



USAPHC's Sy Smith, center, goes up for a basket, trailed by AMSAA's Brett Herbert, 15, as USAPHC's John Castillo, left, AMSAA's Richard Heine, right, and USAPHC's Kelby Mowery look on during intramural basketball action at the APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center Feb. 13. AMSAA won 53-37.

USAPHC stops AMSAA 51-37

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The U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity got the best of the U.S. Army Public Health Command, winning 51-37 during a hard-fought game at the APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center Feb. 13.

AAMSA led most of the first half, maintaining at least a 7-point lead into the final two minutes. Trailing 23-17, USAPHC looked to get even closer, but were shut down by AAMSA's Andy Loncarich who responded with a quick layup and by Brett Herbert, who tapped one in seconds later to put them at 27-17. USAPHC closed out the half with a 3-pointer as time expired.

Coaches Marc Rattigan, USAPHC, and James Arters, AMSAA, said their teams were coming together and ready for the run to the playoffs.

"The team's doing great, it's all coming

together but we've been playing together a while," said Arters during halftime.

In the second half, USAPHC's Rasheed Walker, John Castillo and Sy Smith kept the team in the game but they had no answer for Herbert, who was the game's high scorer. The supporting cast of Arters, Clarence Weston, and Nate Herbert helped the team pull away to a 51-37 lead, with Weston scoring the final two points as time ran out.

"It got close but we came together at the end and played as a team," Arters said.

"We're gelling," Rattigan said disappointedly after the game, "but we have a ways to go."

Intramural basketball games for APG South and North teams take place at the APG North athletic center 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday. Schedules are subject to change due to training and mission requirements. Call 410-278-7934 to confirm dates and times.



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SSCF deadline nears

Dr. Jim Helis, chairman of the Department of National Security and Strategy, U.S. Army War College, explains the TORCH landings in North Africa, critical events leading up to the Allied Invasion on D-Day. Helis taught the national security module to Defense Acquisition University's Senior Service College Fellows to increase their understanding of variables that influence national security policy. Instruction concluded with an overview of the combatant command organizations in Europe and a campaign outline of the WWII European Theater of Operations in preparation for a trip to these locations in April. The SSCF will accept applications for the 2012-2013 class through March 15. Visit www.dau.mil/sscf for more information or contact Jim Oman at james.oman@dau.mil or 410-272-9470.



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Spreading knowledge, spreading hope

(From right) Tom Dereamer, sovereign geologist for the Electrical Resistance Heating Environmental Cleanup project, explains the pilot test to Restoration Advisory Board members during a Feb. 4 tour of the Lauderick Creek and Bush River study areas, as Karen Jobes holds a diagram of the process. The next RAB meeting will be held Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center. The topic will be Long Term Monitoring Update.