



SSCF fellows graduate

U.S. Army War College Professor Len Fullenkamp (left) discusses D-Day's historic happenings at Pegasus Bridge in Normandy, France, during a 2011-2012 Senior Service College Fellowship class April 30. The community is invited to the graduation ceremony for the 2011-2012 SSCF, Defense Acquisition University class May 16 at 11 a.m. the Mission Training Facility, Bldg. 6008. Graduates include Debbie Abbruzzese, Jim Hines, Pat Layden, Bob Lyons, Tom Mikolinis, Stan Niemiec, Tom Stadterman, and Undra Robinson. The ceremony marks the culmination of 10 months of rigorous, fulltime study focused on developing acquisition and leadership aptitudes. Hines will also receive a master's degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University which he completed in concert with SSCF requirements. A short reception will follow. RSVP to Parker Bennett at parker.bennett@dau.mil or 410-272-9471.

Photo by Parker Bennett

APG drinking water safe to consume

Staff report

Officials with APG's Directorate of Public Works gave residents and personnel a definite thumbs-up on the installation's drinking water.

"I know there have been some concerns about the safety of the water at APG South, the Edgewood area, but I can assure everyone that it meets federal and state drinking water standards and is safe to consume," said DPW Director Tom Kuchar.

"The garrison, City of Aberdeen, and Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) monitor the water quality," said DPW environmental engineer Ruth Golding.

She said concerns surfaced in March

after total coliform bacteria was detected in the Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant distribution system in amounts that exceed the public drinking water standards. MDE then issued a violation and DPW was required to post notices to make consumers aware of the situation.

Drinking water for APG North (Aberdeen) is obtained through contract with the City of Aberdeen; APG South (Edgewood) water is provided by the Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant, which is owned and operated by the garrison.

Golding explained that total coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are not generally harmful.

"The presence of total coliform bac-

teria is an indicator that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present in the water, but in our case no harmful bacteria were detected," said Golding. "DPW corrected the issue immediately by flushing the affected portion of the water distribution system.

She said tests later performed in April did not detect the presence of total coliform bacteria, confirming that the water is in compliance with standards.

"The health and safety of our Soldiers, Families, civilians and contractors will always be our top priority," said Kuchar, "so we will continue to test our waters, as is our policy, to ensure compliance."

He also said the color of the drinking water at APG South is not related to the

recent total coliform bacteria notices.

"Drinking water sometimes appears to have a tint due to iron and manganese that accumulate in the water as it sits in pipes during periods of low use," explained DPW's APG South site manager Tony Hale.

He said while the water may be discolored, it is not an indication that it is unsafe.

"Still, DPW is working to improve the appearance of the water by aggressively flushing water lines in affected areas," said Hale.

For information on water testing, call Ruth Golding at 410-278-2495. For information on discolored water, call Tony Hale at 410-436-3102.

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from the National Guard's Freestate ChalleNGe cadets, Chemical Response Team, Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel, and canine units from the Directorate of Emergency Services.

Featured throughout the day will be music by "The Volunteers," the U.S. Army's premier touring show band, and "Leftstronger," a Baltimore-area band. Food will be available for purchase, and activities for children include a live wildlife exhibit, Kiddie Corner, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, D.A.R.E. activities and fire-fighting displays.

The events are open to the public. Visitors without a government ID must use the Maryland Boulevard (Route 715) gate off Route 40 to enter the installation. Visitors age 16 and older must have a photo ID and drivers must present a valid driver's license and vehicle registration at the visitor center.

Parking will be available in the vicinity of the APG Museum along Aberdeen Boulevard, between Maryland Boulevard and Rodman Road. See the shuttle schedule (on Page XXXXX) available for employees who would like to attend. For more information about the day's activities, call 410-278-4500.

The focus on healthy living will be reflected that day, as the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command; the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; and the Community Health Promotion Council host National Employee Health and Fitness Day, which includes a 5K walk/run at Fanshaw Field at 8:30 a.m., a bike rally behind Bldg. 2202 at 8:30 a.m., and fitness classes in Bldg. 320.

An Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program demonstration will be held in Bldg. 3300, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Body fat analysis tests will be performed from noon-1 p.m. in Bldg. 3300. For more information about National Employee Health and Fitness Day, call 410-417-2312.

Ending the week's activities will be the live fire demonstration, hosted by ATEC's Aberdeen Test Center Saturday, May 19. Free tickets made available to the public on May 2 were distributed in less than an hour, said Michael Lupacchino, director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"The line started to form at noon," he said. "When the doors opened at about 1 p.m., there were more than 125 people in line."

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| | | ARRIVAL TIME | DEPARTURE TIME | ARRIVAL TIME | DEPARTURE TIME |
| ATEC | 2202 | 9:30 a.m. | 9:35 a.m. | 9:45 a.m. | 9:50 a.m. |
| RDECOM | 3071 | 9:40 | 9:45 | 9:55 | 10:00 |
| CECOM | 6002 | 9:50 | 9:55 | 10:05 | 10:10 |
| MUSEUM | 2601 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:20 | 10:35 |
| ATEC | 2202 | 10:20 | 10:25 | 10:40 | 10:45 |
| RDECOM | 3071 | 10:30 | 10:35 | 10:50 | 10:55 |
| CECOM | 6002 | 10:40 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:05 |
| MUSEUM | 2601 | 10:55 | 11:10 | 11:15 | 11:30 |
| ATEC | 2202 | 11:15 | 11:20 | 11:35 | 11:40 |
| RDECOM | 3071 | 11:25 | 11:30 | 11:45 | 11:50 |
| CECOM | 6002 | 11:35 | 11:40 | 11:55 | noon |
| MUSEUM | 2601 | 11:50 | 12:05 p.m. | 12:05 p.m. | 12:20 |
| ATEC | 2202 | 12:10 p.m. | 12:15 | 12:20 | 12:25 |
| RDECOM | 3071 | 12:20 | 12:25 | 12:30 | 12:35 |
| CECOM | 6002 | 12:30 | 12:35 | 12:40 | 12:45 |
| MUSEUM | 2601 | 12:45 | 1:00 | 12:55 | 1:10 |
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Lupacchino said 1,500 tickets were available, which were given to more than 300 people.

"Each person was able to get up to 5 tickets, but some took only two or three," he said.

Those who did not receive tickets were put on a waiting list, which was filled by the end of the day.

Lupacchino said organizers will determine whether additional tickets will become available for people on the waiting list. Tickets are required to attend the event due to space and safety requirements.

The day's activities will take place at the main front firing range. Gates open at 1 p.m. for equipment and vehicle displays. A 2:45 p.m. parade of vehicles includes a demonstration of how helicopters are used to put out range fires. The live fire demonstration begins at 3:15 p.m. Hearing protection will be provided. Children under age 4 years are not permitted due to safety concerns.

Closed toed shoes are required, no

outside seating is allowed and all bags are subject to search.

To attend the live fire, enter APG through the Maryland Boulevard (Route 715) gate off Route 40 to enter the installation. Visitors age 16 and older must have a photo ID and drivers must present a valid driver's license and vehicle registration. Tickets to the demonstration must be presented at the gate.

Follow the signs to parking between Firehouse and Colleran Roads near Bldg. 305. Parking also is available on Longs Corner Road in the vicinity of Bldg. 310, and Johnson Street between Bldgs. 320 and 321. VIP and handicap parking is available on Colleran Road.

The Harford County Chamber of Commerce's Military Appreciation Week Luncheon will be held May 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, where APG's Soldier of the Year, Non-Commissioned Officer of the year and Family of the Year will be recognized. Tickets for the luncheon have been sold out, but those wanting to attend can have

Other events planned

The May 14 Armed Forces Day Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course starts with a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m., and a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Call the golf course at 410-278-4794 to see if slots are still available.

Also on this year's agenda is a Veterans Luncheon at Top of the Bay on May 15 at 11:30 a.m. Sponsors include TASC, Inc., Freedom Federal Credit Union, and the Association of the United States Army (AUSA). Guest speaker this year will be Wood Parker, a 20-year Navy veteran and member of the TASC Board of Advisors. Call 410-278-3000 for tickets, which are available for \$18.

The morning of May 19, brings a 10K run at 8 a.m. and a 2-mile fun run at 8:30 a.m., each starting at the APG Athletic Center. To register, call 410-278-7933.

For more information about Armed Forces Day, call the APG Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1151 or 410-278-1147 or visit our website at www.apg.army.mil.

their names added to a waiting list. For information about the luncheon, call 410-838-2020.

Honorees this year are NCO of the Year Sgt. Olayiwola Kugblenu, a radiology technician at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic (KUSAHC), and Soldier of the Year Spc. Matthew J. Gansel, a medical laboratory specialist with KUSAHC.

The Calhoun Family has been recognized as this year's Family of the Year. Master Sgt. Joseph Calhoun of ATEC, wife Darlene, daughter Kaseolra, and son Keyon will be honored.

Guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell, installation commander and commander of U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.