APG welcomes Zinnante, bids farewell to Daly

By YVONNE JOHNSON

APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground civilian community gathered at Top of the Bay June 26 to bid farewell to one leader and welcome another during the change of command ceremony for the U.S. Army’s Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Outgoing Commander Lt. Col. David R. Zinnante presented the welcome message. “We are proud of the extraordinary contributions of each one and every member of this community of the capabilities available to them here at Team APG,” said Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command and APG senior mission commander. “The technology and synergy that exist here is incredible. C4ISR capabilities are conceptualized, developed, tested, integrated, managed and fielded right here from APG. We’re looking forward to identifying opportunities to strengthen and grow our relationships with our DoD partners.”

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**Opinion**

Fourth of July - more than “pomp and parades”

I would like to ask you to also take a moment and remember the sacrifices made by so many over the last 237 years which have preserved our nation’s freedom.

On this Fourth of July, tens of thousands of our fellow U.S. service members and Department of Defense civilians remain deployed all around the globe. From Afghanistan to Korea, they continue to do the work that helps to keep our Nation secure.

Right here at APG, our talented and professional team members are doing everything from researching and developing the next generation of warfighting technology to sustaining the OH-6A mission of our Joint Force, to protecting the public health of our service members, to defending against chemical, biological, and nuclear threats.

No matter who you are or where you work, every man and woman in uniform, along with all of our DoD civilians, is a proud volunteer who has dedicated themselves to serving our nation under some of the most challenging circumstances imaginable.

The Fourth of July is a perfect day for all who serve to take pride in the mission that Team APG and our armed forces perform. I also know that many will travel outside the holidays to spend time at the beach, on the water, at fireworks displays or with family and friends. Please ensure that safety is a part of all your Fourth of July plans and commit to making this holiday a safe one for you, your families, and your fellow APG Team members.

I want to thank you once again for the hard work you do each and every day. My family and I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Fourth of July and a great - and safe - summer season.

Happy Birthday USA and Army Strong!

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Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell
U.S. Army Garrison – Aberdeen
Commander

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Happy birthday to all of you who have served in the military. We all owe you a debt of gratitude. From Afghanistan to Korea – they continue to do the work that helps keep our Nation secure.

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July 4th is a time of social activities and celebrations with family and friends, but it is not without an increased risk of accidents and family members being hurt while you’re having fun.

Fireworks can be extremely dangerous and cause serious burns and eye injuries. Everyone is encouraged to attend public fireworks displays and avoid setting off fireworks at your location. Please remain in supervised areas only. Be sure to obey all road and posted signs. Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts and stay out of the water if conditions are not safe.

If you decide to take advantage of warmer temperatures by engaging in water activities, please remain in supervised areas only. Be sure to obey all road and posted signs. Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts and stay out of the water if conditions are not safe.

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When it comes to getting your drop with your family for the 4th of July! We also go to see the fireworks at the Bel Air parade

To obtain a yearly subscription, which costs $16, the subscription rate only applies to families living in the Aberdeen Proving Ground area. To place an order, call (410) 278-7274, DSN 298-7274; send a fax to 410-278-0611.

The number of papers you would like to receive should be submitted by units and organizations where a substantial number of personnel live in the area and you decide to use them on your own, be sure to always read and follow label directions and follow local laws. Never give fireworks to small children. Never throw or point fireworks in the direction of anyone. Know your exact location and operation, and always keep water handy. Never hit a firework with a stick or rock, or throw it into water.

Everyone can make a difference this holiday period. When you practice safety and inform others about safety, you are saving lives. Remember, accidents don't take a holiday. Always maintain an awareness of the potential hazards around you.

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Army Post-9/11 GI Bill transfer policy to take effect Aug. 1

By C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

Beginning Aug. 1, 2013, every Soldier who elects to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to a family member will incur an additional four years in the Army, without regard to their time in service.

This policy was drafted in 2009 and takes effect Aug. 1, 2013. It is important that we inform Soldiers of this existing policy regarding the Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits,” said Lt. Col. Mark Viney, chief of the Enlisted Professional Development Branch, Army G-1.

That news comes in a message to military personnel, dated April 15, 2013. The rule largely affects senior officers and enlisted Soldiers who are retirement-eligible. As of now, these Soldiers may be able to transfer benefits to their loved ones with anywhere from zero to three years of additional service. Soldiers who are not retirement-eligible, choosing to transfer their GI Bill benefits to a family member means re-upping for an additional four years.

Come Aug. 1, that rule will apply to all Soldiers, whether they are retirement-eligible or not.

“The Post-9/11 GI Bill Soldiers are entitled to the benefit for their own use, but to transfer to dependents: that is used as a recruiting and retention tool,” said Lt. Col. Mark Viney, chief of the Enlisted Professional Development Branch, Army G-1.

Viney also serves as the policy proponent for the Army’s Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Education Benefits Program. “We want Soldiers to be informed of the impact of this policy,” Viney said. “This is going to impact their decisions and their families, and whether or not they are going to have this money available to fund their dependent’s education.”

Viney said that as the Army draws down, some Soldiers will be involuntary separated under force-shaping initiatives. Soldiers who are separated early under such circumstances and who had previously transferred their Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to their dependents may retain the transferred benefits, without needing to repay them to the VA.

Soldiers who were retirement eligible after August 1, 2009 and before August 1, 2012 and who are considering transferring their benefits to their dependents should review their service obligation before doing so. All Soldiers will incur a four-year service obligation after August 1, 2013 if they transfer their benefits to their dependents.

Soldiers with questions about transferring their Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to their dependents should contact their approving official.

Stormwater reminder

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While it is not unusual to hear about devastating storms and tornadoes in the central portion of the country around this time each year, it seems that we are once again dealing with powerful spring time thunderstorms in our area. Recent storms have caused damaging winds, flooding, and have even spawned a few minor tornadoes.

While sometimes there is little anyone can do to be fully prepared for the most violent forces of nature, there is a great deal that can be done to mitigate the effects of more common rain and thunderstorms such as localized flooding. While tending to our yards and gardens this summer it’s always good to inspect any stormwater management structures, such as gutters, roof drains, storm drains, culverts, swales and ponds that may be on or near your property.

Be sure to check each structure for damage, such as broken concrete walls, cracked pipes, or signs of water flowing around the structure.

Remove any accumulated debris to ensure that these structures are able to function as effectively as possible. It is important to remember that yard debris such as grass clippings and leaves should never be washed down storm drains while performing yard work, as they can accumulate and create blockages resulting in reduced flow. Improper care and maintenance of stormwater structures can lead to premature flooding, excessive erosion and sedimentation, and damage to property.

Any action you can take to ensure that stormwater structures are properly functioning will go a long way toward advance preparedness in the event of a significant storm and may save effort, money and a big headache down the road.

If you notice that a publicly-owned structure located near your home is damaged and in need of repair, you will need to notify the appropriate local or state government agency. If you notice a damaged stormwater structure while at APG, please notify the Directorate of Public Works at 410-436-3102.

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By LT. COL. CAROL MCCLELLAND
20th Support Command (CBRNE) Public Affairs

Summertime for Soldiers often means a leadership change. Such was the case June 25 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. when Lt. Col. Eric Towns replaced Lt. Col. Andrew Milner as the new commander of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort).

The presiding official, Col. Maria Zumwalt, 48th Chemical Brigade commander, welcomed attendees then began with a quote from Heractitus, a Greek philosopher living in 500 B.C. “He said, ‘out of every 100 men or women, 10 should not even be here, eighty are just targets, nine are the real fighters, and we are lucky to have them, for they make the battle. But one, only one of them is a warrior, and he will bring the others back,’” she quoted. “Make no mistake about it; the Guardian Battalion is comprised of Warriors that are trained and ready to accomplish the mission of countering CBRNE threats.”

Milner honored his wife, Sonmi, and daughter, Joanna, with flowers at the ceremony. He returns to a location he knows well—U.S. Forces Korea, where he’s had multiple tours. He thanked his Soldiers and reminded the audience of their importance. “On any given day and at any hour, Technical Escort Soldiers are executing their mission to counter-weapons of mass destruction within the United States and around the world. While you’re preparing to go home for the weekend or on vacation or sleeping in your beds, America’s Guardians are responding to any number of live chemical ordnance discovered in any number of indiscriminate locations across the Continental U.S., U.S. Territories, Alaska, Hawaii or overseas military installations,” Milner said.

Incoming commander Towns, who was most recently the deputy commander of 3rd Chemical Brigade, gave his first order immediately after assuming command. He told the Soldiers standing in the formation in 92 degree heat on the field to “shake it out” followed by his next order, “Alright, tighten it back up.” He kept it short promising to “energetically carry on the proud legacy of those who have come before me,” then announced, “Guardian 6 reporting for duty” before stepping away from the microphone and essentially ending the ceremony.

Environmental assessment for the U.S. Army Reserve Proposed Military Construction Project at APG

By JESSICA BELFIT
DPW Environmental Division

The U.S. Army proposes to construct and operate a U.S. Army Reserve Center (USARC) in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG-EA). The USARC would provide properly equipped and secured training facilities for approximately 500 U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers. The U.S. Army has prepared a Draft EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) to evaluate and document the potential environmental and human health effects associated with construction and operation activities of the USARC at the APG-EA proposed location.

The Draft EA and FNSI are available for review at http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/directorates/dpw until July 20th, 2013. Written comments should be submitted to Ms. Amanda Murphy at U.S. Army Reserve, 99th Regional Support Command, DPW, Environmental Division, 5231 South Scott Plaza, Fort Dix, New Jersey 08640-5000, or by email at amanda.w.murphy.ctr@mail.mil.
Army engineers develop new decontamination guidance

ECBC partnered with industry and academics to review decontamination guidelines for HazMat/WMD mass casualty incidents. The upgraded report was presented at the 2013 International Association of Fire Chiefs International HazMat Conference in Baltimore.

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Stephen Divarco, Ph.D

Divarco leads the ECBC effort as the organizational chief systems engineer. He previously served as an assistant and safety engineer, combined with his government decontamination engineering experience, provided critical expertise for the team needed to complete the updated report.

The team has also collaborated with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, who are publishing the information presented in Volume I as a national recognized and private fire service project as part of their Mass Casualty Decontamination Incident National Planning Guidance for Communities.”

The federal level document and the ECBC report can be viewed as companion products that support both local response evolves,” Divarco wrote in a presentation for the IAFC Conference.

“The fire service is a critical resource for mass casualty decontamination and one of the purposes of this revised report is to bring them on board with the early minutes of decontamination and get their buy in on the final product,” Gougelet said.

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Response from military and emergency personnel during the recent Boston Marathon explosions has been heralded as one of the best because of the planning and practice of first responders and hospitals who handle mass casualty situations.

“Mass casualty decontamination efforts, from the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center partners with industry and medical professionals to ensure that the worst does occur, everyone is ready and able to handle the conditions and challenges that any mass casualty decontamination situation requires timely response, gaining first to complete the updated report. The team has also collaborated with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, who are publishing the information presented in Volume I as a national recognized and private fire service project as part of their Mass Casualty Decontamination Incident National Planning Guidance for Communities.”

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While there is no perfect solution to mass casualty decontamination and there is no single process or method that can account for all variables such as hazards, number of victims, environmental conditions, resource availability, etc., the information presented in Volume I and II of the revised Report provides a means to help identify a simple, consistent mass casualty decontamination process that can be applied with reasonable effectiveness to any HazMAT/WMD incident,” Lake said.

“The updated guidelines include rules for signing Volume I with a quick reference book with short, concise descriptions of procedures and shifts to set up and execute mass casualty decontamination. Volume II has been revised to include an in-depth discussion of HazMAT and WMD mass casualty decontamination and additional reasoning behind guidelines presented in Volume I. Both volumes now include high resolution graphics developed for emergency reference and follow-on training in multi-lin- gual communities.

“The key to successful mass casualty decontamination is to use the fastest approach that will cause the least harm and do the most good for the majority of the people. Coordination of initial assessment, decontamination, and subsequent observation procedures is critical to ensure that the health needs of victims continue to be met as the incident response evolves,” Divarco wrote in a presentation for the IAFC Conference.

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AP employees honored with FE awards

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As the GFEBS lead for ATC, I could return from Washington D.C. to the labs at Edgewood it would be important to try new things and take risks, and that is the kind of place where growth and development occur. I also think that is why you see such high levels of personal satisfaction for the Army. As I approach my twenty-year mark as a member of the Army, I think it will be a significant career milestone. I have been here for a very long time and have learned a lot along the way. I am proud to be serving in a leadership role and I am looking forward to continuing my career in this organization.

Dr. Peter Emanuel, EBRC

Emanuel leads the biological research laboratory at EBRC in the areas of biological detection and decontamination. As Biological Science Division Chief, he is equally concerned about the work environment for the researchers that produce this work. To help enable the team to work in a safe and comfortable environment, one area of focus is in developing improved laboratory space and instrumentation to support the researchers. This includes investing in new equipment, such as mass spectrometers, to enable more accurate and precise measurements of biological materials. Emanuel also works closely with the facilities department to ensure that the researchers have the necessary space and resources to conduct their experiments. He believes that creating a positive and supportive work environment is essential for achieving high-quality research outcomes.

Dr. Tamara C. Otto, MIRC

Otto was recognized for her contributions to the development of technologies for the detection and decontamination of nerve agents. Her work has led to the development of new methods for analyzing nerve agent residue and has improved the accuracy of these measurements. Additionally, she has made significant contributions to the training of future scientists through her work with the National Guard's Free State Challenge Academy (NC State) and the Department of Defense's ORISE (Office of Research and Development) program. She has helped to develop new training programs and has been a key contributor to the development of new technologies for detecting nerve agents.

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By C. TODD LOPEZ

Around 25 bicyclists and hand cyclists, including Soldiers and wounded warriors, rode out of Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday to begin the 3rd Annual Freedom Bike Ride.

The five-day ride begins in the nation’s capital and culminates at Lew- isburg, Pa., on the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

“That’s why we picked the starting location that I consider to be the most hallowed ground in the United States,” Bittenbender said. “And that’s Arlington National Cemetery.

Before the participants departed around 9 a.m., Bittenbender spoke to them about how the first day of riding would be dedicated to Gilbert Horton, who was killed in 2011 while serving in Afghanistan.

This year the ride will pass through Gettysburg, Pa., to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The participants will also meet with Ronald E. Rosser, Medal of Honor recipient for his actions at the Battle of the Bulge, and Camilla M. Coyle, the daughter of Gilbert Horton.

Along the way, the parade has been a tradition now for 17 years.

Keeping with tradition, the Freedom Bike Ride is not a race, but more of a “therapy ride,” focused on camaraderie and enjoyment of the participants.

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**TUESDAY JULY 9**

**FIRST BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD VISIT**

The First Blue Cross Blue Shield will be visiting APG on Tuesday, July 9 to provide information and answer any questions about the available health plans. The visit will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 5 p.m. at the Army Community Service building (Bldg. 1000). This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the different health plans available and to speak with representatives who can help you understand your options. Be sure to take this chance to make informed decisions about your healthcare.
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Patriot thanked the Soldiers for their dedication to the mission and congratulated them on their achievements, and also thanked the Families for the support they provided. "We could not have their service if it was not for the support you provided and we are still here for you."

and deal with, and overcome the challenges that will enable you to meet the next phase of your life, those are the values that you hold dear," she said. "As you move into the years to come.

Don't sacrifice the values that you hold dear," said. "As you move into the years to come.

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Engineering Center; and Army Contracting Command-APG, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology's Program Executive Office for Command, Communications, Tactical-Psi, Technology, Electronic Warfare, Sensors, PED for Enterprise Information Systems and the Systems Engineering and Integration Directorate.

During the visit, Wheeler toured lab spaces on the campus, including CEEOM's Joint Electronic Healthcare Covenants. Enterprise; Solutions Directorate, and Army Reprogramming Analysis Team ISL Lab. The tour also covered the Joint Technical Integration Facility. Joint Satellite Communications Information Integration Lab, Cyber Security and Information Assurance Lab; PEDCIT's Win-T Lab; and other labs.

For example, the JOIN, provides DoD organizations with access to a large number of systems that remain secret to test and integrate network systems and workstations in a tactical environment before deploying the system to the field. According to the JOIN chief, available 24/7, JOIN serves as an information grid capability, providing the full range of Defense Information Systems Network Services and wins the APG C4ISR community with remote access sites across the globe, under one Common Operating Environment in support of the Combat Commannds, U.S. Armed Forces, interagency, and international partners.

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Lt. Col. Donald Kemp 20th Support Command (CBRNE)
Kemp culminates his military career as a weapon commander chief enlisted to the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) He will retire on Oct. 31, 2013, with 23 years of honorable service; Kemp was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Engineering Corps on July 23, 1990 after graduating from Campbell University in North Carolina. His previous assignments include Germany, Korea, and Iraq. His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Merit, Iraq Campaign Medal/Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal. Foye received the Legion of Merit award by Acting Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command. Lt. Col. William Garrett III is a Presidential Certi- ficate of Appreciation by President Barack Obama; the Certificate of Letter of Appreciation signed by the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Raymond T. Odierno; and a United States flag and pin. Foye's wife, Angela received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

Lt. Col. Donald Foye 20th Support Command (CBRNE)
Foye culminates his military career as a weapons commander chief enlisted to the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) He will retire on Oct. 31, 2013, with 24 years of honorable service; Foye was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry Corps on July 20, 1989 after graduating from North Georgia College. His combat tours include Operations Desert Shield; Desert Storm; and Enduring Freedom. In 2002, Kemp was awarded the U.S. Merit- orious Service Medal signed by the for- mer Commanding General of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) Maj. Gen. Leslie C. Smith, the Presidential Certifi- cate of Appreciation by President Barack Obama; the Certificate of Letter of Appreciation signed by the Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno; and a Uniti- ed States flag and pin. Kemp's wife, Jonelle received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

Kemp said he plans to move closer to his family, and pursue a career in entrepreneurial management.

Sgt. Marie Zinnante 20th Support Command (CBRNE)
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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is in the process of placing more than 26 million cubic yards of sand along the coastline throughout the northeastern United States to repair and restore coastal storm risk reduction projects previously built by the Corps that were severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

The bulk of the sand, roughly 23 million cubic yards, will be placed in New York and New Jersey, but sand will also be used to restore previously constructed projects in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.

The work, some of which has already started, will be accomplished through a number of contracts with sand being obtained from different sources, including navigation channels and offshore borrow areas. While exact costs for every contract are not available since not all have been awarded yet, the far-eastern near-term coastal restoration effort is expected to total more than $600 million. This cost will be 100 percent federal-funded.

“The primary purpose of coastal restoration projects is to reduce risk,” said Brig. Gen. Kent Savoy, commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division. “Strong interagency and intergovernmental teamwork is critical to the meet the challenges that face us. Together with our partners, we are developing mechanisms and applying the best national and regional expertise, science and engineering to restore and enhance the resilience of our coastlines.”

The Division’s New England, New York, Norfolk, Philadelphia, and Baltimore districts will execute the coastal restoration projects. New York District is managing projects in New York State and New Jersey north of Manasquan Inlet. Philadelphia District is managing projects in Delaware as well as projects in New Jersey south of the inlet. Baltimore District is managing projects in Maryland. New England District is managing projects in Connecticut. Norfolk District is managing projects in Virginia.

More than 7 million cubic yards of sand will be placed in New York, with about 4 million cubic yards of that placed in the New York City area. The majority of that — about 3 million cubic yards — will be placed along Rockaways Beach in Queens and about 600,000 cubic yards will be placed on Coney Island in Brooklyn. The remaining approximate 3 million cubic yards of sand will be placed on constructed coastal storm risk reduction projects on barrier islands along the South Shore of Long Island.

In New Jersey, about 16 million cubic yards will be placed along the coast. About 15 million cubic yards will be placed along the Atlantic coast of New Jersey with the remaining 675,000 cubic yards being placed along the south shore of Raritan Bay in the area of Keansburg, N.J.

In Delaware, the Corps will place approximately 2 million cubic yards of sand at five separate projects. In Maryland, the Corps will place 850,000 cubic yards of sand at Ocean City. In Connecticut, the Corps will place 90,000 cubic yards of sand along the coast. Finally, in Virginia, the Corps will place 325,000 cubic yards of sand in two separate projects.

In the months since Hurricane Sandy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers personnel have been assessing impacts, performing engineering and design work to prepare for the upcoming coastal work, and working with federal, state, local and industry partners to award contracts for the placement of sand as well as the dredging of federal navigation channels.

More information about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects whose sand is being placed as part of the post-Sandy coastal restoration efforts is available at http://www.usace.army.mil/Sandy/.

For more information on project status in your local area, please contact the public affairs representatives at the following districts:

- USACE Baltimore District: 410-962-3787
- USACE New York District: 917-790-8007
- USACE New England District: 410-962-3787
- USACE Norfolk District: 757-201-7673
- USACE Philadelphia District: 215-656-6513

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