Prost! APG Oktoberfest Friday & Saturday

From brats and beer to oompah and polka, come celebrate the Aberdeen Proving Ground 2015 Oktoberfest at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center grounds this weekend, Oct. 23-24. Festivities begin 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 with an opening ceremony, during which the installation commander will make brief remarks and tap the ceremonial keg. The celebration continues 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 24 beginning with a Volkfest march rushwalk and a classic car show. Other Friday and Saturday activities include a family fun zone with games and inflatables, craft vendors, and live German music and dance. Don’t miss the sure-to-wow fireworks display at 9 p.m., Saturday. For more details visit www.apgmwr.com.

Pumpkin Patch delights Corvias families

“Pirates” Jose Vasquez, 4, shows a glow-in-the-dark creepy crawler to his friends, 8-year-old Fred Jackson, as Captain America, left, and “Alien” Jayden Vasquez, 7, during the annual Resident Pumpkin Patch hosted by Corvias Military Living at Bay Ridge Community Center on APG North (Aberdeen), Oct. 16. The free event was open to post family housing residents and included free pumpkins, a Halloween costume parade and contest, prizes and refreshments. View more photos in the “APG Snapshot” on page 19.

Expo reveals tech innovations

More than 400 APG personnel viewed the latest in technology and innovation during the Fall Technology Expo at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Oct. 14. The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) and Federal Direct Access Exposi- tions (FDAE) co-hosted the free event, which featured products from more than 75 exhibitors in global satellite and wireless communications, data analysis and analytics, information technology, fiber optics, network security, imaging and printers, data storage and more.

“We sponsor the expo every six months to show-case all the new technology that’s out there and might be of interest to the research, development, technol- ogy and engineering community,” said Mary McCul- lough, Information Technology Acquisition team leader at ECBC.

“We are excited about this event and the growth the event it is seeing,” said Rich Gardner, the ECBC Event Manager. “The expo encourages the AGP community to come together. We’re looking forward to seeing the growth this event has over the years.”

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Garrison HHC changes leadership

Which baseball team would you like to see go to the World Series?

I am rooting for the Chicago Cubs because it has been over 100 years since they have won a World Series. Our underdogs have to stick together.

Claudia Miller Contractor

I would like to see the Chicago Cubs win the World Series, anything can happen. I usually root for the underdogs.

Kamere Slade FreeState CharlesAde Academy

I am rooting for the New York Mets because I think they are a really good team. I want to watch the games between the Mets and the Cubs this week.

Buddy Watts Contractor

I am rooting for the Chicago Blue Jays because I like [José] Bautista [Toronto Blue Jays right fielder] and the New York Mets. I want to see the Chicago Cubs win the World Series, I usually root for the underdogs.

Michael Rankosky CEOSM URC

I am rooting for the Blue Jays right now. I like [Jose] Bautista [Toronto Blue Jays right fielder] and the Brewers are my number one team.

APG Newsletter

APG Halloween trick-or-treating hours will take place between 6 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31. As a result of the new MD Route 22 gate hours, at least one marked police patrol car will be stationed at the intersections of Harford Boulevard and Gordon Drive/Bay View Drive to assist pedestrians crossing the roadway. Police officers will also patrol the housing areas to ensure the safety of all trick-or-treaters.

APG police officers remind Team APG families to only cross roadways at designated crossings and to first check for traffic.

Flu shots now available

Influenza shots are available at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic’s immunization clinic 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily for uniformed service members, retirees, family members and TRICARE beneficiaries. Flu shots are mandatory for active duty personnel.

“KUSAHC will offer flu shots to DOD civilians, just as we have in years past,” said Capt. Joanna Moore, KUSAHC chief of Preventive Medicine. “However, due to a reduced supply of vaccines on hand and changes in administrative requirements, KUSAHC will not be conducting mobile flu clinics this year.” Moore said, “We will instead host two community outreach clinics for DOD employees.”

The first clinic will be held 4 to 5:30 p.m. during the Oktoberfest opening ceremony, Oct. 21, at the APG-North (Abberdeen) recreation center.

The second event will be held during the ATEC Health Fair – an installation health fair at ATEC headquarters, Bldg. 2202. Shots will be available 10 a.m. to noon, Thurs., Nov. 5.

At the Edgewood Health Clinic, flu shots will be available on the following dates: Thursday, Oct. 22, 1 to 3 p.m. for active duty military only. Thursday, Oct. 29 and Thursday, Nov. 5, 1 to 3 p.m. for DOD Civilians and all beneficiaries. More dates may be established based on demand.

To schedule flu shots for military units contact Staff Sgt. Kirk Johnson, Preventive Medicine, at 410-278-1606. For more information, contact Moore at 410-278-1773 or call the Influenza hotline at 410-306-3588.

Impact Aid survey letters to be distributed Oct. 30

Harford County Public Schools will distribute Impact Aid survey letters to all students on Friday, Oct. 30. Each year the DOD provides funding (Impact Aid) to the school districts to assist in providing educational programs for the children of Soldiers and DOD Civilians.

In an effort to reach the workforce, APG Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis urged all APG families – military and civilian – to complete the survey, as the amount of Impact Aid schools receive is directly related to the number of children identified by survey responses.

“This is a great opportunity to personally and positively contribute to the education of our children,” Davis wrote.

For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger, the CYSS school liaison officer, at 410-278-2857 or stacie.e.umbarger.naf@mail.mil.

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By YVONNE JOHNSON

With toughness and vigor, 25 Soldiers from Aberdeen Proving Ground joined more than 31,000 runners in the 31st Army Ten-Miler race in Washington, D.C., Oct. 11.

Produced by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, the Army Ten-Miler is the third largest ten mile race in the world. The mission of the Army Ten-Miler is to promote the Army, build esprit de corps, support fitness goals and enhance community relations. Proceeds raised go to Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) programs for Soldiers and their families.

Byron Reavis, APG sports programs and facility manager, was the Team APG point of contact for the running teams' packet pickup service and course set up. Reavis and 117 members of the APG community participated in the Ten-Miler, including 15 civilians.

"Every year we have more participation from the APG community and the teams are more competitive," he said.

Planning for the Army Ten-Miler begins with qualifying runs in August and culminates with check-ins at the APG Hooah tent, Reavis said.

He added that all runners received Team APG t-shirts and he thanked train-up coordinators Sgt. Alan Tobin of the 1st Armored Medical Laboratory and Sgt. Jamison Burns of the 3rd Air Defense Artillery (SLENS) for their assistance.

The race starts at the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia, crosses the Arlington Memorial Bridge and winds through the district. Along the route, bands play and crowds cheer runners past structures like the Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, the Air and Space Museum, the National Mall and the U.S. Capitol. They re-cross the Potomac River back to the Pentagon via I-395.

The Alpha Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment (SLENS), sent eight runners to Team APG, two of whom declared it was their first Army Ten-Miler, but not their last.

"I felt a great time," said Capt. Tarik Jones, battery commander. "I've always wanted to run in it but I was always either occupied with training or stationed overseas." Jones said he participated in the Navy/Air Force Half Marathon – held in Washington, D.C. Sept. 20 – as a "warm-up" to the race. He said he set a personal goal of 70 minutes or faster and he could have done better but the scenery and events along the route were too engaging.

"I choose instead to enjoy the scenery and relax at times because it was fun listening to all of the marching bands and seeing the posters that people were wearing. Most of the time I was focused on maintaining my pace, but there were times – like when we ran past the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, or the MLK Jr. statue, or the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial – that I was able to appreciate the beauty and history of Washington Monument - that I was able to, said Jones, adding that "running through the streets of Washington D.C. was amazing."

"From the motivated crowds, to the amazing music and live bands, I could feel the community pushing me harder. It felt great," he said.

"I would rate this achievement a 10," he added. "Not too many people have run intestinal fortitude to just get up and run 10 miles nonstop. You really have to experience it. You really have to experience the Tucker Jones from Alpha Battery, 3rd ADA Regiment, right, takes a smile with APG runners from left, Sgt. Jonathan Burns, 1st Lt. Ethan Sheifer and Sgt. James Howard before the start of the first heat. APG Army Ten-Miler Team

Unofficial results from http://www.armystamper.com

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Sgt. Jonathan Burns (3 ADA) place 2,499, net time 1:16:30
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Capt. Kaylee West (3 ADA) place 12,447, net time 1:38:38
Spc. Andi Arnold (21 CHEM BN) place 9,632, net time 1:13:05
Sgt. John Tyler (22 CHEM BN) place 1,236, net time 1:10:54
Pfc. Brian Roseboom (3 ADA) place 12,602, net time 1:38:23

"Another first-time runner, Sgt. Ter- ron Ross, of Kels U.S. Army Health Clin- ic, said she exceeded personal and team goals. "I've been a runner since high school but being able to compete the run after having two children was def-initely a very high achievement for me," she said, adding that "running through the streets of Washington D.C. was like being in a movie." Being able to run with so much his- tory around me was very inspiring. On a scale of 1 to 10, I would rate this achievement a 10. Even though the training for the run was not easy, it is something I definitely will continue to do every year because stationed in this area. It was a great experience.

AJPAC's sister Staff Sgt. Jonathan C. Johnson contributed to this article.
The Army Substance Abuse Program will host events at designated areas around the installation during Red Ribbon Week, the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Robin Stokes, Employee Assistance Program manager, will distribute red ribbons and campaign information from displays set up at the APG North (Aberdeen) and South (Edgewood) Express stores and at designated organizations.

Red Ribbon Week serves as a platform for communities, groups and individuals to take a stand against illegal drugs and it commemorated the sacrifice of DEA Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, who died at the hands of drug traffickers in Mexico in 1985.

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Red Ribbon Week Activities

APG North (Aberdeen)

Friday, Oct. 23 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., APG North (Aberdeen) Express

Monday, Oct. 26 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., APG North (Aberdeen) Express

Tuesday, Oct. 27 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., CSIR campus

Wednesday, Oct. 28 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., ATEC

Thursday, Oct. 29 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., designated organizations

Friday, Oct. 30 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., APG North Express

APG South (Edgewood)

Friday, Oct. 23 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Express

Monday, Oct. 26 - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., APG South, said Jeff Presgraves, DPW contracting officer representative for the project.

“Certainly going to be some unusual traffic from trash trucks transporting pipe deliveries and moving pipe into the road, so [construction is] going to be visible and we’re also going to be getting waste out of Edgewood will be directed to an alternative transfer station in Baltimore County.

Presgraves said that the construction project should be directed to either Jeff Presgraves, at 410-306-1848 or jeffrey.a.presgraves.civ@mail.mil; Barry Fahr at 443-206-4753 or barry.k.fahr@ede.osd.mil; or Devon Rock, at 410-306-1125 or devon.a.rock.civ@mail.mil.

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By STACY SMITH

Construction of a new combined heat plant on APG South (Edgewood) has closed a popular walking path along Otto Road near the airfield, and according to Directorate of Public Works personnel, it will remain closed through the beginning of the new year.

The new CHP plant is scheduled to replace the Hartford County Waste to Energy Plant, a municipal solid waste burning facility, sometime in 2016, and its construction will continue to cause minor delays, closures and detours on APG South, said Jeff Presgraves, DPW contracting officer representative for the project.

“There’s definitely going to be some times when there’ll be road closures or detours,” Presgraves said. He added that all traffic flow changes will be properly handled by the Directorate of Emergency Services, and road closures and traffic plans will be posted on APG social media sites.

Presgraves said that the construction site is about 1,800 feet along Otto Road as the project installs new infrastructure to supplement the 10 mile loop.

“We’re going to be trenching along the road, so [construction is] going to be visible and we’re also going to be getting pipe deliveries and moving pipe into place, and so there’s going to be heavy equipment along that road,” said Devon Rock, APG energy installation manager.

Rock and Presgraves added that the usual traffic from trash trucks transporting waste out of Edgewood will dis-
Session explores breast cancer risk factors

In line with Breast Cancer Awareness Month initiatives and the C4ISR Wellness Committee mission to provide trending information in overall wellness to members of Team APG, Dr. Atsuko Okabe reviewed Breast Cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment options as well as preventive measures during an info session at the Myer Auditorium, Oct. 15.

A staff member at Mohinder Franklin Square Breast Center, Okabe gave a detailed presentation that covered breast cancer facts and figures, benign and cancerous indicators of breast conditions, ductal carcinoma in situ, the most common type of non-invasive breast cancer and the stages of cancer including diagnosis and treatment.Okabe said 80 percent of breast carcinomas are non-cancerous.

"A lump doesn’t always mean cancer," she assured listeners. Okabe focused on risk factors for all women and emphasized that "most women who get breast cancer have no risk factors."

"If multiple family members have had breast cancer, that does increase the likelihood of you getting it, but someone with no history could be just as likely," she said.

Key factors include personal history, family history, genetic alterations and breast changes, according to Okabe. Additional factors include race, estrogen exposure, late childbearing, radiation therapy, breast density, obesity after menopause, physical activity, alcohol consumption and smoking.

Okabe said tending to four of the factors – obesity, physical activity, alcohol consumption and smoking – greatly reduces chances of breast and other cancers.

"Estrogen comes from fatty tissue and gaining fat after menopause increases your risk," she said. "Exercise is known to reduce cancer risks and studies show that as little as one-and-one-half to three hours of brisk walking make a big difference; inactivity is your enemy," she said.

In addition, alcohol consumption has been linked to several cancers, including breast, mouth, liver and throat, and an American Cancer Society study found 71,166 women with breast cancer were also smokers, she said. Okabe recommended yearly mammograms starting at age 40, clinical breast exams every three years from ages 20-39, then annually after 40; and monthly breast self-exams starting at age 20.

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The APG Directorate of Public works is in the process of removing hazard and dead trees in and around the Aberdeen North and South cantonment areas. Recognized as a Tree City USA for the past 9 years, APG is continuously maintaining its forest resources, which includes the urban forest canopy. According to Scott English, Directorate of Public Works forester, as trees continue to grow and age, they become more susceptible to insects, disease and stress, all of which lead to hazard tree situations.

"When these safety hazard trees are identified, the APG DPW coordinates their removal and transport to the firewood areas," he said.

The APG North (Aberdeen) firewood location is near Powder Loop while the APG South (Edgewood) firewood location is off of Igloo Road. English said the wood in these areas is typically in log form and is available for purchase in truck or trailer load with a permit.

"One hundred percent of the firewood permit proceeds are returned to Army forest management here at APG and at other Army Garrisons around the United States," English said. He added that APG has one of the Army’s most robust and active environmental protection and restoration programs and has been recognized by the Department of Defense, other federal and state agencies and private organizations for its leadership and innovation in protection, restoration, conservation and environmental management.

Firewood is available at a cost of $20 per level standard 8-foot pick-up truck, $15 per level standard 6-foot pick-up truck, and $5 per car trunk load. Permits to buy wood are good for ten days, or until an order is filled, whichever comes first. Permits will be issued 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on a first-come-first-served basis at APG South in Bldg. E4630, Monday through Thursday. For more information, contact English at 410-436-9804 or Kathy Thisse at 410-436-8789.

Harvested trees yield firewood

As of Oct. 1, a new law requires all TRICARE beneficiaries, except active-duty service members, to get select brand name "maintenance drugs" through either TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or from a military pharmacy. Beneficiaries who continue using retail pharmacies to fill their prescriptions will have to pay the full cost.

Maintenance drugs are those taken regularly for a long time, such as drugs to control blood pressure or cholesterol. The law does not apply to drugs taken for short periods of time, like antibiotics, or generic drugs. Beneficiaries living overseas, or with other prescription drug coverage, are not affected.

The TRICARE pharmacy contractor, Express Scripts, is sending a letter to beneficiaries who take the affected drugs, explaining their options. Beneficiaries should contact Express Scripts at 877-363-1303 to see if the law impacts them.

Beneficiaries continuing to fill affected drugs at retail pharmacies will receive a letter informing them of the change to the benefit and they will have one final "courtesy" fill with a retail pharmacy. After that, they will have to pay 100 percent of the cost of their medication for subsequent refills.

For more information about this change to TRICARE pharmacy benefits, visit www.tricare.mil/RxNewRules.
By DAN LAFOUNTE

The U.S. Army introduced its new supercomputer, Excalibur, which will help service members and their families with the technological advantage on the battlefield, officials said.

The Excalibur is the 19th most powerful supercomputer in the world, according to the American Registry for Computing Excellence (ARCE). The ARCE is a partnership of the Department of Defense and the National Nuclear Security Administration.

Army and Department of Defense officials gather at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory DOD Supercomputing Resource Center for the Excalibur supercomputer ribbon-cutting ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Oct. 16.

Photo by Contract Journalist

By SANDI WILLIAMS
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

The APG Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (CSD) is a consolidated legal office offering a variety of services for active-duty service members, reservists and dependents. Services are provided through the division of staff judge advocates, the JAG corps and real estate reimbursement office. The CSD provides limited services to civilians that are not assigned to the installation. Limited services include assistance to military service members, dependents and civilians.

Under limited circumstances, the legal office assists civilians, including service members, employees and reserve service members. The legal office is located at Bldg. 4505, room 317, on post, telephone and walk-in customer service hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The division maintains a detailed phone prompt which provides assistance and further information about the nature of services provided. The legal office is frequently able to quickly get through to division staff who should visit the office during regular customer service hours.

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A journey through 250 years of American culture at Geppi’s Entertainment Museum (GEM) in downtown Baltimore

Located at the historic Camden Station, GEM is home to more than 6,000 pop culture artifacts including toys, puzzles, games, photos and other memorabilia dating from the 1800s to present day.

“IT is an incredible museum for reliving bits and pieces of your past,” said Tamera Rush, Aberdeen chapter president and AUSA administrative director for the U.S. Army’s Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Rush said the Aberdeen chapter was named AUSA Best Chapter for assisting Recruiting Command and ROTC projects such as the Vietnam Communications Program, Army Barbers and Army History, while engaging elected officials at all levels of government to still the Army story and advocate on behalf of the serving, veteran and retiree communities.

“We have a great bond for our AUSA chapter within the government, industry and community leaders,” said Rush.

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A nostalgic experience in downtown Baltimore

Geppi’s Entertainment Museum

By AMANDA ROMINIECKI
APG News

The local chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) in Aberdeen was recently awarded the AUSA Best Chapter award within its membership category during the 2015 AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C., Oct. 12.

According to John Davies, regional area administrative director, the Aberdeen chapter’s Best Chapter award is presented to a chapter each in each of five categories defined within the membership goal of the chapter.

The Miller-Harry Greene Aberdeen Chapter competes with four other chapters in the category of chapters with a membership goal between 250 and 500 members. The Aberdeen chapter was chosen because the number of meetings, events and activities throughout the year which support the military as well as the civil communities,” said Rush. Chapter President Carmen Rush said that points are awarded for assisting Recruiting Command and ROTC projects such as the Vietnam Communications Program, Army Barbers and Army History, while engaging elected officials at all levels of government to still the Army story and advocate on behalf of the serving, veteran and retiree communities.

“Highly successful chapters attract and retain members who see the value in these programs and the positive impact they have on and off the installation. Best chapters, regardless of their size, all share several characteristics: they are advocates for a strong Army, and they work closely on behalf of Soldiers and those who support them,” he said.

The Aberdeen AUSA chapter was renamed the Maj. Gen. Harry Greene, Aberdeen Chapter in honor of the late major general who was killed in action in 2014. Greene had served ties to AFG, including past assignments as the deputy commanding general for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command from May 2009 to May 2011 and the Program Executive Officer, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors from May 2011 to 2012.

“It’s a great feeling to know [that] what we do, we do in his name,” Rush said. “I meant a great deal to our chapter.”

“The A Story in Four Colors” gallery has a library of 1,000 rare comic books. The museum opened in 2006 and is owned by Baltimore native Stephen A. Geppi, the president of Diamond Comics Distributors, the largest distributor of English language comic books in the world.

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“IT IS like a museum within a museum,” Solof said.

In addition, visitors can read digital versions of these and other rare, valuable comics.

The museum also features six interactive galleries with memorabilia from different time periods.

For example, the “Expanding Universe” gallery features artifacts from 1971 to 1990. Memorabilia includes items from iconic movies like “Star Wars,” “E.T.” and “Ghostbusters.”

Visitors to GEM can also learn more about Baltimore’s pop culture icons in the “Baltimore Heroes” gallery. Collectibles from outspoken movie director John Waters and famed musicians like Frank Zappa, Brigitte Hel-

Aberdeen chapter named AUSA Best Chapter

Story and photos by RACHEL PONDER

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MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Upcoming Activities

APG OKTOBERFEST NOV. 7-8

Team APG will host the third annual Oktoberfest open to the entire community Friday and Saturday. The event is family-friendly and will include German food, live entertainment, kids activities and more.

Activities include:

• Festival with live entertainment
• Volkmarshank
• Car and bike show
• Fireworks
• Childrens activities & games
• Main Street Marketplace

Safety depends on it!

APG Oktoberfest is limited to 30 individuals. Participants are required to have a current APG ID and are subject to proper ID

CREDIT & DEBT MANAGEMENT

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES

APPLYING FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT NOV. 9

ACS will host an “Applying for Federal Employment” workshop, exploring the 15 steps to federal employment. Participation is limited to 30 individuals. Participants are encouraged to bring a resume. Registration is required. Visit www.mwr-jobs.maryland.gov or call 410-278-4589.

IDENTITY THEFT DEC. 1

ACS will host a course discussing identity theft, how thieves steal your ID, and what you can do to detect and prevent identity theft. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Bldg. 2073. The class will also explain the different classifications of ID theft and how you can safeguard your information.

To receive a real card call 410-278-9669/7572.

CREDIT FINESSE DEC. 10

ACS will provide a course identifying ways to properly use and build credit, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Bldg. 2073. The course will also explain good credit practices, identify what is a credit report; pinpoint credit information used in forming your credit score; identify security measures to protect from identity theft; and identify ways to maintain a good credit report.

The course is held in conjunction with ACS Financial Readiness Program and Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union.

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For online access to the directory, go to events calendar on left-hand side; move forward to appropriate date; click on “APG How to Apply for Federal Jobs”; click register.

MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Upcoming Activities

October 24

CIZE® LIVE: A professional dance for everyday people! Learn the hottest professionally-choreographed dance routines, straight from the stage! From your first class, you’ll be bustin’ out moves you can take anywhere! It’s so much fun, so exciting, you’ll forget you’re actually working out!

CIZE® will be held at the APG North (Abbeville) youth center, Bldg. 2502, from 7 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday, Oct. 13 through Nov. 24. Open to children ages 7 and up, and cost is $49 per seven-week session, or a $8 drop-in rate for CYS members.

To register, call 410-278-7513/7479.

MINI INDOOR SOCCER

Registration through Nov. 2

For the upcoming Mini Indoor Soccer league will open Oct. 15 at Bldg. 2502. Registration will run through Nov. 2, and space is limited to 45 children.

Games will be held at the APG South (Edgewood) youth center, Bldg. 67100. Games begin Nov. 3 and will be held each Tuesday through Dec. 8 at 6:45 or 8:30 p.m.

Mini Indoor Soccer is open to girls and boys, ages 4-6. Max is 49 participants per class. A $2 per participant fee is required to play.

For more information, call 410-278-4589.

LET’S COOK OCT. 24

DOW DEC. 12

In this course, children will learn & teach children different skills to prepare foods from various cuisines around the world. You’ll definitely feel the energy with cutting-edge special effects, pyrotechnics, aerial stunts, music, lyrics and more! It’s being hailed as the most technically advanced arena extravaganza. You’ll see your favorite Marvel Super Heroes in action-packed arena scenes.

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MARVELS UNIVERSE

GOLF OUTING

Ruggles Golf Course will host a Customer Appreciation Fall Scramble Golf Outing Oct. 31. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. There will be on-course games and prizes.

Cost is $50 for a regular patron, $40 for an annual patron. Cost includes course food and four beverage stations.

For more information, or to register, call the Ruggles Pro Shop at 410-278-6744.

VETERANS DAY SCRAMBLE NOV. 11

Ruggles Golf Course will host a Veteran’s Day Scramble Fall Golf tournament. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. There will be on-course games and prizes.

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For more information about CYSS fees and policies, contact Angie Grinage at angela.m.grinage.civ@mail.mil or 410-278-7576.

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5 ways to reuse your copy of the APG News:

1. Protect fragile items before storing them or sending them in the mail.
2. Line pet cages or litter boxes to keep them tidy.
3. Save the counter from a gluey, glittery mess during your next craft project.
4. Clean glass or windows for a streak-free shine.
5. Make a weed barrier in a flower bed or garden before laying new topsoil.
Hispanic culture and to working toward our common goals, to celebrating the contributions that Hispanics have made to the U.S. armed forces. (Edgewood) Pizarro Matos emphasized his childhood and his decision to join the military as government, science and the enter-
ation hosted by the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, Sept. 23. Hispanic American Heritage Month is celebrated annually between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15, and the theme of the 2015 event was “Energizing Our Nation’s Diversity.” Pizarro Matos discussed “diver-
section and outreach, Suarez uses his own upbringing to inspire children to tack-
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stances may be is an important aspect of becoming a role model,” he said. Suarez said volunteering in STEM education and outreach programs allows him to extend beyond his everyday job and give freely with encouragement and creativity. Over the last few years, Suarez has participated in annual conferences, workshops and seminars that help students make informed decisions about their STEM career paths and edu-
cational options. He has also served as a judge for competitive research projects for college-bound students. “John’s commitment to STEM edu-
cation and outreach is admirable,” said Ralph Troioso, supervisory electronics engineer for CERDEC’s Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate. “He provides exemplary skills and resource-
fulness, which are sufficient to warrant recognition and I am proud to have nom-
inated him for the prestigious award.” Suarez has an extensive educational background in radio-frequency elec-
trical engineering and primarily performs technical research and development in support of Soldiers. His abilities are highly applicable to the various disciplines comprising the Army mission of protecting Soldiers at home and abroad, said Maj. Mike Mingle, senior staff engineer at CERDEC 12W, who recognized Suarez as a 2015 comptanciation and outreach, and allowing me to do something greater than myself. It is an honor to be invited to our community, to celebrate the Hispanic American traditions and culture, and to help other students make informed decisions about their STEM career paths and educational options. “Helping someone in their journey and letting them know that big things can happen no matter what the circumstances may be is an important aspect of becoming a role model,” he said.
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THIS WEEK IN APG HISTORY

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News

(Left) Retired Lt. Col. George Witheridge, left, who is credited with firing the first 75mm round at German Field Marshal Rommel’s Afrika Corps in 1942, examines the U.S. Grant tank that fired the round on display at APG with George Jarrett, chief of the Ordnance Museum.

(Left) Sgt. 1st Class Moses Armstead of the 16th Ordnance Battalion, who died as a result of non-combat related injuries enroute to Afghanistan, is remembered during an Oct. 12, 2005 memorial service at the post chapel.


10 Years Ago: Oct. 20, 2005

(Above) Pfc. Jennifer Worstell of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, draws blood from Staff Sgt. Dennis Peter, one of about 500 Soldiers and civilians from the U.S. Army Materiel Command who will prepare for deployment through the new Desert Shield Processing Center at APG.

(Right) Sgt. 1st Class Edward Eisler, flight instructor; Ed Minnick, maintenance officer and Lyle Kirkendall, mechanic, examine the new Cessna 150 being added to the club’s fleet.

(Right) The U.S. Army Chemical Research Development and Engineering Center announced that electronics engineer Ricardo Torres of has been nominated for the Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Award.

25 Years Ago: Oct. 17, 1990

(Right) From left, Stephen Bilka Jr., APG Flying Club president; Col. James Caskie, security officer; Sgt. 1st Class Edward Eisler, flight instructor; Ed Minnick, maintenance officer and Lyle Kirkendall, mechanic, examine the new Cessna 150 being added to the club’s fleet.


50 Years Ago: Oct. 21, 1965

(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 1991.)
No social security cost-of-living increase

Social Security Administration

With consumer prices down over the past year, monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 65 million Americans will not automatically increase in 2016. The Social Security Act provides for an automatic increase in Social Security and SSI benefits if there is an increase in inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). The period of consideration includes the third quarter of the last year a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was made to the CPI-W. The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the third quarter of 2014 was .0% lower than the same quarter of 2013. As determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there was no increase in the CPI-W from the third quarter of 2014 to the third quarter of 2015. Therefore, under existing law, there can be no COLA in 2016. Other adjustments that would normally take effect based on changes in the national average wage index also will not take effect in January 2016. Since there is no COLA, the statute also prohibits a change in the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax, as well as the retirement earnings test exemptions. These amounts will remain unchanged in 2016.

In addition, beneficiaries who have Medicare Part B premiums paid by state medical assistance programs will see no change in their Social Security benefits. The state will be required to pay any Medicare Part B premium increase. Information about Medicare changes for 2016 will be available at www.medicare.gov.

BY THE NUMB#RS

Oktoberfest in Munich

Oktoberfest is the world’s largest beer festival and traveling funfair and is held annually over 15 days in Munich, in the German state of Bavaria. Beer and brat-lovers can celebrate this fall festival during the APG 2015 Oktoberfest set for Oct. 23-24. Visit http://www.apgmwr.com/2015-oktoberfest for more information.

7.5 million
Liters of beer consumed at Oktoberfest in 2011. This is equivalent to about 12.3 million English pints, or roughly 22 million 12-ounce bottles of beer.

6.4 million
Number of visitors who attended the 2014 Oktoberfest in Munich.

4,750
Number of items turned in at the lost and found during the 2011 Oktoberfest. Some of the odder items found included a car license plate, a pair of crutches, and a Viking helmet with horns.

60
Number of Oktoberfest-related mobile apps available for download on smartphones.

$12
The average American dollar price for a liter of beer at Oktoberfest, a $1 increase over last year.

6
Number of mega-breweries in Munich. Most of the beverages served in the festival beer halls come from these locations.

Leaves Donations

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Meet & Greet at Thursday Social

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BY THE NUMB#RS

Oktoberfest in Munich

Oktoberfest is the world’s largest beer festival and traveling funfair and is held annually over 15 days in Munich, in the German state of Bavaria. Beer and brat-lovers can celebrate this fall festival during the APG 2015 Oktoberfest set for Oct. 23-24. Visit http://www.apgmwr.com/2015-oktoberfest for more information.

7.5 million
Liters of beer consumed at Oktoberfest in 2011. This is equivalent to about 12.3 million English pints, or roughly 22 million 12-ounce bottles of beer.

6.4 million
Number of visitors who attended the 2014 Oktoberfest in Munich.

4,750
Number of items turned in at the lost and found during the 2011 Oktoberfest. Some of the odder items found included a car license plate, a pair of crutches, and a Viking helmet with horns.

60
Number of Oktoberfest-related mobile apps available for download on smartphones.

$12
The average American dollar price for a liter of beer at Oktoberfest, a $1 increase over last year.

6
Number of mega-breweries in Munich. Most of the beverages served in the festival beer halls come from these locations.

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Across
3. A pass to a teammate who scores a basket immediately or after one dribble.
4. This Canadian physical education instructor invented basketball in 1891, as a way to condition athletes during the winter.
5. In 1951, he became the first player signed to a professional team.
6. Number of players from a team allowed on the court at any time.
7. The Harlem Globetrotters are an exhibition basketball team that combines athleticism, theater and comedy.
8. LeBron James currently plays for this NBA Cleveland-based team.
9. Name of the former Baltimore-based NBA team.
11. In 1922, this first all-black professional team was founded.
12. A violation of the rules that occurs when a player holding the ball moves one or both of his feet illegally.
13. The first known U.S. college to field a basketball team against an outside opponent was __________ University.
14. This billionaire businesswoman and TV personality is the owner of the NBA’s Dallas Mavericks.
16. This Boston-based team has won the most championships out of any NBA franchise.
17. Michael Jordan.
18. He played more games in the NBA than any other player.
19. The all-time leading scorer in L.A. Lakers franchise history.
20. Number of rules in the first basketball game.

Down
1. A jump shot taken while jumping backwards, away from the basket.
2. The only player to score 100 points in a single NBA game.
3. This current New York Nets basketball player attended Towson Catholic High School for three years.
5. "Passion for a simple community theater production.
6. When reporting poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources on APG, please take note of the information listed in the form below.
7. The popular belief is that the Family and Medical Leave Act protects workers from avaricious employers who are only concerned with accumulating wealth.
8. Avaricious means, adv. Avariciousness, noun
9. When reporting poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources on APG, you can use the SUBMIT-A-TIP hotline to anonymously provide information to catch a poacher. You can also cut out this completed SUBMIT-A-TIP form and mail it to: 2200 Aberdeen Blvd, APG, MD 21003.

WORD OF THE WEEK
Avaricious
Provenance: in-ab-8ISoh-sb
Part of Speech: Adjective
Definition
1. Having or showing an extreme greed for wealth or material gain
2. Actuated by avarice; greedy of gain; immoderately desirous of accumulating property; excessively acquisitive especially in seeking to hoard riches
Other forms:
Avariciously, adverb
Avariciousness, noun
Use:
• Even with an avaricious motive it’s hard to justify increasing the price of admission.
• Avaricious and avaricious means never tires, whereas he who is poor and humble of heart lives in a world of peace.
• The popular belief is that the Family and Medical Leave Act protects workers from avaricious employers who are only concerned with acquiring and retaining wealth.

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK
MBDA
Minority Business Development Agency
The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) was originally established as the Office of Minority Business Enterprises by President Richard M. Nixo on March 5, 1969. The MBDA is an agency in the United States Department of Commerce that promotes growth and competitiveness of the United States’ minority-owned businesses.
The MBDA was created to assist minority businesses in achieving effective and equitable participation in the American free enterprise system and to overcoming social and economic disadvantages that limited their participation in the past. The agency provides national policies and leadership in forming and strengthening a partnership of business, industry, and government with the nation’s minority businesses.

The MBDA national director is Alejandra Castillo. Albert Shen is the national deputy director.

Call the SUBMIT-A-TIP “HOTLINE” at 410-306-4673.
Emergencies or violations of a program should always be reported via 911.

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Name/Description/Address of the Poacher
Location/Days/Times & Type of Poaching
Vehicle/Vessel Description or Registration #
Focusing on fire prevention

Myla Stokes tries her hand at the fire extinguisher with assistance from Fire Inspector John Frank during a fire prevention event featuring vehicles and interactive displays at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center, Oct. 16. CYSS youth center children, from left, Melody Turner, Azaria Ballou, Isaiah Williams, CYSS aide Claudia Felix, and Zoe Marie Thomas also took turns on the extinguisher.

Expo connects Soldiers, civilians, and new tech

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leave post.

“It’s a one-stop shop,” McCully said. “Dell AE is co-owner Mark Flemister, who has co-organized the biannual APG tech expo for about 15 years, said he believes each event helps the technologically savvy effectively share new information that will advance their organization’s mission.

“Technology changes so fast; this is a very effective way for vendors to bring the technology directly to APG personnel and show them all the latest things—current and future trends. It’s just a constant exchange,” Flemister said.

About 25 percent of vendors were first-time attendees, such as Micron Technology Inc., which manufactures and sells data storage and memory devices like semiconductor systems. Bob McClellan, Micron enterprise solutions architect, said the company’s products are desirable for military purposes because they have a “small footprint when it comes to space, weight, power, cooling, and (from an) easy moving party.”

“It’s all silicon, nothing breaks,” McClellan added. “They [Soldiers] can take more of their data out to the field; they can do more processing out in the field, and they can do it instantaneously.”

Joseph Siedlarz, Micron sales manager, showcased one such device, a computer on my back.”

“I know it better than anybody else,” Siedlarz said. “You could build a very small device around this computer and have it on your person, and now you’ve got a tremendous amount of processing power right in the palm of your hand,” he said.

Siedlarz, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and McClellan, a former Army sergeant, say they appreciate the innovations that take place today in military at the cutting-edge of warfare technology.

McClellan said he was a long-range reconnaissance Soldier who worked in the field and he remembers the heavy computing equipment he was required to carry.

“I know it better than anybody because I carried it on my back, and it was very heavy,” he said. “I would have loved to have carried this [battery-sized computer] on my back.”

Expo attendees said they enjoyed learning about new technology from like-minded people.

“The collaboration that happens in the [tech] community is amazing,” said Col. Darrell Gregg, Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC).

Gregg said he is in the process of retooling from the Army, and that he adopted the expo as an informal way to

Expo draws more than 400 civilians, Soldiers and contractors from across the installation.

As a service member, Gregg said he kind of wanted to use this as a chance to refresh my knowledge and to figure out what new technologies might be out there,” he said, adding that he enjoyed the opportunity to “share information, share knowledge, and work as partners in the community to support the warfighter.”

As a service member, Gregg said he recognizes the importance of today’s technological advancements in meeting the Army’s mission.

“I’ve been in the Army 26 and a half years, so I’ve seen it [technology]—everything from when a hand-held radio was all you had, all the way up to the visualization technologies that we have today, which are just tremendously more beneficial than what we ever had many years ago.”

Irene Booth, operations chief for Program Executive Office, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEOIEW&S), said she attends the tech expo each year to review of what will support your office and consolidate buy. So you can do a quick review of what will support your office the best. That’s why I always come to these; it helps me when I make my informed decisions on what we need.”

The expo included three technology briefings about Microsoft Windows operating systems and Datacenter infrastructure management.

The next Technology Expo is scheduled for April 20, 2016.

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**Corvias hosts annual pumpkin patch**

APG residents of all ages donned their best Halloween costumes and picked out pumpkins during the annual Resident Pumpkin Patch at the Bayside Community Center on APG North (Aberdeen), Oct. 16.

(Clockwise, from left) “Astronaut” Ryker Hartum, 1, happily shows off his pick from the pumpkin patch.

“Dalmatian” Rachel Harlan, 7 months old, waits for her mother, who also wore a Dalmatian costume, to enter their family in the Halloween costume contest. The family’s dog was dressed as a firefighter.

Scarlett Kalohi, 3, seems Cinderella-like while picking out a pumpkin.

“Kitten” Madaline Musick, 18 months old, inspects her first pumpkin.

APG housing residents select pumpkins and enjoy fall festivities.

Photos by Stacy Smith

**LOCAL NCOA CHAPTER DONATES $2,000 TO PERRY POINT VA**

Ed Daly, the Non-commissioned Officers of America Four States Liberty Chapter #1661 chairman, left, presents a $2,000 check to Susan Kern, Perry Point VA Program Manager, Voluntary Services Office, Oct. 7. He was assisted by Mike Burrell, right, NCOA Chapter #1661 vice chairman.

The funds will be used toward various veterans assistance programs, ranging from substance abuse rehabilitation to supplemen-
tary housing.

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