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d the mission of changing our culture to one of tolerance.

To that end, SHARP remains the Army's top priority. Army Secretary John McHugh and Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno have given me and everyone in our team the confidence that we must maintain to get to this point. The RAND survey indicated that one of our efforts must be to bring down the barriers to reporting it. And it is up to all of us to make the reporting of SHARP violations easier for our Team to report them. They also indicate that filing such reports is as comfortable or inconvenient. The Director of the DOD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, Maj. Gen. Jeffrey J. Snow, has said that as reporting of these violations has gone up, the incidence of these cases is for the institution.

I am encouraged because the SHARP program is working. The DOD and Army dialogues are working. We’re reaching the others that help and trust that is central to all Army teams, military and civilian. But it’s going to take more leadership. I encourage everyone to take a stand and not allow sexual harassment or assault to exist on our Team.

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Fourteen graduating seniors from the Aberdeen High School Science and Mathematics Academy presented their senior capstone projects to peers, mentors, teachers and family members during a gallery walk at the school’s campus May 19.

During their senior year, SMA students worked with a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) professional to complete their capstone project. This year, 31 SMA students were paired with mentors from APG.

The SMA is a magnet school that provides academically talented students with rigorous coursework which integrates STEM and emphasizes research and real-world application, culminating in the senior capstone project.

SMA Program Specialist Sarah Vokuhl said without mentors, the capstone project would not be possible.

“The only way to provide students with real-world hands-on research is at the highest possible level is for them to work with practicing STEM professionals,” she said. “Without mentors our students would completely miss out on this valuable experience.”

Senior Abby Webster worked with Dr. Timothy Kluchinsky, Jr., a U.S. Army Public Health Command employee, and Masada Peretz, an industrial hygienist with Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, to conduct an occupational noise exposure assessment of the APG Bowling Center.

“The goal was to come up with something useful and meaningful that could potentially make a positive difference,” she said. “I had mentioned that I was interested in the effects of noise, and my mentor suggested conducting a noise survey at the bowling alley, which is a particularly noisy environment due to the balls hitting pins and the machinery involved.”

To conduct the study, Webster used a sound level meter to measure areas that were particularly noisy environment due to the balls hitting pins and the machinery involved.

“Miss Webster demonstrated the ability to communicate scientific or technical information to the employees evaluated, supervisors, and project personnel through verbal explanations, briefings and written documents,” Peretz said. “She carried herself with professionalism and great control under project pressures.”

Senior Danielle Sykes worked with Rosa Satz, a computer engineer with the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center’s Command, Power and Integration Directorate, and Jason Pedro with Certified CIO to develop SafeWalk, an Android smartphone application designed to decrease pedestrian accidents.

“With Certified CIO to develop Safe-Walk, an Android smartphone application designed to decrease pedestrian accidents due to distracted walking. Sykes said the SafeWalk app automatically disables calls and text messages while users are crossing busy intersections. After crossing an intersection, users will get an automatic notification if they missed a call or a text.

“During this project, Sykes used three crosswalks by Aberdeen High School and fellow classmates as test subjects. “The application performed well in testing, providing fast and accurate notification to users,” she said. “The results from the study showed the app could be beneficial to pedestrians.”

Sate, who has served as a SMA mentor for three years, said she enjoyed mentoring Sykes.

“This [study] is very timely, because we are talking about saving lives,” Satz said. “Being a mentor is a very rewarding experience.”

Sykes said she plans to major in mathematics at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Senior SMA mentor Dr. Douglas Cerasoli, with the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, said that he appreciates the program’s “real-world” focus.

“Most militarily relevant positions in the U.S. require a real-world” focus.

“I think it is a really strong program, I like the focus that they put on getting into real research environments and working with scientists,” he said. “That really valuable.” Cerasoli said. “I am a big fan of the program. I think it is a boon for Harford County and it is great for the kids.”

Cerasoli added that the hands-on experience helps students determine what career path they might pursue in the future.

“Having a clear vision is not a necessity,” he said. “But if you have a clear vision at this age, then you are going to go a lot further and a lot faster.”

After the gallery walk, certificates, coins and special awards were presented to members of SMA Class of 2013. The following students received special awards:

- **Special Awards**

  - The Dr. Bill Richardson Award for Maintaining a Creative Vision for the Future: Kacie Baronie
  - The Robert L. Johnson Award for Excelling at Perseverance and Problem Solving: Mitchell Roberts
  - The Brian Simmons Award for Character and Integrity: Jared Wagner
  - The C. Warren Skillman Award for Demonstrating Outstanding Leadership Potential: Peter Shoa
  - Dr. Dennis L. Kirkwood Award for Scholarly and Creative Progress: Jonathan Baldauf
  - The J.M. Cerasoli Award for Exemplifying the Spirit and Purpose of the SMA: Lauren Drumm

This year, SMA students received approximately $1 million in college scholarships. The seniors will graduate Sunday June 2.

For more information about the academic program, visit the Science and Mathematics Academy website at www.scienceandmathacademy.com.
ATEC hosts spiritual resilience luncheon

By COURTNEY WHITE

The commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley, hosted a Spiritual Resilience Prayer Luncheon at Top of the Bay, May 12, as part of ATEC’s Ready and Resilient effort promoting spiritual fitness among its workforce.

“Prayer luncheons like this one provide a venue for the Army’s leaders, Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians to be reminded of the role of the divine in our national history, and in our personal lives,” Utley said.

The theme of the luncheon, “Faith for Tomorrows,” encourages the ATEC workforce to maintain spiritual resilience through the power of faith, Utley said.

Spirituality and family are two of the five dimensions of strength identified within the Army’s Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program, which is designed to build resilience and increase performance of the Soldiers, their families and Army civilians.

During the luncheon, members of the workforce shared what spiritual resilience meant to them, through the lens of their own faith, and recited readings from their respective religious documents. ATEC employees Bryan Shinholt and Dr. Victoria Dixon sang “The Anchor Holds,” sending a message of faith providing stability in spite of the challenges life brings.

Chaplain Col. Mark A. Penfold, ATEC chaplain and master of ceremonies, explained that in addition to the presentation of readings and music, prayer is another component of maintaining and developing spiritual fitness.

The guest speaker, Col. Paul K. Hurley, who was recently appointed as the Army’s 24th Chief of Chaplains, expounded on the luncheon’s theme, stating, “Faith for tomorrow is about faith now.”

“Faith is about being prepared for the life that comes to us; our lives are filled with all sorts of twists, turns, unexpected events, challenges and joys, but unpredictable in a sense,” he said.

Hurley highlighted the importance of being resilient in one’s life and of being prepared when life presents unpredictable challenges.

Utley presented Hurley with a certificate of appreciation and an ATEC coin, as thanks for sharing his uplifting message with the ATEC workforce.

(Above) U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command employees Bryan Shinholt, left, and Dr. Victoria Dixon perform “The Anchor Holds” during the ATEC Spiritual Resilience Luncheon at Top of the Bay, May 12.

(Ultnt) Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley, right, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, presents a certificate of appreciation to Chaplain Col. Paul Hurley, the Army’s 24th Chief of Chaplains, during the ATEC Spiritual Resilience Luncheon, May 12. Hurley talked about the importance of spiritual resilience and being prepared to face the challenges of tomorrow.

Photos by Andricka Thomas

DOD hosts first-ever ‘Lab Day’ at Pentagon

U.S. Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. sits inside the Concept for Advanced Military Explosion-Mitigating Land Demonstrator, known as CAMEL, at the DOD Lab Day May 14. The CAMEL demonstrates research integrated into a vehicle platform from RDECOM’s Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center.

This first-ever DOD Lab Day, held in the Pentagon Courtyard, showcased more than 100 Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and DoD Medical innovations designed to improve the military capabilities of our nation’s Force of the Future.

Photo by Amy Alotta
Eight graduating fellows received the Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF) program diploma during a ceremony held at the Mallette Hall Auditorium on APG North (Abbeville) May 19.

The ceremony celebrated the completion of the ten-month program of study focused on leadership and acquisition. Diploma recipients were Matthew Lee, Bill Leonard, Gary Lichvar, Ayo Omololu, Lisa Sanders, Oral Walker, Randy Wheeler and Jennifer Worton. In her welcoming remarks, ceremony host Joanne S. Schonover, dean of the Defense Acquisition University’s Capital and Northeast Region, congratulated each of the fellows for participating in the fellowship program and acknowledged their dedication and hard work.

She also thanked the APG community for its continuing strong support of the fellows and the SSCF program.

“We applaud the work that will set you up for your future endeavors in serving the armed forces,” she said.

Keynote speaker Stephen D. Kreider, program executive officer, Program Executive Office Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, PEO IEW&S, congratulated each of the fellows for their accomplishments and hard work. He emphasized the importance of using their newly acquired skills to become capable leaders who are comfortable and effective in operating in a new environment as they return to the workforce.

Kreider closed by asking each member of the Class of 2015 to identify what would be their legacy. He challenged each of them to “reinvest in the lives of others.”

The graduation ceremony was attended by 73 friends, family members, SSCF alumni and distinguished guests which included five locally serving service members, SSCF alumni, and distinguished guests. One fellow, and tenth leading cause of death in the U.S.

By the Numbers

May is National Mental Health Month, an observance that raises awareness about mental illness and related issues in the United States.

42,000,000

The number of Americans who live with anxiety disorders, such as panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), generalized anxiety disorder and phobias.

13,600,000

Americans who live with a serious mental illness (SMI) such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder.

9,200,000

Number of Americans with co-occurring mental health and addiction disorders.

3,200,000+

Approximate number of students victimized by bullying each year in the U.S. Researchers have discovered a strong link between bullying and depression.

66

Years since the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) was created as the result of efforts by President Harry S. Truman to reduce the stigma of mental illness.

Average daily number of military veteran deaths by suicide: 22
THURSDAY MAY 28
ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVANCE

The installation’s annual Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the APG North (Abingdon) Chapel, Bldg. 2485. The theme for the event is “A History, one culture at a time.” Join Col. John Mark Edwards, the deputy commander for Army Community and Family, and Col. Raul W. Villanueva, president of Wyzw and Associates FC, to hear about their lived experiences in the New York City area.

Bridgette Graham at 443-861-7901 or cig@410-317-8099.

EVENING EVENTS & TOWNSHALLS

TUESDAY MAY 26
10 a.m. Thru 12:30 p.m.

ARMY WELLNESS CENTER AT APG HEADQUARTERS
The Army Wellness Center is seeing clinic clients again. Call 410-272-1532 or (410) 272-1595 to schedule an appointment. No insurance required.

For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or Tiffany.grimes@us.army.mil.

11 a.m.

VACCINE BIBLE SCHOOL
The Army Post Chapel will post signs before Sunday service to advise Army and civilian, including DA civilian employees and Family members, to come for their vaccinations. The clinic will begin at 11 a.m. and will continue to offer COVID-19 vaccines, flu shots, and Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine. A clinic sign is required for entry. Army community members can come to the post chapel to voluntarily receive the COVID-19 vaccine, receive the flu shot, or receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The clinic will be closed until further notice.

To make an appointment, call 410-272-1595.

FAMILY MARRIAGE EVENT

The Army Wellness Center is a new program to support families and couples. The Army Wellness Center is a program to support families and couples. The Army Wellness Center is a program to support families and couples.

For more information, contact Sarah Hughes, 410-272-8000.

SATURDAY MAY 29
6:30 p.m.

ARMY POST GOLF TOURNAMENT
The Army Post Golf Tournament is being held at the Bushmill Golf Course in Abingdon. The registration deadline is June 22.

For more information, contact PGA professional at 410-272-1532 or abingdon.center@us.army.mil.

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To rip currents on American beaches
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The U.S. Lifesaving Association esti-
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The National Oceanic and Atmo-
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not fight the current.

Form reliability out of the current, parallel to the beach.

When out of the current, swim at an angle away from the current base.

Use the waves to help you along.

The NWS also advises that bathers
only swim at beaches staffed with life-
saves. The chances of drowning at a
beach with lifeguards are in 18 million, in

National Rip Current Preparedness Week For more information, visit:
http://ncprecurrents.noaa.gov/

Summer Safety: Ready…Or Not? The 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign kicked off Memorial Day weekend and the APG Employee Assistance Program of the Army Sub-
stance Abuse Program is poised to share safety messages with APG News readers throughout the summer and beyond. This article is the first in that series. According to the U.S. Army Com-
bat Readiness Center, the two-year theme, “Ready... Or Not!” is designed to heighten awareness of risk factors by reporting on deaths and lead to do it themselves one simple question, “Are you ready for what is about to happen? Safety has a direct correlation to unit and individual readiness,” said Metcalfe. Thus, the focus is on defining as having adequate personnel, materiel and supplies, equipment and training that, when properly enabled, balances im-
mmediate and effective application of mili-
tary power.

According to Patricia Coburn, ASAP/ EAP, the goal is to get Team APG to
think twice about risky behavior and pre-
vent unnecessary accidents. “The prevention of accidents and accidental injuries or deaths, our
Soldiers, civilians and their families will
continue to thrive,” she said.

For more information about the 101 Critical Days of Summer “Ready... Or
Not?” Summer Safety Campaign, visit https:// safety.army.mil/
**Blue Star Museums Program offers free admission to Soldiers**

By RACHEL PONDER

The sixth season of Blue Star Museums has begun, with more than 2,000 museums across America providing free admission to military personnel and family members until Labor Day.

This educational program allows free entry for military personnel and up to five immediate family members to a wide range of museums featuring a variety of subjects such as fine art, history and science as well as nature centers.

The program grows every year and is made possible through collaborations with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and museums across America.

"What a great way for the arts community to say thank you to our service members and their families for the sacrifices they make on our behalf," every day,” said NEA Chairman Jane Chu, during a recent press event at the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C.

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"The response has been so far beyond anything we ever imagined it to be,” she said. "Museum-going enhances resilience, it broadens your perspective, it opens your mind to beauty and ideas and things that you might not have known before.”

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The Lancaster, Pennsylvania Science Factory, said the Blue Star Museum program is an opportunity for military families to have fun, relax and learn together. The Lancaster, Pennsylvania museum features 10 hands-on science and technology exhibits.

"It’s a small way to give back to the community and to our military families who sacrifice so much in defending our freedoms,” he said. "It’s an honor for us to serve them.”

John Ziemann, with the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Sports Legends Museum in Baltimore, said the Blue Star Museum provides military families with the chance to explore the culture and history of a state.

“We are so proud to welcome military families to our museum,” he said. "I think more organizations should step up and give discounts or free admission to the military.

Tracey Munson, from the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, Maryland, said families enjoy touring the museum’s 18-acre waterfront campus.

"We wanted to do something meaningful, as a way of showing our gratitude for their service, and bring them an authentic Chesapeake experience to remember for a lifetime,” Munson said.

The free admission program is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card, which includes active-duty U.S. military – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, including National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members.

For a complete list of participating museums, visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums. All summer, Blue Star Museums will share stories through social media. Follow Blue Star Museums on the NEA Twitter and Facebook sites at https://twitter.com/NEAarts and https://www.facebook.com/NationalEndowmentforArts and program offers free admission to Soldiers.

APG CATCH-A-POACHER PROGRAM

A wide variety of wildlife call Aberdeen Proving Ground home. The APG Conservation Law Enforcement Branch is asking you to be a partner in protecting and preserving the natural resources here on post. If you see or have knowledge of poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources, you can use the SUMMIT-A-TIP hotline to anonymously provide information to catch a poacher.

**Call the SUBMIT-A-TIP “HOTLINE” at 410-306-4673.** Emergencies or violations in progress should always be reported via 911.

When reporting poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources on APG, please take note of the information listed in the form below.

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By COURNEY WHITE

Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley, commanding general of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, left, congratulates Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin, former ATEC chaplain assistant, for his 27 years of service during Benjamin’s retirement ceremony, May 7, at ATEC headquarters on APG North (Aberdeen). Utley said, “My belief in God guides me through life, my faith is the beginning of my success in life, both personally and professionally. As part of that commitment, he coordinated ATEC’s Strong Bonds program, a unit-based, chaplain-led program to build resiliency, strengthen Army families and help Soldiers and their families cope with long separations, frequent relocations and the stresses of deployments. During Benjamin’s tenure at ATEC, he served three chaplains. In support of the current ATEC Chaplain, Col. Mark Penfold, Benjamin served as a liaison with the Army’s Strong Bonds contracting representative to ensure all logistics, including lodging and meals, were taken care of so the needs of Soldiers and their families were met.

Benjamin said he most values his family and is humbly thankful for his children for their sacrifices over the years as part of a dual-military family. His wife, Sgt. Jaime F. Benjamin, also serves as an Army chaplain, currently assigned to the APG Garrison. “My belief in God guides me through life, my faith is the beginning of my success in life, both personally and professionally. "I always leave a place better than you found it."...I have been there for many children and their families to help them through difficult times and to encourage them to do something you wouldn’t do. Soldiers are the best compliment I can receive.”
**Upcoming Activities**

**BABYSITTING COURSE**

**TUESDAY JUNE 16**

The U.S. Army Soldier Show Tour will stop at APG June 16 at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater. Free and open to the public, doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.

The Soldier Show is a one-hour, Broadway-style variety performance featuring the Army’s best. It’s singing, it’s dancing, and it’s amazing! Each year, Army Entertainment brings together a talented troupe of performers who are selected through a rigorous audition process.

This year’s production, “We Serve,” explores the foundational elements of what it means to serve, in and out of uniform, as well as how our country is sustained.

In partnership with 4-H, will offer a class to familiarize participants with all the responsibilities of babysitting as well as second day is an excursion. The second day is an excursion. The

The course is two days in length, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The course will be held at Elkridge 2001. This course is open to youth ages 13 to 18. Registration is required.

Office at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater. The show starts at 7 p.m.

For more information, or to register, contact Shirelle Womack at 410-278-4589.

**LEISURE & TRAVEL**

**Baltimore Orioles Ticket Discounts**

The Leisure Travel Office is offering discount tickets to Baltimore Orioles games during the 2015 season at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore. For prices and availability, contact Leisure Travel Services at 410-278-4041/4047. Tickets can be purchased at the Leisure Travel Services Office at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

**SPORTS & RECREATION**

**LUNCH & BOWL**

**THROUGH JUNE 30**

The APG Bowling Center will offer Lunch & Bowl every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday through June 30.

For $10, bowlers receive one game of bowling, shoe rental and a box lunch between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The box lunch includes a choice of sandwich (ham, turkey, club, tuna or chicken Ceasar) a bottle of water, chips or pasta salad and two freshly baked cookies.

For faster service, call in orders ahead of time, before 10:30 a.m. at 410-278-4041.

For more information, contact Rich Burdette at richard.g.burdette2.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-4041.

**MAY-FOR-MAY FITNESS MONTH**

THROUGH END OF MAY

Open to all eligible MWR patrons, staff and participants will track the miles they walk or run during the entire competition certificates and medals will be awarded to the top three men and top three women. Call the Athletic Center at 410-278-7932/7934, Hoyle Gym at 410-436-5375, or the Fitness Center at 410-278-6725 for more information.

**KAYAK CLASSES**

**MAY-JUNE**

APG Outdoor Recreation will host two-day kayaking classes on the following dates:

- May 28 & 29
- June 4 & 5
- June 11 & 12
- June 25 & 26

The first day of each session is instruction, the second day is an excursion. The two-day kayak class is open to children ages 7-15.

The course is open to youth ages 13 to 18. Registration is required. For more information, contact The MWR Outdoor Recreation Office at 410-278-4124.

**2015 SWIMMING POOL PASSES**

MWR pool open Memorial Day weekend. Get ready for summer now and purchase your summer pool pass. Pool passes are on sale now at the Outdoor Recreation Office, Bldg. 2184 and the Leisure Travel Office at APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) recreation centers.

Participants to think about how things are going since being back home after deployment. Highlights include: reintegration adjustments, strat- tified financial planning, and healthy communication.

For more information, register to attend a Reunion/Reintegration Training at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel, Bldg. 2485, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The training will prompt participants to think about how things are going since being back home after deployment. Highlights include: reintegration adjustments, stratified financial planning, and healthy communication.

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**CREATING A SOLID SPENDING PLAN**

Make plans to attend this free class to learn how to balance your finances. This information can help you stay disciplined and organized financially, which is the first step to knowing your overall financial health. In this easy to follow one-hour class, you will learn what happened, you will get the information you need to create and maintain your personal financial goals.

Class will be held the following dates from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Bldg. 250.

- Wednesday, June 17
- Wednesday, Sept. 9
- Wednesday, Nov. 18

Registration is required. To reserve a seat call ACS at 410-278-6699/7572.

More information about APG MWR activities and services can be found online at www.apgmwr.com or by downloading the FMWR Directory.

**LEISURE & TRAVEL**

**SPORTS & RECREATION**

**SOLDIER SHOW**

**THE 2015 U.S. ARMY SOLDIER SHOW**

On Wednesday, November 18

**MAY-JUNE**

- **June 6-10**
- **August 3-7**

**COOKING CLASS**

INTERNATIONAL

**JULY 6-10 & AUGUST 3-7**

A special Story Time will take place every Wednesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. June 24 through Aug. 5 at the CPR tennis courts next to the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. Practice includes the basics of all sports, scoring and strategies. The program costs $40 per child. For more information, contact William Kegley at william.m.kegley3.naf@mail.mil or call 410-366-2279.

**READ TO THE RHYTHM STORY TIME**

**TUESDAY JUNE 16**

A special Story Time will take place at the Bayridge Community Center from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Soldiers from the surrounding community are invited to participate. The story, “This Is How I Run Around the World,” is about the adventures of a little robot as it explores the different places around the globe.

**BABYSITTING COURSE**

**JULY 21 – 23**

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Vinnie, portrayed by retired 1st Sgt. Kevin Vanesas, has one last dance with his wife, Gina, played by Judy Nicholson, as Frank Sinatra, portrayed by Stephen Perna, croons in the background during a final scene of the APG Drama Group’s production of “Farewell to Vinnie” at the APG North (Abingdon) recreation center May 21.

Devine said the inspiration for “Farewell to Vinnie” began about two years ago after the sudden death of someone close to her. “At the time I began to realize that people always think there are going to be ‘one more’s’ in their lives,” she said. “One more time to catch up with someone you love and maybe, just maybe you’ll have that one more chance to see them, talk to them, slow dance close with [them] before it’s too late.”

The cast came together during the summer of V A’s “Summer of Service” initiative designed to build upon its existing partnerships to grow the number of individuals and organizations serving veterans in their communities.

The department is renewing its commitment to veterans and embarking upon a “Summer of Service” that seeks the help of citizens across the country to honor their commitment. “We have made progress over the past year in addressing the challenges we face in delivering care and benefits to millions of veterans and their families,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald. “While there is more work to do in honor of our sacred commitment to veterans, we also recognize that V A cannot do it alone.”

The department is inviting citizens to join the department to serve veterans. From expanded partnerships with the private sector and non-profit organizations, to accelerating hiring, to celebrating the commitment of V A’s employees and volunteers—“we need the help of communities everywhere to succeed.”

Veteran Affairs begins Summer of Service’

Veteran Affairs Corner

Veteran Affairs Corner is a new, recurring feature in the APS News. It addresses up to topics that matter most to the veterans in our community. For more information about local veterans affairs services, visit www.maryland.va.gov. To suggest veteran-related topics for the Veterans Corner series, email amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced a new nationwide initiative designed to build upon its existing partnerships to grow the number of individuals and organizations serving veterans in their communities May 26.

As part of V A’s Summer of Service, the department has committed to hold-

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APG drama group delves with murder mystery performance ‘Farewell to Vinnie’
Army plans Commander’s Virtual Staff

Audrey Alba, Medical Records Technician—Medical Coder

By STACY SMITH

Audrey Alba began her career at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic as a licensed practical nurse in the immunization clinic before becoming a medical records technician in 2009. She said that though she sometimes misses direct care with patients, she enjoys the current position because it allows her to use her medical knowledge daily while working closely with the medical staff.

When a physician sees a patient, Alba reviews that encounter, enters the proper codes and assigns processes output thoroughly. Each aspect of an encounter from diagnosis to treatments, requests immediate service.

For example, if a patient comes to the clinic with a suspected infection, he is going to be a code for sprained ankle. There’s going to be what they call an ‘E code’ for how they sprained their ankle and if it’s a simple wrap or not, Alba said.

Alba said that repeating common codes halves her remember them but misspelling is not necessary. She saves each code like a writer might save a dictionary.

Alba received her online classes through the American Academy of Professional Coders and is a nationally certified professional coder. To retain her license she must complete 36 continuing education credits every two years.

She said that she and the coding staff are preparing for new codes that will be implemented by Congress in October 2015, and will be responsible for training all Army medical providers on those new codes.

Alba’s shift was a big change from the system we’re currently using. It’s asking whether someone or something that will be available to providers, she said.

Alba’s husband retired from the military in 2009. She said she was lucky to have a young age that she wanted to pursue a career in medical records. “I always saw myself as a caring person,” Alba said. “I was always the one who wanted to follow her footsteps.”

For more information, contact Alba at 410-278-3991, or audrey.j.alba.civ@mail.mil.

To get a hold of this medical records technician, contact Audrey Alba at 410-278-3991. She said that although she enjoys the current position, she would like to become a medical records technician at a major medical center.

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Take a look back in time as the APG News explores what made the headlines around APG during this week 10, 25 and 50 years ago. This week’s APG News masthead is from 1988.

10 Years Ago: May 25, 2005

(left) APG Commander Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, far left, accepts a check for $604,071 while recognizing volunteers of the year Abby Burnett, Spc. Chad Emrick, Lawrence E. Oswald, Sabrina Renee Patterson and Jerry Nook during a ceremony at Top of the Bay.

(right) Children listen in as APG paramedic John Williamson explains what a paramedic does during an open house for Family Child Care children at the Aberdeen Area fire station.

25 Years Ago: May 23, 1990

(Below) Light armored vehicle instructor Marine Sgt. Roger Davis, far right, shows Australian Army soldiers parts from the vehicle’s engine during their visit to APG for maintenance training.

50 Years Ago: May 27, 1965


Retiring nursery founder Mrs. Saul Zelkind is crowned queen for a day by student David Ostrow. Zelkind also received a plaque during her retirement ceremony.

Members of the Maryland National Guard rappel from a helicopter during an Armed Forces Open House demonstration.

This Week in APG History

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News
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Laser protection

Laser protection gear may sound like something straight out of a science fiction movie, but the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army

Dale Duncan, Baltimore District field

“lifeline,” and without it, they could not

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Figuring out the best, and safest, way to move water is a challenge.

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For washing clothing.

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Laws protect heroes’ benefits

By NICOLE DECAMPIL
Director Social Security Administration

On Memorial Day, we honor men and women who died while courageous-ly serving in the U.S. military. We also recognize active-duty service members, especially those who have been wounded. Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades to thank our service members and their families. For example, Social Security provides survivors, disability, retirement, and Medicare benefits. Not only do Social Security survivors help protect service members, we also provide family benefits to protect veterans, we also provide family benefits to protect service members.

Staff Sgt. Robert White, rear, leads the 22nd Chemical Battalion color guard posting of the colors during the Memorial Day Tribute at the Edgewood Arsenal Cemetery May 25. Squad members from left include, Pvt. Heath Tisdale, Spc. Dylan Tanner, Staff Sgt. Ben Lauter and Sgt. Joseph Ahle. The 20th CBRNE Command firing squad stands at attention in the distance.

The tribute included a gun salute by the 20th CBRNE Command firing squad, led by Staff Sgt. Nickolas Gordon and the posting of the colors by the 22nd Chemical Battalion color guard, headed by Staff Sgt. Kevin White. Chaplain Lt. Col. Kevin Weston presented the invocation and benediction and the Fort Meade Army Field Band, led by Sgt. 1st Class Rob Martin, performed the national anthem and other patriotic music.

Cohosts of the tribute included American Legion Post #47 in Edgewood and Knights of Columbus of Columbia Department #6180. Guest expressed their continued gratitude for the annual opportunity to pay their respects to the fallen.

Sally Vockler a retiree widow, said the attending ceremonies after her husband died, just seven days after retiring from the Army 40 years ago. “Every year I come to be with oth-er (military) families and to pay my respects,” she said.

Carlton Martin, a Prince Georges County youth attended the ceremony with his mammy, Chapman Weston. He said he’s gained an appreciation of mil-itary life under Weston’s guidance and he’s now preparing to enter the Navy. “He’s helped me to improve as a lead-er and he encourages me to continue to seek improvement,” he said, adding that the ceremony “really brought home” the true meaning of sacrifice.

Mary McCann, a retired first sergeant and commander of American Legion Post 17, said veterans especially are “reminded because “we know their sacrifices,” she said. “We feel like we have to remember so those who come after us will understand.”

Memorial Day service honors the fallen

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U.S. Army Forces Command Deputy Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Lisa Cazares, will be leading the ECBC/USAMRIID Ebola-human research collaboration. The scientists will analyze Ebola-infective samples to identify potential ebolavirus-specific biomarkers. The scientists will also develop an Ebola vaccine, which will be used to help protect people from Ebola infection.

Lisa Cazares
USAMRIID research scientist

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fight against Ebola

Ebola is a rare and deadly disease caused by infection with the Ebola virus. The largest Ebola outbreak in history, which began in December 2013, is still ongoing. This disease has a high death rate — to date, there have been 22,000 cases and 9,000 deaths attributed to the greatest and ous and more likely to use these weapons of mass destruction and disruption.

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APG Military Appreciation Month

photo contest

In honor of Military Appreciation Month the APG News will host a month-long photo contest, asking readers to submit photos they feel celebrate the life of a member of Team APG – from deployments and TDY to family time and off-duty ventures in the local area.

Whether you have years of experience in photography or snap pictures of your family and pets with a smartphone, the contest is open to all Team APG personnel, including service members, civilians, contractors, retirees and their family members.

The winning photo will be chosen by garrison leadership and will be published, along with two runners-up, in the June 11 issue of the APG News and on the APG Facebook page – just in time to celebrate the Army’s 240th Birthday!

To enter:
- Submissions are due no later than Saturday, May 30.
- All photos must be emailed to the APG News editor at amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil.
- All photo submissions must be accompanied by the full name of the photographer, the photographer’s affiliation to or place of work at APG, and a brief description of the photo.
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The winner will receive bragging rights and a prize yet to be announced.

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