Local Holiday Celebrations

Kingsville 4th of July Parade
Day: July 4
Time: 9:30 a.m. pre-parade entertainment; parade starts 11 a.m.
Location: The parade will start at 10-45 a.m. and proceed along Bradshaw Road for opening ceremonies at the judge’s stand. APG participants include the Research, Development and Engineering Command. After the opening ceremonies the parade will turn right on Military Road and onto St. Paul’s Church. For more information, visit http://kingsvilletexas.org/

Air 4th of July Parade
Day: July 4
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Parade will start at the intersection of Gordon and North Main streets, at the Walgreens.

See FOURTH OF JULY, page 18

APG warns not to feed wildlife
by YVONNE JOHNSON
Sure, they’re cute. And maybe they look hungry. But more often than not, feeding APG’s furry friends will do more harm than good.

Stanley Fitch, APG entomologist, has a one-word warning for those who may be feeding local wildlife: Stop! Fitch and incidentals of individuals on the installation providing local wildlife with food on the one hand and the continued behavior of those well-intentioned – will have negative results in the long run.

“It’s never a good idea to start feeding wildlife,” he said. “First of all, these are wild animals that are not, feeding APG’s furry friends will do more harm than good.

Kirk clinic changes command

APG welcomes Anderson, bids farewell to Zinnante
by RACHEL PONDER


How will you celebrate the Fourth of July?

I’m either going to go to my daughter’s wedding or go up to the Thousand Islands in New York. We’re going to do both and go down the river and hang out with friends.

Nathan Davis
Family member

“I’m taking my daughter to a veggie fireworks show.”

Linda Harvey
Family member

“I’m going to enjoy some time at the beach and grill some corn.”

Ricky Rodriguez
Military veteran

“We’re going to celebrate the Fourth of July in Las Vegas. We’ll probably cook out at home and enjoy each other’s company.”

Deanna Hoppie
Family member

It’s my 22nd wedding anniversary, and my son’s 25th birthday. I’ll probably cook out at home and enjoy each other’s company.”

Family member

“What is the Army’s role in today’s July Fourth celebration? We must remember what it means to be safe because our nation needs each one of us to support and defend this great country.

Kevin Pridgen
Family member

“Drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks when working indoors. Water activities are also popular during the July Fourth weekend. You’ll want clothes, boots, and shoes in these areas.”

Fred Arnold
Family member

“Enjoy Independence Day as you celebrate with family and friends. Please be safe because our nation needs each one of us to support and defend this great country.”

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey O. Adams

“I’m going to enjoy some time at the beach and grill some corn – and just basically enjoy the festivities.”

Mike Parodi
CCCM 51C

“Independence Day remains a national celebration just as our country and a great country.”

John Adams, the first vice president, helped write the Declaration of Independence. He said, “I am apt to believe that no great anniversary festival. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, trials, military exercises and153991923494192

“I’ll be going to my son’s 25th birthday celebration in Las Vegas.”

Linda Harvey
Family member
CHRA director receives prestigious award

Debra S. Wada, left, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, presents the William H. Kushnick award to Erin J. Freitag, director, CHRA-NE/Europe, during a ceremony in the Hall of Heroes at the Pentagon June 24.

Freitag, who leads the organization from her Aberdeen Proving Ground headquarters, is credited with managing the Northeast and Europe Regions of the Civilian Human Resources Agency (CHRA), managing the Army’s Summer Hire Program and overseeing the administration of the Office of Personnel Management’s electronic-Official Personnel Folder and Applicant Help systems for the entire Army.

William H. Kushnick served as director of Civilian Personnel from 1941 to 1946 for what was then known as the war department. He established the levels of responsibility for civilian personnel management and administration that are exercised today. The William H. Kushnick Award was established in 1968 to recognize the most outstanding singular achievement of an Army employee in Civilian Human Resources and personnel administration and is used to encourage greater achievement among all employees in the career field.

Freitag credited her achievement to a strong and caring civilian workforce.

“I’m honored to be numbered among the many professionals who’ve received this award,” she said. “I’ve always been proud of working for the Army where I’m able to look in the mirror every day and say ‘What can we do to help Soldiers and their family members?’”

“But I couldn’t have done it alone,” she said. “This award is all because of the work of CHRA professionals.”

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application To Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPM 630-A, Request To Donate Annual Leave To Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); or OPM 630-B, Request To Donate Annual Leave To Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Please contact Sue Campbell at 410-306-0266 or sue.a.campbell8.civ@mail.mil.
20th CBRNE Soldiers vie for top honor

By WALTER T. HAM IV

20th CBRNE Command

Soldiers from the 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives) competed for the title of Best Warrior at Aberdeen Proving Ground, June 22-26.

At the end of the grueling four-day competition, Sgt. William T. Moss was named the 20th CBRNE Command Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year and Spc. Joseph A. Woolfolk was picked for the Soldier of the Year.

Moss and Woolfolk will move on to the U.S. Army Forces Command Competition.

Woolfolk is part of the Fort Bragg, North Carolina-based 737th Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Company, 52nd EOD Group, 20th CBRNE Command. He said the key to his success was focusing on his Soldier skills.

Moss, the communications NCO for 20th CBRNE Command’s CBRNE Coordination Element 2, said determination led to his victory in the competition.

“Never give up,” he said.

The APG-headquartered 20th CBRNE Command counters Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), eliminates CBRNE threats and detects improvised explosive devices around the globe.

The one-of-a-kind formation is home to 85 percent of the U.S. Army’s CBRNE forces with units in 16 states. The Best Warrior Competition brought together the top Soldiers from 20th CBRNE Command’s Headquarters and three major subordinate commands, including the Fort Hood, Texas-based 48th Chemical Brigade; the Fort Campbell, Kentucky-based 52nd EOD Group; and the Fort Carson, Colorado-based 71st EOD Group.

In the NCO competition, Sgt. Adam T. Abderrazzaq represented the 71st EOD Group, Sgt. Christopher F. Draves represented the 52nd EOD Group and Sgt. Alan R. Tobin represented the 48th Chemical Brigade. Cpl. Daniel A. Wetenkamp competed for the 71st EOD Group in the Soldier of the Year competition.

During four long, hot days at APG, the Soldiers completed a physical readiness test, marksmanship test, land navigation, water survival, Combatives, warrior task challenges, a board and a 12-mile road march.

Command Sgt. Maj. Harold E. Dunn IV, the 20th CBRNE Command’s top enlisted leader, said his Soldiers demonstrated tactical and technical expertise during the intense training evolutions.

“This year’s 20th CBRNE Command Best Warrior Competition, developed by the Senior Noncommissioned Officers, provided an opportunity for the best Soldiers and NCOs across the command to test themselves physically, mentally, and socially, while executing operations in a tactical environment,” Dunn said.

A seasoned EOD leader, Dunn said the Best Warrior Competition focused on the warrior skills necessary to gain and maintain the initiative in combat.

“Although there can only be one identified winner, each of these Soldiers developed friendships and honed skills that will enable their success anytime and anywhere they are called to support our nation for as long as they serve,” he said. “I am very proud to serve alongside such tremendously motivated troops.”

Brig. Gen. William E. King IV, the 20th CBRNE commanding general, said the competition was designed to challenge his Soldiers and give them the confidence to succeed on the modern battlefield.

“You have gone from raw ore to hardened steel,” he said. “You are the best in our Army.”
by DOUGLAS A. SOLIVAN SR.
CECOM LRC

To keep pace with training demands of the Army’s growing cyber force, the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, or CECOM, is standing up a new training range to help Soldiers validate their cyber security skills.

Expected to be open to all units in late summer 2015, CECOM’s Cyber Battle Range will provide Soldiers a realistic environment to test and apply skills reinforced by classroom training. Funded through service requests, its development was prompted by a request from the 7th Cyber Protection Brigade, or CPB, which was looking for opportunities to further hone and demonstrate its cyber defensive skills.

“The genesis of the effort was with the 7th CPB, who requested we develop this for them,” said Col. Kim Bivin, the 7th CPB director for the Field Support, Logistics and Readiness Center, or LRC, CECOM. “Our training support leadership stepped up to this challenge, and after six months of hard work, we opened for business in February.”

“By request of the 7th CPB and the 7th Cyber Protection Brigade, or CPB, we developed this range and have incorporated real-world elements/configurations through the cyber range and has incorporated real-world cyber actors/cyber threat characteristics, dynamic threat actor/agent capabilities and more,” said Michael Martinez, training support division branch chief, field support directorate, LRC, CECOM.

“The range is designed to reinforce learning and build confidence in what leadership acknowledges is an agile skill set that will need to be continuously honed in concert with the ever-increasingly complex challenges of cyber security,” said Michael Martinez, training support division branch chief, field support directorate, LRC, CECOM.

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The intent is for the CECOM LRC Training Support Division staff to meet with and lead leadership upon receipt of a training request to define objectives, duration, and activities.

To inquire about setting up a training event once the range opens, contact Wayne Anderson at 706-791-6150 or wayne.t.anderson7.civ@mail.mil.

The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command’s Logistics and Readiness Center Cyber Battle Range is a new capability offered through the Field Support Directorate, part of a larger training program designed to re-invest in Soldiers and enhance the cyber security skills of the Army’s digital warriors.

U.S. Army graphic

CECOM launches cyber training range

Heidi Jackson, Pediatric nurse practitioner

Heidi Jackson has been a pediatric nurse practitioner for 20 years, providing intensive care to children from birth to 18-years-old.

“I manage a full panel of patients, about 1,200 – and I provide their primary care,” she said.

“I love working with the families. I love watching the children grow and mature,” said. “It’s such a rewarding experience when you see a sick child and you see them feeling better, and how appreciative their parents are.”

Jackson entered the Army when she was 17 and attended the Walter Reed Army Institute, becoming one of its last graduates before the program ended in 1978. After her post school training, she was assigned to an intensive care unit.

“Six months later, my chief nurse called the doctor and said, ‘I’m putting you in pediatrics. You’re going to be the head nurse of the neo-natal unit,’” she said.

Jackson admits that although she’s “always loved and enjoyed children,” her original goal was to work with Soldiers as an intensive care nurse. But after working in pediatrics, she said she fell in love with the job.

“My dad was in the Army for 30 years, and so I’ve always felt like I could identify, being that I was a dependent and moved around a lot of bases,” she said.

For more information, call Jackson at 410-278-1932, or email heidi.l.jackson.civ@mail.mil.

Submit letters to the editor to usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE DAY & EXPO
The Army Community Services, in partnership with the Army Personnel Office, Diversity, and the County Economic Development will co-host an Employment Resource Day & Expo on Wednesday, August 5. The expo will open to all job seekers in the community and will include a variety of businesses and large employers with many positions. The expo will feature information on current job openings and career searching. The expo is free and will begin at 10 a.m. Continue to walk around and meet employers. It will close at 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
2ND GARRISON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR SYMPOSIUM
The U.S. Army Garrison/Edgewood/ Aberdeen and the Directorate of Human Resources are proud to introduce the joint Professional Development Training Symposium. The first training event will be Sept. 1 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Aberdeen Training Center. More details to follow. For more information, contact Celeste Basketat 410-257-2033 or celeste.basket@mail.mil.

Friday, July 2, 2015
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
PEONY POINT VETERANS OPEN HOUSE
The VA Maryland Health Care System and the Office of Women Veteran Affairs will host a Veteran Open House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Gymnasium, Bldg. 319, at the VA Peake Medical Center Peninsula Campus. VA staff will be on hand to help veterans register for VA health care. If they do not have a VA ID or need to update their information, they can learn what VA programs and services are available to them. The Veteran Health Care System and the VA Peninsula Region will have personnel on site who will be able to assist with any VA service related issues. Both sites will also have a photo ID and financial information going through the processing. Those bringing VA claims related issues should contact the VA regional office at 1-800-827-1000 and bring VA claim forms to assist them with the appropriate documents.

Friday, July 24
CIRNE GREEN DRAGON BALL
Celebrate the 19th year of the U.S. Army Charities Foundation (USACF) annual Dragon Ball event. Dragon Ball is a darts tournament held at the JBER Center 9005, 6755 Commerce Street, Springfield, Virginia 22150. The event is open only to current active duty or retired military personnel and their family members, DOD civilians, and contractors with current access to the installation. For more information, call 410-272-1449.

Saturday, July 25
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
The Army Wellness Center is seeing clients. The Army Wellness Center offers screening and medical screenings and tests that are important to health care and well-being. VA staff will learn the importance of keeping up with preventive care and will provide scheduling blocks. Check your share for the next available slot to attend by July 15.

Monday, July 27
SCREAMING ABOUT REFUCTIONS
The CSBS Wellness Committee will host a ‘Screaming About Refuctions’ event on Tuesday, July 31, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bldg. 327 Conference Room. This event, open to AFAG recruiters, contractors and military includes screenings and tests that are important to health care and well-being. USAG Aberdeen North (Aberdeen) recreation center cafeteria.

Wednesday, July 29
DENTAL CLINIC CLOSURE
The APG Dental Center will be closed temporarily Tuesday, July 28 through Friday, July 31 due to provider education. All patients will be routed to the APG South (Edgewood) dental clinic.

Friday, July 31
ONLINE AVETTERS BONUS APPLICATION SYSTEM (AVAS)
Applicants living outside of South Dakota may obtain an application by email at johnd.froette@state.sd.us. Include your branch of service, service dates, and pay grade. If you are an active service member and your period of active duty was after September 10, 2001, you may receive one bonus of up to $500.00. Only federal service is applicable; performance and reenlistment bonuses are not eligible. For training is not allowed for Bonus purposes. Bonus payments are made to active duty service members and veterans. You may obtain an application by email at johnd.froette@state.sd.us. Include your branch of service, service dates, and pay grade. More information about 507 Bonus, 425 Capital, 306-730-0710 or by calling 605- 773-7251.

Monday, August 3
ARMS PROJECT
The APG Garrison hosts the event the last Thursday of each month – and the first Thursday in December, at the Dilkon Hall (Bldg 4610). All active service members and civilians.

Friday, August 7
ARMY WELLNESS CENTER AT KIRK CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
Army Wellness Center will be closed August 7 for Holiday.

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Tuesday, August 11
ARMY WELFARE CENTER AT KIRK CAMPUS
The APG Garrison is seeing clients at the APG North (Edgewood) clinic. The Welfare Center is dedicated to bettering the lives of Army personnel and their family members in the Army Disasters Assistance Program. Service members and retirees, family members, and active duty civilians can make an appointment through the APG Garrison’s Welfare Center located in the Business Transformation, Office of the Under Secretary of the Army, and are scheduled with a registered personal care provider at the APG North (Edgewood) Welfare Center. APG South AFCs are designated.

Friday, August 14
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Children will participate in Bible-learning activities, singing, team-building activities and games. This event will conclude with a Summer Celebration at 8 p.m., when parents and family members will hear the children learn about the Bible. See below for more information, contact Mike Staley at 410-336-0564.

Friday, August 21
JULY 17
HYDRANT FLUSHING
The annual hydrant flushing at APG starts June 22 and run through July 31. Monthly flushing is a preventative maintenance practice that is routine and the schedule will be posted online. More events can be seen at www.ecbc.army.mil. For more information, or to serve as a volunteer in these events, call 410-305-5717.

Friday, August 28
Ongoing
ARMY FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (AFES)
Hot Work Permit is required before performing welding, cutting, or soldering operations requiring an open flame, arc, or spark, use of a welding or a similar device. These two issues notice prior to the work or event. Leave a message if there is a problem. For more information, call 410-356-0001.

THROUGH 2015
Motorcycle Safety Courses
Courses have been set for the Local Hazard Course and Intermediate Driving Course. The courses will be held at Bldg. 6200, 41st Street Avenue, room 425A. Advanced training and application, and AFAS through the www.TexXteer.com and www.armycareer.com websites. More events can be seen at www.armycareer.com.

Thursday, July 23
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
HARNESS THE POWER OF YOUR VOICE
The 2015 Army’s Equal Opportunity Conference and Diversity Summit will be Sep 10, 22 and will be presented in Washington, D.C. The conference and summit are open to all Army personnel and their family members, DOD civilians, and contractors with current access. In order to best suit the needs of the participants, the conference and summit is divided into two tracks: Army Diversity and Inclusion and Army Women’s Equality and Diversity. For more information, contact Elizabeth Young, 410-278-1392, elizabeth.h.young.civ@mail.mil.

Tuesday, July 28
Ongoing
ARMY RESISTANCE PERSONNEL ACCOUNTABILITY & ASSESSMENT SYSTEM
All Department of the Army personnel must validate their emergency data as well as their family members in the Army Resistance Personnel Accountability & Assessment System (ARPAAS). Contact your unit’s army career mark and follow the instructions below to validate/update your emergency account.
1. Select “DA Civilian”, NAF civilian, AFSC employee or contractor.
2. Select “Family Member” if NAF or Federal.
3. Complete the emergency data and use one of the three login methods.
4. Click the “My Info” tab.
5. Select “Contact Information” to review, edit or print this information.
6. Click the “Address” tab.
7. Review all addresses that are listed.
8. Select “Physical Address”. The address will be validated automatically. Complete an assessment survey.

Friday, August 7
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
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More events can be seen at www.armycareer.com.
Childproof homes prevent accidents

By STACY SMITH

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Making your home child-safe

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Dishwashers:
- Keep the dishwasher closed and locked when not in use.
- Some children can open locks or other mechanisms meant to prevent poisoning and other injuries.

Kitchen ranges:
- Learn to crawl, or children who have never escaped the house, it's smart to prepare for the worst. Knowing how best to childproof homes will help keep children safe and protected.

Other small items that can be poisonous or present a choking hazard:
- Use anchors to avoid furniture and appliance toppling.
- Use safety gates to help prevent falls down stairs and to keep children from entering rooms where medicines can be found.
- Use safety latches and locks for cabinets and drawers in kitchen, bathrooms and other areas to help prevent poisonings and other injuries.

Children are naturally curious about the world around them, but curiosity can sometimes lead to dangerous situations when parents aren't paying attention. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that each year, nearly nine million children from newborns to 19-years-old are seen in emergency departments due to household injuries, and more than 9,000 children die as a result of being injured. Parents don't have eyes in the back of their heads, so it can be difficult to prevent all accidents and injuries. However, there are some steps parents and caregivers can take to create a safer environment at home.

Surprising safety hazards

"Parent" magazine recently named some common household items that can be easily overlooked when childproofing:

- Bath salts and rings: Bath salts and rings help babies sit up in the tub, but they can be a drowning hazard if babies are left alone for even a few seconds. Always stay within arm's reach when your baby is in the tub.
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- Hotel rooms: Hotel rooms often contain medication and other small items that can be poisonous or present a choking hazard.
- Baby powder: Baby powder can cause respiratory problems if inhaled.
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"I served a except for when stormed, he said. "During one storm the ship took a 40-degree roll. That was no fun."

Between 1961 and 1965 Burke visited or trained in Greece and France and throughout the Mediterranean region, and enjoyed the treasures of Okinawa, Japan and the Philippines.

He said Cooks was a great tour. There were plenty of clubs and plenty of things to learn about and do culture wise. And plenty of clubs and plenty of things to learn and do culture wise. And everyone planning to leave the service was extended due to the Cuban Missile Crisis. And, he recalled being on duty in Miami. Ships were always coming in.

"We never worried about running out of supplies because we were so close to Florida."

But they stayed busy and time moved quickly. He was a machine gunner. He mostly worked the gates and did driving patrols. Those were good years. Burke returned to Fort Monmouth and the years moved quickly. He was a corporal specialist in 1971 when he was awarded an Army Commendation Medal for mopping several soldiers during a hurricane fire at Monmouth.

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He stayed in 'Nam just one tour. He tried to extend but said the paperwork never cleared.

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Burke retired Jan. 31, 1987 with a rank of sergeant E-5. Out of the three branches he served in, he said if he had it to do again, he would like the Navy best because, "You didn't have it up to have all the regulations.

Because a good friend from his Army years lived in Aberdeen, Burke married and settled in Harve de Grace. He moved to Perryville in Cecil County three years later.

Burke chuckles at the thought that he might think he tried every branch, but until he found one he liked but says the trait is he tried them all and he loved the military. He wears his Combat Corpsman hat with his Army ribbons and Vietnam service medals attached and his favorite t-shirt that reads: "Corpsman. We save lives for a living," every chance he gets.

"The military definitely helped shape me," he said. "It was like giving from a nobody to being a celebrity. You had the honor of serving your country. Everybody didn’t get that chance, and the sail people, some of us who did don’t get what that means."

"I lived through a lot of history. I got to say I was there. When I look back on all the sights I’ve seen and all the places I’ve been, it’s just amazing. It makes me grateful. It makes me proud."

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**CONSTRUCTION ALERT**

Slow down in work zones!

Maryland State Highway Administration

Work zone crash fatalities have risen over the last two years with 10 Maryland work zone fatalities in 2013 and nine in 2014. Over the last decade there have been nearly 8,200 work zone-related crashes in Maryland, which resulted in the injury of more than 2,490 people and 51 deaths.

Robberies in work zone crashes include: drivers not paying attention, going too fast for conditions, failure to yield the right of-way and following too closely.

- **If you see orange signs, cones and barrels, or a work truck, expect a reduced work zone speed.**
- **Stay alert!** Look for reduced speed limits, narrow driving lanes and highways drivers.
- **Pay attention.** Work zone signs will tell you exactly what to expect ahead.
- **Slow down.** You may encounter slowed or stopped traffic in an instant.
- **Don’t follow too closely.** Maintain a safe distance on all sides of your vehicle.
- **Minimize distractions.** Remember Maryland State law bans hand-held cell phones and texting.
- **Plan ahead.** Expect delays and allow extra travel time. Select an alternate route if you are running late.

Learn about current and planned lane closures with 511 or MDTA’s Coordinated Highways Response Team web site at http://chart.state.md.us/
The body has the same physiological response that occurs by the body when something changes the homeostasis of the body, like exercise, but these stressors can compromise the immune system, increase appetite and abdominal fat, and decrease muscle synthesis.

Society has developed a lot since the days when we had to run from a predator. Nowadays individuals experience stress due in large part to sustained psychological measures that sometimes don’t go away. In fact, these stressors tend to accumulate over time.

Sankis said that people who sleep through their alarm, rushed to get ready for the meeting, and skipped breakfast, only to get stuck in traffic and walk in late to the meeting, which led to an unhappy boss. After the rushed morning, one could use to manage stress levels, like increased heart rate, blood pressure, sweat rates and the release of adrenaline – no matter the stressor. These same responses can occur when you are growing a pumpkinseed or engaging in physical activity.

By BRANDON ALLEN

**Wellness Center teaches stress management**

By RACHEL PONDER

Ladew Topiary Gardens spans 22 acres with more than 100 larger-than-life topiary sculptures. A spangled glistening butterfly lands on a milkweed flower in the Butterfly House at Ladew Topiary Gardens.

“Groovin’ in the Grass” offers a variety of cultural, educational and special events for all ages. The gardens welcome more than 40,000 visitors annually, and the gardens with very little outside help or formal training. In 1971 the gardens were opened to the public.

Pfingsten said that television shows like “Antiques Roadshow” and “House of Cards” were filmed on the premises. The gardens are open to the public to explore and learn more than 40,000 visitors annually, and the gardens include various educational and special events for all ages. Today’s gardens are a draw for both music and arts lovers when needed. The gardeners of the garden of many visitors, contains more than 2,500 books and a secret door. Ladew eventually developed a passion and offers a variety of cultural, educational and special events for all ages. The gardens welcome more than 40,000 visitors annually, and the gardens with very little outside help or formal training.

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Connect with nature in garden 40 years in the making

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The dining room of the manor home owned by Harvey S. Ladew includes many of his personal items. Photographs by Rachel Ponder

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Ladew Topiary Gardens spans 22 acres with more than 100 larger-than-life topiary sculptures, which serve as the backdrop and centerpiece of the gardens. It was developed “the most outstanding topiary garden in America” by the Garden Club of America and is featured as one of the “10 incredible topiary gardens around the world” by Architectural Digest.

In addition to the cultivated gardens, guests can enjoy nature’s beauty on the 1.5-mile walking trail that features a wetland forest and fresh water marsh.

The most recent addition to the gardens is the Butterfly House, which invites visitors to experience the close habitat and life cycle of native butterflies and caterpillars. It is open during summer months to correspond to the natural cycle of the native butterflies.

Traffic will enjoy touring the manor house. Originally built in the 1700s, Harvey S. Ladew bought the home and the land in 1929 because it was adjacent to the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club. After a day of hunting, Ladew liked to involve his friends over to socialize.

“It was a party house,” said Beverly Pfingsten, a staff docent. Though the manor house is a life-sized hunt scene of topiary houses, riders and hounds – a nod to Ladew’s passion for hunting. The manor house is filled with original objects owned by Ladew. Pfingsten said the Oval Library, the favorite room of many visitors, contains more than 2,500 books and a secret door. Ladew eventually developed a passion for gardening.

He spent 40 years completing his gardens with very little outside help or formal training. In 1971 the gardens were opened to the public.

“Let’s say people to enjoy his big gardens,” Pfingsten said. “That was his focus.”

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**NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12**

The Leisure Travel Office is offering seats on a bus to New York City Sept. 12. The bus will leave the APG North (Abingdon) recreation center at 7 a.m. and return to the recreation center at 9 p.m., depending on traffic. The cost is $56 per person. To reserve a seat, visit Leisure Travel Services at the recreation center, Bldg. 3326. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or email usmy.mwr.lis-terrencia@mail.mil.

**AMUSEMENT PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS 2015 SEASON**

The Leisure Travel Office is offering discount tickets to the following amusement parks on the eastern seaboard:
- Six Flags America (Maryland)
- Six Flags Great Adventure (New Jersey)
- Six Flags Hurricane Harbor (New Jersey)
- Dutch Wonderland (Pennsylvania)
- Hershey Park (Pennsylvania)
- Sesame Place (Pennsylvania)
- Washington D.C.
- Bush Gardens (Virginia, Florida)
- Kings Dominion (Virginia)
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Tickets are $33-$35 per ticket and are open to children ages 7 to 15.

For more information, email sharon官方账号@readmail or call 410-278-4589.

**LEISURE & TRAVEL**

**PA RECREATION FAIR AUGUST 2-3**

Experience the fantasy of a marvelous summer-fair atmosphere with the days gone by of the castle gardens going wide to usher in the 33rd Annual Pennsylvania Recreation Fair. Featuring 25 zone of junking heights and activities, with a cast of hundreds of costumed mer- ry-makers, more than 15 static displays, themed gardens, scores of artisans demonstr- ating ancient crafts and 22 royal kitchens — truly the faire remains a marvelous fantasy demonstrating ancient crafts and 22 royal kitchens — truly the faire remains a marvelous fantasy of days gone by and days lived. 

Tickets are $3.25 for adults and $1.75 for children ages 7-12. Registration deadline is July 9.

To purchase tickets, visit Leisure Travel Services at the recreation center, Bldg. 3326. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or email usmy.mwr.lisuretravel@mail.mil.

**MARYLAND STATE FAIR AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 7**

The Leisure Travel Office is offering tickets to the Maryland State Fair from July 28 to Sept. 7. Tickets are $7 for adults, $2.50 for children ages 5 to 12, and free for children ages 4 and under. Discount tickets are available at Leisur Travel Services center.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or email usmy.mwr.lisuretravel@mail.mil.

**FREE TICKETS - TIGER WOODS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Complementary tickets are available to all USAPG patrons for the Tiger Woods Foundation Golf Tournament on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a limit of 4 tickets per ticket holder. Tickets will start July 1 at 7 a.m. on the APG North (Abingdon) recreation 10 a.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center.

KAYAK CLASSES

**MAY-JUNE**

APG Outdoor Recreation will host two-day kayaking classes on the following dates:
- July 10
- July 22
- July 30
- Aug. 15
- Aug. 22

The first day of each session is instruction. The second day is an excursion. The two- day class is $55 per person. Class begins at the APG North Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 2186, at 6 p.m. and ends at dusk.

For more information, or to register, contact the APG Recreation Office at 410-278-4010.

**2015 POOL PASSES**

Active duty service members and their immediate family - $5
- 30 day Individual Pass - $3
- 30 day Family Pass - $7
- Season Individual Pass - $15
- Season Family Pass - $30

(Passes are valid through Sept. 7, 2015)
- $10 per child for pool passes
- Lap Swim - $4

Military Retirees, National Guard, Civilians & Immediate Family - $3

Complementary passes are available to eligible ID Card Holder - $7

**START & REVITALIZE YOUR CAREER**

**WEDNESDAY JULY 22**

Whether you are just starting out or need a boost in your current career, this workshop will offer the following:
- How to create your resume to stand out
- Getting strategies to move your career to the next level
- Creating S.M.A.R.T goals that work
- Being the job applicant that stands out.

The class is free but does require registration. Seating is limited to 20 participants. To register, call the ACS Financial Readiness Program Manager at 410-278-7572.

**GETTING INSURANCE WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19**

The ACS will host a “Getting insurance” work- shop that provides an overview of insur- ance, insurance terms and getting the most for your money. It will also explore questions such as, Do I have enough? What will these costs cover? How can I protect myself?

The class is free but does require registration. To register, call the ACS Financial Readiness Program Manager at 410-278-7572.
Grilling BBQ safety on Fourth of July

APG’s Eagles softball team closed out season

BY RON KRAVITZ
Garrison Safety Office

This summer more people than ever will be firing up their backyard grills and in the process risk burning themselves or their homes. But, by the same token, there’s a chance of getting great food, and there is nothing better than watching your children take precautions. Common sense and planning will prevent accidents. Always read the owner’s manual before using any grill, especially if it’s new. Follow specific usage, assembly, and safety instructions.

Barbecue grills are designed for outdoor use only. Never barbecue in a tent, tent, tent, garage or any enclosed area because carbon monoxide could accumulate to dangerous or even deadly levels.

As Independence Day weekend celebrators look for ways to protect their family’s summer safety with the following tips and guidelines:

**General grilling tips**

• Prepare and charcoal BBQ grills should be placed away from the house, fence, and any overhead area where the hose connects to the burner. A minimum of 18 inches is required between the gas (propane) tank hose and the regulator and cylinder, and when the hose is connected to the burners, the gas tank valve outlet must be turned off. The gas tank valve outlet must be turned off when the grill is in operation or is hot.

• Never use a grill tank indoors. If storing a gas grill indoors, use a gas tank and check connections, then have your grill serviced by a professional before using it again.

• If there are bubbles, turn off the gas and reconnect the regulator to the gas tank. Never attach or disconnect a gas tank or move or alter gas fittings when a gas leak is suspected.

• The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and in areas where temperatures won’t store a spare gas tank on or near a grill or in areas where temperatures won’t

• If you use a starter fluid, use only the manufacturer’s instructions for oiling your grill is to dab a paper towel in fuel and toss it inside the grill using tongs. As the oil bakes in, it creates a semi-permanent protective coating.

• When using charcoal briquettes or wood chunks, form a pyramid and dump it. This summer more people than ever will be firing up their backyard grills and in the process risk burning themselves or their homes. But, by the same token, there’s a chance of getting great food, and there is nothing better than watching your children take precautions. Common sense and planning will prevent accidents. Always read the owner’s manual before using any grill, especially if it’s new. Follow specific usage, assembly, and safety instructions.

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Tim McNamara was awarded the Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Recognition Retirement Award for exceptional meritorious service to the Army.

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“I am looking forward to the next phase of my life,” she said.

McNamara of the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense (JPEO-CBD) and Dawn E. Fry-Byrd, former Human Resources Director for the U.S. Army Health Clinic, presided over the ceremony in the former Directorate of Safety, Health, and Environment Protection Services (DSES).

After attending the Army Physician Assistant Program at the Washington College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fry-Byrd graduated in 1983 to 1994. Her duty stations included the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Camp Korea, Korea, and Prado of San Francisco, California. After attending the Army Physician Assistant Program at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, she was assigned to the 306th Mobile Army Hospital in Fort Stewart Georgi, and deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2008, Fry-Byrd left the military to work with Summit Health Care, as a staff pharmacist before coming to Giant as chief of pharmacy services at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

“Being ‘selfless’ means the focus of my action is on someone else. It is putting someone else’s needs above my own,” said McNamara.

“He was the one guy you could call on to get something to happen,” Martin recalled. “He was the one guy you could get something to happen.”

“My dad told me to never turn down an opportunity to serve our nation. It is being a good American that drafted the Declaration of Independence, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation. Independence, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation. By the Numbers

Word of the Month

Selfless

(‘sel-fles) adjective/noun: having or showing great concern for other people or no concern for yourself during conduct of your occupation or work.

Why We Serve connection: Selfless is the key in this month’s word. “It’s what the Army is all about. It’s what the Army stands for,” said Ret. Maj. Gen. Dean Fry-Byrd.

“Weapons of mass destruction can be improved. A situation may not be realized. Whatever you do, you don’t do it because you have to, you do it because you want to and the simple reward is knowledge or the individual’s needs. Rather, all focus is on others and in most cases the focus is so intense and subliminal that the very recognition of such selfless behavior may not be realized. Whatever you do, you don’t do it because you have to, you do it because you want to and the simple reward is knowing your actions helped someone else, likely unknown, achieve successful outcomes.””

As each individual succeeds, the greater team accomplishes much greater works. It’s not just about yourselves.

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The retirees’ combined service totaled more than 10 years of service and worked in various capacities as a pharmacist before coming to APG as chief of pharmacy services at KUSAHC in 2009. He thanked the KUSAHC staff for meeting mission requirements, his wife for her support, and his mother, “who taught me how to eat a hot dog.”

“I have nothing but respect for the civilians, retirees and Soldiers of Aberdeen Proving Ground,” he said.

BY THE NUMBERS

Independence Day

July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation.

14,000

Number of fireworks displays estimated by the American Pyrotechnics Association to light up the skies each Fourth of July.

2.5 million

Dollar value of trade in 2013 between the United States and the United Kingdom, making the nation’s 1776 adver- sary its seventh-largest trading partner today.

100 billion

Number of cities and towns in the United States containing the word “Liberty” Pennsylvania, with 11, has more than any other state.

360 million

Number of people living in the United States today.

73

Years that have passed since the Fourth of July was declared a federal holiday in 1877, signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

56

Total signatures of the Declaration of Independence. Benja- min Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, John Han- man and Robert L. Livingston comprised the Committee of Five that drafted the Declaration.

Wienecke left the Army after more than 10 years of service and worked in the civilian sector. Before joining the medical team at Aberdeen Ambu- latory Care Clinic at Fort Meade, where she worked for 10 years. The past two-and-one-half years she was employed at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Health Clinic. Fry-Byrd retired June 20 with 25 years of combined service.

McNamara received a DA Certificate of Appreciation, also signed by Zinnante.

Born in Warren, Virginia, Fry-Byrd grew up in Lancaster, Pen- nsylvania where she attended Hempfield High School and East Stroudsburg State College. She joined the Pennsyl- vania National Guard and trained to be an Army medic and x-ray technician. Fry-Byrd served on active duty from 1993 to 1994. Her duties stations included the 106th Mobile Army Hospital in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, she was assigned to the 306th Mobile Army Hospital in Fort Stewart Georgi, and deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom. She served in Wildheiligen, Germany.

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Three APG retirees look to next chapter

BY YVONNE JOHNSON

Three Aberdeen Proving Ground civilian retirees before family members, coworkers and friends during the Retirement Ceremony at the Ball Conference Center June 25. Gary Martin, Personnel Office Director for Command, Control and Communica- tions-Tactical (PEO C3T) presided over the post retirement recognition.

“Though he served just a short time in the Army, he expressed gratitude and behind the scenes,” Martin recalled that he met McNamara of the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense (JPEO-CBD) and dawn E. Fry-Byrd, former Human Resources Director for the U.S. Army Health Clinic.

Narrator Celestine Beckett, garrison Civilian Services Manager, read the retirees’ combined service totaled more than 10 years of service. The retirees’ combined service totaled more than 10 years of service.

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THIS WEEK IN APG HISTORY

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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 2005.

10 Years Ago: June 30, 2005

(Right) Pvt. Shawn Brantley of Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion sings an original song on his way to winning first place in the first APG Talent Search contest hosted by MWR.

25 Years Ago: June 27, 1990

(Right) Joe Ondek, second from left, shows the Old Baltimore area of Aberdeen Proving Ground—the original site of Baltimore until 1670—to Evelyn Akin, the wife of APG Commanding General Maj. Gen. George H. Akin, far left; Ellen Fretterd, the wife of Maryland Adjutant General Maj. Gen. James F. Fretterd, and Carolyn Rutherford, the wife of APG Support Activity Commander Col. Wilson R. Rutherford III.

50 Years Ago: July 1, 1965

(Right) Mrs. R.H. Cowan of the American Red Cross, center, cuts the tape on two garden benches donated to Kirk Army Hospital by the APG Ladies Club as patients, staff and club members look on.

(Right) Brig. Gen. David H. Hicketer, commander of the U.S. ArmyOrdnance Center and School, center, cuts the 25th anniversary cake with the school’s oldest graduate, Jerry A. Nolan, left, and newest student Cpl. Edrick Smart, right during a ceremony marking the school’s silver anniversary.
Army takes Chairman’s Cup at Warrior Games

By KEITH OLIVER

Army News Service

The Army raked almost every category on its way to grabbing the Chairman’s Cup for the second straight year at the 2015 Department of Defense Warrior Games held at this historic Maryland corps base.

“That very first event, cycling, is what really brought this team together,” said Sgt. 1st Class Koskie Smythe, the noncommissioned officer in charge at the Alexandria-based Warrior Transition Command.


In the 100-meter women’s freestyle, Army’s Monica Martinez finishes with a time of 2:02:02 over Air Force second-place Mary Spain’s 2:02:46.

Begun in 2010 to test—and show—what really brought this team together was the resilience and adaptability of combat-wounded, ill and injured warriors, the way they support each other, and heartfelt nurture brought to bear on our precious with them, as well as the unique ability to test using live agents and our understanding of transport phenomenon,” said Brian Machly, ECBC Permeation and Analytical Solutions branch chief. “The quality of our labs and test methods, and our back channel support from subject-matter experts in toxicology and decontamination from across the center make us an ideal partner for this type of program.”

To test the fabric, branch scientists used innovative and effective test methods to identify reaction sources. Scientists used three test methods—low-volatility agent permeation, air liquid vapor aerosol group test, and advanced super-sounding efficacy test—the latter being a brand-new capability developed specifically for this program.

ECBC researchers recently developed the low-volatility-agent permeation method, which will soon become a standard test method with the Department of Defense for VX permeation through protective equipment. The deputy undersergeant of the Army-test and evaluation evaluated the test, which permits the experimental evaluation of protective materials against chemicals that had traditionally been difficult to test.

Scientists used the air liquid vapor aerosol group test, which produced multi-levels of experimental carbon and shell fabrics to measure quantitative permeation of specific agents through the material. From past development efforts, the scientists have been able to “well-characterize” the system and reduce variability in the data through more accurate control over testing variables that are inherent to it or any other cell or device.

The branch supported the development of super-sounding capability specifically for this program. A modification of the air liquid vapor aerosol group method, the advanced super-sounding efficacy test method allows for better statistics for evaluation.

Testing will continue through fiscal year necessary follow-on testing will be conducted at the request of NSRDEC.

Army veteran Staff Sgt. Randi Gehrke serves for Team Army at the 2015 Department of Defense Warrior Games at Soldier Srq in Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. Gehrke helped Team Army win the gold medal in sitting volleyball and won several medals in other events, including track and swimming.

The Army ruled almost every category on its way to grabbing the Chairman’s Cup for the second straight year at the 2015 Department of Defense Warrior Games held at this historic Maryland corps base.

“Truly, it is an honor, I feel very fortunate that we got this opportunity,” said Lt. Col. Thomas McGriff, who touched in at 2:17:49, during the 2015 Department of Defense Warrior Games held on July 2, 2015.

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ECBC

The Defense Threat Reduction Agency is leading an effort to design a new warfighter uniform—within six months—with protective coatings against chemical warfare agents and a fabric that would be used in the new suit.

Army scientists are using both standard and new test methods to identify reaction sources, which will be used in the new suit. The new uniform is designed to decrease thermal burden to the warfighter while maintaining the same or better protection against chemical agents. Different fabrics may be used in the uniform based on where heat is more common, like the chest and groin area, but a greater protection factor is needed for places where more thermal stress is created, such as on the shoul-
ders, elbows or knees.

The effort is part of a joint U.S. Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard effort to design a new warfighter uniform, which will decrease thermal burden to the warfighter while maintaining the same or better protection against chemical agents.

The Army out-medaled all competitors—many of whom were in the physical therapists and other caregivers—the way they support each other, and heartfelt nurture brought to bear on our precious with them, as well as the unique ability to test using live agents and our understanding of transport phenomenon,” said Brian Machly, ECBC Permeation and Analytical Solutions branch chief. “The quality of our labs and test methods, and our back channel support from subject-matter experts in toxicology and decontamination from across the center make us an ideal partner for this type of program.”

To test the fabric, branch scientists used innovative and effective test methods to identify reaction sources. Scientists used three test methods—low-volatility agent permeation, air liquid vapor aerosol group test, and advanced super-sounding efficacy test—the latter being a brand-new capability developed specifically for this program.

ECBC researchers recently developed the low-volatility-agent permeation method, which will soon become a standard test method with the Department of Defense for VX permeation through protective equipment. The deputy undersergeant of the Army-test and evaluation evaluated the test, which permits the experimental evaluation of protective materials against chemicals that had traditionally been difficult to test.

Scientists used the air liquid vapor aerosol group test, which produced multi-levels of experimental carbon and shell fabrics to measure quantitative permeation of specific agents through the material. From past development efforts, the scientists have been able to “well-characterize” the system and reduce variability in the data through more accurate control over testing variables that are inherent to it or any other cell or device.

The branch supported the development of super-sounding capability specifically for this program. A modification of the air liquid vapor aerosol group method, the advanced super-sounding efficacy test method allows for better statistics for evaluation.

Testing will continue through fiscal year necessary follow-on testing will be conducted at the request of NSRDEC.

Army veteran Staff Sgt. Randi Gehrke serves for Team Army at the 2015 Department of Defense Warrior Games at Soldier Srq in Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. Gehrke helped Team Army win the gold medal in sitting volleyball and won several medals in other events, including track and swimming.

The Army ruled almost every category on its way to grabbing the Chairman’s Cup for the second straight year at the 2015 Department of Defense Warrior Games held at this historic Maryland corps base.

“Truly, it is an honor, I feel very fortunate that we got this opportunity,” said Lt. Col. Thomas McGriff, who touched in at 2:17:49, during the 2015 Department of Defense Warrior Games held on July 2, 2015.
Independence Day is this Saturday, July 4. Here's patriotic-themed puzzle created from Washington D.C. each Fourth of July. The Coke Zero 400, is an annual NASCAR Sprint Cup Series stock car race held at ________ International Speedway. The problem of hospital acquired infections is quite bad enough without inflating it to ludicrous proportions. Why is it virtuous for a woman to practice chastity, but ludicrous for a man? The idea was so romantically ludicrous that she giggled. That's a ludicrous and dangerous over-simplification. "Defence of _____ McHenry," was written by this composer in 1814. The problem of hospital acquired infections is quite bad enough without inflating it to ludicrous proportions.
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The “Harlem Hellfighters” was the first all-black regiment to see action in World War I and was lauded for the bravery and courage it displayed during its service. It was also credited with the first African American citizen’s opinion about how to use the powers of the federal government in support of its cause. Johnson died in 1973.

The regiment was ordered into battle in 1918, and after graduation, he started a greenhouse and landscaping business in Bronx, New York. Johnson and his unit were brigaded with a French army colonial unit in front-line combat. Johnson served one tour of duty to the western edge of the Argonne Forest in France’s Champagne region, from 1918-1919. While a private, serving with Company C, 369th Infantry Regiment, 93rd Division, American Expeditionary Forces, Johnson and another private were on sentry duty at a forward outpost May 15, 1918. They received a surprise attack by a German raiding party of at least 12 men. The 47th Infantry Regiment was activated in the Regular Army as the 47th Infantry on May 6, 1917, and assigned to the 14th Infantry Division, American Expeditionary Forces, in France. Sergeant Shemin took command of the platoon and displayed great initiative resulting in several enemy casualties. When his fellow soldier was badly wounded, Private Johnson held back the enemy force until they retreated. Wielding only a bayonet and greatly wounded himself, Private Johnson continued fighting and boiled his Bolo knife and stitched it through an enemy soldier’s head. Displaying great courage, Private Johnson held back the enemy force until they retreated. Wielding only a bayonet and greatly wounded himself, Private Johnson continued fighting and boiled his Bolo knife and stitched it through an enemy soldier’s head. Displaying great courage, Private Johnson held back the enemy force until they retreated.

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