

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling scheduled pickup for Wednesday, March 10, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Special offer for Soldiers

World Wrestling Entertainment group offers select seating for \$10 to military showing their ID cards at the 1st Mariner Arena Box Office in Baltimore on Sunday, March 7, for the 2 p.m. WWE RAW show with free admission for Soldiers in uniform.

RAW superstars scheduled to appear include Triple H, Shawn Michaels, Ric Flair, Batista, The Dudley Boyz, Rob Van Dam, Chris Jericho, Randy Orton, Chris Benoit, Booker T., Stacy Keibler, Christian and The Coach.

### APG holds Town Hall Meeting March 10

The next quarterly Town Hall Meeting for the entire APG community will be held at the RDECOM Conference Center, building E-4810, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Questions may be sent in advance to Linda Holloway electronically at linda.holloway@usag.apg.army.mil. Telephonic questions will be accepted during the Town Hall by calling 410-436-7849 or 5-7849. The meeting will be broadcast on WAPG-TV Channel 21 on-post.

For more information, call Linda Holloway at 410-306-4520.

### APG blood drive

A blood drive for the Armed Services Blood Program will be held in the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel, Friday March 12, 8 a.m. to noon. Headquarters Support Troop and the Post Chapel are hosting the event. Donors may be active-duty military or civilian. For more information, contact Darcel Thomas, HST, at 410-278-3000 or Staff Sgt. William Benjamin, AA Chapel, at 410-278-4333.

### Teen dating violence seminar

Army Community Service will present Facts About Teen Dating Violence: Love Shouldn't Hurt, 6 to 8 p.m., tonight, at the Edgewood Area ACS, building E-4630. This presentation is for teens, ages 13 through 18. Topics include discussing rape drugs, how to help a friend, safety while dating, and how to report violence.

For more information or to sign up, call Sandy

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## APG engineers create housing prototype

### Garrison renovates 5-bedroom home for large family

Story and photo by  
**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Directorate of Installation Operations and the installation Housing Division collaborated with the National Association of Home Builders to create a prototype-housing unit large enough to house a larger family.

Sgt. 1st Class Robert E. Potter, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, with his wife and their nine children, will reside at 2513-B Ocean Court in Bayside Village in what was once two 2-bedroom units transformed into one 5-bedroom unit.

Pat Hector, housing division chief, and Marian Spence, engineering technician, said the project, which had been started back in the fall of 2003, went into high gear when they received notice of the family's pending arrival in December.

"Thankfully, Director of Installation Operations Bert Scott had initiated a feasibility study to see if this could be done," Hector said.

Working closely with NAHB, Scott obtained a workable plan that will hopefully be applied to several more units, she added.

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Edward Zep, a maintenance mechanic with the Directorate of Installation Operations, caulks the gutter of quarters 2513-B Ocean Court in Aberdeen Proving Ground's Bayside Village where two 2-bedroom apartments were converted into one 5-bedroom home.

## Research, Development and Engineering Command steps out

**Karen Jolley Drewen**  
RDECOM

The organization that brings together Army research, development and engineering became official Monday, as the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's concept plan was approved by the Department of the Army with a March 1 stand-up.

RDECOM, headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, now has the authority to transfer personnel to the command, the final step in a journey that began with RDECOM's provisional creation on Oct. 1, 2002.

"Our goal is to ensure our Armed Forces are relevant and ready, and that the products we provide reflect our commitment to our Warfighters," said Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of RDECOM and APG. "RDECOM puts the right technology into the hands of Warfighters quicker. Our Warfighters are the best, and they deserve the best."

Performing that mission are more than 30,000 military and civilian personnel and full-time contractors, who are charged with moving technology out of the laboratories and into the hands of Warfighters as quickly as possible.

With a \$3.5 billion budget, RDECOM is responsible for 75 percent of the Army's science and technology objectives. The command seeks out and develops the latest technology to provide the most advanced weapons, communication, clothing, food and vehicles, using 110 direct liaisons to the field, and more than 300 international agreements.

The command includes several organizations located at APG: the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, headquartered in Adelphi, Md., with facilities at APG; Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, located in the Edgewood Area; and the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, located in the Aberdeen Area.

Also part of RDECOM are: Natick Soldier Center (NSC), Natick, Mass.; Simulation, Training and

Technology Center (STTC), Orlando, Fla.; Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC), Redstone Arsenal, Ala.; Armaments Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC), Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.; Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC), Fort Monmouth, N.J.; Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC), Warren, Mich.; and International Technology Centers around the world.

RDECOM includes elements of the previous U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, which had its colors cased during a ceremony last October. That ceremony also marked the recognition of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, formerly the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization; and Guardian Brigade, which incorporates APG's U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit.

## AER kicks off 2004 fund-raising campaign

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Army Community Service hosted an AER Kickoff during which organization representatives received their instructions and campaign materials, March 2.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander and Maj. Anissa McNeill, commander of Headquarters Support Troop and the campaign coordinator, led the ceremony.

McNeill said the campaign goal for 2004 remains at \$40,000.

"In 2003, we raised over \$45,000, and AER dispersed \$216,000 in loans and grants," McNeill said.

She said that in the past three years, Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers have gotten back three times the

amount donated.

"Our soldiers here are truly fortunate," McNeill said. "For the good of soldiers everywhere, we should all do our part to keep this organization going."

The campaign solicits donations from active duty military, retirees and their family members. Although civilians are not solicited, their donations are welcome.

For more information, contact your unit representative or call McNeill at 410-278-2104, or AER Officer Marge Fissel at 410-278-2508.

### Army Emergency Relief Fund

The 2004 Army Emergency Relief campaign runs from March 1 to May 15. All contributions are tax deductible. Donors may make their

contributions to the general assistance fund or they may target their contributions to specific programs such as education scholarships or widow assistance.

Donations may be made by payroll deduction to by a check.

Army Emergency Relief obtains a large share of the funds necessary to support its missions through donations from both the general public and from the Army Family.

Historically, only 5 percent of donations are used for fund raising and other administrative expenses. Ninety-five cents of every dollar goes directly into one a program for soldiers and their families.

Founded by the Secretary of War in 1942, Army Emergency Relief is

exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Contributions to AER are fully deductible under section 170(b)(1)(a) of the Code.

Although sponsored by the Department of the Army, AER receives no direct funding from the government and is not part of any government-funded compensation or assistance program.

All donations to AER are used to support soldiers and their families. Checks should be made payable to Army Emergency Relief or simply the letters AER.

For more information visit Web site [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).

## Blue County opens Montgomery Gentry concert



Blue County's Aaron Benwood, left, and Scott Reeves are ready to take Aberdeen Proving Ground by storm with their new hit single, "Good Little Girls." Country music's newest duo will open the Miller Lite Army Entertainment Concert featuring Montgomery Gentry July 17.

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Country music's newest up and coming duo, Blue County, will open the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour featuring Montgomery Gentry July 17

on Shine Sports Field.

The group's debut single, "Good Little Girls," struck country radio airwaves September 2003 and the video by the same name is aired regularly on the Great American Country television channel.

Blue County is made up of two friends, Aaron Benward and Scott Reeves. The two grew up in similar environments where hometown experiences bred a passion for music.

Born in Auburn, Ind., Aaron Benward's family moved to Nashville while he was in high school. His father Jeffrey, a professional gospel singer, often invited Benward to join in with him. Benward said his father never sang for money, but for his "passion to affect people through music."

"That spoke to me and instilled that idea to go for your dreams no matter what," Benward said.

He attended Belmont University but after a year dropped out to tour with his father. Together, they played more than 130 concerts annually and recorded three CDs.

Scott Reeve's influence came from his family roots in Delight, Ark., as well as from family friend, Glen Campbell.

After cultivating a vocal style all his own, Reeves and his family moved to Los Angeles. After high school, he attended classes at the Beverly Hills Playhouse for two years and picked up work in commercials and on television.

"It helped me in my work," Reeves said. "Country songs are often about stories, and my lessons made it easier for me to get into them and get across what they're trying to say."

Aaron and Scott teamed up after meeting on a music video in Nashville five years ago. It was an instant brotherhood. The two became great friends. After years of friendship, and some pressure from their wives, they decided to see how it felt to sing together. They

discovered that not only did they have a perfect friendship, but also perfect harmonies. One day, the duo made it to Curb Records Asylum subsidiary where they performed for director Doug Johnson. When they were finished, the first words out of Johnson's mouth were, "Man, one of you is really gonna have to screw this up to not make it work."

With that, Blue County was officially born. Since then, they have performed at radio stations and concert venues throughout America. In addition, they've laid down several more tracks for their debut album set for release later this month.

"There's nothing more enjoyable for me than to be onstage with my best friend, Scott," Benward said.

"But that's not what Blue See **CONCERT**, page 5

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# Partnership benefits employees and employing agencies



Suraya Toy, a job coach for The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, helps Scott Baird, a member of DTC's mail delivery team, participate in the lunchtime bowling event Feb. 19.



Capt. Greg Montgomery, an aide to the commander of the Developmental Test Command, prepares to make a strike at APG's bowling center.

Story and photos by  
**Mike Cast**  
DTC

People who work for the Developmental Test Command on Aberdeen Proving Ground receive their workplace mail from a crew of employees who are out of the ordinary.

Scott Baird, Joe Gilbert and Linda Casey, who sort and deliver the mail, all have cognitive and developmental disabilities.

Baird, who cannot speak and must use a wheelchair for mobility, teams up with Gilbert to make the mail rounds. He communicates to his teammate through gestures or a specialized communications board on his wheelchair. Casey makes the rounds with a ready smile for everyone she meets.

Downstairs, Evie Jordan and Beth Halsey, also developmentally disabled,

shred documents for the Civilian Personnel Operations Center. Like Baird, Jordan uses a wheelchair, but she exudes cheerfulness and, like Casey, is happy to greet anyone in the building.

The five employees and their workplace coaches provide their services to these two APG agencies through arrangements with The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region in Aberdeen, Md. In return, the

disabled employees earn a nominal wage and have a structured and supportive work environment.

The Arc, a nationwide organization founded in 1950 by a small group of parents and other concerned individuals, is a not-for-profit volunteer agency that provides advocacy and support services throughout the United States and in other countries to adults and children with developmental disabilities, as well as to their families. The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region has been providing such services for Harford County since it was founded in 1953 by a group of parents of children with disabilities. It expanded its services in 2000 to include neighboring Cecil County.

For years this organization operated a workshop, offering people with disabilities a central facility where they could work. Workshop employees decided they wanted a chance to work in the larger community, so The Arc job developers sought employment opportunities in surrounding communities and helped people make the transition to their new work environments. The workshop program was discontinued in 1998.

Judy Matthews, who managed the Information Services Team at the Developmental Test Command before becoming the command's executive officer, said she was skeptical when she first considered the idea of hiring developmentally disabled employees to sort and deliver the mail. But The Arc job coaches developed innovative ways to make the work easier for these employees to accomplish. Matthews now firmly believes that the work arrangement with The Arc clearly benefits both the employees and their employing agencies.

To underscore the importance of employing people with disabilities, Maryland's Harford County selected DTC as its public-sector "Employer of the Year" for 2000. The DTC and the Army's Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine on APG were among several organizations and individuals county officials lauded for having inclusive employment programs.

Brig. Gen. Keith McNamara, DTC commander, discovered this work arrangement when he arrived at APG and quickly became an enthusiastic supporter. He began making monthly visits to the employees during their lunch breaks, sharing lunch with them and getting to know them individually. He found time in his hectic schedule to go bowling with them on two occasions, most recently on Feb. 19.

McNamara and his wife, Lynn, also visited The Arc regional office in Aberdeen in January to take a tour of the facility and learn more about its mission and services. The Arc staff, from the executive director to the job coaches, have noted and appreciated McNamara's personal interest in their program, said Matthews.

Gail Fricke, the director of vocational services for The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, said McNamara's involvement

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# Army requests Comanche termination

## Funds will buy 800 more aircraft, allow 400 upgrades

**Joe Burlas**  
Army News Service

The Army plans to cancel further research, development and planned purchases of the RAH-66 Comanche stealth helicopter.

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker told the Pentagon press corps late Feb. 23 the Army's Comanche termination recommendation to Congress is about getting the most bang for the buck for Army aviation.

"We have examined closely our resourcing plans for aviation and concluded that some of the capabilities those funds would provide are no longer consistent with the changed

operating environment," Brownlee said.

From a purely business standpoint, it makes a lot more sense to upgrade the capabilities of the current Army aircraft fleet to meet the demands of the contemporary operating environment with the \$14 billion currently slated for the Comanche program versus getting the 121 Comanche helicopters designed for a different environment and a different enemy than the ones the Army faces today, Schoomaker said.

That \$14 billion represents about 40 percent of the planned Army aviation budget through fiscal year 2011.

The decision to cancel the Comanche program stems

from one of Schoomaker's early directives to take a close look at Army aviation to determine how it should transform to best meet today's and tomorrow's challenges on the battlefield. The six-month study that ensued recently concluded.

Standardizing what comprises an aviation brigade was one of the study's recommendations.

There are currently seven different types of aviation brigades in the Army today. That standardization includes the Army Reserve and National Guard. The reserve component has dozens of 1970s airframes like the UH-1 utility and AH-1 attack helicopters that had been phased

out of the active Army more than a decade ago.

Given how reserve-component units have been tasked to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom in the past two years, they should be "plug-and-play" with their active-Army counterparts — but they are mostly not due in large part to equipment differences, said Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau.

The 3rd Infantry Division's aviation brigade, recently back from Iraq, will be the first brigade to reset under the standardization plan.

The future Army aviation brigades will have two battalions of 24 Apache attack helicopters each; a battalion of 30

Black Hawk helicopters; a utility battalion with eight light utility, 12 Chinook heavy utility and 12 Black Hawk helicopters and a number of unmanned aerial vehicles - for reconnaissance and possibly combat; and a maintenance battalion.

The Army plans to divert part of the terminated Comanche funds to buy more Black Hawk and Apache helicopters for the Army Reserve and National Guard.

The study also recommends that the Army replace the OH-58D reconnaissance helicopter with something more current as well as replacing its aged cargo aircraft and creating another light utility helicopter.

The Army is setting up pro-

grams to determine what the new requirements are and part of the diverted Comanche funds will be used to buy those aircraft, Lt. Gen. Richard Cody, deputy chief of staff, G-3.

The study and recent lessons learned identified aircraft survivability as a major issue that needs to be addressed. Money diverted from the Comanche program could upgrade a significant portion of the Army aircraft fleet with the latest flare and chaff defense systems.

In total, the Army plans to buy approximately 800 more aircraft and upgrade another 400 beyond what current funding allows with diverted

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## APG News

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### PROMOTING DAD



Daniel Winston, 3 1/2, helps his father Maj. Jeffrey Winston, chief of the U.S. Army Environmental Center's Range Sustainment Branch, pin major rank insignia on his beret during his promotion ceremony March 1 on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Photo by NEAL SNYDER, AEC

# Community Notes

## MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard. To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.



### MY BABY'S DADDY

Friday, March 5, 7 p.m.  
Starring: Eddie Griffin, Anthony Anderson

Lonnie, G, and Dominic are three bachelor buddies from the hood who, after a lifetime of partying, are in for a rude awakening when their respective girlfriends all get pregnant at the same

time. The fathers-to-be embark on a hilarious and often touching journey while learning as much about themselves as they do about love and fatherhood. (PG-13)



### COLD MOUNTAIN

Saturday, March 6, 7 p.m.

Starring: Jude Law,

Nicole Kidman

Based on the best selling novel, a wounded Civil War soldier, Inman, gets up from his deathbed and begins the long, difficult walk home to Cold Mountain, N.C., so he can be with Ada. Inman encounters many obstacles along the way. Ada, although heartbroken, is struggling to care for her deceased dad's farm. She receives a helping hand in the form of a sassy, hard working wanderer. (Rated R)

### FRIDAY MARCH 5 COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cost of admission is \$8. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

### SATURDAY MARCH 6 SOUL FOOD DINNERS

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will sell Soul Food dinners 11:30 a.m. until all dinners are sold. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 8 and under. The proceeds will benefit the Church's Annual Woman's Day program scheduled for March 28.

To place orders, call 410-939-2267.

### SUNDAY MARCH 14 BASKET BINGO

American Legion Post 194, 336 E. Main St., Rising Sun, Maryland is sponsoring a basket bingo. Games start at 3 p.m. Play 20 games for \$10. Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 28. For more information call 410-658-3915, or basketbingors@aol.com.

### TUESDAY MARCH 16 VFW LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

The Ladies Auxiliary of Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

### IRISH SPECIALTY MEAL

The Irish Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen

Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, department of defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.30 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, department of defense civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$2.85 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Irish Specialty Meal menu includes potato and leek soup, New England boiled dinner, Sheppards pie, Irish chicken and dumplings, fish and chips, whiskey baked ham, grilled Reuben sandwiches, dill buttered potatoes, macaroni and cheese, simmered brussel sprouts, seasoned carrots, brown gravy, assorted salad bar, cole slaw with creamy dressing, pickled beet and onion salad, Irish soda bread, assorted breads, carrot cake, oatmeal cookies, chocolate eclairs, fresh fruit, soft serve yogurt with assorted toppings, assorted condiments and

assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information, call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green at 410-306-1393/1398.

### FRIDAY MARCH 26 WOMEN FELLOWSHIP

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, are hosting a "Commission on Women in the Ministry" beginning with a 4 p.m. meet-and-eat social. The preaching will commence at 7 p.m. with eight sermonettes preached by local women in the ministry. All are invited to attend.

The program will benefit the Church's Annual Woman's Day program scheduled for March 28. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

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## Comanche

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Comanche funds.

Not all of the approximately \$6.9 billion invested in the 20-year-old Comanche program will be a loss.

Technologies learned during the development of the helicopter will be added to the Army's technology base for use in future aviation programs, perhaps the Joint Multi-Purpose Helicopter or Joint Cargo Aircraft, Brownlee said.

"If you told me six months ago that I would be standing here saying the Army no longer needs the Comanche helicopter, I won't have believed you," Cody said. "It is the most flexible, most agile aircraft this country has ever produced with leap-ahead technology. The makers of the Comanche should be justifiably proud of what they have accomplished."

However, Cody said he has determined that the Comanche is a niche-capability aircraft whose funding should be better spent upgrading the current fleet.

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## Post Shorts

**From front page**  
Hernandez-McCullough at 410-278-2435.

### Improving English skills

English for Speakers of Other Languages will be held for those just needing a refresher course or for those with little or no English speaking or writing skills.

Free classes will be held 9 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 23 through April 13, at Army Community Service, building 2754, Rodman Road.

For more information or to register, call Cheryl Harris at 410-278-7474 or stop by ACS, Room 111, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Adult American citizenship class

The Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program will offer a free class for military personnel or family members, preparing to take the Immigration and Naturalization test for American citizenship. The class will run Fridays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m., April 16 through May 1, at ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road.

The class covers how to fill out applications, citizenship procedures, basic American history and the Constitution. Attendees must attend all sessions to receive a Harford Community College certificate for attending a Citizenship class. Seating is limited.

For more information or to register, call Cheryl Harris at 410-278-7474 or stop by ACS, Room 111, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Veterinary clinics March schedule

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will return to normal scheduling during March. Clinics are by appointment only. Call 410-278-3911/4575, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and

3:30 p.m. Clinics are open to eligible customers only. If you are unsure of your eligibility, call for clarification. Hours run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following days in March:

- March 2, Tuesday
- March 9, Tuesday
- March 11, Thursday
- March 18, Thursday
- March 23, Tuesday
- March 25, Thursday
- March 30, Tuesday

### Telephone Etiquette and Customer Service workshop

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program Manager will sponsor two free Telephone Etiquette and Customer Service workshops, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 18, and Wednesday, March 31, in ACS building 2754 Rodman Road, ACS Training Room.

The class will address the simple yet crucial skills needed to ensure a positive interaction when assisting a caller or customer.

Upon completion of this class, students will receive a certificate of completion from Harford Community College.

Topics include negative speaking, using professional greetings, telephone etiquette basics, why customers complain, communication and effective relationship building and dealing with vocally challenged callers.

For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669.

### FEW sponsors March fund raiser

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women is sponsoring a Basket Bingo fundraiser during the month of March.

Purchase a ticket from the FEW and match the number to the evening Maryland State Lottery Number to win.

Tickets cost \$5 each and are valid in March only.

Funds go towards FEW's annual Dottie Dorman Working Woman's Scholarship presented each year during Women's Equality Day.

For more information, contact Chapter President Suzanne Schultz at 410-939-2098.

### MCSC accepting scholarship applications

The APG Military & Civilian Spouses' Club is accepting applications for scholarships until April 1. Applications are available at Web site [www.apgmcs.org](http://www.apgmcs.org).

For more information, call 410-612-0185.

### Lunchtime Weight Watchers

An information and sign-up meeting will be held noon March 17 for the Weight Watchers at Work Program at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

This program offers professional leadership and group support with the new Weight Watchers FlexPoints system making losing weight in the real world easier.

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are open to all APG civilian personnel, retirees, military personnel and family members. For more information about the Weight Watchers at Work Program at APG call 410-278-1151.

### MCSC to donate funds

The APG Military & Civilian Spouses' Club will donate funds to organizations and charities this spring.

Groups interested in placing a request for funds should do so in writing. Include name of organization requesting funds, the manner in which the funds will be used, list of other fund raising efforts, and a contact person for the organization (name, address and telephone number).

Requests must be post-marked by April 1.

Submit requests to: MCSC Welfare Chairperson, #3 Plumb Point Loop, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005, or e-mail [welfare@apgmcs.org](mailto:welfare@apgmcs.org)

### Half price membership to MCSC

The membership year for the Military and Civilian Spouses' Club has reached its half way mark and is now offering half price membership.

For more information, or to join, visit [www.apgmcs.org](http://www.apgmcs.org).

### MCSC holds Women's Conference

The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will sponsor a Women's Conference, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 17, at the Gunpowder Club in Edgewood Area of APG.

Membership in the APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club is not required. Cost is \$10 per person; registration is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for registration is April 2.

No children are allowed (including infants) and no childcare will be available. Participants may not register the day of the conference.

Registration forms will be available March 1, at the APG Thrift Shop, Army Community Service, building 2754, or visit [www.apgmcs.org](http://www.apgmcs.org).

### Change in accountable mail procedure

The APG Post Office in building 2201 is no longer accepting outgoing accountable mail (registered, certified, insured, etc.) in the back area of the Post Office before noon.

Instead, the front of the Post Office will process outgoing accountable mail.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this matter, contact the APG Postmaster, Al Van Kleeck at 410-278-7967.

## Quarters

**From front page**

Spence said the renovation included removing the kitchen from the upstairs apartment, using those fixtures to create a master bathroom, converting the upstairs living and dining area into a master bedroom and converting an outside wooden stairwell to a carpeted, enclosed entranceway.

"The entire project was completed for under \$20,000," Spence said. "It is hoped that this will bring us more funding from higher headquarters, once they see the feasibility of converting smaller units into larger units at a reasonable cost. This will allow us to accommodate our larger military families in adequate housing."

Hector added that due to the growing size of Army families, the need for 2-bedroom housing is reduced.

In addition, Lita Reyes, DIO architectural engineer, has identified 131 similar units that could be combined similarly once funding is provided.

As with the prototype, Housing Division will utilize these units to accommodate larger military families.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at quarters 2513-B Ocean Court, 3 p.m., March 4. Attendees may tour the quarters following the ceremony.

"This is one more step toward advancing the quality of life for our soldiers," Hector said.

### Fact of the week

Buy in bulk and avoid products with over packaging. About one third of the country's garbage is packaging, which is thrown out immediately.

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# MWR Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## MWR hosts Superstars of Wrestling

International Championship Wrestling presents Superstars of Wrestling, 7 p.m., March 20, at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300. Events include Shawn Alexander vs. Todd Johnson; George South Jr. vs. Jason King; a Tag Team Match, The Executioners 1&2 vs. Mike Lee and Joey Sylvia; a Ladies Match with Persephone vs. Special "K"; Former WWE Hardcore Champion Viscera vs. Former WCW Tag Team Champion The Barbarian; and the main event, Former WCW Television Champion Disco Inferno vs. Former WCW Hardcore Champion Norman Smiley. Card is subject to change.

Tickets cost \$10 for bleachers, \$12 for floor seats and \$20 for ringside seats; free admission for children 5 and under. An autograph/photograph session will be held 6 to 7 p.m., March 20.

Tickets are available at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907 or 410-278-4011 or order online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

## Join the boat club

Spesutie Island Boating Activity is located in the Aberdeen Area of APG, building 36. Mooring spaces cost \$11 per foot, parking lot space costs \$8 foot, and Ramp only membership costs \$7.50 per foot per boating season, March until November 2004.

Amenities include an easy access ramp and a clubhouse with screened porch with a kitchen, two bathrooms and a meeting/party room. There is also a picnic area for family and social gatherings.

### Membership requirements:

Member must be the boat owner and must complete eight hours of work and stand three security watches, 7 to 10

p.m. There is no fee to be a member; all fees are associated with the storage and services.

Membership is open to active duty military, retired military, Army National Guard, DOD civilians, retired DOD civilians, and contractors with APG ID cards.

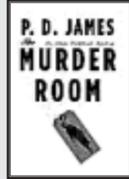
Proof of insurance is also a requirement.

Applications can be picked up at the clubhouse building 36 and at the Outdoor Recreation Office. For information or questions call Wayne Doyel, 410-278-4124 or the Outdoor Recreation Office, 410-278-4124.

## 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 new books available at the APG MWR libraries:



**The Murder Room** by P. D. James

The most renowned section of a certain family-owned English museum, is the Murder Room, in which are gathered artifacts from famous homicides that took place between the two World Wars. The mystery, however, begins in a garage, where one member of the family is incinerated after being doused with petrol. That the victim was lobbying to sell the museum, over the objections of his sister and brother, only adds fuel to a fire that Scotland Yard is asked to extinguish.



**The Con Man's Daughter** by Ed Dee

**Buffalo Gordon on the Plains** by J. P. Sinclair Lewis

**Odd Thomas** by Dean Koontz

**The Touch** by Colleen McCullough



**The Orion Protocol** by Gary Tigerman

Visiting [www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html](http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html) provides access to the library's online catalog, a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

## SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - DO YOU NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

The Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce may have money for you. A \$1000 scholarship is available to graduating seniors residing in the Aberdeen community or whose parents graduated from Aberdeen High School. Apply today. Need more information? See <http://www.aberdeenc.com/scholar.htm> for application and more details, or contact the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce at 410-272-2580, and ask for an application. Application deadline is April 1.

### READING PROGRAM TO START

Reading program to start at

Aberdeen and Edgewood Youth Center's Homework Labs as an after-school program for grades 1 through 8. Students participating in the program will earn quarterly rewards based on number of minutes read each week according to grade level. Students can earn a gold, silver, or bronze medallion at the end of the program which coincides with the end of school. The youth center that records the most verified student minutes read will receive a gold trophy cup for their center. Students will be able to record their weekly progress in an official reading log issued at the homework lab. Please see your homework lab coordinator to sign-up..

## Concert

From front page

County is all about," he added. "The focus is the people we're singing for. Our prayer is that when people hear us, they know that what we do isn't about us it's about them. It's about touching the lives of everyday people."

The Miller Lite Army Concert Tour featuring Montgomery Gentry with special guest, Blue County is set for July 17, 6:30 p.m. on Shine

Sports Field. Tickets for the rain-or-shine event will be offered at a special sale price of \$10 for one week only, April 2 to 9. Tickets are available at MWR Registration in building 3326, or by calling 410-278-4907/4011; or in the Edgewood Area Fitness Center, building E-4210, 410-436-7134. For more information email

MWR\_Registration@usag.apg.army.mil or visit the MWR Web site at: [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com). Editor's Note: some information taken from [www.blue-countyfan.com](http://www.blue-countyfan.com)

## Activities

MWR has a very exciting and entertaining year planned for APG.

Some things to look for include the ICW

Wrestling event on March 20, Miller Lite Army Concert Tour presenting Montgomery Gentry on July 17, and lots more.

To learn more, visit <http://www.apgmwr.com> for the latest information.

### 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 the MWR Registration, building 3326, or online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### March Madness Racquetball, Handball Tournament

This tournament will be held 7 p.m., March 26 through 28, at the APG Athletic Center. This will be a single-elimination divisional tournament. Participants must register by level of ability. All participants receive official March Madness Tournament T-shirt. Trophies will be given for first and second place finisher's in each division.

### Softball Instructional Clinic

This class will be held 5 to 7

p.m., March 24 through 31, on Shine Sports Field. The class includes basic instruction on batting, throwing, fielding and team strategies on offensive and defensive maneuvers used during a game. Register by March 19. Cost is \$25.

### Camping Certification plus

Get "camping certified" by the professionals 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., March 27, at the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area. Find out how to choose, set up, maintain, and secure a campsite. Learn how to weather, terrain, plants, environment, and animals affect and relate to camping safety and guidelines. In addition there will be information presented on the wildlife and habitats of APG, and the past and present history of the installation. Register by March 19. Cost is \$10.

### New York City Patriot's tour

Ride a deluxe motorcoach

on March 27 to get a great patriot guided tour. View Ground Zero, Battery Park, China Town, Financial district, the Village areas, United Nations, Empire State Building, Theater District, Time Square, 5th Avenue, Rockefeller Plaza, Central Park and more. There will be deals on purchasing fruits, vegetables, baked goods, meats, seafood, sweets, crafts, books, flowers, jewelry, clothing, coins and more.

Bus will pick up at Vitali's Restaurant on MD Route 24 in Edgewood at 7:45 a.m. and drop off at 10 p.m. Cost is \$70. Register by March 12.

### Bowling specials

Get a Play & Save Pass from the APG Bowling Center. Pay \$37 for 20 games to receive a 20 percent discount. Games must be played Monday thru Friday.

An E1-E4 Special runs March 1 through 7. Bowl for \$1 a game and get \$.50 shoe rental. Play anytime from 1

p.m. to closing.

Scotch Doubles will be held 2 p.m., March 14, at the APG Bowling Center. Cost is \$16 per couple. Everyone bowls three games and winners will receive cash prizes.

For more information, call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail [dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Aqueduct Flea Market

The Community Recreation Division will sponsor a trip to the Aqueduct Flea Market, Brooklyn, New York, April 10.

Cost is \$36 and includes admission to the market. Bus will depart 7 a.m. and return 7:30 p.m. Everything from clothing to electronics, antique furniture and home decor, toys to groceries - and more with over 1,000 vendors. Wear comfortable shoes and prepare to shop till you drop, then visit famous Jamaica Avenue for even more bargains. Register by March 19.

## SMU offers military tuition discount

J. Kim McNutt SMU

Southern Methodist University's School of Engineering is offering a near 50 percent tuition discount for active duty U.S. military personnel enrolling in its Distance Education program.

The School of Engineering offers 19 master's degrees to off-campus students including systems engineering, electrical engineering, computer science, information engineering and management, environmental engineering and many more military and government relevant degree programs.

The school has been offering courses to distance education students since 1968.

The hallmark of the SMU program is flexibility and convenience.

"It's our way of saying thanks to the men and women of the U-S armed forces for their service to country, and a

way to make graduate education more affordable," said J. Kim McNutt, director of Distance Education.

The programs are delivered on DVD for its high quality and portability and are exactly the same as the on-campus student experience.

The engineering faculty has the "culture of distance education" and work with the military students by e-mail and telephone.

For more details on the military discount, visit <http://enr.smu.edu/distance/military.html>.

For more information on the DE program visit <http://enr.smu.edu/distance/overview.html>.

For details on enrollment criteria and qualifications, visit the SMU Engineering Web site or call Stephanie Dye at 214-768-3232 or e-mail to [sdye@enr.smu.edu](mailto:sdye@enr.smu.edu).

## Bowling scores week of Feb 28

### Tuesday Intramural

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Donald Moore, 258  
Brandon Dusick, 243  
**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Steve Greulich, 273  
Donald Moore, 272  
**Men's High Series Scratch**  
Donald Moore, 626  
Brandon Dusick, 611  
**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Gullermo Perez, 714  
Mark Wagner, 708  
**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Nicole Washington, 161  
Kathy Mabery, 125  
**Women's High Game Handicap**  
Cynthia Sewell, 253  
Nicole Washington, 232  
**Women's High Series Scratch**  
Nicole Washington, 423  
Kathy Mabery, 310  
**Women's High Series Handicap**  
Cynthia Sewell, 726  
Maria Shepard, 651

### Wednesday Lunch Doubles

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Joe South, 207  
Dave Spagnuolo, 203  
**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Henry Schwartzman, 272  
Joe South, 270  
**Men's High Series Scratch**

Jack Kelly, 343  
Joe South, 335  
**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Henry Schwartzman, 499  
Paul Moy, 463  
**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Kathy Krout, 178  
Jeanine Worthington, 153  
**Women's High Game Handicap**  
Shelley Sanders, 265  
Betty Taylor/Kathy Krout, 264  
**Women's High Series Scratch**  
Kathy Krout, 315  
Dawn Gardner, 289  
**Women's High Series Handicap**  
Shelley Sanders, 458  
Kathy Krout, 457

### Wednesday Mixed

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Bernard Hammond, 225  
Tony Nelson, 214  
**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Tony Nelson, 245  
Bernard Hammond, 238  
**Men's High Series Scratch**  
Bernard Hammond, 549  
Stewart Thacker, 525  
**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Tony Nelson, 616  
Don Stasky, 603  
**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Ann Thacker, 201  
Kathy Anderson, 182

### Women's High Game

### Handicap

Sheila Moore, 235  
Ann Thacker/Linda Boyle, 222  
**Women's High Series Scratch**  
Ann Thacker, 577  
Kathy Anderson, 490  
**Women's High Series Handicap**  
Ann Thacker/Sheila Moore, 640  
Linda Boyle, 631

### Thursday Lunch Doubles

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Stacey Martin, 188  
Barry Hudler, 178  
**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Mac McCellan, 242  
Phil Peregino, 233  
**Men's High Series Scratch**  
Stacey Martin, 359  
Barry Hudler, 347  
**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Mac McCellan, 462  
Gordon Brown, 421  
**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Joyce Smith, 169  
Sandy Bowers, 164  
**Women's High Game Handicap**  
Gina Bukowski, 236  
Joyce Smith, 235  
**Women's High Series Scratch**  
Sandy Bowers, 314  
Joyce Smith, 310  
**Women's High Series Handicap**

Sandy Bowers, 444  
Joyce Smith, 442

### Thursday National Guard

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Frank Mitchell, 196  
Mike Finkel, 193  
**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Mike Finkel, 256  
Randy Thomas, 248/239  
**Men's High Series Scratch**  
Frank Mitchell, 546  
Bernard Hammond, 506  
**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Randy Thomas, 694  
Frank Mitchell, 648  
**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Mary Jo Smith, 247  
Tracey Burroughs, 161/160  
**Women's High Game Handicap**  
Mary Jo Smith, 307  
Tracey Burroughs, 243/242  
**Women's High Series Scratch**  
Mary Jo Smith, 520  
Linda Wrencher, 452  
**Women's High Series Handicap**  
Mary Jo Smith, 700  
Linda Wrencher, 671  
**Friday Fun Bunch**  
**Men High Game Scratch**  
Richard Trimble, 236  
John Lewis, 201  
**Men High Game Handicap**  
Virgil Mills, 285

Johnny Jones, 264  
**Men High Series Scratch**  
Richard Trimble, 648  
Virgil Mills, 578  
**Men High Series Handicap**  
Virgil Mills, 743  
John Lewis, 691  
**Women High Game Scratch**  
LaTasha Taylor, 234  
Venus Drebing, 188  
**Women High Game Handicap**  
Latasha Taylor, 271  
Luz Montanez, 260  
**Women High Series Scratch**  
Latasha Taylor, 640  
Luz Montanez, 475  
**Women High Series Handicap**  
LaTasha Taylor, 742  
Venus Drebing, 706

### Saturday Youth - Rising Stars

**Boy's High Game Scratch**  
Deric Page, 157  
David Sexton, 122  
**Boy's High Game Handicap**  
Morgan McConnell, 273  
David Sexton, 268  
**Boy's High Series Scratch**  
Deric Page, 375  
David Sexton, 318  
**Boy's High Series Handicap**  
Kevin Carter, 686  
David Sexton, 683  
**Girl's High Game Scratch**  
Amanda Anderson, 127  
Lawrence Searles, 101

**Girl's High Game Handicap**  
Lawrence Searles, 266  
Jessell Cons, 258  
**Girl's High Series Scratch**  
Lawrence Searles, 286  
Jennifer Ziegler, 256  
**Girl's High Series Handicap**  
Lawrence Searles, 675  
Magan Pace, 668

### Saturday Youth - Shooting Stars

**Boy's High Game Scratch**  
Curtis Swauger, 193  
James Ables, 192  
**Boy's High Game Handicap**  
James Ables, 269  
Lance Lepard, 268  
**Boy's High Series Scratch**  
Curtis Swauger, 504  
Ryan Anderson, 496  
**Boy's High Series Handicap**  
Chris Denardi, 728  
Curtis Swauger, 707  
**Girl's High Game Scratch**  
Ashley Taylor, 174  
Wesley Richardson, 154  
**Girl's High Game Handicap**  
Ashley Taylor, 266  
Angela Kerner, 253  
**Girl's High Series Scratch**  
Ashley Taylor, 457  
Wesley Richardson, 386  
**Girl's High Series Handicap**  
Ashley Taylor, 722  
Heather Miller, 644

# ECBC seminar prepares managers for terrorist threat

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It's not enough for today's government managers to balance the budget, put out fires within their staff, and actually deliver a product or service on time. Now, in a post-9/11 world, managers and executives must be on the lookout for warning signs of terrorist activity. Individuals with responsibility for buildings and personnel need to be aware and prepared to handle a terrorist event and its aftermath.

Fortunately, there are experts who understand this need and the importance of sharing information in ways non-technical people can understand.

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center is offering a seminar for federal, state and local government managers to help them understand and prepare for a terrorist attack with chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapons of mass destruction.

The one-day seminar includes classroom sessions and tabletop exercises and is designed specifically for executives and managers who have little or no background in chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear WMD issues. The seminar will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 24, at the Battelle Eastern Science and Technology Center in Aberdeen, Md. The cost is \$220 per person.

Supported by ECBC's Homeland Defense Business Unit, the seminar provides an introduction to the characteristics of chemical and biological agents and radiological and nuclear devices. The seminar focuses on the implications of their use as WMD, including signs and symptoms and appropriate response. Trainers will discuss executive- and management-level responsibilities, such as building management, consequence management, infrastructure return-to-use,

legal issues, health care and personnel management.

For registration details, contact the Battelle Eastern Science and Technology Center at 410-306-8854. For more information about the course curriculum or ECBC, please contact the ECBC Public Affairs Office at 410-436-3610.

ECBC is the Army's principal research and development center for chemical and biological defense technology, engineering and services. ECBC has achieved major technological advances for national defense, civilian needs and industrial competitiveness, with a long and distinguished history of providing the Armed Forces with quality systems and outstanding customer service. ECBC is located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. For more information, visit our Web site at <http://www.ecbc.army.mil> or call 410-436-3610.

## Safety and Health

### Patient Safety Awareness Week begins Monday

Marie Constantineau

Kimrough Ambulatory Care Center

Hospitals and healthcare organizations across the United States are preparing to observe Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 7 through 13. The theme of this year's observance is "Patient Safety: The Power of Partnership."

Patient safety is one of the hottest topics in the healthcare industry and the nation today. Today more than ever, people need to stay informed and be involved with their healthcare options. Patients are being urged to speak up if they have questions or concerns in order to be knowledgeable about their medications, procedures, treatment and recovery process.

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KUSAHC wants you to be informed about what you can do to participate effectively in the delivery of your healthcare.

To help KUSAHC identify areas of concern, they have developed a "Near Miss" form. This is a voluntary report that informs the staff of a situation where an accident "almost" happened, but did not, either by chance or intervention.

Some examples of such reports submitted by patients might include the patient noticing that their date of birth is incorrect on their medical record, or the patient has a medication allergy and it is not noted on

their medical record with an allergy sticker.

The "Near Miss" form can be found in all clinic areas during your visit. If needed staff members can help you to complete this form.

Teamwork is the key and every staff member, visitor, patient and family member is part of our Patient Safety Program Team.

Take an active part in every decision about your health care. Every patient and every health care provider - the entire health care team - is responsible for ensuring patient safety and quality.

For more information, visit [www.npsf.org](http://www.npsf.org).

(Editor's Note: Valerie Sommer, Patient Safety Manager, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic contributed to this article.)

## Sports

### Basketball update

The following results were received for intramural basketball for the week ending Feb. 27. For inquiries regarding statistics, contact the APG Sports Office at 410-278-3929.

#### American Division

##### Results

Feb. 23  
HHC 61st defeated NCOA by forfeit  
HHC 16th, 58; KUSAHC, 53  
TF 121st, 60; 203rd MI, 24  
Feb. 25  
HHC 61st, 59; 203rd MI, 35  
ATC defeated NCOA by forfeit

KUSAHC, 37; TF 121st, 35

##### Standings

HHC 16th 7-1  
HHC 61st 6-3  
NCOA 7-3  
TF 121st 5-4  
KUSAHC 5-4  
ATC 2-8  
203rd MI 1-10

##### National Division

Feb. 24  
Company B 16th, 40; USAF, 35  
Company A 16th, 45; USMC, 43  
Company E 16th, 43;  
Company B 16th, 34  
Feb. 26  
Company C 16th, 54; USAF, 48

Company B 16th, 39;  
Company A 16th, 34  
Company E 16th, 49; USMC, 44

##### Standings

Company E 16th 9-4  
Company C 16th 11-2  
USAF 8-5  
Company B 16th 5-8  
Company A 16th 2-11  
USMC 3-11

##### Edgewood Division

##### Results

Feb. 23  
HHC 143rd, 30; MRICD, 17  
Company C 143rd, 61;  
Company B 143rd, 37  
TEU defeated Company A

143rd by forfeit  
Feb. 25 Feb  
MRICD defeated Company A  
143rd by forfeit  
HHC 143rd, 65; Company C  
143rd, 31  
RDECOM defeated TEU by  
forfeit

##### Standings

HHC 143rd 7-2  
RDECOM 6-3  
TEU 4-4  
MRICD 6-4  
Company B 143rd 3-4  
Company C 143rd 2-7

### LEAVE DONATION

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

the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should contact Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, or e-mail [rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil), to complete a termination form.

#### Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Juanita Carter  
Marian Bellis  
(fracture of left tibia)  
Sarah Blevins  
Christina Bryant  
Jane E. Calahan  
Kenneth Carey  
Jackie Childress

Barbara Crossley  
Joseph Dugan  
David Fletcher  
Renee Gaffney  
Janice Johnson, diabetic neuropathy  
Melanie A. Hoffman  
(parasinusitis,

fibromyalgia condition)  
Richard Hoffman  
Beth Kelly  
Beverly King (caring for husband)  
Janet Kipp  
Danny Kopp (lung cancer)

Cheryl Johnson-Mathews  
William B. McLean  
(kidney failure)  
Linda M. D. Queen  
Tess Ramos (lung surgery)  
Michael Reynolds

Cheryl L. Roark  
Matthew Ryan  
Marguerite Soper  
Eunice Thompson  
Alison Tichenor  
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)

## DTC

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with disabled employees at their workplace and in "socializing events" provides an "excellent" example of how organizations and communities can support The Arc program.

"Our mission is community building, and there is no better

example than what the general has done," Fricke said.

She and Tim Quinn, executive director of The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, joined McNamara, some of DTC's headquarters staff, members of its Information Services Team and the five disabled employees in the recent outing at APG's bowling center. Despite confinement to wheelchairs, Baird and Jordan managed to bowl

with the aid of a special device that enabled them to drop the ball from their wheelchairs. No one was really keeping score, as the event was strictly for fun rather than competition, but McNamara checked with all of the disabled employees to see if they were having a good time. They were.

The Arc is sponsoring a program at APG March 10 called "Contracting Team

Success: APG and The Arc." The focus of this event will be employment opportunities for citizens with disabilities through contracts with the federal government. Although McNamara will not be able to attend because of other commitments, Mathews and Col. John Rooney, DTC's chief of staff, will talk to potential employers about DTC's involvement with The Arc program.

# Veterans' voices

## Maryland Veteran of the Year, Blair Cross, dies

Story and photo by  
**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Perhaps the most prominent champion of veterans' rights in Harford and Cecil counties, Blair E. Cross, passed away in his sleep Sunday morning after a long illness.

The former resident of Timonium and Bel Air was known throughout the state by veterans, politicians and friends as a man wholly dedicated to veterans' causes.

The former chairman of the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs, Cross also headed the state's Korean War Veterans Association which recently obtained a Congressional Charter due in part to Cross' initiatives.

Most recently he was named the Maryland Veteran of the Year for 2003-2004 by the Maryland Veterans Commission and was due to receive the honor during an April 24 ceremony in Bowie. That event has since been can-

celled at the request of the family.

Cross was a man who dined with presidents and other politicians as easily as he rubbed elbows with Maryland's homeless veterans. He also was recently honored as a co-founder of the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training in Baltimore, a residential program for homeless veterans that includes training in education, employment and life skills; and he helped found the Friends of Fort McHenry, a historical preservation group.

Cross was instrumental in having Harford County designated a Korean War Commemoration community for the 50th anniversary commemoration period and was the first veteran featured in the APG News 'Remembering Harford Veterans' series of local Korean War veterans that began in January 2001 and ran until November 2003.



Blair Cross, in his Port Deposit home, proudly displays two plaques he received in November 2003, one from the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training in Baltimore honoring him as a co-founder and the other from the Towson High School Alumni Association, naming him to the school's Hall of Fame.

## Veteran uses two second chances to help veterans

The following is a reprint of an article profiling Blair E. Cross that ran in the APG News in January 2001. This was the first article of the paper's Korean War Commemoration series that ran from 2001 to 2003.

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Blair Cross is the current chair of the Harford County Veterans Commission, the past state commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and a member of the Order of Purple Hearts.

During the Korean War, he served with the 45th Infantry Division, 279th Infantry Regiment.

Cross remembers Korea as a place where "summers were unbearably hot and winters were unbearably cold."

"It was often difficult to even walk for the cold," Cross said.

With vivid memories undiminished by the passage of 50 years, Cross recalled the night he was wounded in action. He described it as "fateful."

Alone on an ambush patrol, he was shot mul-

multiple times during a firefight with two North Koreans.

"When I opened fire, one of them fell on top of me," Cross said.

Keeping his wits about him, he struggled back toward his line until he was close enough to call out for help.

Though he had to be evacuated to a hospital in Pusan, Cross said his wounds would have been far more severe had it not been so cold out.

"I was wearing a T-shirt, shorts, long johns, fatigues, a sweater, a field jacket, a steel vest and a parka," Cross said. "When the bullets hit, they didn't do as much damage as they could have."

Cross was transported out, thinking himself very lucky, and grateful to be alive.

The next day his unit was overrun by enemy troops. Cross lost almost all his comrades.

"Only one or two guys survived," he said. "I was so overwhelmed, I didn't know if it was fate or luck," Cross said. "I just knew that I was given another chance, twice."

After he left the service, Cross went to work at the Locust Point Marine Terminal, which he

retired from in 1992. Eventually, he was drawn into veteran-related activities and soon became a tireless worker for veterans' rights.

He is a founder of the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, a Baltimore homeless shelter for veterans that is considered the most successful facility of its kind in the nation. He was "very involved" in organizing the Friends of Fort McHenry, a historical preservation group that is still active today and he currently is involved in the push for a Congressional Charter recognizing Korean War veterans as a viable interest group.

He said people forgot Korean War veterans the same way they forgot Viet Nam veterans years later.

"We came home knowing we didn't have a victory," Cross said. "All we had was a cease fire."

"Viet Nam veterans were a different generation," he added. "They were not about to take it on the chin."

Today, Cross stays busy speaking to public

and private groups about veterans' issues. He meets regularly with state and local representatives to discuss or plan commemorations and is consulted for local and national broadcasts concerning the Korean War.

Not one for television, Cross said he is compelled to stay busy.

"I've got to occupy my time and I do it with patriotic issue or events," Cross said, adding that the "backbone of all organizations is membership."

"Everyone is not a joiner. I was out a long time before I joined anything," Cross said. "But just adding numbers to an organization increases its clout in Washington, D.C. That's important for any organization trying to make a difference in people's lives."

Formerly of Cockeysville, Cross and his wife of 55 years, Jane Cross, live in Bel Air. They are the proud parents of seven children and 14 grandchildren, all of who live within a 30-mile radius.

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