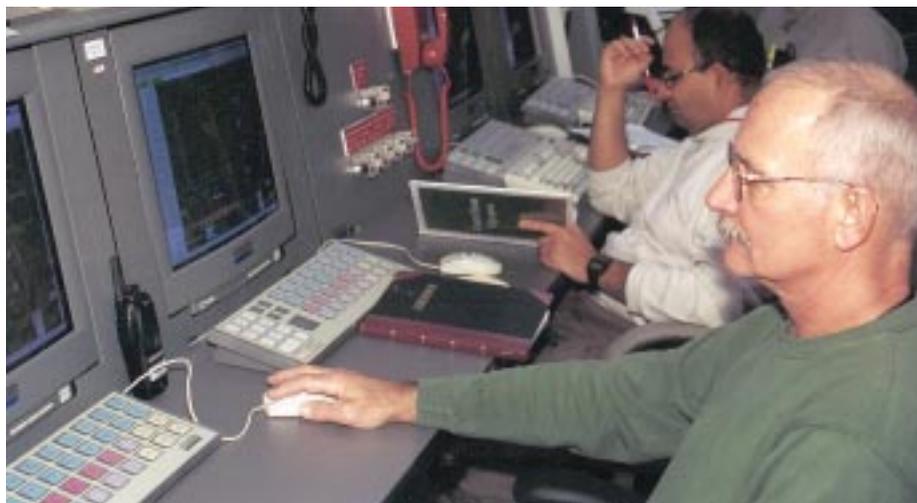
weapons stockpile and non-stockpile programs into a single agency. Although the storage, security, emergency preparedness and disposal functions take place on the same installation, these functions were previously managed by two separate organizations, PMCD and SBCCOM.

The creation of CMA results in increased efficiency, combining processes to integrate stockpile storage, emergency preparedness, plant design and disposal operations.

The reorganization and combining of Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization and SBCCOM gave rise to CMA and replaced those organizations whose goals and missions had grown beyond their previous command structure.

Director, CMA will report to the commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command and the Army Acquisition Executive and is assisted by two Senior Executive Service-level deputies. One deputy will serve in what was formerly the PMCD, now redesignated as the Program Manager for the Elimination of Chemical Weapons. The other will serve as the deputy for operations. The PM, ECW serves as the focal point for acquisition aspects of CMA; the Deputy, Operations oversees storage, destruction facility operations, treaty compliance and the emergency preparedness program.

For additional information on CMA reorganization, call 410-436-3629.



Control room operators Bob Miller, front, and Kirankumar Pathak, study the monitors that enable them to view neutralization operations at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility.



Photos courtesy of U.S. Army Bernard King, a ton container operator, cranks into place a ton container similar to those that will be drained at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. The mustard agent in the containers will be neutralized, and the byproduct shipped to a biotreatment facility in New Jersey.



U.S. Army Environmental Center

AEC partners with community

The U.S. Army Environmental Center guides the Army's efforts to increase readiness, improve quality of life, and enhance community relationships through sound stewardship of the environment. Additional information about the center is available at <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/>.

Eleanore J. Hajian
AEC

When an Army soldier walks into a classroom at Edgewood Elementary School the smiles stretch from ear to ear.

There's more than one reason for the eager reception. Soldiers happen to be cool.

It helps that many of the children's parents serve in the Army, but it's also because the students know that something good is coming.

The soldier may read to their class, show them some neat science experiment, teach them about endangered species, or help them climb into a High Mobility Multi Purpose Wheeled Vehicle.

This opportunity for locally based soldiers to connect with children in the surrounding community is a major benefit of a partnership that began six years ago between Edgewood Elementary School and the U.S. Army Environmental Center.

The partnership supports the educational experience of Edgewood Elementary School students.

Through the years, the partnership has brought many Army soldiers and civilian employees to the school for a variety of events.

This school year's events included a Sept. 11 commemoration ceremony, Reading Day and Military Appreciation and Awareness Day. An Earth "science" Day is planned for May 29.

AEC also helped arrange two workdays in September to clean up the school grounds that brought soldiers, school officials, students and local volunteers together.

Outreach to the school and the

local community is an important part of the AEC mission, according to Col. James M. De Paz, commander.

"Caring for our environment, and for the people who live in that environment, are roles we take very seriously. We view our close relationship with Edgewood Elementary as an important part of our environmental stewardship," he said during a September ceremony to renew the partnership.

Military Appreciation and Awareness Day

The HMMWV static display was one of several activities school children enjoyed on Military Appreciation and Awareness Day, another event organized by the U.S. Army Environmental Center.

During the Nov. 8 event, a group of military vehicles, soldiers, veterans and civilian Army employees arrived at the school to share their knowledge of the military and share the meaning of Veterans Day.

Inside the school's auditorium, children circulated among several displays and demonstrations.

They saw a color guard, tried on gas masks, learned about Army survival equipment and meals ready to eat, experienced a moving chemical detection system, watched an Army video and visited with veterans.

Outside they looked at large military machines including an amphibious vehicle called a "duck."

Participants and volunteers from APG and the surrounding community made the event possible.

Event contributors included the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, U.S. Army Recruiting Station (Bel Air), 16th Ordnance Battalion of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, American Legion Post 17 (Edgewood) and AEC.



Sgt. 1st Class Marcos Gallegos, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, shows Edgewood Elementary School students a high-tech High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicle.



Doenee Moscato, an AEC volunteer, reads to Dawn Johnson's Kindergarten class during AEC Reading Day, March 13. Sixteen AEC volunteers read to nearly 300 students in 17 classes during the event.

ATC employee gives back to community



Photo by SUSAN HAGAN

Barbara White and Gurvis Davis, co-chairs of ATC's Harvest for the Hungry Food Drive, organize ATC's donations. The donations were given to the Bel Air Emergency Food Pantry.

Susan Hagan ATC

For nearly 20 years of her 38 year federal service career, a secretary with the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center's Objective Force Office has also been giving back to the community.

Barbara White spends her free time volunteering with Al-Anon. She also co-chairs ATC's Harvest for the Hungry food drive and is known as someone who can discreetly assist individuals in need in getting assistance, whether it be medicine, food, clothing, assistance with utility bills or other necessities.

Al-Anon is a program dedicated to helping families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem drinking of a relative or friend. Al-Anon holds meetings seven days a week; White runs two of them. Most recently, White worked to help establish a new meeting group in Bel Air at the MANN House.

"This [Al-Anon] is a beginning for people to get help and live a different

life with someone that has an addiction," White said.

Along with running meetings, another one of White's duties, and one of her favorites, is answering phones for Al-Anon's answering service.

"It's very rewarding," she said.

When working on the hotline, White can either solve an individual or family's problem quickly or refer them to the correct contacts to get the help they need.

As an example, White tells of a woman who called the hotline to get help from a pay phone on the boardwalk in Ocean City.

"She had her two young children with her," White remembered. "We contacted the Ocean City Police Department and got her into a shelter."

White has been an Al-Anon District Five representative for Harford and Cecil counties for seven years. She attends Area World Service meetings held throughout Maryland, Washington D.C. and Virginia Beach. White brings back updates of information that pertains

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CHPPM gives student 'a great way to spend my summer vacation'

CHPPM

Summer vacations aren't what they used to be. While her friends were working summer jobs and working on their tans, Bel Air High School senior Shikha Handa went beyond the guarded gates in the Edgewood Area and reported for work during the summer of 2002.

Handa won a coveted slot in the George Washington University Science and Engineering Apprentice Program and was placed with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Water Supply Management Program.

"My director, Col. K.K. Phull, called me one day and asked if I would be willing to serve as a sponsor and mentor for Handa," said Maj. Thomas Timmes. "Phull's guidance and expectation of me were that he wanted Handa to feel good about her accomplishments and contributions, and for her to leave with a positive image of CHPPM and the Army,

"I was impressed with her application letter," he said. "I saw that she was a serious student and would be up for a

challenge."

Over a two-month period, Handa worked alongside government civilians, commissioned officers, enlisted soldiers, and a West Point Cadet. She investigated the ability of various handheld drinking water treatment devices to remove chemical contaminants. Her research included an opportunity to work in the CHPPM laboratory with new water testing kits and also gave her a chance to take water samples on the nearby shores of the Chesapeake Bay.

When asked about her experience, Handa said, "The internship at CHPPM was a great way to spend my summer vacation. It helped make me aware of some of the real world applications of things that are taught to students in school. It also helped expose me to a possible career option for my future."

According to Timmes, CHPPM also benefited from her time and hard work. "Because of her efforts, we were able to share the results of this study with the larger preventive medicine community during the Annual Force Health Protection Conference in Baltimore,"

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Apprentice Shikha Handa and West Point Cadet Robert Nahabedian evaluate the flow rate of a handheld water treatment device.

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to Al-Anon or Al-Ateen (a support group for teenagers) from the meetings to the district group representatives and alternates.

Another portion of White's Al-Anon volunteering is spent at Ashley Treatment Center. White and another individual hold meetings on Fridays or Saturdays for friends and family members that have someone at the treatment center at that time. This introduces the individuals to the Al-Anon program so that they can then find meetings in their area.

For the last three years, White has co-chaired ATC's Harvest for the Hungry food drive, collecting non-perishable food, hygiene items such as soap, tooth paste, shampoo, powder,

etc., and monetary donations. The food collected is distributed throughout Harford and Cecil counties by the Bel Air Emergency Food Pantry. The food pantry distributes all year to individuals in need.

White keeps close contact with the Director of the Food Pantry, Patricia Harkins, scheduling monthly pick-ups of donations from ATC. Last summer, the Food Pantry received enough donations to be able to feed the children that attend summer school.

In 2002, White was awarded the Federal Executive Board silver Excellence in Federal Career Award for Community Service. She also received a bronze Excellence in Federal Career Award for Community Service in 2001. In addition, she has also received the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service and several Commander's Awards for Civilian Service.

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he said.

In the past, CHPPM has supported other mentoring programs, such as the Harford County Engineer for a Day program and the Hereford County

annual "Bay Days" at Gunpowder State Park.

Scattered within CHPPM, there are more than a few engineers and scientists who got their start with similar internship programs.

"I was glad to take the time to explain things to Handa; she was willing to learn and quite capable of getting the job done," Timmes said.

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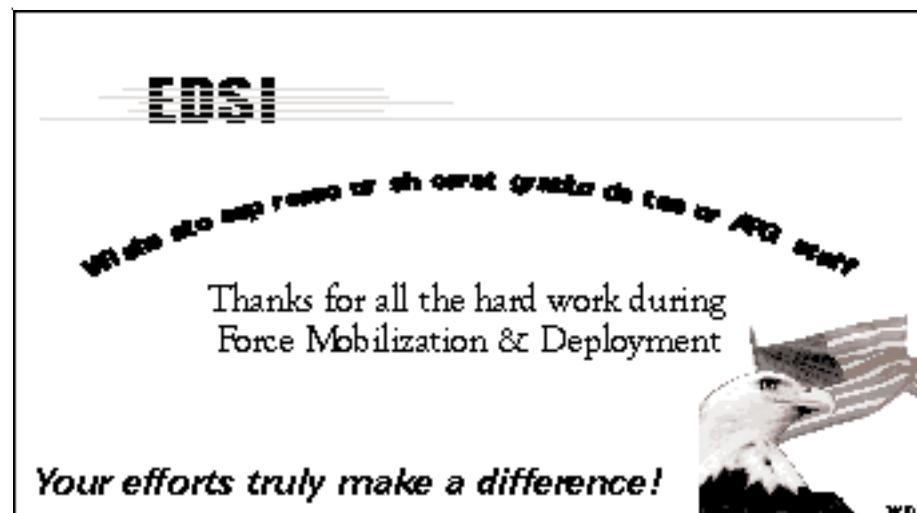
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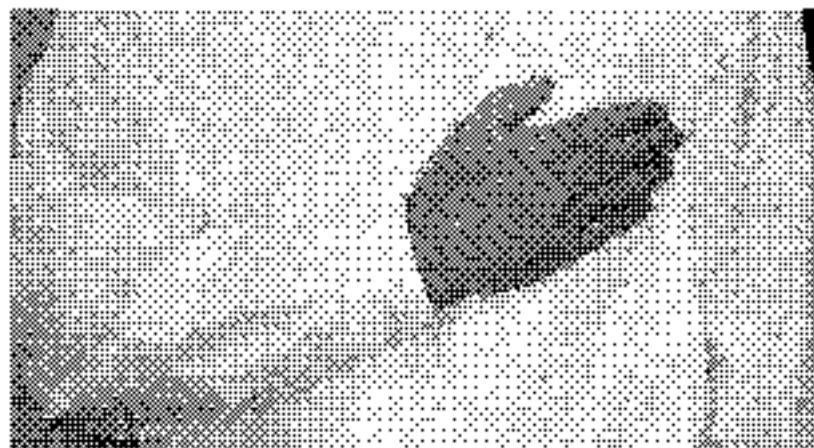
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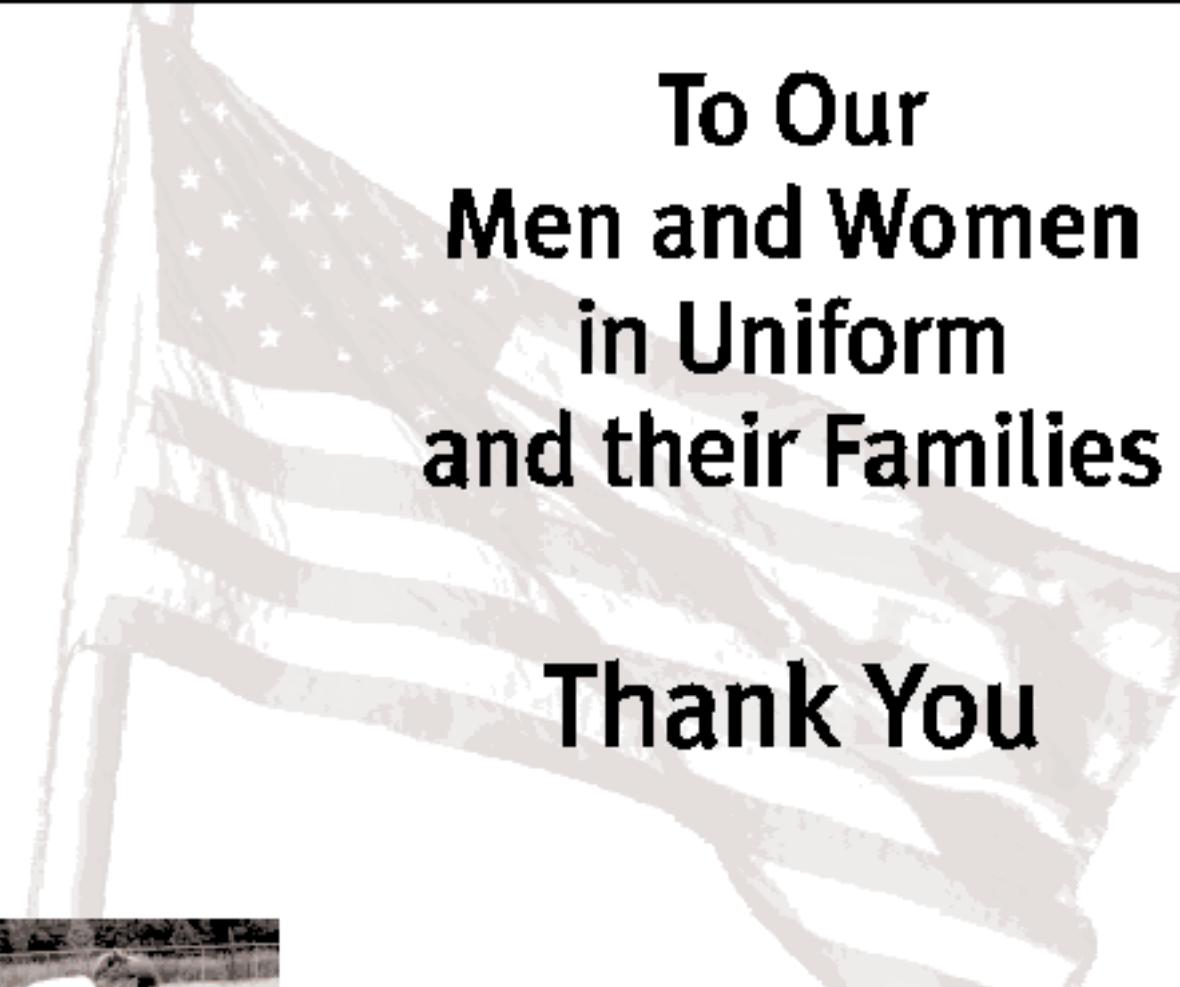
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