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Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Feb. 14, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

APG new employee orientation

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Newcomer Orientation will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, on Feb. 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited to attend.

Representatives of support agencies and organizations will be present to discuss their activities. New employees are invited to visit display tables featuring information about community services and activities.

For more information contact Marilyn Howard, relocation manager, Army Community Service, Directorate of Information Management, at 410-278-3137/4372.

EA Youth Center offering drug and alcohol abuse program

Everyone in the Aberdeen Proving Ground community is invited to attend a special event at the Edgewood Area Youth Center on Friday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in building E-1902.

Mimi R. Cooper, District Court of Harford County judge, will speak on the causes and consequences of using illegal drugs and alcohol abuse. Judge Cooper will also provide important information on health and safety issues. All APG parents and youth are encouraged to attend.

Please contact the EA Youth Center at 410-436-2098/2862 for more information.

APG "Volunteer of the Year" nominations

Nominations are being accepted until Feb. 21 for the annual APG "Volunteer of the Year" award. Nomination packets may be picked up at Army Community Service, building 2754, Aberdeen Area library, building 3320, Edgewood Area library, building E-4405 and building 324, first floor. Nominations should include all volunteer service on or for the APG community between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31. Nominations must be

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Pedestrian safety and the crosswalk

By Maj. Joseph Darabasz
DLES

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security is concerned with the level of pedestrian and crosswalk safety on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

It seems many drivers are unaware that pedestrians in crosswalks have the right of way.

Maryland Vehicle Law describes crosswalks as that part of the roadway that is "distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings."

Furthermore, Maryland Traffic Law TR21-502 (a)(2) details the "Pedestrians' right of way crosswalks" as follows:

The driver of a vehicle shall come to a stop when a pedestrian crossing the roadway in a crosswalk is:

- On the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling; or

- Approaching so closely from the other half of the roadway as to be in danger.

Drivers caught violating the pedestrian right of way on APG, will be referred to a U.S.

Magistrate judge for disposition of their case.

However, this does not release pedestrians from personal safety responsibilities. The law also states that pedestrians "may not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield."

Maryland case law has ruled that the preference the pedestrian enjoys at a crosswalk is not unlimited, since the pedestrian must still exercise due care and caution to avoid injury and cannot cross blindly without looking for approaching traffic.

We encourage all pedestrians and drivers on APG to use caution, good judgement and common sense when using or approaching crosswalks. Drivers should remember to always yield the right of way to pedestrians, and pedestrians should remember to stay alert and behave responsibly to ensure their personal safety.



Photo by ANDREAS SEXTON

A typical pedestrian crosswalk lies in front of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command in the Edgewood Area. Many drivers do not realize that Maryland law requires that drivers yield the right of way to pedestrians in crosswalks or that a court appearance is mandatory for first-time violators. Drivers caught violating the pedestrian right of way on APG will be referred to a U.S. Magistrate judge by Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security personnel for disposition of their case.

ANC centennial honors history, accomplishments



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic chief nurse, Lt. Col. Nancy Hodge, left, presents a coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps to Lt. Col. (Ret.) Milagros Borrero-Ruiz, a registered nurse and one of three honored at the clinic's commemoration program. Looking on are honorees, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Heidi Jackson, second from left, a pediatric-nurse practitioner and Maj. (Ret.) Loretta S. Burl, an obstetrical/gynecological nurse practitioner.

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In a commemoration to U.S. Army nurses everywhere, the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic celebrated the Army Nurse Corps' 100th anniversary in a Feb. 1 ceremony that included a luncheon and tribute to three retired nurses serving in the Aberdeen Proving Ground community.

Kirk's chief nurse, Lt. Col. Nancy Hodge, led the ceremony that was attended by Col. Walter Egerton, Kirk commander, health practitioners and staff from throughout the clinic.

The ceremony's highlight was a slide show documenting the Corps' history (see article on page 3). Hodge narrated the program, noting the role of the Army nurses in every conflict since the Revolutionary War and citing the major accomplishments of the corps' superintendents.

"The history of the Army Nurse Corps is very rich," Hodge said after the presentation. "Especially on this occasion it's fitting that we recognize its achievements."

In a special gesture, Hodge presented three retired U.S. Army nurses who now are employed at Kirk with ANC commemorative coins. They were Lt. Col. (Ret.) Milagros Borrero-Ruiz, a registered nurse in the department of Preventive Medicine and Wellness, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Heidi Jackson, a pediatric-nurse practitioner, and Maj. (Ret.) Loretta S. Burl, an obstetrical/gynecological nurse practitioner.

Now on staff in Kirk's Pediatric Clinic, Jackson retired four years ago at APG after a 22-year career. A self-described "Army brat" whose father put in 30 years in the military before he retired, Jackson said she has no plans to "break away" from the military environment.

"Being an Army nurse, I always felt a heightened sense of dedication to the Army," Jackson said. "Working here as a civilian I can keep those ties going."

"The ANC allowed me to fulfill all my dreams," added Burl. She said all her goals, to obtain a good education, travel, and have a successful career, were met in the ANC. A 1995 retiree from Fort Meade, Burl has been at Kirk since 1996.

APG FWP annual training conference Mar. 7

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women's Program is sponsoring their 11th annual training conference Mar. 7, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the Edgewood Area Conference Center. The conference is open to all active duty military and civilian personnel.

Topics include self-defense, business etiquette, personal and professional growth, RESUMIX job application kit, psychological threats to women in today's work environment, increasing your effectiveness, productivity and feeling successful and dealing with conflict in the workplace.

Training must be approved by your supervisor prior to submission of registration forms.

Registered attendees must pick up conference materials in the Conference Center, building E-4811, from 7 to 8 a.m., prior to beginning the morning sessions. For those who will attend only the afternoon sessions, conference materials must be picked up from 12 to 1 p.m.

Register via the internet at

<http://www.apg.army.mil/garrison/fwp/fwpconf.html> and provide all requested information, or contact Diane Siler, 410-278-1137 or Sheryl Coleman, 410-306-0713 to register off line or if additional assistance is needed. Seats are limited so register soon.

Attendees are invited to bring a brown bag lunch to the Edgewood Community Club, building E-4650, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Light refreshments will be available.

Health screening booths, including information on breast self-examination, and displays of education information and job opportunities will be available during the lunch break.

(NOTE: The Baltimore Federal Executive Board Federal Women's Council training program, scheduled for Mar. 15, is NOT sponsored by the APG Federal Women's Program. However, copies of their registration materials are available by calling Diane Siler, 410-278-1137 or Sheryl Coleman 410-306-0713.)



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Push 'em up, push 'em up, waaaayyyyyy up!

Veins protrude as Pete Conboy, from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, presses 330 pounds. Conboy was the runner-up in the military men's open division 220-pound category. See competition results and more photos on pages 8 and 14.

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addressed to Alice Surette, Installation Volunteer Coordinator, and received in building 324, first floor, by Feb. 21 to be considered. Awards will be presented to the most outstanding military, retiree, civilian, family member and youth volunteer at the post-wide Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Reception on April 26 at 7 p.m. at Top of the Bay. Everyone is invited to attend this free annual event to recognize exemplary achievement in volunteer service at APG.

For more information on how you can recognize your very special volunteer, call 410-278-5469.

Flu shots

TRICARE beneficiaries who have not yet received the influenza vaccine may receive an inoculation through the Immunization Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Monday through Friday, 8 to 11 a.m. Call the clinic, 410-278-1746, for additional hours and more information.

The Occupational Health Clinic is no longer offering flu shots to civilian employees not covered by TRICARE. Civilians wishing an inoculation against the virus are urged to call the Harford County Health Department, 410-638-8459, or their private physician, for more information.

USO-METRO and JETS co-host job fair

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services will co-host a Job Fair on Friday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Spates Hall, NCO Club, Ft. Myer, Va.

More than 60 companies with full or part-time positions have been invited. Job seekers can talk to representatives from high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies, among others. The fair is free and open to all members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and Department of Defense and Coast Guard civilian personnel.

JETS and USO-Metro work together to produce quarterly job fairs. JETS is a consolidation of the Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force Transition Services formed to provide employment information to transitioning service members and their families. The USO of Metropolitan Washington provides social services for the 300,000 military personnel and family members stationed in the greater Washington metropolitan area. USO-Metro is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and receives no federal, state or local funding.

For more information, contact Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth at 703-696-2552.

ARL to conduct blood drive

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive at the BRL Hall, building 330, on Feb. 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Department of Defense policy provides up to four hours of administrative leave to donate blood and additional time if unusual recuperation is required. This policy applies only to Department of Defense employees. To donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, have no tattoos that are less than one year old, and have no sore throat, runny nose or productive cough. To clear the 56-day limit between donations, you must have given on or before Dec. 26 to donate on Feb. 20.

BRL Hall, building 330, is located at the intersection of Longs Corner Road and Tower Road, and is normally in a secured area. However, for this blood drive it will be directly accessible from Tower Road without having to go through normal security procedures.

Call or e-mail Staff Sgt. Laing, 410-278-5843, dlaing@arl.army.mil for an appointment.

Raffle tickets available for "Americana" Quilt

The Military and Civilian Spouses Club of APG is sponsoring a quilt raffle. The quilt is a queen size "Americana" quilt made by members of the MCSC. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5, and may be purchased at the Thrift Shop or by calling Diane Wilson, 410-297-8508. Drawing will be March 14. Proceeds to benefit welfare and scholarship funds.

5th annual Contract Challenge competition

The Upper Chesapeake Chapter of the National Contract Management Association is sponsoring the 5th annual "Contract Challenge" competition with a buffet lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 14 at the Heron Room of the Gunpowder Club in the Edgewood Area. Cost is \$9 per person. Match wits with your colleagues and friends answering questions concerning the latest trends in and enduring principles of acquisition and contract management.

For this year's Valentine's Day competition the women have challenged the men for a friendly battle of the sexes. The game will include a "kiss and tell" feature and a few other surprises. Come dressed in red and root for your favorite team. If you wish to register for the buffet lunch, call or e-mail Diane Spear, 410-436-7344, or diane.spear@sbc.com.apgea.army.mil on or before Feb. 12. You may simply attend and bypass the buffet, but you will miss a chance for a special door prize.

"Continuous Learning: "Contract Challenge" has been designed to be a learning experience. This event is estimated to provide at least one

contact hour of learning for DAWIA continuous learning points.

Disney on Ice

The Aberdeen Area Youth Center has joined the Edgewood Area Youth Center in organizing a trip to the Baltimore Arena on Saturday, Feb. 10, to see Disney on Ice Presents: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The cost of \$17 per member includes admission and transportation. The bus will depart the AA Youth Center at 10 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. The bus will depart the EA Youth Center, Building E-1902, at 10:15 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. There are a limited number of tickets available to be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

In the Aberdeen Area, contact Donna Woodards, 410-306-4507. In the Edgewood Area, contact Cardelia Lee at the Edgewood Area Youth Center, 410-436-2862 or 2098

Valentine salutes hospitalized veterans

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center will present the "World's Longest Valentine" to hospitalized veterans on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1:30 p.m. The "Miles of Smiles" ceremony will be held in conjunction with the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week at the VAMC, Washington. The Washington Redskins Dance Team will perform, and after the ceremony, will visit the hospital wards to hand out portions of the card along with donated candies and flowers. Everyone is invited to participate in the creation of the Valentine for this heartwarming event.

For more information on the Valentine, call the USO-Metro Programs Office at 703-696-3297. For more information about how you can participate in the VAMC program, call Dewayne Vaughn, 202-745-8692.

Learn the dangers of a high risk lifestyle

Does your personality and lifestyle leave you at high risk for ill health, injury, debt, family problems or even an early demise? To learn more, the Employee Assistance Program is sponsoring a lunchtime four-week series, which includes classes on high-risk life styles, financial planning, performance nutrition and parenting. Classes will be conducted from 12 to 1 p.m. on Feb. 13, 20, and 27 at the Army Community Service, building 2754, located behind the Housing Office. Classes in Edgewood will be held at the Chapel on Feb. 15, 22 and Mar. 1 and 8 from 12 to 1 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch.

For more information, call Paul Papp or Emmanuel John at 410-278-7474/5319.

MCSC offers scholarships

The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses Club is currently accepting applications for scholarship money. Applicants must be spouses or children of military members (active duty, retired, or reserve). Applications are available on Aberdeen Proving Ground at the Post Office, Library, Thrift Shop, and Education Center. They are also available at Harford Community College and local high schools. The deadline for applying is March 15. For more information, contact Tannia Ross at 410-297-4972.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield rep to visit APG

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground on Tuesday, Feb. 13. The representative will be available from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, Room B-14 (lower level) to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. The representative will be available in the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Feb. 13. No appointment is necessary. Point of contact for this information is Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Post Office seeking custodial help

Part-time custodian help is wanted at APG Post Offices. Working hours would be split between the Aberdeen Area Post Office (8) and Edgewood Area Post Office (3), for a total of approximately 11 hours. Call the Postmaster for more information or to apply at 410-278-7967.

KUSAHC healthy eating course offered

Kirk will help you develop healthy-eating habits during a two-hour session to be conducted 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 15. A health and wellness counselor will cover reading food labels, the food pyramid, food proportions, and diet and exercise as related to weight loss. Training will be conducted in the Preventive Medicine Conference room (Room A-12), Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All TRICARE beneficiaries are eligible. For more information and to schedule for the first class, call 410-278-1964.

Black History Month luncheon

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense is sponsoring a Black Employment Program, to celebrate Black History Month on Feb. 21 at Top of the Bay. Guest speaker Allan T. Morris, an engineer at NASA Langley Research Center, will speak on "Creating and Defining the African American Community, Family, Church and

Politics." Lunch is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. Tickets cost \$9 and must be purchased in advance before Feb. 14, by contacting Helen Wells at 410-436-2455, Carleen Jackson at 410-436-2463, Sgt. James Mitchell at 410-436-3606, Robin Burch at 410-436-4865 or Darlene Johnson at 410-436-2461.

MWR offering trips to Las Vegas, Paris

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office is offering trips to Las Vegas or Paris for a group of 20 or more.

Las Vegas: Nov. 18-22

Trip includes round-trip air transportation between Philadelphia and Las Vegas via National Airlines, round-trip transfers between the airport and hotel, four nights accommodations at the Mirage Resort & Casino, two buffet breakfasts and one buffet dinner at the hotel, admission pass to Dolphin Habitat at the hotel, baggage handling, hotel tax and gratuities. Price per person for five days/four nights is \$525 - double occupancy and an additional \$60 per person for airport taxes. Space is subject to availability at time of deposit. A \$250 deposit due is due by June 8. Final payment is due by July 30.

Paris: Dec 1-8

Trip includes round-trip non-stop airfare between Philadelphia and Paris via US Airways, complimentary meals and beverages served inflight, six nights accommodations at the De Castiglione Hotel (superior-first class hotel), round-trip transfers between the airport and hotel, panoramic sightseeing tour of Paris including such sights as the Louvre, Eiffel Tower, Invalides, Arc de Triomphe, Musee d'Orsay, Champs Elysees and a visit to Notre Dame Cathedral. Also included is a cold buffet breakfast daily, consisting of juice, coffee, cereal, breads, cheese, fruit and other selections, baggage handling and gratuities at your hotel with bags delivered directly to your room (one bag per person) and entrance fees to the Notre Dame Cathedral. Price per person for seven days/six nights is \$1,020 - double occupancy, and an additional \$80 per person for taxes and fees (subject to change). A \$520 deposit is due June 8. Final payment is due July 30.

If you have any questions please call Chris Lockhart or Janie Waiters at 410-278-4011/4621.

Tuskegee Airmen to be honored by Military Librarians Group of D.C.

The Military Librarians Group of Washington will hold a meeting, "Conversations with some Tuskegee Airmen," on Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the U.S. Naval Heritage Center, 701 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 123, Washington, located on the yellow and green lines at the Archives/Navy Memorial stop. A parking garage is also nearby.

This will be an evening honoring the bravery and tenacity of World War II pilots and support staff known as the Tuskegee Airmen. Dr. Alan Gropman, historian and faculty member at the National Defense University, will moderate a panel of four retired U. S. Air Force officers who were among the Tuskegee airmen: Col. Elmer Jones, Col. Charles McGee, Col. Harry Shepherd and Lt. Col. Woody Crockett.

Tickets cost \$20 and include appetizers and desserts. Deadline for registering for this meeting is Feb. 19. Students and retirees receive discount of \$10. For more info call, Sharon Lenius at 703 601-2709 (email: leniussa@pmorcas-arng.ngb.army.mil)

Cultural diversity workshop

The Black Employment Program Committee will sponsor a Cultural Diversity Workshop on Monday, Feb. 26 at Top of the Bay. The workshop will be held in celebration of Black History Month/African American History Month. Two sessions are planned: from 8 to 10 a.m. for managers and supervisors; all other employees can attend from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The workshop will be given by John Gray Associates, Inc., a Management Diversity Consulting Firm specializing in the resolution of issues related to stereotyping, affirmative action, equal employment opportunity and reduction of "socialisms." This workshop is predicated upon top-level decision-makers and a cross-section of the organization being present. Participants will gain skills and awareness in managing diversity and working with personal prejudices and institutional practices that make differences difficult.

The workshop is free and open to all civilians and military personnel. For more information or to register, submit your name and telephone number to Penny White, Equal Employment Office, 410-278-7074 or Sgt. 1st Class Shelton Torbert, 410-278-1534 by noon, Thursday, Feb. 22. Seats are limited, so sign up early.

MCSC has funds for charities, organizations

The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will donate funds to organizations and charities this spring. Groups interested in placing a request for funds should do so in writing. Requests should include name of organization requesting funds, the manner in which the funds will be used, list of other fund raising efforts, and a contact person for the organization (name, address and telephone number). Requests must be postmarked by April 2. Submit requests to the Military and Civilian Spouses' Club, P.O. Box 752, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005. For more information call MCSC at 410-273-9663.

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A CLASSIC ACT



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will hold its 2001 Winter Recital at the band's practice facility, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. The recital will feature classical performances by band members, such as Staff Sgt. Stephen Stewart who will play Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 8. From left, Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Chieffo on clarinet, joins Lt. Col. Jonathan Newmark on piano and 1st Sgt. Enrique Alcaraz-Lopez on French horn during the 2000 Winter Recital. Newmark, a virtuoso pianist from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense, will rejoin the band for this year's performance.

Army Nurse Corps celebrates 100 years



Photo courtesy of P.F. COLLIER AND SON

Three U.S. Army nurses stand outside a tent in the Philippines during World War II. (Excerpted from *Colliers Photographic History of World War II*, published by P. F. Collier and Son.)

By Maj. Deborah Cox
ANC Historian

Feb. 2 marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Army Nurse Corps. Throughout history, Army nurses have served their country with extraordinary courage. Their skills, dedication, and resourcefulness have helped save tens of thousands of lives. Among the men and women of the Corps are some of the finest soldiers in the military.

Since 1901 Army nurses have demonstrated again and again their total commitment to the highest standards of military and nursing excellence. Both men and women have served as Army nurses since 1775, but the Army Nurse Corps did not become a part of the Army Medical Department until 1901.

The distinguished contributions of female contract nurses during and following the 1898 Spanish-American War became the justification and demonstrated the need for a permanent female nurse corps.

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, there were only 403 nurses on active duty. By November 1918, there were 21,460 Army nurses, with 10,000 serving overseas. During the war, nurses served primarily in base, evacuation, and mobile surgical hospitals in the United States, France, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. They also provided care on hospital trains in France and transport ships carrying wounded home across the Atlantic. Approximately 270 nurses lost their lives in the conflict.

When the United States entered World War II, fewer than 7,000 nurses were on active duty. By 1945, more than 57,000 Army nurses were assigned to hospital ships, trains, and medical evacuation planes. They were also assigned to field, evacuation, station, and general hospitals at home and overseas. In Europe, Army nurses assisted in developing the concept of recovery wards for immediate postoperative nursing care. Military nursing gained a greater understanding of the processes of shock, blood replacement, and resuscitation. Air evacuation from the

combat zone by fixed wing aircraft brought patients to definitive treatment quickly. Army flight nurses helped to establish the incredible record of only five deaths in flight per 100,000 patients.

Nurses endured hardships caring for their patients. In May 1942, with the fall of Corregidor, Philippines, 67 Army nurses became Japanese prisoners of war. During the 37-month captivity, the women endured primitive conditions, starvation rations, but still they continued to care for the ill and injured in the internment hospital. On Anzio, nurses dug their foxholes outside their tents and cared for patients under German shellfire. Their example bolstered the spirits of the soldiers who shared the same tough experience. At the war's end 215 brave nurses died for their country.

Army nurses once again played a major role in support of combat troops when President Truman ordered United States forces into Korea in June 1950. Army nurses cared for combat troops during the landing on Inchon, the advance across the 38th parallel into North Korea, the amphibious landing on the east coast of Korea, the drive toward the Yalu River, and the retreat to the 38th parallel. Throughout the Korean War between 540 and 1,500 Army nurses served on the embattled peninsula.

Mobility and increased patient acuity characterized nursing service in Vietnam. Evacuation by helicopter brought wounded to medical units located within minutes flying time of the battlefield. The UH-1H helicopter ambulance, call signed the "Dustoff," not only transported patients from the battle locations 50 percent faster than in Korea, but also provided triage and resuscitative services for casualties. Trauma care specialization as well as shock/trauma units developed from this experience. The "chain of evacuation" from Vietnam was extraordinary. A soldier could be wounded on the battlefield one day and two days later be in an Army hospital in the continental United States. Of the more than 5,000 Army nurses who served in Vietnam, nine (seven women and two men) paid the ultimate price and sacrificed their lives for our nation, including Lt. Sharon Lane who died from hostile mortar fire. Their names are etched on the wall of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington.

During Operation Desert Storm, approximately 2,200 nurses served in 44 hospitals. Two of every three nurses in the Arabian Gulf were from the Army National Guard or Army Reserves. This was the first major conflict that deployable medical systems were used. Another unique feature was that Army hospital staff personnel coexisted with host nation personnel in fixed facilities, forming joint national professional organizations. Before, during, and after the 100-hour ground war, U.S. forces sustained a disease and non-battle injury rate that was the lowest ever recorded in a conflict.

Recent years have seen Army nurses active throughout the world both in armed conflicts and humanitarian endeavors. Army nurses supported combat troops in Grenada in 1983, Panama in 1989, and Iraq in 1991. Nurses have continued to serve proudly during relief efforts following natural disasters such as Hurricane Mitch in 1998. Today the legacy of these military nurses lives on. Currently, Army nurses are deployed as part of Task Force Falcon performing peacekeeping duties in Kosovo or part of the stabilization force in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Corps' recent professional evolution reflects not only the changing requirements of a progressive Army, but also its expanded roles in

Soldiers register for eArmyU

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Jan. 24) — Ensuring that they would be among the first in line for the Army's newest distance learning initiative, soldiers camped out overnight in their sleeping bags just outside Army Education Services doors Jan. 15 at Fort Benning, Ga.

More than 663 soldiers enrolled for Army University Access Online during the first week of operations at the three installations where the program is initially being implemented, Fort Benning and Fort Campbell, Ky. and Fort Hood, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey L. Matthews from Fort Campbell, Sgt. Christopher M. Jones from Fort Benning and Staff Sgt. Keva A. Wallace from Fort Hood pre-registered for the program last December so they could be part of the contract award announcement.

"I think it is truly remarkable that six months after the initiative was first announced and just over a month after the contractor was selected, Army University Access Online is up and running," said Susie Johnson, online program advisor with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. "The soldiers who camped outside the Fort Benning Army Education Services building demonstrated first-hand how much they want to be a part of the program.

"The AUAO staff at Fort Benning that came in at 4 a.m. were amazed literally to see hundreds of soldiers waiting in line to enroll," said Johnson.

Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera first announced the initiative July 10 with the goals of enhancing recruiting, increasing retention and developing more educated, technology-savvy soldiers. He announced Dec. 14 the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers as the Army's implementing partner under a \$453 million, five-year contract.

PricewaterhouseCoopers is leading a consortium of 29 academic institutions in an AUAO Learning Network with more than a dozen supporting technology companies in launching the education initiative. More academic institutions are expected to join the network in coming months, Johnson said. Participating institutions must be members of the

ServiceMembers Opportunity Colleges Army Degree program that guarantees the transferability of credit among other participating institutions.

Registered participants will be able to work on academic certificates or degrees free of charge. All costs, including tuition, books, lab fees, Internet access, technical assistance, tutoring and mentoring programs are covered by the AUAO program.

AUAO is currently being offered to enlisted soldiers at the first three participating installations. Other installations will be phased in to cover the entire Army over the next few years. Eventually, the program will also be offered to the officer corps, the reserve component and family members, Johnson said.

To register, soldiers at participating installations must first visit an Army Continuing Education System counselor to get the necessary paperwork, set education goals and determine if program eligibility requirements can be met.

After an ACES counselor talks to the enrolling soldier, the soldier meets with AUAO staff. The technical staff issues the soldier a technology package consisting of a laptop computer, printer, Internet service provider account and e-mail account.

An AUAO program mentor assists the soldier in registering for classes via the AUAO portal, eArmyU.com, before leaving the building.

Johnson described the portal as a virtual doorway to diverse courses leading to degrees and certificates and a full range of student support services. It is used to attend all classes, complete coursework and access educational advisory services and technical and administrative support.

In return for this opportunity, Johnson said, soldiers are required to complete 12 semester hours in the first two years of enrollment.

"One of the great features of Army University Access Online — and there are many great features — is all the support services available to participants," Johnson said. "There are mentoring, tutoring and technical help services available via the portal, 1-800 numbers and onsite at each participating installation. Help is there 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Kudos to APG Dental Clinic

Recently Col. Darwin Fretwell, commander, U.S. Army Dental Command, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, recognized the Aberdeen Proving Ground Dental Clinic Command for its outstanding commitment to customer service.

The Department of Defense Patient Satisfaction Surveys for the 3rd quarter of 2000 indicated superior satisfaction scores from APG's soldiers. APG is one of four dental clinic commands within DENCOM to attain this goal.

"The APG Dental Clinic Command is committed to a strong emphasis on customer satisfaction," said Lt. Col. Michael Garvin, APG Dental Clinic commander. "We are proud to serve the APG community and will continue to promote dental readiness and wellness for all our soldiers."

APG initiates Youth of the Quarter program

By Ivan Paul Mehosky
APG Youth Center

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Child and Youth Services Division, in cooperation with the Community and Family Support Center, the Department of the Army, the U.S. Army Materiel Command, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, is initiating the 'Youth of the Quarter' program at the Aberdeen Area and Edgewood Area youth centers.

The outstanding family members of military and civilian personnel who have demonstrated leadership and service in the home and family, APG community, school and youth center, and exemplify moral character in their daily lives will be chosen each quarter.

APG leaders and representatives from each youth center will select one teen from the APG

Youth Center and one teen from the Edgewood Youth Center as the Youths of the Quarter. Winners of each quarter will then compete in the APG Youth of the Year competition tentatively scheduled for December each year.

To be eligible, participants must be a member of the Aberdeen Area or Edgewood Area Youth Center and either a freshman, sophomore or junior in high school and maintain a "C" average or better.

For more information or to pick up your application, please visit your area youth center, or call Donna Woodards or Norma Warwick, Aberdeen Area Youth Center, 410-278-4995 or 410-306-4507, or for the Edgewood Youth Center contact Catherine Hanlon or Cardelia Lee or Carlos Phillips at 410-436-2862/2098.

Volunteering suits golfer to a tee



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

APG volunteer of the month for February, John Tornabene, checks out some of the equipment available in the Ruggles Golf Course Pro Shop. A volunteer at the local course for 12 years, Tornabene says he's found the perfect volunteer position, a mix of helping people and enjoying a much loved sport.

By Sheila Little
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Volunteer of the Month for February is John Tornabene. The Army veteran has been helping out at the Ruggles Golf Course for nearly a dozen years.

A native of Baltimore, he was medically retired from the Army 32 years ago, following 16 months as an armored personnel carrier gunner with the 11th Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam. Following several moves, Tornabene and his wife of 31 years, Catherine, returned to make their home in the Forest Hill area in the late 80s, and Tornabene began volunteering in earnest at the 18-hole course.

Marc Williams, Ruggles Golf Course manager, said Tornabene contributes to the club year-round, assisting in nearly every task connected to the course, but is especially helpful with customer relations.

"He spends about 30 hours a week here during the season, working as a starter and a player's assistant." Williams explained that a starter sees to it that golfers uphold their tee times, and a player's assistant makes sure golfers play through in a timely fashion.

Reminding people that they need to keep to a schedule while golfing is not something that everyone is well-equipped to do, Williams said, but Tornabene's non-threatening, easy-going personality serves him well in those roles.

"He's well-liked and gets along with everybody," Williams said. "That's important when you're dealing with the public."

Ray Carelle, operations assistant at Ruggles in the off season and manager of the Plumb Point Golf Course, has known Tornabene for 12 years. Carelle said that in addition to doing a great job as starter and

player's assistant, the volunteer is eager and willing to help in other areas. Describing Tornabene as a "Johnny on the spot," Carelle said, he's willing to do just about anything that needs to be done, including cleaning golf carts and selling food and beverages on the course."

The manager said that Tornabene is considered the one volunteer others turn to when they have a question or need assistance.

"He's the backbone, the anchor of our club volunteers," Williams said.

The course manager added that in addition to the added pair of hands he brings and the friendships he's forged, Tornabene also finds time to hone his skill on the course by playing golf about twice a week.

"As a result, he's a real good golfer," said Williams.

With three grown children, the grandfather of six said he likes spending his spare time helping fellow golfers, and has developed a lot of friendships.

"I have a lot of spare time, enjoy the company, and get to play pretty often," Tornabene said.

"Volunteering keeps me busy, and I'm involved with something I really enjoy."

Tornabene said that because volunteering gives him so much pleasure over the years, he's gradually increased the amount of time he spends at Ruggles.

"These days," he said of the Ruggles Golf Course, "it's my home away from home."

All three of the golf courses and other installation organizations and clubs are looking for volunteers. For more information, call the Installation Volunteer Coordinator Alice Surette at 410-278-5469.

Winter golf apparel sale

The Ruggles Pro Shop is having a sale until Feb. 28 on a select group of shirts, two for \$15 while quantities last.

Also, stop by Ruggles Pro Shop to see the new Calloway golf equipment.

Opinions

A check list for Presidents Day or "What I don't remember learning about the other 41"



By Sheila Little
APG News

As I looked at the calendar the other day and noted the approach of Presidents Day, it got me thinking that making note of the accomplishments of Washington and Lincoln and ignoring the other 41 men who have held the office, is probably not quite right.

I find a lot of what Washington and Lincoln did while in office and throughout their lives inspiring and a lesson for all. The holiday isn't called Washington and Lincoln Day, it is called Presidents Day. Most people know far more about Washington and Lincoln, fact and fiction, than they know about all of our other presidents.

Over the years I've learned many noteworthy things about the two former leaders, but I've also learned interesting but not nationally significant tidbits like Washington's use of wooden dentures, and the little girl's letter that inspired Lincoln to grow a beard.

Why don't we rotate the focus on a few of the other former presidents each year, and eventually learn something about all of them? With education so high on everyone's agenda, shouldn't we use this opportunity to educate ourselves? Nationally selecting a few presidents and highlighting their lives and achievements each year would go far to promote a better knowledge of American history. We could replace the

George Washington and the cherry tree story with actual facts about the lives of our presidents, their decisions, good and bad, and how they affected our nation and its policies.

I went through a few short biographies of the presidents, and found several facts worth noting.

Teddy Roosevelt received the Nobel Peace Prize for his diplomacy in ending the Russo-Japanese War. Before reading his biography and gleaning this tidbit, I just associated him with the RoughRiders, an impressive mustache, and the pince nez. Interesting look, but I really had no clue about his life or accomplishments; including the Nobel Prize. I was certainly surprised to learn that he was responsible for capturing an outlaw during his days out West, and suffered a bullet wound during a political, not military, campaign. He is also known as one of the few presidents who truly loved the office, participating in at least two additional campaigns trying to get back into the White House.

William Howard Taft became president but did not consider the office his crowning achievement. He achieved his life's ambition, serving as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court after his presidential term. He sounds like a man I would find interesting to study further, since I've often heard kids say, "I want to be president when I grow up" - well, maybe not much lately - but I've never heard a kid say, "I want to be chief justice."

How many of you just remember that Taft was our biggest president, weighing over 300 pounds, and had a special bathtub installed in the White House to accommodate his girth?

Rutherford B. Hayes, who served as president following Grant, won the presidency by one electoral vote. Called 'His Fraudulency' by opponents at the beginning of his administration because of the close election, Hayes' term as president was gen-

erally considered successful because he won over opponents by ending harsh policies toward the post-Civil War south, and curbing civil service corruption.

With all the electoral college information thrown at us these last few months, how did I miss that? And how many recognized that Hayes was actually the name of one of our presidents? I think he's among those who served incognito.

While looking for 'firsts,' I discovered that Andrew Jackson was the first to use the presidential veto to his advantage. Before his administration, presidents felt obliged to sign legislation provided it was constitutional. I just remembered that he allowed visitors to ride their horses into the White House following his inauguration. Who says what we learn in grade school doesn't stick?

The first to die in office was William Henry Harrison, who delivered the longest inaugural address on record. Speaking in the pouring rain for nearly two hours, the new president's death, the month following his inauguration, was attributed to the illness that followed his speech. Generally, this little bit of information comes up every four years, during inauguration time. I've noted that all presidents since Harrison have shortened their remarks, saving the majority of their energy for the four years that follow. That's probably a good idea, saving strength for those Capitol Hill battles.

Some of you may recall that I suggested calendar reform last year, spreading some of the numerous May celebrations throughout the year. I haven't heard of any upcoming legislation regarding that issue, so I don't expect a national movement for "Celebrate a DIFFERENT President Day," anytime soon. But I think that if my kids were still young, I'd be serving up obscure presidential history lessons, along with their cherry pie.

Army launches second phase of "An Army of One" campaign

Army News Service

Continuing its launch of the new "An Army of One" advertising campaign, the Army has unveiled its second phase of advertising. The latest advertising will continue communicating the dual message of the "An Army of One" campaign - a message of teamwork and unity, as well as the strength and importance of every person.

The new phase, referred to as "Basic Training," uses the intriguing reality-based television format captivating viewers across the nation. Unlike most dramatized reality-based programs, the "Basic Training" advertisements are candid, unscripted and genuine.

"Basic Training" ads begin with brief television profiles highlighting six actual Army recruits as they progress through basic training, giving viewers a glimpse of their personal experiences and opinions as the recruits transform from civilians into soldiers. The television ads encourage prospective recruits to visit the Army web site at www.GoArmy.com to experience a complete, in-depth multimedia "webisode" presentation including commentary from the recruits as they develop into soldiers.

"We want people to have an accurate look into what it means to be a soldier in today's Army," said Col. Kevin Kelley, director of advertising and public affairs for U.S. Army Recruiting Command. "There's no better way to show the teamwork, camaraderie and personal commitment that the Army develops than to show real soldiers going through this process."

The Army and its lead-advertising agency, Leo Burnett USA, designed the latest ads after thorough research and interviews indicated young adults often have some misconceptions about basic training experiences.

"There are inaccurate perceptions of what Army life is like, and we need to correct that," said Ray DeThorne, executive vice president, account director, Leo Burnett Company. "This new advertising will show the power of the Army team and give a closer look into the individuals who define the Army. Yes, the Army is about teamwork and unity. And yes, that team is comprised of individuals. This phase of the campaign will provide a closer look into why young men and women seek out the Army for opportunity and what they get out of it."

While the television commercials are an integral part of the "Basic Training" advertising, their main purpose is to encourage prospective soldiers to visit the Army web site for more detailed information.

Each week at the site, new web videos will be unveiled coinciding with the nine weeks of basic training. While surfing through the "Basic Training" section of www.GoArmy.com, visitors can watch

videos of the recruits' first-hand experiences and read their profiles to learn about the person behind the soldier-to-be. Also at the site, visitors can search through more than 200 Army occupations, chat with recruiters and other prospective soldiers, and meet the soldiers introduced in the initial television and print advertisements.

"The web-based portion of the campaign not only will relate the relevant personal experiences of recruits in basic training, but it also will provide a forum to ask questions and interact with other people," said Chris Miller, co-CEO at Chemistri, Leo Burnett's interactive and online subsidiary. "Visitors to the site will see how these recruits have grown and developed in a short period of time."

In addition to the recruit web videos, the site also will include narrative spots from the recruits' drill sergeants explaining the challenges the recruits faced that week as well as in the weeks to come. By clicking through an interactive map, visitors can take a virtual tour of Fort Jackson, S.C., the place where many recruits go through basic training. A digital jukebox of military cadence calls will be added when the recruits learn to march.

This phase of the campaign also will address the Hispanic market through Spanish-language television by broadcasting spots that are directly tied to a particular recruit in the campaign. These TV ads and web videos will be slightly different from the general market segments. They will include commentary from the parents and families of the soldier.

The soldiers profiled on television and on the web include: Michelle Boatner of Glenpool, Okla., who enlisted to be a signal support systems specialist; Richard Jones of Chicago, Ill., who enlisted as an aviation operations specialist; Jermaine Santiago of northern New Jersey, who will serve as a U.S. Army Reserve intelligence specialist; Benjamin Smith of Wilsonville, Ore., who enlisted as a signal analyst/intelligence specialist; Ever Ochoa-Bonilla of Clovis, N.M., who signed up as a heavy vehicle mechanic; and Alice Borja of San Mateo, Calif., who enlisted as a medical specialist.

The new campaign made its national network debut on Saturday, Feb. 3, during the Xtreme Football League premier on NBC. Beginning Feb. 2, high school students in classrooms across the country now have the opportunity to preview each "webisode" every Friday throughout the campaign on the in-school television network Channel One.

For information about Army recruiting and advertising, contact Col. Kevin Kelley, Army Recruiting Command at 502-626-0141. For information about campaign development, contact Leo Burnett - Kristen Whisenant, Public Relations at 312-220-4814 or Cheri Carpenter, Corporate Affairs

Deadline approaching for Scholarships for Military Children application

The Feb. 15 deadline is fast approaching for students to apply for a new scholarship program funded by manufacturers and business partners of the commissary system. The Scholarships for Military Children program offers college-bound or college-enrolled military children the opportunity to apply for \$1,500 scholarships. One scholarship per commissary location is planned, dependent on the receipt of qualified applications at the location. The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) operates nearly 300 commissaries worldwide.

The scholarships are open to qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military ID card holders to include active duty, retirees, and guard/reserves. Eligibility of applicants, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the DoD ID Card Directive (i.e., age 21, or up to age 23 if still enrolled as a full-time

student). Completed applications should be returned to a local commissary no later than close of business, Feb. 15, where a store official will validate eligibility by checking the applicant's dependent identification card.

Applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average and write a short essay on "What being a Military Dependent Means to Me." Application forms are available at the Post Commissary or can be downloaded at www.commissary.com. A "Frequently Asked Questions" section can also be found at the web site.

Fisher House Foundation is administering the Scholarships for Military Children program. DeCA and Fisher House are not involved in the selection of scholarship recipients. An independent contractor, Scholarship Managers, will select recipients on the basis of merit. Scholarship winners will be notified by April 30.

Ethics reminder -- rules on participating with non-federal entities

By Lt. Col. Craig Teller
Staff Judge Advocate

Aberdeen Proving Ground military and civilian personnel participate in a wide variety of community activities. This community involvement is certainly commendable and should be encouraged. It is important however to keep in mind the limitations placed upon such participation by the Joint Ethics Regulation.

Generally, when acting in an official capacity, military personnel and civilian employees are not permitted to participate in the management or control of any non-federal entity. Thus, in an official capacity, the Staff Judge Advocate could not serve on the Board of Directors of the Harford

County Bar Association or as a member of the Rotary Club.

While military personnel and civilian employees may participate in non-federal entities in their personal capacities (as private citizens), they may not:

- accept positions in non-federal entities offered because of their official duty position (e.g., a staff director should not accept an offer to be the president of the Chamber of Commerce that is extended because of his or her official status);
- use their office, title, or official position in connection with a personal position in the non-federal entity;
- personally solicit or allow their names to be used in solicit-

MRICD research featured in new book

By Cindy Kronman
MRICD

The research findings of scientists pursuing the Army's mission of developing medical protections against the effects of chemical warfare agents are the substance of a new book by CRC Press entitled *Chemical Warfare Agents: Toxicity at Low Levels*. The book is edited by Dr. Satu M. Somani and Col. James A. Romano, Jr.

Somani, of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, has conducted research on nerve agents under contract for the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command for over 15 years. Romano, who holds a doctorate in experimental psychology, is the commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, the Defense Department's premiere laboratory for medical chemical defense research.

Seven of the book's fourteen chapters were authored or co-authored by MRICD experts in the toxicity of chemical warfare agents and the development of medical countermeasures. In addition, scientists from MRICD's sister laboratory, the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, contributed to the book, as did scientists from the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, academia, and allied government research laboratories.

The comprehensive text covers such topics as the health effects of low level exposure to nerve agents and to the blister agent sulfur mustard, the acute and chronic toxicity of cyanide and riot control agents, the development of pharmacological countermeasures to botulinum intoxication, and the psychological factors in chemical warfare and terrorism.

Chapters explore how stress can affect the toxicity of chemical agents and the effectiveness of treatment compounds and describe the Army's pursuit of new methods of detoxification through the development of circulating scavenger enzymes and enzymes covalently bound to a decontaminating sponge.

In addition, the last chapter discusses the emergency response to a chemical warfare incident, describing domestic preparedness, first response, and public health considerations.

ing subordinates or prohibited sources (mainly Department of Defense contractors) for membership in the non-federal entity;

- express or imply official endorsement of the non-federal entity;
- represent the interests of the non-federal entity in dealings with the federal government.

The above is a general statement of the basic rules pertaining to participation in non-federal entities. There are limited exceptions and additional restrictions that may apply to an individual situation. Any questions should be directed to the Staff Judge Advocate's office for specific guidance.

IRS Online



Web site: www.irs.gov

Sports & Fitness

HHC 16th gets big win over NCOA, 69-64, ties for second in division

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Ya shoulda been there.

Usually, when Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion and the Noncommissioned Officer Academy meet, you can expect a good game. The two teams traditionally dominate play in the Aberdeen Division and they showed why in their Jan. 31 match up.

HHC 16th walked away with a 69-64 win after a battle that left players and fans breathless.

"We're consistent," said HHC 16th first-year coach Lonnell Williams about his team of "mostly senior NCOs."

"We play a zone defense and switch to man-to-man in the second half if someone gets hot," Williams added.

That night, several people got hot on both sides of the ball.

In the first half, HHC 16th jumped out to a 9-7 lead before NCOA's McNear evened the score with an easy lay up off a steal. A jumper by Mills put NCOA up 11-9. HHC 16th responded with a bucket for two by Antonio Caver that was quickly answered by Bobby Allen who scored four points, one a turn-around jumper, for an NCOA 15-11 lead.

Battling back, HHC 16th regained the lead and was up 18-17 when a foul sent NCOA's Thomas to the line.

Thomas missed but Shawn White made up for it, grabbing the rebound for an easy two from under the basket.

Down 26-25 with just over three minutes left, Caver got the lead back for HHC 16th with a sassy alley-oop that got nothing but net and brought the bench to its feet.

Key contributions by perimeter players in the waning seconds of the

first half kept the two teams within reach of each other. Back-to-back threes by Michael Perez for HHC 16th, who finished with 17 points and Paul Kukawski from NCOA, who finished with nine via three three-pointers, set a 32-29 HHC 16th lead with less than two minutes to play.

Caver scrambled his way through the defense for three more, one from the line and a lay up off a turnover, then after a fierce scramble for the ball, McNear put up two more to close within four at the break, down 35-31.

An apparent NCOA foul at the buzzer sent HHC 16th's Hurvist McLain to the foul line with no time on the clock. McLain made both shots to secure a 37-31 halftime lead.

"It was a good half but we can do better," said NCOA coach Levione Stone at the half. Also coaching his first season, Stone said he arrived on APG during the 2000 season and was looking forward to getting into the playoffs.

"We've got an excellent chance to take it all," Stone said. "All we have to do is gel in a couple of areas."

Noting his team's desire to leave its mark on the 2001 season, Stone cited the contributions of players like White, who finished with 12 points and McNear who finished with 20, as the sparks that get them going.

"They're dependable and they have a real feel for the game," Stone said.

Despite NCOA's efforts, HHC 16th pulled out the close win thanks in part to a hot streak by Greg Dingle who posted 16 points.

Look for sparks to fly when the two teams meet in the season finale on March 5.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

David Hester, from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, puts up two of the 11 points he scored in the Jan. 31 game versus the Noncommissioned Officer Academy. HHC 16th got the win, 69-64, to claim a 7-3 record and a tie for second place with the U.S. Marine Corps in the Aberdeen Division.

Basketball Update

The following results were reported for intramural basketball for the week ending Feb. 2.

KUSAHC	5-5
Company E 16th	4-6
Company A 16th	3-6

Thompson 9

Jan. 30

USMC, Barfield 28; Company C 16th, Strong 18

KUSAHC, Johnson 13, Fantroy 9; Company A 16th, Pratt 7

Jan. 31

HHC 16th, Perez 17, Dingle 16, Hester 11; NCOA, NeNear 20, White 12

HHC 61st, Upperman 16, Thompson 15; Company A 16th, Williams 10

Feb. 1

USMC, Breaux 10, Thomas 9; Company E 16, Alexander 10; Givens 9

KUSAHC, Johnson 18; Company C 16th, Wilkins 14, Laws 10

ABERDEEN DIVISION RESULTS

Jan. 29

HHC 16th, 51; Company E 16th, 42
HHC 61st, 45; USMC, 30

Jan. 30

Company C 16th, 44; USMC, 41
KUSAHC, 43; Company A 16th, 28

Jan. 31

HHC 16th, 69; NCOA, 64
HHC 61st, 55; Company A 16th, 31

Feb. 1

USMC, 41; Company E 16th, 33
Company C 16th, 46; KUSAHC, 36

Schedule

Feb. 12

6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. KUSAHC
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. Company E 16th

Feb. 13

6:30 p.m., USMC vs. KUSAHC
7:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. NCOA

Feb. 14

6:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. HHC 61st
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. USMC

Feb. 15

6:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. KUSAHC
7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 61st

Standings

HHC 61st	9-0
USMC	7-3
HHC 16th	7-3
NCOA	6-3
Company C 16th	5-4

EDGEWOOD DIVISION RESULTS

Jan. 29

Company B 143rd, 50; Company A 143rd, 40
Company C 143rd, 36; HHC 143rd, 32

Nat. Guard, 73; 520th TAML, 65

Jan. 31

Company B 143rd, 49; 520th TAML, 45
Company C 143rd, 62; Company A 143rd, 34

HHC 143rd, 47; Nat. Guard, 39

Schedule

Feb. 12

6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Company A 143rd
7:30 p.m., 520th TAML vs. Company C 143rd

8:30 p.m., Nat. Guard vs. Company B 143rd

Feb. 14

6:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. 520th TAML
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Nat. Guard

8:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. HHC 143rd

Standings

Company C 143rd	6-0
Company A 143rd	3-3
HHC 143rd	3-3
Nat. Guard	2-4
520th TAML	2-4
Company B 143rd	2-4

The Weeks' high scorers

ABERDEEN DIVISION

Jan. 29

Company E 16th, McAndrew 12, Wilson 18;
HHC 16th, Hester 17

USMC, Barfield 14; HHC 61st, Hewitt 10,

EDGEWOOD DIVISION

Jan. 29

Company B 143rd, Snead 10, Montes 10;
Company A 143rd, Maryanski 16

Company C 143rd, Coleman 13; HHC
143rd, Trent 10

520th TAML, Mitchell 31; Nat. Guard, Fink
25

Jan. 31

520th TAML, Mitchell 29; Company B
143rd, Green 14

Company A 143rd, Mills 9, Dansby 9;
Company C 143rd, Coleman 27

HHC 143rd, Allen 18; Nat. Guard, Frank 12

Bench Press 2001 competition results

CIVILIAN WOMEN

Champions

Lightweight, Lisa Griffin,
Company C, 143rd Ordnance
Battalion, 155 pounds

Heavyweight, Janet Rhodes,
U.S. Marine Corps

Runners-up

Heavyweight, Elaine Bennett,
Tech Escort Unit, 145 pounds

MILITARY WOMEN

Champions

132-pound division, Nicole
Becker, U.S. Marine Corps, 95
pounds

148-pound division, Doretha
Evans, SBCCOM, 150 pounds

165-pound division, Twanda
Agee, Noncommissioned Officers
Association, 140 pounds

Over 165 pounds, Debra
Ephriam, Headquarters and
Headquarters Company 143rd
Ordnance Battalion, 145 pounds

Runners-up

132-pound division, Jennifer
Campbell, Company C 143rd
Ordnance Battalion, 90 pounds

148-pound division, Lori
August, Kirk U.S. Army Health
Clinic, 135 pounds

165-pound division, Shawnika
Hull, Company C 143rd Ordnance
Battalion, 135 pounds

CIVILIAN MEN

Champions

Lightweight, Michael Hollis,
U.S. Army Research Laboratory,
290 pounds

Heavyweight, Sebastian
Dokes, Edgewood Area Dining
Facility, 400 pounds

Runners-up

Lightweight, Damon Smith,
215 pounds

Heavyweight, Henry Russel,
295 pounds

MILITARY MEN

Champions

Sub-masters lightweight,
Anthony King, Company A 16th
Ordnance Battalion, 205 pounds

Sub-masters heavyweight,
Michael Bennett, Company C
143rd Ordnance Battalion, 370
pounds

Masters heavyweight, Zachary
Rhodes, U.S. Marine Corps, 470
pounds

Runners-up

Sub-masters lightweight,
Rodney Harris, Headquarters and
Headquarters Company 16th
Ordnance Battalion, 190 pounds

Sub-masters heavyweight,
Darrum Murphy, Headquarters
and Headquarters Company 16th
Ordnance battalion, 250 pounds

Masters Heavyweight, Jeffrey
Averett, Headquarters and
Headquarters Company 61st
Ordnance Battalion, 275 pounds

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Some answers about the Federal Employees' Compensation Act

By Susan Grendahl
Staff Judge Advocate Office

The following questions and answers provide a basic summary of the Federal Employees Compensation Act, its benefits, and claims procedures.

What is the Federal Employees' Compensation Act?

The FECA is a law that provides benefits for civilian employees of the United States who have suffered work-related injuries or occupational diseases. These benefits include payment of medical expenses and compensation for wage loss and payment of benefits to dependents of employees who die from work-related injuries or diseases. It also provides vocational rehabilitation services to partially disabled employees for this purpose. However, the FECA does not provide retirement benefits and does not pay for pain and suffering caused by the injury or occupational disease. Employees who fully or partially recover from their injuries are expected to return to work. Moreover, the FECA does not provide for reimbursement for loss of personal property. The employee may claim such reimbursement under the Personal Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. 3721.

Who oversees the FECA program?

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, administers the FECA through 12 district offices located across the United States. Aberdeen Proving Ground federal employees fall under the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor in Philadelphia. However, there is a FECA Liaison Office located on post. You may contact them with further questions at 410-306-1091.

Am I covered under FECA and how much do I have to pay to be covered?

All civilian employees of the United States, except those paid from non-appropriated funds, are covered. Specifically, students, contractors, military personnel, and non-appropriated fund employees are not covered. Special legislation provides coverage to Peace Corps and VISTA volunteers; federal petit or grand jurors; volunteer members of the Civil Air Patrol; Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadets; Job Corps, Neighborhood Youth Corps, and Youth Conservation Corps enrollees; and non-Federal law enforcement officers under certain circumstances involving crimes against the United States. FECA coverage is extended to federal employees regardless of the length of time on the job or the type of position held. Probationary, temporary, and term employees are covered on the same basis as permanent employees. Also, part-time, seasonal, and intermittent employees are covered. Federal civilian employees pay nothing to be covered under FECA. They are covered by virtue of their employment status.

What types of injuries are covered under FECA?

All kinds of injuries, including diseases caused by employment, are covered if they occur in the performance of duty. However, benefits cannot be paid if injury or death is caused by willful misconduct of the injured employee, by intent to bring about the injury or death of oneself or another, or by intoxication of the injured employee. Diseases and illnesses aggravated, accelerated or precipitated by the employment are covered. The employee must submit medical and factual evidence showing that the employment aggravated, accelerated, or precipitated the medical condition. Injuries and illnesses are categorized as either a traumatic injury or an occupational disease.

A traumatic injury is a wound or other condition of the body caused by external force, including stress or strain. The injury must occur at a specific time and place, and it must affect a specific member or function of the body. A specific event or incident, or a series of events or incidents, within a single day or work shift must have caused the injury. Traumatic injuries also include damage solely to or destruction of prostheses, such as dentures or artificial limbs, and damage to or destruction of personal appliances, such as eyeglasses or hearing aids, when a personal injury requiring medical services occurred. An occupational disease or illness is a condition produced by the work environment over a period longer than one workday or shift. The condition may result from infection, repeated stress or strain, or repeated exposure to toxins, poisons, fumes or other continuing conditions of the work environment. The length of exposure, not the cause of the injury or the medical condition that results, determines whether an injury is traumatic or occupational. For instance, if an employee is exposed to toxic fumes for one day, the incident is considered a traumatic injury. If the employee is exposed to toxic fumes for two or more days, the incident is considered an occupational disease.

What should I do as a federal employee if I am injured at work?

Report the injury to your supervisor immediately and obtain first aid. It is your responsibility to report

your injury to your immediate supervisor within two days of the injury. As required by APGR 690-30, an employee and supervisor must come into the FECA Office (located at building 4304) with all medical notes and disability slips to complete the required forms. Even when an employee has an occupational illness or disease and has not suffered a sudden traumatic injury, they should come to the FECA Office to receive necessary documents that must be completed before filing a claim.

All injuries should be reported when they occur, since a minor injury sometimes develops into a more serious condition. Benefits cannot be paid unless an injury is reported.

Can someone else fill out the forms for me?

Yes. Another person, including the supervisor, may act on behalf of an injured employee or survivor and fill out the employee's forms with the employee's permission. The person making the report should complete and sign the form and then submit it to the employee's supervisor.

Do I need to hire an attorney or representative to file a claim and pursue compensation?

No. However, you may obtain the services of an attorney or other representative if desired. Another federal employee may not serve as a representative unless he or she is your immediate family member or is acting in his or her official capacity as a union representative. An OWCP employee may not act as a representative under any circumstances. The employee must advise OWCP in writing of the name of the representative. No special form is needed, but the employee must sign the statement.

Who pays for my attorney or representative? And who pays the costs of worker's compensation if I am awarded compensation?

You are responsible for paying your attorney or representative. OWCP will not direct the payment of a fee or help collect a fee. This is a matter that should be resolved between you and the other party. However, you should not pay any fee until OWCP has approved the amount (unless the payment is made to an escrow account pending OWCP's approval of the fee). OWCP will approve a fee based on an itemized statement submitted by the representative showing the work done and a statement from the employee indicating your agreement, or lack of agreement, with the requested fee.

Is the employer entitled to know what my worker's compensation file contains?

Yes, the employer is entitled to some information, but not all the information. While workers' compensation records are protected from release under the Privacy Act, the employer is considered a party to the claim. However, you as the employee only have the legal responsibility to provide the employer with notice of injury and any and all disability slips as proof that you need to be on some type of 'off duty' status. Employers are not legally privy to medical notes or information within that file. The employer must safeguard any information in his or her possession.

Are there penalties for filing a false claim?

Yes. Federal law (18 U.S.C. 1920) states that whoever knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up a material fact, or makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation, or makes or uses a false statement or report knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry in connection with the application for or receipt of compensation or other benefit or payment under subchapter I or III of chapter 81 of title 5, shall be guilty of perjury, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine under this title, or by imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or both; but if the amount of the benefits falsely obtained does not exceed \$1,000, such person shall be punished by a fine under this title, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. Moreover, there is also a penalty and fine associated with any supervisor that refuses to accompany an employee to file a claim. Anyone who disallows an employee to file a claim, is subject to a fine and/or up to one year in prison.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, the APG Garrison commander and deputy installation commander, has mandated the FECA training for any directorate or tenant organization that has not yet had the training. This training is given to supervisors and timekeepers to assist them in understanding the FECA process.

Please contact Cheryl Gray-Adams at 410-306-1091 or Jennelle Ferguson at 410-306-1088.

The Federal Employees' Compensation Act can be found at 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) 8101 et seq., and the regulations are found at 20 Code of Federal Regulations Part 10.

For more information on the PCA or the FECA, please call the FECA Office at 410-306-1091 or the Claims Office at 410-278-11591. The Claims Office is part of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and is located in building 310, wing 2.

WWII veteran fills in 143rd Ordnance Battalion history gaps

Unit's history no longer a mystery

By Maj. Jim Garrison
143rd Ordnance Battalion

Have you ever wondered about your unit's history? What did it do to deserve that award or recognition? Is there anyone still around that was actually there when it was formed?

Recently, some of those questions were answered for members of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion. John P. Honabarger walked into the 143rd Ordnance Battalion Headquarters and introduced himself as a veteran assigned to the 143rd Ordnance Base Automotive Maintenance Battalion during World War II.

As Honabarger spoke about the battalion, the gaps in the 143rd's history, lineage and honors were quickly filled in from the memories of a once young Technician 3rd Grade Honabarger.

Honabarger was assigned to the Headquarters and Service Company of the battalion in May 1944, just five months after the battalion was formed.

In August 1943, he was drafted into the Army. However, because he was a college student, he was given the opportunity to remain in pre-dental school to continue his studies, but he chose to serve. He said goodbye to college life and volunteered to begin training to become a pilot or bombardier with the Army Air Corps.

Just two months into his training, he and 600 other Air Corps trainees were pulled away to other priority assignments in the Military Police, the Infantry and the Ordnance Corps, and in May 1944, Honabarger found himself in Flara, Miss., where the 143rd was first formed. That same month, the battalion left for Texarkana, Texas, to receive their full complement of soldiers and to train for deployment to the European theater of operations.

After two long months of preparation, the battalion was ready for their combat service support mission. The battalion moved to Fort Slocum, N.Y., and boarded the troop ship Aquatania, bound for Glasgow, Scotland.

"When we shipped overseas, we carried the bolt action .03 Springfield rifle and the officers carried the Army .45 caliber pistol," Honabarger said. "It was my job to clean the side arms for the commander and the executive officer."

"Once in England we turned in the .03 and were issued the M-1 carbine," said Honabarger. "We were glad to get the carbine and after cleaning off all the cosmoline we qualified with them on the rifle range."

The battalion moved to a depot in Tidworth, England, where they continued to train and collect the equipment, vehicles and supplies they would need on the European continent. Once complete, the battalion left England for Omaha Beach on Oct. 15, 1944.

Honabarger recalls, "The week spent on the boat crossing the English Channel was interesting. Monday morning we arrived just off Omaha Beach, but could not offload because of rough weather. We had only been issued three days worth of K-Rations, which were running out. We stretched them as long as we could and luckily a Merchant Marine crew helped us out with sandwiches."

"We had latrines that hung over the side of the ship. The one on the port side fell off into the sea. Luckily there was no one in it, but it also took the large life rafts that were rigged above the deck with it."

"There were a number of seasick GIs. Finally, our vehicles were loaded onto the landing crafts the next Monday, and we climbed down the rope nets with full pack and rifle into a still bouncing landing craft."

"The sailors must have felt sorry for us. They gave us coffee and some No. 10 cans of fruit cocktail, which were very welcome."

"Never having done it before, driving a jeep down the ramp into water was a different experience."

The battalion assembled in

LeMans, France, and then moved on to Paris where convoys were arranged for an overnight trip to Liege, Belgium. In Liege, they set up shop and began providing maintenance support to the First, Third and Ninth Armies. At that time, the 143rd consisted of a Headquarters and Service Company and four line Ordnance companies: the 3027th, 3028th, 3044th and the 3289th.

"I recall arriving in Liege in the morning at the staging area," Honabarger remembered, "and wondering about the V-1 rockets going over our heads. An MP told us not to worry, that the rockets were headed for Antwerp. That did not last long, in a few days they were dropping around us on Liege."

On Dec. 1, the bombing by German planes increased and the V-1 rockets began to hit Liege about every five minutes.

The Battle of the Bulge started on Dec. 16, 1944, and on Dec. 23, the 143rd was ordered to withdraw to Fontaine LeVeque, Belgium, about 30 miles away. Before withdrawing, the battalion area was hit. None of the 143rd men were injured, but two ordnance soldiers from a First Army unit were killed.

"The people of Fontaine LeVeque were very glad to see Americans and seemed comforted that we were staying awhile," Honabarger said. "They were afraid that the Germans would return to their town."

The battalion continued to support the First, Third and Ninth Armies from Fontaine LeVeque. Their main products were transmissions, axles, transfer cases and steering assemblies. The battalion's work was often praised by the armies it supported.

The 143rd was ordered to move closer to the front in February 1945. An advance party was sent from the battalion headquarters to locate a building they could use for maintenance. A suitable factory was located, but during the night, the

Germans shelled and destroyed the building. The advance party evacuated and again, no 143rd soldiers were injured in the shelling.

The 143rd relocated to Oberursel, Germany, in April 1945, and remained there until the end of the war.

On Sept. 10, they were ordered to Karlsfeld, Germany, where the battalion operated a collecting depot for artillery, vehicles and numerous other types of Army combat equipment, according to Honabarger. For the 143rd Ordnance Base Automotive Maintenance Battalion, World War II was over.

The 143rd OBAM Battalion received credit for participating in the Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns. It was also awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation and a streamer embroidered "European Theater" for its service.

The battalion remained in Germany until Oct. 20, 1947 when it was deactivated.

Honabarger was eligible for redeployment in February 1946. He was transferred to the 331st Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division and was transported home, where he was discharged in the rank of Technician Third Grade at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Honabarger returned to school and graduated from the Ohio State University College of Dentistry with help from the newly created GI Bill and is still a dentist in his hometown of Coshocton, Ohio.

On Oct. 30, 1986 the 143rd was reactivated and re-designated as the 143rd Ordnance Battalion at APG.

His visit with the 143rd Ordnance Battalion at Aberdeen Proving Ground helped the soldiers assigned to the battalion form an historical link to their past and to personalize the often dry lineage and honors pages in their graduation programs.



Photos courtesy of JOHN P. HONABARGER

Technician 3rd Grade John P. Honabarger sits at his desk in Headquarters, Obervursel, Germany, in May 1945. Fresh flowers were brought to the office every day by Polish women released from a slave labor camp near the unit's shop building.



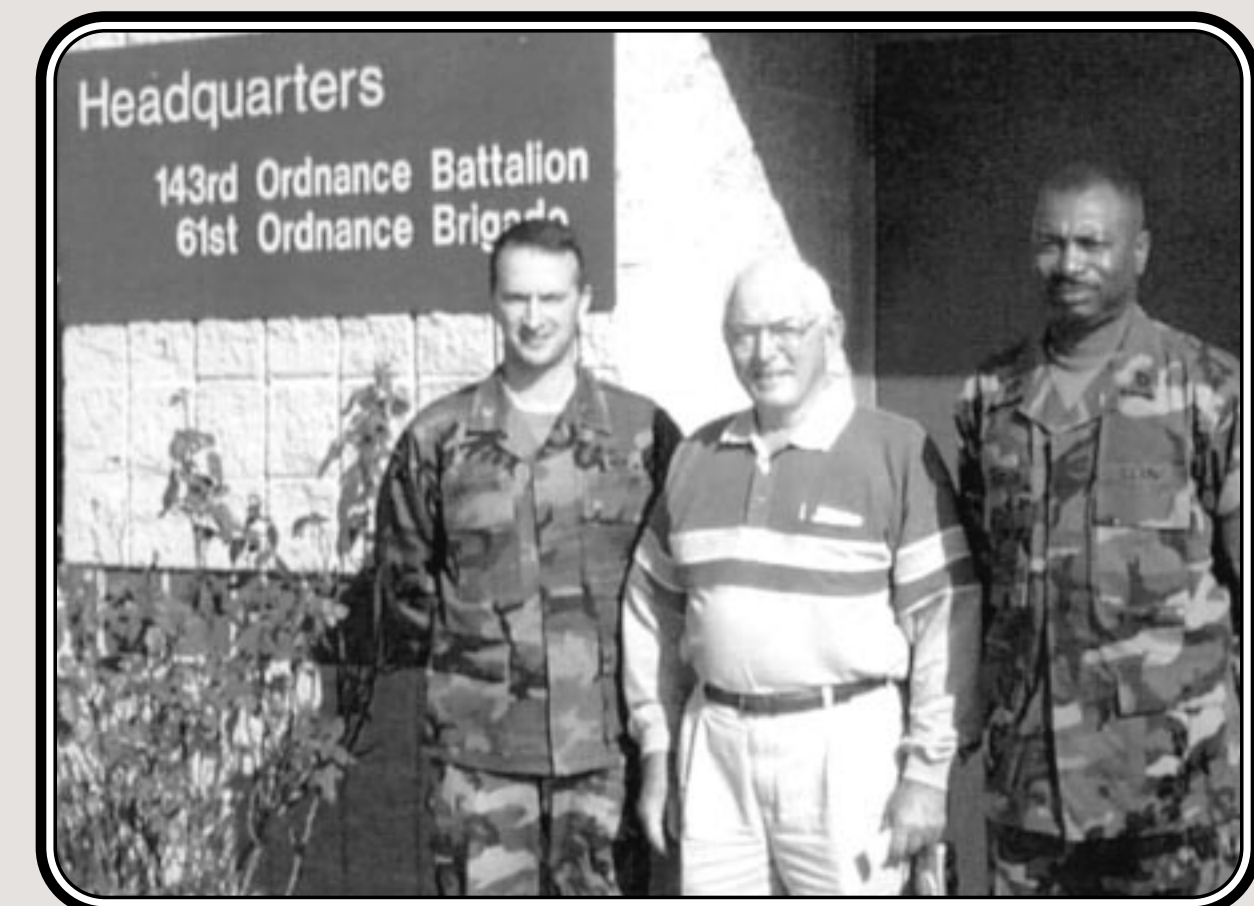
The space outside of the 143rd's headquarters building was the receiving area for all unit work.



Members of the 143rd stationed in Camp Cleveland, France, in 1945, await radio news of the end of the war in the Pacific.



John P. Honabarger (center, back row) poses with World War II buddies in front of the 143rd Ordnance Base Automotive Maintenance Battalion's sign in Kavlsteld, Germany, in November 1945.



John P. Honabarger (center) poses with Maj. Jim Garrison, 143rd Ordnance Battalion executive officer, and 143rd Ordnance Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Sammy Brinson, in front of the battalion's headquarters in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.



Photo contributed by MATTHEW ANDREWS

The Baltimore Raven's Ultimate Fan for 2000, Matthew Andrews, right, and Lt. Col. Tom Frendak, chief of staff of the U.S. Army Environmental Center, root for the Ravens surrounded by N.Y. Giants fans at the Superbowl in Tampa, Fla. The two went to Florida with no tickets, but were able to see the show after Andrews won tickets on an MTV-sponsored trivia contest that aired live on CBS that morning.

The Ultimate Fan rides again

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The morning of Jan. 28, Matt Andrews got out of bed and washed up, then pulled on his gloves, beads, beak, purple and white striped stockings, purple and white feathers and purple and white make-up, and hoped he hadn't gotten all dressed up for nothing.

It was Superbowl Sunday, and Andrews, the Baltimore Raven's Ultimate Fan for the year 2000, also known as "Fan Man" of the "Fan Van," was in Tampa, Fla. for Superbowl XXXV and the challenge of his life.

Williams had agreed to appear on an MTV/CBS live broadcast at noon for a trivia contest that could net him two tickets to the Superbowl.

"They said if you get the most answers right in the shortest amount of time, you win the tickets," Andrews said.

An environmental scientist with the U.S. Army Environmental Center, Williams and good friend Lt. Col. Tom Frendak, AEC chief of staff, traveled to Tampa in the hopes of purchasing reasonably priced tickets to the Festivus Maximus.

"Forget it," Andrews said. "Those tickets were going for \$2,500!"

Instead, they toured the "NFL Experience," a series of tents and attractions set up for Superbowl Week entertainment, and walked around sightseeing and greeting fellow Ravens fans they met along the way.

While inside the "NFL Experience" on Saturday, Jan. 27, they met MTV chief executive officer, Carson Daly.

Andrews said he had "no idea who the guy was."

"He said his name was Carson Daly but it didn't ring a bell," Andrews said, amazed that the CEO would even stop to chat with him.

"He told me that someone dressed like me should have tickets to the game," Andrews added. "Then he told me who he was."

Andrews said he had to be honest, so he told Daly he didn't know that much about MTV and couldn't even say what the three letters stood for.

Unruffled, Daly explained that they were looking for a "fanatic" to pit against a young fan to see who could answer the most questions correctly for a chance to win tickets to the Superbowl. All Andrews had to do was answer a few questions about six different bands.

"We were staying at MacDill Air Force Base so we hurried to the base library, got on the Internet and looked up the names they gave us," Andrews said, adding that they only had "a couple of hours to study if we wanted to make the Marty Bass show."

He said he remembers feeling star struck by all the attention the next morning.

They were given V.L.P. badges, and helped themselves to a complimentary buffet and beer. Andrews was interviewed by comedian Joe Piscopo and got to meet Jennifer Lopez and the Atlanta Falcon's Jamal Anderson.

"Anderson came over to coach me on some of those young bands," Andrews said. "That was real nice of him."

Andrews beat his teen-aged opponent and he and Frendak got to enjoy the game though they were surrounded by Giants fans.

"The tickets were purchased through a New York broker so we were in the Giant's section, but that was okay," Andrews said. "Most of them were gone by the fourth quarter anyway."

Having called home the night before, Andrews said his wife, Linda, called everyone they knew to let them know he'd be on.

"Even walking around after the taping, people were coming up to me telling me they saw me on TV and congratulating me," he said, adding "a lot of youngsters said they were rooting for me too."

He said he had no idea where they would end up watching the game when they left Maryland.

"I just had a feeling things would work out," Andrews said.

"I heard there were a lot of cameras scanning the crowd during the game," he added.

"I wonder what they thought when they got to me."

More buff bodies than ever compete for annual championship titles

BENCH PRESS, from page 8



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Top, the pressure of lifting 290 pounds shows on the face of Michael Hollis, a civilian with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory during the annual Bench Press Competition at Hoyle Gym. Hollis won the Civilian Men's Lightweight division for his efforts. Above, The U.S. Marine Corps detachment's Zachary Rhodes, presses 300 pounds as a warm up to the 470-pound press that won him the Masters Heavyweight Championship. Rhodes led the USMC team to a first-place finish with nine points.

MILITARY MEN OPEN Champions

123-pound division, Abdul-Majeed, NCOA, 165 pounds

132-pound division, Christopher Moon, Nat. Guard, 200 pounds

132-pound division, James Woods, USMC, 200 pounds

148-pound division, David Hester, HHC 16th, 240 pounds

165-pound division, Roy Lira, Company C 16th, 295 pounds

181-pound division, Jason Kloet, USMC, 300 pounds

198-pound division, Francis Garton, HHC 143rd, 335 pounds

220-pound division, Rod Marshall, HHC 143rd, 340 pounds

242-pound division, Michael Frazier, NCOA, 315 pounds

Runners-up

123-pound division, Christopher Chang, USMC, 120 pounds

132-pound division, Matthew Reed, Company C 16th, 125 pounds

148-pound division, George Marshbanks, Company A 16th, 225 pounds

165-pound division, Keith Miller, Company A 16th, 295 pounds

181-pound division, Derrick Caples, Company A 16th, 285 pounds

198-pound division, Henry Lee, HHC 16th, 300 pounds

220-pound division, Pete Conboy, HHC 16th, 330 pounds

242-pound division, Jason Puhnau, Company B 143rd, 280 pounds

Overall Female, Doretha Evans, SBCCOM

Overall Male, Zachary Rhodes, USMC

TEAM AWARDS

First Place, USMC, nine points

Second Place, (tie) HHC 143rd; NCOA, six points



Women champions display their trophies following the awards ceremony for the Bench Press Competition. From left, Nicole Becker, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment; Doretha Evans, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Lisa Griffin, civilian; Debra Ephraim, HHC, 143rd Ordnance Battalion; Janet Rhodes, civilian and Twanda Agee, HHC 143rd Ordnance Battalion.



Men champions of the Intramural Bench Press competition pose with their trophies following the ceremonies in Hoyle Gym. From left, Rod Marshall, HHC 143rd Ordnance Battalion; Michael Hollis, civilian; Michael Bennett, Company C 143rd Ordnance Battalion; Francis Garton, HHC 143rd Ordnance Battalion; Michael Frazier, NCOA; Jeffrey Averett, HHC 61st Ordnance Battalion; David Hester, HHC 16th Ordnance Battalion; and Abdul Majeed, NCOA. Not shown is Masters Heavyweight champion, Zachary Rhodes, U.S. Marine Corps.