

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling scheduled pickup for Wednesday, May 26, is paper. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Use both lanes

Drivers are urged to use both lanes as they approach the gates to APG's Aberdeen Area.

At the barricades, motorists should alternate the right of way - allowing every other car to move into the primary entrance lane, like a zipper.

This more efficient movement of traffic will speed up the process.

The provost marshal warns drivers who pull out in front of other vehicles, block traffic lanes or exhibit other aggressive tendencies, that they are driving on a federal installation and are subject to citations through the federal court system.

Wise Road closure expected

Wise Road between Bond Road and building E-4040 will be closed on May 22 to allow completion of steamline installation work and to repave the roadway.

Work may continue into Sunday in the event of unexpected problems or weather delays.

Motorists are asked to use caution and observe all closure signs and detours.

For more information, call Jerry Norris, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-1159.

Office Eagle holds customer appreciation days

Aberdeen and Edgewood area Office Eagle Base Supply Centers will hold customer appreciation days, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 24 and 25. Free food, product presentations and an opportunity for the staff to thank its patrons is part of the activities.

Military Spouse Appreciation Month

In honor of Military Spouse Appreciation Month, Army Community Service will hold a cake-cutting ceremony 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 27, at the PX.

Everyone is invited to stop by and visit the information table.

Blood Drive May 27

The 16th Ordnance Battalion will host an Armed Services Blood Drive 4 to 9 p.m. in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

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Photo by MEGHAN BOWEN

CYS holds Spring Fest

Vickie Ruzicka, left, helps her 13-month old daughter, Caelie Bratcher, play the bean bag toss game with Child and Youth Services Lead Gloria Lujan during the CYS Spring Fest at the Edgewood Area Youth Center April 29. Story on page 11.

Initiatives to improve education system serve Army well

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

(Editor's note: This is one article in a weekly series on the 17 Army focus areas. This one focuses on "Leader Development and Education.")

Today's methods of training and educating the force and growing leaders are effective, but they do need some tweaks to ensure continued success on tomorrow's battlefields, according to the findings of Task Force Leader Development and Education.

Leader Development and Education is one of 17 focus areas directed by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker to channel Army efforts in winning the global war on terrorism and increasing the Army's relevance and readiness.

"We have what I consider a world-class Army and world-class leaders today — you have to recognize they are products of the (education) system we have in place today," said Brig. Gen. James Hirai, deputy commandant,

Army Command and General Staff College. "Recognizing that level of competence, we still need to grow. We need to anticipate and prepare for the unknown."

As part of its charter, the task force reviewed the findings from the officer, warrant officer, noncommissioned officer and civilian Army Training and Leader Development Panel surveys that were conducted over the past few years. The task force validated the majority of those findings, Hirai said.

However, the task force did not limit itself to just validating past studies. It has taken a broad look across the Army, Hirai said. He talked about what the task force has determined to date under several categories:

Lifelong learning

While the Army has long espoused a culture of lifelong learning in leaders of all levels, accountability for that lifelong learning has not been well defined. The individual Soldier, the organizations the

Soldier belongs to during an Army career and the institution itself all have roles to play in that lifelong learning journey, Hirai said. Those roles need to be clearly defined and understood by each player, he continued.

Additionally, there must be some form of formal standards-based assessment and feedback mechanism in place in order to determine if lifelong learning goals are being met and to adapt to changing learning needs or emerging technologies.

High-payoff initiatives

The task force is recommending that Army schoolhouses move toward a common scenario based upon today's asymmetrical threat.

Working off a common scenario may allow different career field training centers to build synergies in conducting collective joint exercises via linked simulators and computer networks, Hirai said.

Another high-payoff initiative

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'Click It or Ticket' begins next week

Maj. Joseph J. Darabasz
DLES

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Police will join more than 12,000 other law enforcement agencies May 24 throughout the Memorial Day Weekend for Click It or Ticket, a nationwide crackdown against seat belt violators.

The APG Police will conduct seat belt spot-checks throughout the installation and at all entry gates.

"Violators will receive a traffic citation," said Robert Krauer, DLES provost marshal. "Safety is important to the installation and Army leadership, and is why APG is participating in this campaign."

Click It or Ticket is sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and targets 16 to 34 year olds with a specific emphasis on teenagers and military personnel.

"Statistically, people in that age group have the lowest seat

belt usage rates," Karuer said. "Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for military personnel and are at a four-year high."

The enforcement blitz comes as data shows that more men and women in uniform die in traffic crashes than from any other cause.



This enforcement effort, which will continue through the Memorial Day holiday, will be supported throughout the State of Maryland.

Technology Expo draws big numbers to Top of the Bay

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

More than 300 Aberdeen Proving Ground service members and civilians came out for a look at the latest in information technology during the Spring Information Technology Products and Services Expo at Top of the Bay April 21.

Sponsored by the APG Garrison's Directorate of Information Management and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Corporate Information Office, and Federal Direct Access Expositions, the expo, held twice annually, in the fall and spring, allows for

face-to-face networking between customers and service providers.

"It's a win-win for APG because customers get to meet those they deal with regularly. Now they can put a face with a name and voice," said Christopher Zukowski, RDE-COM systems analyst and an expo co-organizer.

"Plus, the companies get to show their wares, latest innovations, and network," added Susan Suppa, DOIM information technology specialist.

"This is a way for our tenants to find the latest in technology in a congenial atmosphere," Suppa said.

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First hand experiences shared at Law Day luncheon

Brown v. Board of Education is theme

Meghan Bowen
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground community celebrated 50 years since the Brown v. the Board of Education decision at the 2004 Law Day luncheon April 29 at Top of the Bay.

Lt. Col. Stephen Parke, Staff Judge Advocate U.S. Army Garrison, APG, welcomed guests and acknowledged local dignitaries including Joe Cassilly, Harford County States Attorney;

Thomas Marshall, Maryland circuit county court judge; Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander, APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; and Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison commander and deputy installation commander.

Chaplain (Col.) William D. Willett gave an invocation for the ceremony.

"Bless all those who work in law," Willett said.

Before introducing the guest speaker, Doesburg reflected on past and recent experience that showed how the lines of segregation have been erased since the Brown v. Board of Education decision.

"The Army of the 50s and 60s is considerably different from society today," Doesburg said.

He told guests about when he switched high schools, when his father was stationed in Arkansas, where his former

black classmates were not able to attend the new school.

"This was eight years after the Brown versus Board of Education decision," Doesburg said.

But in a more recent experience, Doesburg noted how segregation was a thing of the past.

"Last night, I went to visit an APG Soldier being medic'd by plane to Andrews Air Force Base. There were over 50 Soldiers wounded in action

on the aircraft with burns and missing limbs," he said. "There was no distinction between race or country of origin."

Doesburg went on to describe how one Soldier was worried about his friends.

"One white noncommissioned Soldier asked me to please check on his friends a couple of rows down. One was Hispanic and the other black. His friends were his main

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APG honors volunteers

Meghan Bowen
APG News

Military and civilian volunteers were honored at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Volunteer Recognition ceremony and reception at Top of the Bay April 29, which was sponsored by Army Community Service.

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) played as six members of the Ordnance Center and Schools' Basic Non-commissioned Officers Course led guests to their seats.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, hosted the ceremony and spoke about the dedication of the volunteers.

"The devotion of volunteers is not something you can quantify...they're unique indi-

viduals who give as much as they can," Doesburg said.

The 41 nominated volunteers met the required criteria, which included demonstrating exemplary achievement or superior volunteer service in support of APG community programs, according to Marilyn Howard, ACS volunteer program manager, who helped coordinate the event.

All volunteer nominations fell under five categories, including Military, Family Members, Retirees, Civilians and Youths, for their services on APG only. Services must have been performed between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2003.

Five members from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Child and Youth Services and the 61st Ordnance Brigade judged the nominees who received certi-



Photo by RALPH BROTH

Volunteers of the year, second from left, Staff Sgt. William Benjamin, Paula Meredith, Retired Staff Sgt. Bernadette Kovalsick, Beth Ann Cameron and Sean Doran, present a check denoting the value of the number of total service hours for \$269,711.10 from the Aberdeen Proving Ground volunteer organizations to Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg far left, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command while Col. Mardi U. Mark, far right, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, looks on at Top of the Bay April 29.

icates of appreciation for their volunteer work.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, helped Doesburg present awards to the nominees.

"Hooah," Mark said, when Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby came up to receive his volunteer award.

The APG volunteer nominees were among the many Army volunteers worldwide,

this month, to receive the new Army Volunteer Pin, which formalizes the Army's commitment to volunteerism and unites volunteers across all Army communities—the active

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Deployment News

APG Soldier returns 'Freedom' to Joppa school

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Although teddy bears are seldom equated with the Soldiers of today's lean and mean Army, one Soldier from the Edgewood Area's Guardian Brigade found that he couldn't leave home without one.

Master Sgt. Louie O. Marohombsar said he never thought a stuffed animal would come to mean so much to him as he returned the little bear called "Freedom" to the sixth grade class of Chellay Corpuz at Mountain Christian School in Joppa April 26.

Marohombsar accepted the bear from Ryan Taylor Henry, 12, as part of the class'

Travelmate Project before his departure to Iraq in 2003. He returned in April.

Travelmate involves assigning a stuffed animal, or critter, to someone about to depart on a trip, and requesting that they send a travel log including maps and postcards for the student, who presents the trip's specifics to the class, explained Corpuz during the program held in the school's chapel.

Upon that person's return, they return the critter to the child or class.

"The main requirement for reporting is that students must use photo albums to present post cards for display so that both sides can be seen," said

Corpuz.

She said the project starts shortly after the school year begins and concludes at the end of April.

"The first year we tried Travelmate in 2001, it was delayed by September 11," Corpuz said. "We got one out of four bears back that [school] year. This time our mileage has almost doubled, which shows people are traveling again."

Before returning "Freedom" to the class, Marohombsar, accompanied by his supervisor, Master Sgt. Donald Jones, presented a slide show of his tour in Iraq and a display of mementos from his tour of duty.

"We were really busy," Marohombsar said. "I apologize if I didn't write continuously."

He thanked the class for their cards and letters, which he said made his time away from home more 'bearable.'

"It made my life easier over there knowing someone was thinking about me over here," he said.

The slide show included photographs from the living area at Camp Slayer, where his unit was stationed, and throughout the Baghdad area.

"We were lucky to be in this camp. It's the most beautiful

camp in the entire desert. Unfortunately, not all Soldiers over there get to live like this," he told the students as he pointed out the camp's dining facility, medical clinic, barber shop and gymnasium.

A former Hussein military camp, Camp Slayer is fortified by sand bags, concertina wire and 24-hour guards, Marohombsar said.

Several photos showed him with "Freedom" close by, in a vehicle, on a cot in his living quarters and with other animal friends.

He said the hardest part about leaving Iraq was leaving fellow Soldiers behind.

"It's kind of sad because they are still over there and I'm back here enjoying my life," Marohombsar said. "It's tough to accept, but there's still a job to do over there."

Before handing "Freedom" over to Henry, Marohombsar cautioned the youths to not take their liberty for granted.

"Enjoy your life and your freedom," he said. "Be thankful we have a military. Those guys are doing a great job. They are the ones who kept me alive."

"I'm going to give him back now because I promised Ryan I would bring him home and I did," he added, holding up the critter for all to see. "He



Photo courtesy of MASTER SGT. LOUIE MAROHOMBSAR

A photograph of Master Sgt. Louie Marohombsar and his critter friend "Freedom" seated in a military vehicle in Baghdad, is one of several that Marohombsar sent to the school during his deployment.

made a lot of difference. I'm giving him back although I don't want to."

Principal Nadine Wellington thanked Marohombsar for participating in 'Travelmate' and led a prayer thanking God for his safe return and for the safety of "all our armed forces."

Henry, who named the critter "Freedom" for Operation Iraqi Freedom, said he learned more than he expected to learn about Iraq and the military during Marohombsar's deployment.

"I learned it's rough in Iraq, the people live hard there," Henry said. "They should feel lucky our military is there for them."

He added that he and Marohombsar plan to remain friends and keep in touch.

His mother, Jan Henry, who manages the apartment complex where Marohombsar lives, said she came up with the idea to ask him to accept her son's critter when she learned of his impending deployment.

"He was more than willing to participate," she said, adding her son even worried about Marohombsar if he didn't hear from him for a while.

"He sent post cards from Washington, D.C., even before he left the country," she said. "It all worked out so well. What a great learning experience for the children and for us."

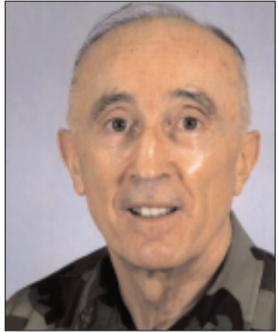


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Master Sgt. Louie O. Marohombsar of the Edgewood Area Guardian Brigade, holds up his critter companion, "Freedom" for all to see before returning it to Ryan Taylor Henry, right, during the conclusion of the 6th-graders 'Travelmate Project' at Mountain Christian School in Joppa April 26.

Commentary

I'm going home



Chaplain (Maj.) Joseph L. Di Gregorio
USAGAPG

(I was deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom and my orders had me deployed for six months beginning in September 2002.

When the war broke out my

unit was about two months from re-deploying.

A stop-movement order was issued and we were all facing an unexpected extension. As it turned out we spent an additional four months bringing our deployment to 10 months.

A lot of Soldiers, understandably, were not very pleased at having to spend any additional time in Iraq.

I took the opportunity to focus on 'home,' a topic on everyone's mind. Not, of course, the home that many had in mind. Father Joe)

All Americans shared in the horror of the space shuttle flight Columbia, which exploded on reentry into our atmosphere, and in which all seven astronauts were killed. A

sad president shared his grief with the American people when he addressed the nation that evening. The president made a statement that many found touching and indicative of his own personal belief.

"The members of space ship Columbia did not make it back to earth but we hope and pray that they are safely home," he said.

"Home." What stirs up more memories of happiness, joy, and belonging than home? Home, where you can kick back, relax, put your feet up on the table and where your wife, husband, children, mom and dad accept you just the way you are. Home is one great place to be.

I think about home often.

I'm sure you do, too. But what about those who have no home. What are they going to do? Can we invite them to ours? Should we? I can't think of a sadder situation for any person, let alone a Soldier, who has no home to go to.

Yet, there are many people in the world who, unfortunately, have no home. Part of the reason for this, of course, is their own fault. They have no home because they see no need for one. Their mental process tells them there is no such thing and to seek one is only an exercise in futility. How sad!

How such people reconcile their gifts of intellect, or in some cases, lack of intellect, their ability to do good if they wish or evil if they so desire and not see in this tremendous gift a sign of the divine in themselves is beyond me.

What other part of creation has the ability to reason? I

challenge anyone to show me any animal that can reason like man. Who other than a person is held accountable for their actions? If you or I commit a crime, we are always held accountable. We pay a fine, go to jail or, in some extraordinary cases, forfeit our lives. We are held accountable by a group of our peers.

A dog can break its leash and attack a person and can even kill a person; it's happened before. Now, I ask you, is Fido put on trial and judged by a group of his peers to see if he is accountable? Of course not. In most cases when an animal injures or maims a person, the animal is usually put to sleep immediately. Its owner may be held accountable but never an animal.

Now if mankind can reason, doesn't it stand to reason (no pun intended) that the good a person does will be rewarded

and the evil a person does will be punished? It sure does to me. If a person chooses to do good then somewhere in the great scheme of life that should be rewarded. Likewise in the case of a person choosing to do evil. Shouldn't he be punished? But, who's going to do this rewarding or punishing? Can man's intellect and free will have evolved as some propose? If so, then why haven't the higher forms of animal life evolved in the same way as we have? Animals have been on earth for as long as man and in some cases even longer. Isn't there some philosophical principle of 'Cause and Effect' working here? If so, then there must be some uncaused, Cause.

And that my brothers and sisters is none other than God. And it's his home that I'm going to. Want to come?

God bless you.

Waiting - a tough job

Sheila Little
Special contributor

I think my soldier was prepared to deploy. I'm just not so sure her mother was.

Jim and I traveled to Fort Hood, Texas, in March for a last visit before our daughter, 1st Lt. Denise Little, deployed to Iraq with the 1st Cavalry Division. While I wasn't looking forward to the deployment, I kept saying to myself, "The farewell is the hard part. If I can just get through it, things will be okay."

Obviously, I hadn't not thought this through completely. I thought letting her go would be harder, but now I know that waiting for her safe return is harder.

Lately, the news reports have been frightening and I've had moments of weakness, so I pray for her safety, find comfort in the Psalms, and remind myself that she is a well-prepared Soldier in the finest military in the world.

As a member of West Point's 2002 graduating class, Denise studied leadership and tactics and experienced a variety of military challenges. In addition, over the past year she has attended special desert training courses, and as a chemical officer and platoon leader with the 68th Chemical Company, she's received additional training in hazardous materials response.



Photo courtesy of 1LT DENISE LITTLE

1st Lt. Denise Little pauses on her way to talk to the bedouin whose livestock is taking over the horizon at this live fire range in Kuwait. Deploying Soldiers generally train for a few weeks in Kuwait before moving on to their Iraq assignment.

While the Soldiers in the states have busily prepared for their mission in Iraq, living conditions overseas have improved in anticipation of their arrival. Soldiers have graduated from sleeping in the sand under the shadow of a tank, to living in heated and air-conditioned trailers; from eating nothing but MRE's, to hot meals served in dining facilities. Most deployed Soldiers now have increased access to telephones, mail, recreation and Internet services such as e-mail and instant message.

Letters and phone calls from Denise saying living conditions are pretty good and that there are plenty of friendly Iraqi citizens around can be reassuring, but all that is quickly forgotten when the

national news outlets emphasize hatred, distrust and fighting.

Denise, like all our Soldiers, is in God's hands. I find comfort in knowing God hears our prayers for safety and guidance for our Soldiers and wisdom for our leaders.

Those of us not on the front lines should pray for and support our Soldiers and leaders, but in addition we should not forget about the thousands of family members waiting at home. Waiting may be the most difficult job of all.

(Editor's note: Sheila Little is the wife of Col. James Little, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, and a former APG News reporter, now a contractor with URS Coleman.)

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Education

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the task force recommends is conducting a formal reoccurring training needs assessment across the Army, Hirai said.

Education System

Task Force Leader Development and Education is also reviewing content delivery and timing of training. Part of that is determining when a Soldier should get resident training and the duration of that training.

"The question is what type and amount of training does the Soldier or leader need to be comfortable with in current and future operations," Hirai said.

Joint operations [training] is one area that should be done at a lower level than most Army school curriculum — likely at the basic qualification course, the general said.

"Joint interoperability, joint operations (training), is not at the right level," Hirai said. "We are finding in the contemporary operating environment today that joint operations are done by junior leaders."

Not all institutional training may need to be done at the schoolhouse, Hirai said, especially with off-the-shelf technology that allows for more distance education than available 10 years ago.

Leveraging technologies

Leveraging technologies includes distance learning via linked simulators and distance learning via the Web, but it is more.

"We are looking at the human dimension — how people learn," Hirai said. "It's about identifying what leaders and Soldiers have to do and how to most effectively deliver the training they need to do those tasks."

Single education proponent

Agreeing wholeheartedly with the Civilian Army Training and Leader Development Panel finding, the task

force is recommending a single education proponent for all Soldier and Department of the Army civilian training.

Under the current system, civilian training is managed through the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1, with major commands footing the bill.

Soldier training management is an Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, G3, responsibility, with the Human Resource Command paying travel and other costs.

Hirai said he envisions a single organization responsible for managing the training of both the military and civilian workforces. Whatever that organization ends up being, it would still need to coordinate with G1 and G3 to ensure legal mandates are met.

As far as civilian leader development, Hirai said there are many courses out there, but none tied to career progression.

The task force recommends the Army establish a specific civilian leader development program.

Integration

The Leader Development and Education Task Force has been in close contact with the other area task forces, Hirai said, as what each finds often impacts other areas.

The focus areas are all linked and all designed to improve the readiness of the Army.

When one of the other task forces recommends a new piece of equipment or process, Army training will play a role in ensuring Soldiers know how to use that equipment or procedure, Hirai said.

"Current and past leader development and education programs have served our nation very well," Hirai said. "Our leaders, in fact, have been pretty well prepared to plan and execute complicated operations in combat. We are building on success."

Law Day

From front page

concern," Doesburg said.

Doesburg introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Walter J. Leonard, who was sponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council.

"Leonard was a veteran. He entered the Coast Guard at 15. [He] was released at 17 and finished high school with his original graduating class. And that takes a lot of perseverance," Doesburg said.

Leonard is a distinguished scholar, professor, author, attorney, former assistant dean of both the Howard and Harvard University Law schools, and founding chairman of the W.E.B. DuBois Institute at Harvard.

Leonard has also published many law articles on topics such as the First Amendment, legal education, and the problems of African-American students and administrators in white schools.

"No one is better suited to speak today," Doesburg said.

Leonard spoke about his first hand experience with the 1954 Brown v. the Board of Education decision, its relevance, and events in the civil rights movement that led up to the Supreme Court case that ended legally imposed segregation in public schools.

"May 17, 1954, 350 years after the first African slave arrived in this state," Leonard said.

"May 17, 1954, six years after Harry S. Truman, against the advice of his two top generals, desegregated armed forces," he said.

In 1951, Leonard was asked to leave Georgia State College, because of his race; so he moved to Washington D.C. He waited tables and drove a taxi, among other jobs to pay

for school.

On his way home from work one day, Leonard saw a policeman beating a colored person.

Leonard contacted the NAACP, and said he would testify against the Washington D.C., police.

Through his contacts at the NAACP, Leonard was able to attend the Supreme Court hearings for the Brown v. Board of Education case.

Leonard listened to the arguments for three years, and even sat behind Thurgood Marshall.

"In 1953, the Supreme Court decided not to decide. In 1954, they issued the decision," Leonard said.

Leonard recalled the May 17, 1954 decision.

"Almost precisely at 12:52 p.m., Warren began to read his decision. Given the fact that the Supreme Court had never been unanimous before then, and that 21 states had segregation as a matter of law, this decision was momentous," Leonard said.

"In 1955, they finally implemented the decision, but by that time those opposed to Brown v. Board of Ed had devised all sorts of strategies to get around it," Leonard said.

"Brown versus the Board of Ed made America look in the mirror," Leonard said.

Leonard implored his audience to reflect on U.S. history.

"America look in the mirror. Do you remember Jesse Owens telling Hitler to go to hell? Look at Lady Liberty and the Capitol. Slaves built the executive mansion, sometimes called the White House. Look in the mirror and ask yourself, do you like what you see?" Leonard said.

Fifty years ago, Leonard said he would not have been invited to talk at this ceremony and that his daughter would not have been a professor at a college in Baltimore.

After Leonard's speech, Parke presented him with a picture of an American Bald Eagle, which was taken on

APG.

Maryland Army National Guard Military Youth Corps Freestate Challenge Academy cadets Darrick Deal, Derek Roberts and Matthew Shepherd, were also acknowledged for essays they wrote on the Brown v. Board of Education decision.

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Volunteer

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force, National Guard and Army Reserve.

The goal of the Army Volunteer Pin is to promote and strengthen volunteerism by uniting community volunteer efforts, supporting career mobility, and establishing volunteer partnerships to support individual personal growth and life-long volunteer commitment.

The pins are a part of the newly established Army Volunteer Corps, which was developed after a 2002 survey of Army families that showed volunteerism in the Army was lower than in the civilian community.

After the recognition of all the volunteers, one nominee was chosen as 'Volunteer of the Year' from each of the five categories.

"Selecting the best of these five categories is almost impossible," Doesburg said.

The winners were Staff Sgt. William Benjamin for Military,

Paula Meredith for Family Member, retired Staff Sgt. Bernadette Kovalsick for Retiree, Beth Ann Cameron for Civilian, and Sean Doran for Youth of the Year.

Cameron used her master's in community health education to implement various health classes and seminars for her volunteer hours. She held seminars at the Edgewood Area Youth Center and health classes with the ChalleNGe students.

Each 'Volunteer of the Year' received a plaque and a \$250 savings bond.

After the final awards were presented, Doesburg was presented with a giant cardboard check for \$269,711.10, from APG volunteer organizations for the total number of service hours.

"The time they've spent helping others can't be measured," Doesburg said.

"Each one has a talent that we need. And I hope they continue to share their enthusiasm, time and care with APG," he said.

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ing students can donate from 4 to 5 p.m. AIT students can donate from 5 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Michael Poore, 410-278-8599.

Sampson AFB Veterans Association, Inc. seeks veterans

The Sampson Air Force Base Veterans Association, Inc., is searching for all personnel who served or trained at Sampson Air Force Base from 1950 through 1956, to include basic trainees, permanent party, "WAFS," students in special schools, officers and noncommissioned officers stationed at Sampson.

The Sampson Memorial Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through May 31, week-

ends only; May 31 through Sept. 6, Wednesday through Sunday; and Sept. 6 through Oct. 11, weekends only.

The gate closes for the last tour at 3:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Chip Phillips, P.O. Box 331, Williamsville, NY 14231-0331 or e-mail Chip34@aol.com.

APG commanders speak at Memorial Day ceremonies

Leadership from Aberdeen Proving Ground will participate at two Memorial Day events.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, will be the guest speaker at the Edgewood Area cemetery at 10 a.m.

After the ceremony, lunch will be served at American Legion Post 17, 415 Edgewood Road.

All traffic must use Route 24 Gate. Signs will be posted for directions.

Attendees are advised to arrive at the gate no later than 9:30 a.m. to allow time for security procedures. Photo ID is required.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at American Legion Post 17.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander, will speak at the Perryville American Legion at 11 a.m.

Limited tickets available for Montgomery Gentry concert

Tickets for the Montgomery Gentry concert on July 17 cost \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the show.

To purchase tickets, call Ticketmaster at 1-800-551-SEAT; visit www.apgmwr.com or MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907; or Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210, 410-436-7134.

For more information and disabilities accommodations, call 410-278-4621, Fax 410-278-9083, or TTY: 410-278-4110, or e-mail mwr_registration-usag.apg.army.mil.

KUSAHC closes for holiday

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed May 29 and 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

There will be limited services available on May 28 in the Pediatric and General Medicine Clinics.

2004 Army Birthday Ball

Celebrate the Army's 229th birthday including dinner,

entertainment and dancing at the 2004 Army Birthday Ball, June 19, at the Washington Hilton and Towers Hotel in Washington, D.C.

For more information or to register for the 2004 Army Birthday Ball, visit Army Knowledge Online, www.us-ar.mil.

All U.S. Army Soldiers, family members, Department of the Army civilians, contractors, retirees, veterans and their guests are invited to attend the event.

Tickets cost \$50 each. A limited number of discounted tickets at \$15 each will be available for Army staff sergeants and GS-7 civilians and below.

Seats are limited. For more information or to register for the 2004 Army Birthday Ball, visit Army Knowledge Online, www.us.army.mil, and follow the link to the ball.

AMSAA celebrates D-Day anniversary

The U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity is sponsoring a Commemoration Ceremony of the 60th anniversary of D-Day 10 to 11 a.m., June 4, at the APG Ordnance Museum.

A memorial plaque will be unveiled as well as a tree planting to celebrate the occasion.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Bill Fisher, 410-278-6464 or Patrick J. O'Neill, 410-278-6450.

School Age/Middle School Services Summer Program

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Summer Program will run for up to 10 weeks, starting June 14 (subject to change according to end of school year), 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The program is open to all qualifying children who have completed 1st through 8th grades.

Enrollment does not require attendance at all 10 sessions.

There will be a \$20 non-refundable deposit required at the time of registration for each week selected.

Tuition fees are based on total family income.

Waiting list forms may be picked up at the Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902, the Aberdeen Youth Services, building 2522 or the Outreach Services building 2752 during regular working hours.

Forms may be dropped off at the Edgewood Youth Services building E-1902, the Outreach Services building 2752 or faxed to 410-278-2582.

Waiting list forms will not be accepted at the Aberdeen Youth Services.

Registration is by appointment only.

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

APG plans Retiree Appreciation Day

Aberdeen Proving Ground will hold its annual Retiree Appreciation Day, 8 to 11:45 a.m., Nov. 13, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

Representatives from area agencies to include, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, the Commissary, Post Exchange, Community and Family Activities and the Veterans Administration will be on hand.

The National Association for Uniformed Services will provide a guest speaker.

Following the program everyone is welcomed to stay for lunch at the Dining Facility, building 4503.

For more information, call Army retirees Col. Charles M. Shadle, chairman of the APG Retiree Council, 410-663-9263 or Command Sgt. Maj. Barry Decker, co-chairman of the APG Retiree Council, 410-306-1153.

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Thrift Shop in need of volunteers

Story by Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop requests volunteers to assist in store operations during and after business hours. The shop supports several organizations on and off post with proceeds from shop sales or with donated items. Past donations include coffee pots to the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security; children's books to the post Child Development centers; stuffed animals and books to Harford Memorial Hospital; and furniture, clothing and housewares to local police departments for fire victims. Other recipients include the Harford Food Bank, the Salvation Army, Perry Point VA Medical Center, the Lions Club and Community Behavioral Services, Inc.

The shop will hold a \$3 Bag Sale the last week of the month, May 26 and 27 and the first week of next month, June 2 and 3.

Store hours 'for sales' are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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MOVIES

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THE WHOLE TEN YARDS

Friday, May 21, 7 p.m.
Starring: Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry
Thanks to falsified dental records supplied by his former neighbor, "Oz," retired hit man, Jimmy, now spends his days compulsively cleaning his house and perfecting his culinary skills with his wife Jill. Suddenly, Oz shows up on their doorstep, begging them to help him rescue his wife from a Hungarian mob. (Rated PG)

HOME ON THE RANGE

Saturday, May 22, 1 p.m.
Starring: Roseanne Barr, Cuba Gooding Jr.
A young widow is in danger of her farm being foreclosed unless she can come up with \$1,000 for the mortgage. The farm animals knowing she won't be able to come up with the money, hatch their own plan. (Rated PG)

THE ALAMO

Saturday, May 22, 7 p.m.
Starring: Dennis Quaid, Billy Bob Thornton
In the spring of 1836 nearly 200 Texans, men of all races who believed in the future of Texas, held the Alamo for 13 days under siege by Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, ruler of Mexico and commander of its forces. (Rated PG-13)

SATURDAY

MAY 22 ARTQUEST AND ARMED FORCES DAY

The 20th annual ArtQuest 2004, a spring celebration of Harford County art and artists, will be held 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Festival Park in Aberdeen. Fine artists and craftspersons will exhibit, demonstrate and sell their works. The Young Artists Exhibit also will feature the work of area youths.

Events include entertainment, food, free face painting, two potter's wheels set up with instruction, and two door prizes of 50 ArtQuest dollars will be awarded to spend at the booth of your choice.

Entertainment will be provided by Jack Foreaker, Harford Ballet and the Aberdeen Dance Project, Bobby Griffin Band and guests.

An Armed Forces Day ceremony and concert by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will be held immediately following ArtQuest.

For more information, call Darlene Ostroski, dostroski@aberndeen-md.org or Councilman Jerry Hansen, jhansen@iximd.com.

For more information about ArtQuest, visit www.harfordart.org

FEW BASKET BINGO

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women will sponsor Basket Bingo, 6 p.m. at the American Legion, 501 Saint John Street, Havre de Grace. Doors open at 6 p.m. for a 7 p.m. start. Tickets cost \$10 for 20 games of Bingo, and \$5 for an extra packet of cards.

Proceeds will benefit the FEW scholarship and program fund.

For tickets, call Missie Jamison, 410-436-1491; Lea Bull, 410-436-5028; Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338; Billie Jo Benjamin, 410-436-5030 or 410-287-3617; or Suzanne Schultz, 410-939-2098.

FISH SEINING WORKSHOP

A fish seining workshop to learn about the freshwater fish of Otter Point Creek will be held 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. for ages 16 through adult at the Estuary Center, 700 Otter Point Road, Abingdon.

This training is part of the fish-seining program, which collects baseline and other data designed to assess the overall health of the fish community. The class will meet once a month from June to September. No experience is necessary. No fee. Reservations are required. For information, directions, or to make a reservation, call 410-612-

1688 or 410-879-2000 ext.1688.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MAY 22 AND 23 BEL AIR BOOK FESTIVAL

The Highlands School Foundation and the Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission will host the Bel Air Book Festival, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Bel Air Shamrock Park, located at Hickory Avenue and Lee Way.

Events include musical entertainment, storytellers, puppeteers, free book appraisals, a scavenger hunt, a raffle of a Didi Salvatierra Story Quilt and costumed book characters who will perform throughout the day. Many locally and nationally renowned authors and illustrators will speak about their works and will hold book signings. A few of the authors scheduled include Priscilla Cummings, author of Chadwick the Crab; Michael Olesker, Baltimore Sun columnist and author of Growing Up and Growing Together in Baltimore; and James Patterson, writer of Lakehouse, and many more.

For more information, call 443-512-8200.

CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY

The Steppingstone Museum will host Civil War Living History, noon to 5 p.m. each day. Events include a living

history encampment of reenactors including artillery and cavalry units, uniform talks, drills, artillery, musket demonstrations, musical entertainment, historical exhibitors and more.

Cost of admission is \$3 for adults; admission is free for children 12 and under and members.

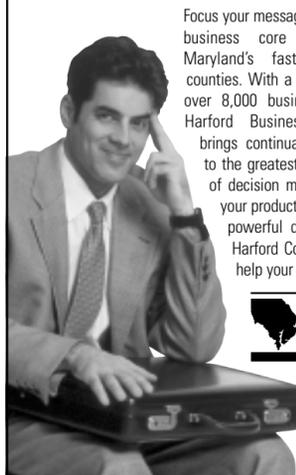
The museum is located at 461 Quaker Bottom Road in Susquehanna State Park near Havre de Grace.

For more information, call the museum office at 410-939-2299, e-mail steppingstonemuseum@msn.com, or visit www.steppingstone-museum.org.

TUESDAY MAY 25 HOME BUYING SEMINAR

A free Home Buying Seminar in Spanish will be offered by Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room in the APGFCU Operations Center in Edgewood, 1321 Pulaski Highway. Learn about the home buying process from Ana Zuniga of Coldwell Banker to make an informed decision on the best options for purchasing and financing a new home. To reserve a space, call 410-272-4000 or 1-800-225-2555, ext. 5451.

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For exhibit and registration information, contact: ITEA - Jean Shivar, 703-631-6121 or e-mail: jean@itea.org or see ITEA website: www.itea.org for program brochure and on-line registration.

Tech Expo

From front page

The expo provided 39 vendors "mostly from the Baltimore, Washington, D.C., region," Zukowski added.

Most participants, both vendors and guests agreed the event had its benefits.

Larry Hendershot, a systems engineer with MRV Communications, Inc., a company based in Crofton, Md., said the company participates in every expo.

"This is good business. We can do more here than from the office," Hendershot said as he demonstrated the download capabilities of a configuration console.

Looking on were Ian Booth, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, and Martin Walsh and Gary Leavens, DOIM.

"I'm always looking for new technology," Booth said. "We have to keep our programs current at the MP station."

At the Anixter Inc. display, Mark Fedner, federal national account manager, and Lisa Boynton, federal sales repre-

sentative, displayed the latest in fiber optic cables, patch panels and connectors.

Fedner said that the company is similar to Wal-Mart in that it markets other company products.

"The difference is we only have electronic retail outlets. We even out production and supply, providing what's needed when it's needed," Fedner said.

"They manufacture the products, we buy them, put them on the shelf, and sell them," Boynton said.

She added that most visitors inquired about problem-solving products.

"Traffic has been very good. Most were interested in solving common glitches within the Army," Boynton said.

Representatives from Metro Office Products, a company specializing in office supplies and furniture, gave away bags of product samples and cotton candy and held a raffle for a basket of office products.

Located in Belcamp, the small, minority-owned business holds a blanket purchase agreement with the Department of Defense, said

contract representative and co-owner Minh C. Ding.

"We travel to installations throughout the U.S. teaching small business classes and demonstrating products from the JWOD industries," Ding said.

The products on display included, pens, pencils, note pads, paper clips, Post Its™ and numerous other office products.

Marie Morrisette, a librarian at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' library, said she was "just curious" as she watched Mark Monterio, an Open Systems Solutions, Inc. account executive, point out the qualities of the Qualstar Tape Library unit.

"Systems like this are used by the Social Security

Administration, the Federal Reserve, the National Security Agency and the [U.S.] Army Materiel Command for long term storage of information that can also be accessed right away," Monterio said.

He added that this was his first involvement with the expo, which kept him busy with questions from the curious.

"Most were interested in the aspects of the library, its cost effectiveness and reliability," Monterio said.

"This has been a productive day in terms of information exchange," he added. "I'd like to come back again."

Raffle winners for the day included John Walker, DIO, who won the Metro Office

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Activities

MWR has exciting and entertaining events planned for APG. Upcoming concerts include the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour pre-

senting Montgomery Gentry, and Blue County on July 17. Shirley Caesar returns to APG for another concert July 18.

To learn more, visit the MWR Web site, <http://www.apgmwr.com>.

Methods of registration

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

Dominoes

This Tuesday night class, June 1 through 22, covers the fundamentals of dominoes at the AA Recreation Center, 6 to 8 p.m. The overall strategies for winning will be covered.

Register by May 27. Cost is \$10.

Pinochle

Classes will be held 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, June 1 through 22 at the AA Recreation Center. The class teaches the basic fundamentals of Pinochle; the point system used in bidding and the taking of tricks will be covered in the first class along with the objectives and strategies of the game.

Register by May 27. Cost is \$10.

Fencing

Beginner classes will be taught 7 to 8 p.m., June 3 through 24, at the AA Recreation Center.

Beginner fencing teaches the basic maneuvers employed on offense and defense, how to initiate or avoid an attack by an opponent and how to improve skills and timing.

Intermediate fencing runs 8 to 9 p.m., June 3 to 24, at the AA Recreation Center. Intermediate fencing will fine

tune movement and execution for match conditions. Practice and develop strategies and techniques, which will help make fencer a successful tournament contender.

Register by May 27. Cost is \$35.

All equipment will be provided.

Jujitsu

This ancient art of hand combat will be taught 6 to 7 p.m., June 3 to 24, at the Russell Gymnasium.

Instructional classes designed to enable the student to become proficient in the art of self-defense. The course will consist of learning takedowns, grappling, and gripping and ground floor fighting to subdue an opponent. The instructor will give an overview and syllabus of the requirements for obtaining belts as well as the recommended training regimen for progression.

Students will be responsible for obtaining any individualized equipment needed for the program.

Register by May 27. Cost is \$35.

Tennis lessons

A tennis class will run June 5 through 26 at the AA Recreation Center Tennis Courts. Beginners will start 9 to 11 a.m. and learn the basic strokes such as the forehand, correct form, scoring, rules, and court etiquette.

Intermediate players will be held 11 a.m. to noon, and the class will emphasize ball control, shot placement, game strategy, shot variety and pace under pressure.

Register by May 28. Cost is

\$25.

Match Play Golf Tournament

Play some good old match play golf on June 7 at Ruggles Golf Course. Tee times are to be determined by the number of entries. Cost is \$20 plus applicable daily fees.

This tournament is open to all players, but they must have a USGA handicap. Ninety percent of handicaps are used for competition. All play will be from the white tees.

There is a strict three-week match window schedule for all matches to be completed. One hundred percent of all prize money will be awarded.

Register by May 31.

Women's Strength Training 101

This beginner level class held 6 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, June 1 to 24, in the APG Athletic Center will teach strength training techniques including circuit machines, free weights and body weight exercises. The class will also focus on flexibility to design a strength program.

Register by May 27. Cost is \$45.

Yoga Instructor Certification (Phase 2)



Certification will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 12, in the AA Fitness Center.

Learn the advanced pranayama, and variations of core asanas, creating a power flow vinyasa, the benefits of inverted positions and partner yoga, as well as advanced meditation techniques.

Register by May 28. Cost is \$99. Study guides are not included.

Participants must have completed Yoga Instructor Certification (Phase 1) in order

to register.

Visit Cape May

Enjoy the famous Victorian seaside in Cape May, N.J., June 27.

Trip includes seeing the famous Twingings Tea Room, for a Victorian lunch. After lunch tour Cape May's only Victorian house museum, the Physik Estate. A trolley ride follows with a viewing of the "Queen of Seaside Resorts," plus time for shopping and sightseeing.

Bus will depart from Vitali's Restaurant in Edgewood at 7:45 a.m. and return at 10 p.m.

Cost is \$56. Register by May 27.

Bowling specials



Red Pin Special runs 5 p.m. till closing, through May 21. Throw a strike on a red head pin and receive a free game of bowling.

Bowl all you want Special 1 to 6 p.m., May 26 through 28, for only \$7 per lane per hour. Shoes are included.

Chesapeake Challenge is open

The Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park is open for weekends only, Friday, 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday, 1 to 10 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 8 p.m.

Amusements include Go-Kart rides, miniature golf, batting cages and the arcade room. Parties, special events and group packages are also available.

For more information or for group rates, contact Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or e-mail outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

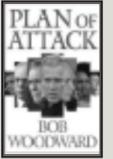
Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Edgewood Area Library is open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday. For more information, call 410-436-3589.

The following is a list of some of the recently received films available on DVD at the APG MWR libraries:

Why Courage Matters: the way to a braver life by John McCain

Senator John McCain discusses courage: what it is and what individuals can do to make it more likely that they--and their children--will face life's challenges bravely. Among those he highlights are: Soldiers like Roy Benavidez in Vietnam, Mitchell Red Cloud in Korea, Navajo leaders Manuelito and Barboncito; civil rights veteran and Georgia congressman John Lewis and East Baltimore anti-crime activist Angela Dawson.

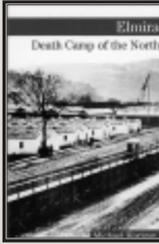
Plan of Attack: by Bob Woodward



Raid on the Sun: inside Israel's secret campaign that denied Saddam the bomb by Roger Claire

The Wrong Men: America's epidemic of wrongful death row convictions by Stanley Cohen

Elmira: Death Camp of the North by Michael Horigan



The Best Poems of the English Language: from Chaucer through Frost selected by Harold Bloom

The library's Web site, www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html, provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

Strong showing for APG Wrestling Championship Main event set for May 22

MWR

The APG Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a Wrestling Championship April 3 at Russell Gymnasium.

The tournament was well represented by Soldiers from the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, 16th and 143rd Ordnance battalions and the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment.

Two civilians also participated in the competition. All the contestants made a strong showing during the tournament and all the matches were extremely close.

Many of the final matches were decided in overtime periods. "The Community Recreation Division and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation have many individuals and organizations to thank for making this event such a tremendous success," said Charles Heinsohn, MWR programmer.

"I would like to extend my appreciation to Kevin Yungandreas and Darin Bokeno, the coaching staff of Edgewood High School, and Kelsey, Alicia, and Paul Yungandreas, who volunteered as timer, scorekeeper and referee, respectively," Heinsohn said. "USMC 1st Sgt. James Thompson and his staff; the NCOs and drill sergeants of companies A and B, 16th and A, 143rd Ordnance battalions; Senior Drill Sergeant Anthony Robertson and Drill Sergeant Petra M. Casarez, provided outstanding leadership and support to their Soldiers. The Marines helped prepare the facility and equipment for the tournament. Special thanks goes to David Crouch of the Athletic Center, who officiated the tournament and was instrumental in helping to promote the program."

The APG Armed Forces Day Wrestling Championship "main event" is scheduled for 1 p.m., May 22, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. It is open to the public. Register early to guarantee entry; registration fee is \$20. Practice sessions will be held 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., May 20 and 21, in the center's ballroom.

For more information or for registration, call 410-278-3868.



Organization day at APG

The U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground Organization Day Picnic will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 24, at the MD Boulevard Picnic Area. There will be music, food, games and children's activities. Tickets will be sold May 10 through June 24. Adult tickets cost \$15, children 6 to 12 years of age cost \$6 and children under 6 are free. Tickets for adults will be \$20 the day of the event.

For more information, contact MWR Registration at 410-278-44907.

Equipment Resource Center offers holiday special

The Equipment Resource Center will offer a Memorial Day holiday special - rent any piece of equipment on May 29 and return it no later than noon June 1 and pay only a one-day rental fee.

The Equipment Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The center is closed on Sundays and holidays.

For more equipment and fee information, call Outdoor Recreation, building 2407 at 410-278-4124 or e-mail outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.

SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

Find your dream college

Visit www.fastweb.com for customized college search, free scholarship search, top 10 admission tips, and other valuable resources to help with college. Other Web resources are:

Department of Education/College Prep: www.gov/thinkcollege

Financial Aid information: www.finaid.org

International student guidance: www.edupass.org

To learn more about college and financial aid options,

visit www.edfund.org. Financial Aid 101

Grants and scholarships are college financial funds that don't have to be repaid. Provided by the federal government, schools and private sponsors, they are based on financial need, merit, special activities or a combination.

Work-study programs are set up to help the student earn financial aid by working on or off campus.

The federal government offers a variety of low-interest loans that have to be paid back over time such as the

Stafford Loan, the Perkins Loan (for students with exceptional financial need), and the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students.

The Corporation for National Service offers funding in exchange for volunteer service. Visit www.cns.gov to learn more.

Tuition payment plans are available at different schools that split tuition costs into monthly payments.

Other ideas worth checking include military service and local community colleges.

Two great resources avail-

able at the School Liaison/Youth Education Office, building 2752, Room 200 are 'How Do I Pay For College' brochure, and the 2003-2004 'The You Can Guide To Financing Your Education.'

Also, key resources of any school/college and transition support packet are Web sites www.militarystudent.org and www.MilitaryChild.org.

For more information, contact Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857 or e-mail him at ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil.

Bowling scores

Wednesday Lunch League

Week of May 8

Men's High Game Scratch

Jeff Swab, 192

Dave Spagnuolo, 190

Men's High Game Handicap

Bob Dowding, 264

Jeff Swab, 248

Men's High Series Scratch

Dave Spagnuolo, 344

Tom Haduch, 319

Men's High Series Handicap

Bob Dowding, 474

Cliff Hubbard, 472

Women's High Game Scratch

Chris Lockhart, 172

Dawn Gordner, 161

Women's High Game Handicap

Linda Ghiorse, 266

Chris Lockhart, 250

Women's High Series Scratch

Betty Taylor, 295

Dawn Gordner, 291

Women's High Series Handicap

Sandy Dowell, 478

Linda Ghiorse, 476

Thursday Lunch Doubles

Men's High Game Scratch

Tom Puckett, 203

Robert Bowman, 199

Men's High Game Handicap

Tom Puckett, 288

Ken Paxton, 284

Men's High Series Scratch

Ed Bukowski, 381

Barry Hudler, 360

Men's High Series Handicap

Ed Bukowski, 503

Barry Hudler, 490

Women's High Game Scratch

Gina Bukowski, 216

Sandy Bowers, 166

Women's High Game Handicap

Gina Bukowski, 270

Ruth Ann Cunningham, 255

Women's High Series Scratch

Gina Bukowski, 346

Sandy Bowers, 299

Women's High Series Handicap

Debbie Burkins, 493

Joyce Smith, 457

Friday Fun Bunch

Men's High Game Scratch

Virgil Mills, 232

Richard Trimble, 215

See complete bowling scores at APG News Online <http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil>.

ChalleNGe cadets describe equality and the law

Sara Jolly

Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

The cadets of the Maryland Army National Guard's Military Youth Corps Freestate ChalleNGe Academy participated in the Law Day Essay Writing contest sponsored by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

The theme "To Win Equality by Law - Brown v. Board of Education at 50" marked the anniversary of this famous case. The cadets wrote essays or poems describing their ideas of equality and the

law.

At an academy formation on April 28, Capt. Matthew Lund and Lt. Col. Stephen Parke, both of OSJA, awarded medals to the three winning cadets. Simeon Kim Lyndell Griffin, Baltimore, also received an honorable mention.

Cadets Derek Allen Roberts, Northeast; Matthew Allen Shepherd, Catonsville; and Darrick Davon Deal, Oxon Hill, were guests of the SJA at the Law Day Luncheon held at Top of the Bay April 29.

Winning entries are printed below.

Hard earned equality

Cadet Darrick Davon Deal

Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

"We held these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal...." That was stated in the Declaration of Independence and is a famous and powerful quote.

It means that all mankind is equal regardless of race, religion or gender.

The Declaration of Independence was written and signed in 1776. Segregation hadn't really been dealt with until the 1950s.

The Declaration of Independence was supposed to give all races equal chances and opportunities at life in America.

Even though the law said everyone was equal many whites were stuck in their old ways. White business owners would even refuse to serve blacks. Blacks couldn't even use the same bathrooms or go to the same schools as whites.

In the case of Brown vs. Board of Education, the NAACP used the Brown family's situation to show that equality hadn't been granted to blacks.

Linda Brown, a black American, was not allowed to attend Topeka High School that was only two blocks away from her home. Instead,

she had to go 21 blocks to the nearest black high school.

The NAACP brought this case to the court and the ruling was in their favor.

The court immediately ordered the desegregation of public schools.

I don't think I would be able to live in a segregated country.

I don't want to pass judgment on anyone because of his or her race. I don't expect anyone to judge me because I am black.

I wouldn't like it if an employer stereotyped me before he or she even met me. Or, I wouldn't want to be denied service in a restaurant because of my color.

I believe in equal rights for all races and religions.

This is what makes America unique and prosperous.

Today equal rights are taken for granted.

If it wasn't for people like Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and the NAACP, segregation may still be in affect today.

The 14th Amend-ment states that all people born in America are citizens. Not only that, it's the law.

The Brown effect

Cadet Matthew Alan Shepherd

Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

America had two nations.

There were mostly white and black, and many types of segregation

Blacks slowly prospered along side whites.

But because there were black they got denied their rights,

Until 1954 when Linda Brown decided to take the Board of Education

to the Supreme Court.

So she challenged the segregation policies of the district.

A local area school was two blocks away

Linda's school was twenty-one blocks ahead and the law said she had to stay,

Not because of her grades but because of her race.

Will she have a fair trial?

Or here comes another Plessey Case?

So court time came and the judges could finally see

That segregation had to stop in the state and the community.

All judges voted segregation is done,

Finally for the first time the blacks had won.

Now blacks and whites went to school together;

Americans were shocked.

Years passed.

In 1957 racism tried to stop nine black kids from going to Little Rock.

The National Guard accompanied the blacks;

It was shown on every TV and throughout the nation.

While white mobs threatened the blacks from their education

The President slowly tried to help the state but the Governor was gone.

The military was sent to help the nine black students

From getting hurt and stop the mobs from doing wrong.

Many schools down South shut their doors rather then to segregate

Because of their skin color they pursued the hate.

Fourteen years later several state legislatures finally won in court

Now it is fair.

People are all together and now they act as if they care,

But back then blacks tried to stay away from trouble

Now because of their struggle we can learn as one.

Equality and the law

Cadet Derek Allen Roberts

Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

In 1890 Louisiana passed a law stating that blacks and whites could not sit in the same rail cars. If a person was found in the opposite race's rail car, he or she was penalized \$25 or 20 days in jail.

Homer Plessey, a bi-racial man, was jailed for sitting in a "whites only" car. Plessey fought for his rights all the way to the Supreme Court. He believed that the Separate Car Act was unconstitutional.

In 1896 the United States Supreme Court found Plessey guilty of refusing to leave the "whites only" car. They stated "a distinction founded in the color of the two races must always exist so long as white men are distinguished from the other race by color."

One judge, Justice John Harlan, wrote that "our Constitution is color blind.... all citizens are equal under the law." He also proposed that this decision would be overturned in the future of the United States.

During the 1950s blacks were becoming more prosperous but were still being denied certain opportunities. Linda Brown in Topeka, Kansas, was living just two blocks from the nearest public school which was an all white school, had to walk many blocks to an all black school.

The NAACP took this opportunity to challenge the segregation laws. Once again, they used the Fourteenth Amendment to declare this policy unconstitutional.

All nine justices of the Supreme Court agreed with the plaintiff and ordered the desegregation of public schools.

In one incident, a thousand paratroopers from the 101st Airborne Division were sent by President Eisenhower to protect nine black students entering an all white school in Little Rock, Arkansas.

In the 1970s President Johnson passed orders of affirmative action on many jobs in the United States. This was great for the black race because it helped insure that they would not be victims of racism while trying to get a job. In doing so, this law prohibited the number of whites that could work at certain jobs. Blacks were, and in a lot of cases still are, chosen for jobs over whites because of the color of their skin.

This act put forth a new concept called reverse racism. Many whites were not considered for jobs because they are white and the companies have to meet a quota of blacks regardless of a person's qualifications.

In the Burke case, Alan Burke was ruled a victim of reverse discrimination because he attempted to go to UC Davis Medical School but could not because the school was saving spots for less qualified minorities.

When solving problems of discrimination a person should not infringe on the civil rights of others.

When we have racial discrimination there will always be opposition.

It must be fought until it can be abolished all together no matter how long it takes.

If my generation cannot solve the problem it will continue to infect our country.

The people of the United States must band together and put an end to discrimination once and for all.

Dial up assistance available for voting absentees

Garrison Release

It's time to start thinking about and getting ready to mail in those absentee registration forms for those living outside their voting area and who want to vote in a primary election.

Some mailing tips are shown below. Remember that the Federal Post Card Application does not require postage if mailed in the U.S. postal system, which includes all U.S. military post offices (APO, FPO) overseas as well as diplomatic pouches.

For addressing, type or print legibly in uppercase letters. No punctuation is needed. Include all of the following address information: recipient's name, street address, post office box number, rural route number, box number, highway contract route number, suffixes, directionals, locators, apartment number, suite number or room number, recipient's city, state and zip code (and if known, the four-digit add on, ZIP+4 — be sure to hyphenate the ZIP+4).

For zip code information, visit the Postal Service Web site at www.usps.gov. Also, always use a return address, which should appear in the upper left corner of the mail.

If a post office box number and a street address are used, make sure that the place where voter wants the mail delivered appears on the line immediately above the city, state and zip code or ZIP+4 and that the zip code or ZIP+4 code corre-

sponds to that address. If planning to be overseas, include the applicable foreign code, city or town, province or state name and country name. Place the foreign postal code in front of the city or town name and on the same line. Place the city or town name and the province or state name on the next line after the street address information. Write the name of the foreign country in capital letters on the last line of the address.

For all uniformed services members deployed to the Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom regions the following dates are recommended to ensure mailing receipt of balloting materials: Request ballot from election officials by Aug. 15 and mail voted ballot back to election officials by Oct. 11. For all other service members overseas, the recommended date to request the ballot is Aug. 15 and mail the voted ballot back to the election official by Oct. 15. With these dates, service members should safely receive their state ballots in time to be voted, returned to the local election office, and be counted. However, even if the ballot arrives late or after the last mailing date, fill out the vote ballot and mail it back immediately.

Also, as an alternative, a voter outside the U.S. may use the federal write-in absentee ballot if their state absentee

ballot is not received in a timely manner (by Oct. 15).

Many states allow voters to fax the registration and voted ballot. Here are some tips: Each request should have a separate completed cover sheet. Only one person's FPCA or ballot should be transmitted at a time - use separate transmissions. Be sure to specify the local election official (county, city or town office). If faxing from overseas, ensure a complete country (and city) code are provided along with the fax number. Provide a commercial return phone and fax number. Always mail the original after an electronic transmission. If a state allows faxing the voted ballot, the voter must sign a statement waiving his or her right to secrecy. Last but not least, in the "remarks" section of the FPCA, provide any information that may assist the voter's state in determining voter's eligibility to vote, i.e., a maiden name or other names used, a name and telephone number of a local contact or voter's e-mail address in case they wish to get in touch with voter.

Here are a couple of contacts for Department of State overseas citizens services in the event voter is overseas during the voting period: Chief Voting Officer Jack Markey, 202-736-4937 or e-mail markeyjd@state.gov and Deputy Voting Officer Bonita Harris, 202-647-5435 or e-mail harrisbg@state.gov.

Depending on voter's affiliated service, contact: Army - James Davis, 703-325-4530 or e-mail davisj@hoffman.army.mil; Navy - Lt. Brian Campbell, 1-866-827-5672 or e-mail MIL_navyvote@navy.mil; Air Force - Lt. Col. Lee Shick, 210-565-2338 or e-mail afpc/dpsfvotingpgmdlist@randolph.af.mil; Marines - Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth Warford, 703-784-9511 or e-mail warfordkb@manpower.usmc.mil; or Coast Guard — YNCS Lori McNaught, 202-267-1636 or e-mail LMcNaught@comdt.uscg.mil.

In addition to these contacts, visit <http://www.fvap.gov>. If voter experiences trouble accessing the FVAP Web site, try going to <http://131.84.1.219/>. If still having trouble connecting, send an e-mail to vote@fvap.ncr.gov.

Regarding the Internet Voting Project, the Department of Defense has decided not to deploy the Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment system rather than potentially bringing the integrity of the election results into doubt.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground garrison voting officer is Maj. Anissa McNeill, 410-278-2104.

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An Armed Forces Day message from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Today, we pause to honor the noble service of the men and women in America's military. The threat of terrorism is great, but your willingness and ability to defeat the enemy are greater. Those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America stand between liberty and tyranny, as they have for over two centuries.

You have proven to the world that the United States and our allies seek not to conquer, but to defend freedom, restore peace and create hope for a better future. On many fronts, in the United States and across the globe, you stepped forward when called and are making the world a safer place for all peace-loving people, regardless of race, creed, color or religion.

On the first Armed Forces Day in 1950, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Omar Bradley, said, "Sacrifice not selfishness must be the eternal price of liberty."

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I join all Americans in recognizing your selfless sacrifice, as well as that of your families. We appreciate your professionalism, character and sense of duty. You are leading the charge to make the world a better place, free from terror and fear.

May God bless our nation and the men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces.

General Richard B. Myers
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff



MDNG welcomes new assistant adjutant general for Army

Maj. Charles S. Kohler
MDARNG

Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, Maryland's adjutant general, announced the appointment of Col. Edward A. Leacock as the assistant adjutant general and commander for the Maryland Army National Guard, headquartered in Baltimore March 17.

Leacock's most recent assignment was at the National Guard Bureau as the senior intelligence officer for the ARNG.

Leacock, a Florida native, assumed command of the MDARNG from the acting commander Brig. Gen. Warner I. Sumpter in March.

Sumpter's new assignment is with the Department of General Services as the chief of police. He will retire from the MDNG in December with 22 years of service.

"Today, we congratulate

Warner Sumpter on a job well done," Tuxill said. "Gen. Sumpter has served his country and the Maryland Army National Guard for many years and his service reflects his commitment to the highest standards and dedication.

"We are fortunate to have Col. Leacock, a superb leader in his own right, assume command of this great group of men and women who make up the Maryland Army National Guard. There is little doubt that as we continue to wage the war on terrorism, we will be called upon with greater frequency, be it home or abroad.

"Ed Leacock is up to the task of command at this critical point in our history. He has both the proven leadership skills and real-world experience to take the Maryland Army National Guard to the next level. We look forward to

great things from him during his tenure," Tuxill concluded.

Sumpter, an Anne Arundel County native, took command of the MDARNG in June 2002 and was promoted to brigadier general. He served in Vietnam with the Marine Corps Force Reconnaissance unit.

During his tenure as the assistant adjutant general for Army, he has been extensively involved with the training, mobilization and future deployments of the MDARNG units in the war on terror.

Sumpter's experience includes 21 years with the Maryland State Police serving as a patrol trooper and commander of the Special Weapons and Tactics unit and the Executive Protection Division and Aviation Division.

Sumpter is highly decorated with more than 20 awards

to his credit, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," Purple Heart, and the Meritorious Service Medal. He is a qualified military scuba diver and parachutist.

As the new Army commander, Leacock leaves his civilian position of project manager for Northrop Grumman Information Technology in Herndon, Va.

He is a graduate of the Army and the Senior Cryptologic Reserve Officers Course. A graduate from the University of New York with a bachelor's degree in political science, Leacock also has a master's degree from University of Maryland in administration/information systems.

During his 31-year career, Leacock has served as commander of the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion during

its deployment to Bosnia as part of Stabilization Force 7.

On active duty he served as a company commander, training officer and systems analyst with the Field Station in Berlin, Germany.

In 1988 he joined the MDNG's 29th Rear Area Operations Center and worked as a staff officer for the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Among his many honors, Leacock has received the Army Superior Unit Award, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and more than 20 other decorations and awards. He was also awarded the Col. Carl F. Eifler Award from the National Military Intelligence Association.

He was promoted to colonel in June 2001.



Photo courtesy of MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD

The MDARNG is comprised of four subordinate brigade-size units and support staff.

Nearly 6,200 full-time and traditional members are employed by the MDARNG, contributing \$114 million annually to Maryland's economy.

Tip of the Week

To save gas and reduce vehicle emissions, combine trips to the same areas. After arriving, park the car and walk between destinations.

APG Pollution Prevention Program

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 call Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, or e-mail rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil, to complete a termination form.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)
Sarah Blevins
Barbara Boyd (total right joint, hip replacement)
Christina Bryant
Jane E. Calahan
Kenneth Carey
Melanie Cans
Juanita Carter
Barbara Crossley
David Fletcher
Renee Gaffney
Melanie A. Hoffman (paranasitis, fibromyalgia condition)

Richard Hoffman
Janice Johnson (diabetic neuropathy)
Beverly King (caring for husband)
Danny Kopp (lung cancer)
William B. McLean (kidney failure)
Tess Ramos (lung surgery)
Michael Reynolds
Cheryl L. Roark
Matthew Ryan
Marguerite Soper
Alison Tichenor
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)

Applying for AER assistance

Marge Fissel
AER

The majority of Army emergency relief is provided in the form of interest-free loans.

Active duty Soldiers assigned to APG can pick up an application for AER assistance (DA Form 1103) at their unit.

Complete information must be provided to include explanation of why applicant is unable to meet financial needs.

The application then goes to the unit commander or first sergeant to approve and sign.

After the application has been approved by the command, the Soldier should bring the application, military ID card, PCS orders, latest end of month Leave and Earnings Statement, and supporting documents such as rental agreement, written estimate of car repairs, or utility bill to the AER office.

It is very important that Soldiers ensure their spouse knows about AER and that they give their spouse a power of attorney before deploying.

The only way AER can assist families needing help without a general power of attorney is to get the service member's authorization. This

means that the spouse has to send a message through the Red Cross to the service member to ask for his approval. AER can only assist after approval has been received. All that takes time and delays assistance to families needing help.

The spouse should also bring a military ID card, copy of service member's orders, and all supporting documents when they visit the AER office.

Retirees and widows can request help by calling the AER office at 410-278-2508.

The AER office is located in Army Community Service at 2754 Rodman Road.

AER emergencies that arise after normal duty hours and cannot wait until the next business day (usually emergency travel) can get assistance by calling the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Engineering Operations Center, 410-278-4500.

Just a reminder, the ongoing AER campaign ends May 27. To make a contribution, contact the Campaign Coordinator Maj. Anissa McNeill, or Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Flecha, 410-278-3000.

Mandatory Ethics Training begins soon

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On April 9, Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee established a new annual requirement that all active Soldiers, National Guard and Reserves, and all Department of the Army civilians will receive face-to-face training on the standards of ethical conduct. The training must be completed by the end of calendar year 2004.

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will conduct sessions for the next several months. Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and APG, has directed that every Soldier and Department of the Army civilian attend this training at their earliest convenience.

The training will be offered at the Post Theater and the Edgewood Area Conference Center. The 7 a.m. sessions immediately precede the annual security awareness training conducted by DLES.

Organizations may want to emphasize attendance at these sessions to minimize the disruption to the workforce.

At the completion of each session an official attendance card will be provided. Each attendee should turn the cards into their organization's POC.

Ethics training at the Post Theater will be held 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. on June 1, 9, and 30, and July 13, 14, 21 and 29.

Scheduled ethics training at the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E-4810, will be held 1 p.m. on July 7 and 28, and Aug. 5, 10 and 18.

Health, nutrition focus of Child and Youth Services Spring Fest

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Healthy eating and living workshops designed to get youths into shape were among the many outdoor activities for Aberdeen Proving Ground children and their families at the second annual Child and Youth Services Spring Fest in the Edgewood Area April 24.

Army Community Service, Community Recreation Division, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and APG Federal Credit Union's Moola Moola supported the day's

activities.

Children participated in sack races, jumped on the moon-bounce and shook their hips with hula hoops as DJ Heartbreak played music.

"We wanted to give the community an opportunity to see what Youth Services has to offer children from ages nine weeks to 18 years," said Norma Warwick, CYS director.

"We had a health and nutrition theme for this year's Spring Fest," Warwick said.

Jamie Hyde, 9, from the Aberdeen Area youth center

made a nature bunny out of a plastic bottle, which was stuffed with trail-mix, and decorated with foam black and white ears.

Lucinda McDowell, program child assistant, helped out with the Smart Girls club table which taught kids about healthy hand and nail care.

Handouts about healthy hand-washing habits, including instructions to use a paper towel to turn off the water instead of bare hands after washing, were available.

Another handout illustrated a child size hand, surrounded by 12 different types of possible bacteria they can contract if children don't practice healthy hand washing habits.

One handout talked about healthy weight topics for children.

It is important to remember that there is not one healthy weight for your child. A healthy weight can be a range of weights depending on gender, age and body type, according to the Virginia Cooperative Extension that stressed that the best way to determine if a child is overweight is to take them to the doctor.

The VA Cooperative Extension handout also informed parents about how much their child should eat.

"Young children need smaller servings than adults. Teach your child to listen to his or her body. It is important for a child to eat when he or she is hungry and stop when full. Don't ask children to 'clean up their plates,'" the handout said.

One table gave out over 400

samples of healthy foods for children and a copy of 13 recipes that they could make at home with their parents.

"The great thing about them is that even the smallest kids can help make them," said Helen Miller, training and curriculum specialist, who helped run the healthy food booth.

"Kids will eat stuff that's good for them if you give it a cool name," Miller said.

Miller gave out samples of "Whisker Doodles," a low fat peanut butter and shredded wheat snack that resembled a Rice Krispie treat.

Zana McClure, program assistant, made and handed out "Freckled Faced Bears," which consisted of biscuits with raisin eyes, pecans and dough ears.

Other tables offered food shaped crafts like the plant puppet and fruit magnet booths, where Hannah Lee, 2, daughter of Stella and David Lee, a civilian at the U.S. Army Research and Development Engineering Command, cut foam pieces for her craft.

Some children exercised their brain power at the Geo challenge booth, which was run by Ivan Mehosky, school liaison.

Children took part in a 20-question geography quiz, where they used world maps spread out on the tables to answer questions.

"I had a 4-year old girl named Priscilla, who could name all the continents and states on her own," Mehosky said.

The children could work individually or in teams to fill



Dominique Lacey, 13, enjoys her time hula hooping at the Child and Youth Services Spring Fest in the Edgewood Area April 24.



Ivan Mehosky, right, school liaison, reviews a location on the world map with Brittany Smith, 9. She received 100 percent on the Geo Challenge quiz at the Child and Youth Services Spring Fest April 24.

out the form, and were awarded a medal depending on the number of correct answers. Children who scored bonus points received an inflatable world globe.

At the end of the Spring Fest, prize drawings were held.

Katie O'Connell, mother of two boys involved in the AA youth services play morning, won a 46 inch Disney Spring horse.

Alexis Matthew, 12, won the random drawing for a bike.

Educational infant toys, age appropriate board games, books, stuffed animals, and tote bags were also given away to those who attended.

"We had 290 people attend," said Pat Palazzi, CYS

Outreach director.

Palazzi also noted how the APG Soldiers helped out with the festivities.

"The Soldiers from the 143rd [Ordnance Battalion] were extremely helpful in the success of the fun fest," Palazzi said.

"Everybody's done a great job. It's nice to see the community come out to support the program," said Renee Main, assistant facility manager.

"Fifteen helped to coordinate this event. We had a committee put together with members from childcare and youth services, school age outreach, and food and nutrition," Main said. "It was an awesome day."

Tech Expo

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The expo provided 39 vendors "mostly from the Baltimore, Washington, D.C., region," Zukowski added.

Most participants, both vendors and guests agreed the event held its benefits.

Larry Hendershot, a systems engineer with MRV Communications, Inc., a company based in Crofton, Md., said the company participates in every expo.

"This is good business. We can do more here than from the office," Hendershot said as he demonstrated the download capabilities of a configuration console.

Looking on were Ian Booth, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, and Martin Walsh and Gary Leavens, DOIM.

"I'm always looking for new technology," Booth said. "We have to keep our programs current at the MP station."

At the Anixter Inc. display, Mark Fedner, federal national account manager, and Lisa Boynton, federal sales repre-

sentative, displayed the latest in fiber optic cables, patch panels and connectors.

Fedner said that the company is similar to Wal-Mart in that it markets other company products.

"The difference is we only have electronic retail outlets. We even out production and supply, providing what's needed when it's needed," Fedner said.

"They manufacture the products, we buy them, put them on the shelf, and sell them," Boynton said.

She added that most visitors inquired about problem-solving products.

"Traffic has been very good. Most were interested in solving common glitches within the Army," Boynton said.

Representatives from Metro Office Products, a company specializing in office supplies and furniture, gave away bags of product samples and cotton candy and held a raffle for a basket of office products.

Located in Belcamp, the small, minority-owned business holds a blanket purchase agreement with the Department of Defense, said contract representative and co-owner

Minh C. Ding.

"We travel to installations throughout the U.S. teaching small business classes and demonstrating products from the JWOD industries," Ding said.

The products on display included, pens, pencils, note pads, paper clips, post its and numerous other office products.

Marie Morrisette, a librarian at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and library, said she was "just curious" as she watched Mark Monterio, an Open Systems Solutions, Inc. account executive, point out the qualities of the Qualstar Tap Library unit.

"Systems like this are used by the Social Security Administration, the Federal Reserve, the National Security Agency and the [U.S.] Army Materiel Command for long term storage of information that can also be accessed right away," Monterio said.

He added that this was his first involvement with the expo, which kept him busy with questions from the curious.

"Most were interested in the aspects of the library, its cost effectiveness and reliabil-

ity," Monterio said.

"This has been a productive day in terms of information exchange," he added. "I'd like to come back again."

Raffle winners for the day included John Walker, DIO, who won the Metro Office Products drawing, and Kathleen Belsan, a DOIM computer specialist who won a Plantronics headset telephone.

Sales representative Charles Green, who traveled from Florida to participate in the expo, presented the headset to Belsan.

"The funny thing is I actually needed one," Belsan said.

Green said the company, which introduced the first communications headset in 1962, said the company decided to participate this year because "we heard such good things about APG."

"This expo has a great reputation in the business community," Green said. "We're just happy to be a part of it."

Participating vendors in the Spring Information Technology Products and Services Expo included: Action Duplication; ADT Security Services, Inc.; Anixter; CDW-G; Cingular Wireless; CRU-Dataport; Dell; DLT Solu-

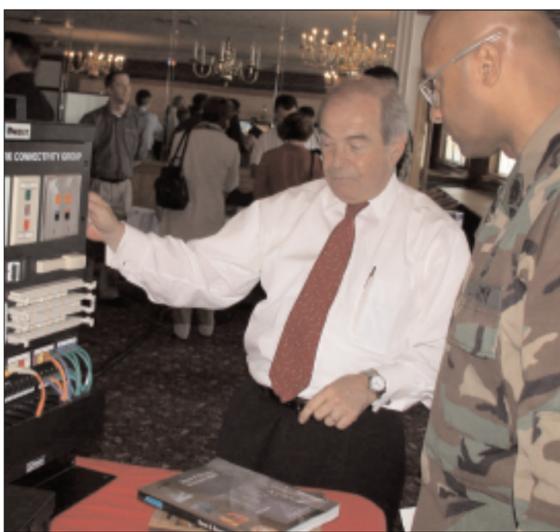


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Mark Fedner, of the Anixter Federal Company, explains a network cabling system by Panduit Network Connectivity Group to Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Moten, right, U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit, during the APG Spring Information Technology Products and Services Expo at Top of the Bay April 21.

tions; EME Solutions; Epson; Force 3; Gateway; GMRI; GovConnection; IBM; iGov; Insight Public Sector; Intellidyne; Intelligent Decisions; Metro Office Products; MPC; MEDI; NEC Mitsubishi; Nelson White Systems, Inc.; Newark InOne; NSI Software, Inc.; Panasonic Computer Solutions Company; PC Mall Gov; Plantronics; Real-Time Innovations (Produco); Qualstar Corporation; RADVISION; Ricoh Corporation; Staples; Sysorex Federal, Inc.; Tech Electronics, Inc.; Troxell Communications; Westwood Computer Corporation; and Wrightline.

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