

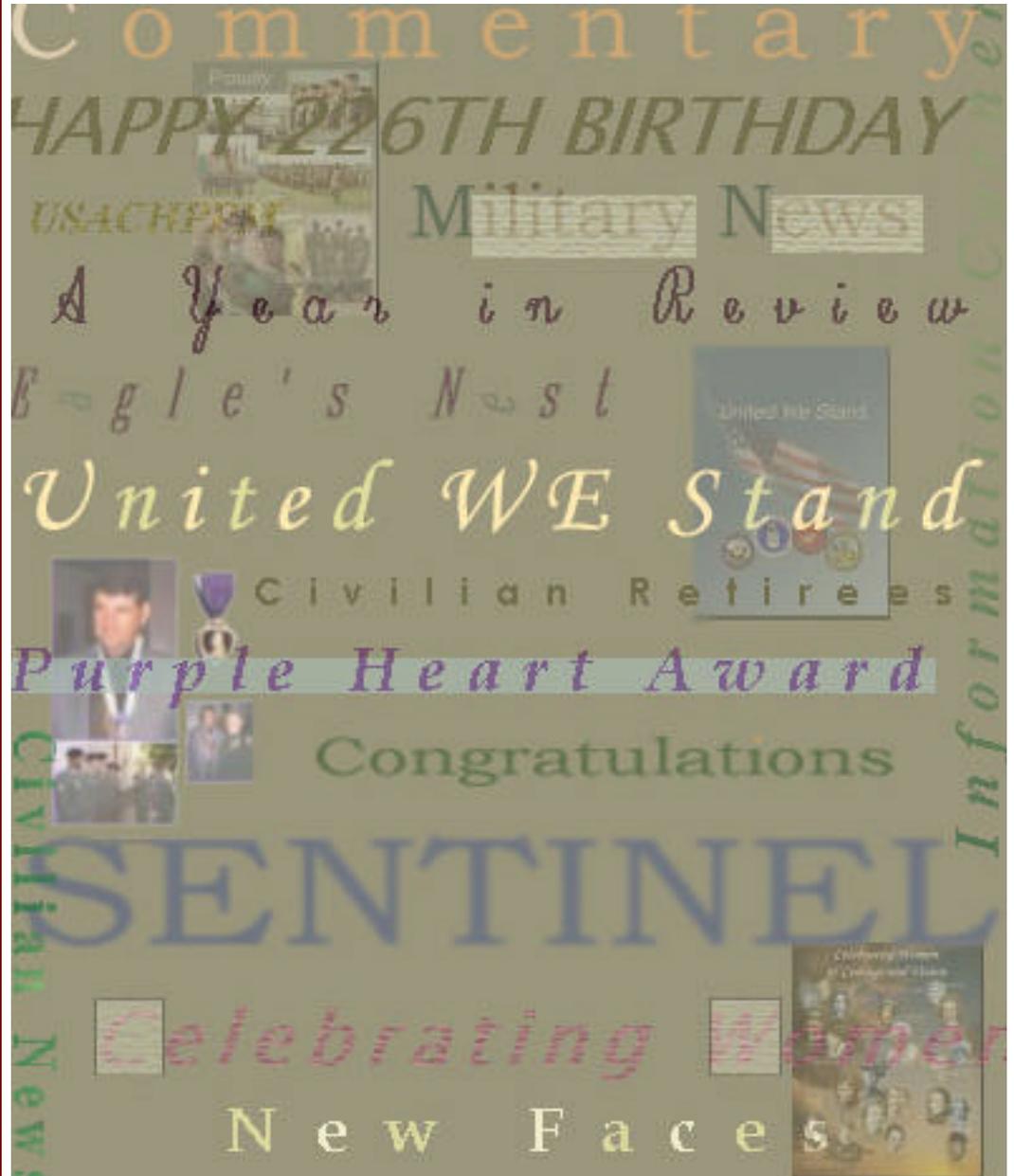


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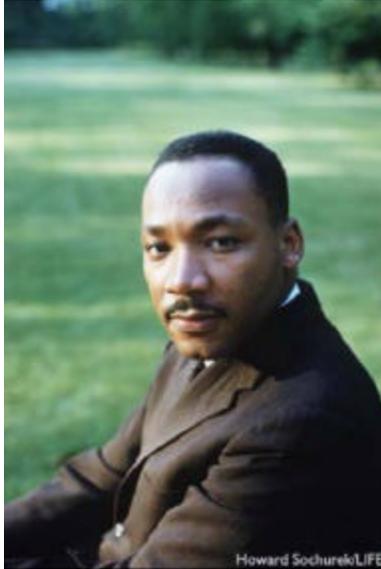
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Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative

“Remember, Celebrate, Act: A Day On Not A Day Off”



“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

This year’s installation Martin Luther King, Jr. prayer breakfast was sponsored by CHPPM under the organization of CPT Virginia DeSwarte, Operations Officer, DCSOPS, and SFC Shelton Torbert, Equal Opportunity Advisor, Garrison.

The event was held on January 16 at the Top of the Bay. Chief of Staff COL William Chambers gave the welcoming remarks, and COL Mardi Mark, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, provided the introductions, presentations, and closing remarks.

The guest speaker was the Honorable Kurt L. Schmoke, former Mayor of Baltimore. He spoke to over 300 soldiers, government employees, military family members and community members, challenging them to come together and work together toward a common goal to resolve issues. “One person can make a difference in a really big way,” he said, “and on this Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we should all consider what we can do and not what we can avoid.”

The CHPPM color guard, comprised of SGT Terrance Blackwell, NCOIC, of the Honor Guard Team; SGT Jason Krantz, SPC Jacques Acloque, SPC Philip Lucksavage, SPC Michael Plunkett, and PFC Paul Ebohon, posted and retired the colors.

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National African American History Month Proclamation
National African American History Month, 2002
By the President of the United States of America
Courtesy of the Office of the Press Secretary

February 2, 2002

A Proclamation

During these extraordinary times, America looks forward to new challenges and opportunities with a reinvigorated sense of unity and common purpose. We are a strong and vibrant Nation, thanks to the creativity, fortitude, and resilience of people of every race and background. During National African American History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development.

In 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson founded The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Through that Association, he began pressing for the establishment of Negro History Week as a way to bring national attention to the accomplishments of African Americans. He hoped to neutralize the apparent distortions in Black history and to provide a more objective and scholarly balance to American and World history.

Dr. Woodson's dream became a reality in 1926. He chose the second week of February for the observance because of its proximity to the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two individuals whom Dr. Woodson felt had dramatically affected the lives of African Americans. And in 1976, the Association succeeded in expanding the observance, which then became Black History Month.

The theme of National African American History Month for 2002 is "The Color Line Revisited: Is Racism Dead?" The observance calls our Nation's attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that fully lives up to its democratic ideals. This commitment includes ensuring a high-quality education for all Americans, so that no child is left behind, and challenges us to continue to rebuild and restore our communities, to fight crime and violence, and to pursue equal opportunity and equal justice in every part of our society. At the same time, the United States must look beyond its borders and take an active role in helping to alleviate poverty, stimulate economic growth and trade, enhance democracy, and combat HIV/AIDS in Africa.

This annual event gives all Americans a chance to recognize and commemorate the global history of people of African descent. As we celebrate National African American History Month, I join with all Americans in celebrating our diverse heritage and culture and continuing our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2002 as National African American History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all of the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that highlight and honor the myriad contributions of African Americans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

GEORGE W. BUSH



CHPPM's Relevance in War Against Terrorism

By: COL, Kotu K. (KK) Phull
Director, Environmental Health Engineering

The end of the Cold War, the continually evolving National interests, and National Security Strategy intensified the Army's requirements for change during the past decade. The horrific events of September 11, 2001, have touched the entire Nation very deeply, and have once again required us to change, as individuals, as organizations, and as a Nation. As Governor Tom Ridge, Director of the Homeland Security, noted at his swearing-in ceremony on October 8, "Many Americans at this time have fears. We've learned that America is not immune from attack. It's hard for us to comprehend the mentality of people that will destroy innocent folks the way they have. Yet, America is equal to this challenge, make no mistake about it. The evildoers have roused a mighty giant to ensure unity among all Americans to make our homeland as secure as possible and to bring the evildoers to justice so that our children might live in freedom." I can tell you from personal experience that Americans and our friends who share our values, have come out of the sad experience of September 11, 2001 as stronger and more caring people. The picture on the right shows my wife Neelam and four of our Japanese friends enjoying the tour of the Pentagon just moments before the hijacked airplane crashed into the Pentagon. The bottom picture was taken as they were evacuated from the building.



Mrs. Neelam Phull and friends enjoy a tour of the Pentagon just moments before the 11 September attack



Photos provided by COL Phull

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Military News

ARRIVALS

2LT Jessica Grembi – CHPPM-Europe
SPC Raymond Mann – CHPPM-Europe
SPC Michael Manville – CHPPM-Europe
1LT Joanne Mysen – OCO
SFC Thomas Reynolds – CHPPM-North

DEPARTURES

SPC Cathy Barton – DLS
CPT James Flanagan – CHPPM-North
CW3 Joseph Goldsmith – DLS
CPT Daniel Neff – OCO

AWARDS

Army Commendation Medal

LTC Gregory Black – DHPW
COL Walter Egerton – DEDES
LTC Mark Lovell – DCPM
LTC Mark Melanson – DOHS
SPC Michael Plunkett –DLS
MAJ Michael Salamy – DCSOPS

Army Achievement Medal

MAJ Tamra Barker – DEDES
MAJ Anthony Cox – DHPW
COL George Dydek – DEDES
COL Richard Kramp – DCPM
LTC James Wells – DEDES

Legion of Merit & Air Force Achievement Medal

COL Kotu (KK) Phull – DEHE

Meritorious Service Medal

LTC (P) Gemryl Samuels – DHPW

“A” Designator for Community Health

LTC (P) Gemryl Samuels –DHPW

“A” Designator for Occupational Therapy

LTC (P) Mary Laedtke – DOHS

PROMOTIONS

CPT Virginia DeSwarte to MAJ
1LT Thomas Hamill to CPT
SFC Michele Hills to SGT
LTC Mary Lopez to COL
1LT Trina Powell to CPT
LTC Gemryl Samuels to COL

RETIREMENT

MSG Luis Grillasca – DCSOPS

MEDCOM Journalism Award

COL Paul Little – OTSG

Order of Military Medical Merit

MSG Luis Grillasca – DCSOPS
LTC (P) Mary Laedtke – DOHS

Congratulations

SSG Tony Hemphill, DCSOPS has been accepted into the Warrant Officer School

Anti-terrorism training Web site:

Contact your installation's force protection officer to get the required access code. The site can be accessed at <http://www.at-awareness.org/>.

Military Deal of the Week

Each week Military Report will feature a deal or discount that is being offered to past and present service members. For more information or to find the deal or discount for this week, go to <http://www.military.com/eCommerce/DealIndex/>

CHPPM's Soldier of the Year

PFC Paul Ebohon, Preventive Medicine Specialist with the Directorate of Laboratory Sciences was recently selected as CHPPM's Soldier of the Year. He is 21 years old and spent most of his life in Nigeria.

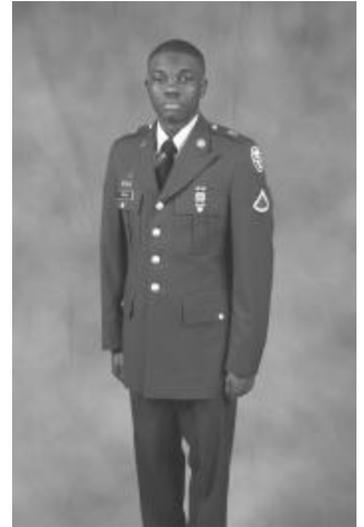
Ebohon moved to the United States two years ago and lived in Florida before enlisting in the U.S. Army. CHPPM is his first duty station.

Ebohon's short-term goals include trying out for the German Proficiency Badge, maxing his next Army Physical Fitness Test, trying out for the Expert Field Medical Badge and the Air Assault Badge, and completing his Degree in Environmental Science.

His military achievements in the Army include two Certificates of Achievement for being a squad leader at Fort Sam Houston and scoring a 289 on his APFT at CHPPM. "These certificates of achievement cannot be compared to this moment of receiving the Soldier of the Year award for 2002. This has definitely been my greatest achievement and moment in the Army," said Ebohon.

While off duty, Ebohon attends evening classes at Harford Community College. His hobbies include watching TV, listening to music, reading, and playing soccer.

"I have never regretted any moment in the Army, even when some of them could be challenging. I believe that what doesn't kill you only makes you stronger." Ebohon intends to make the Army a career.



NCO of the Year



Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations SGT Jason Krantz has been selected as CHPPM's NCO of the Year. Born and raised in Watertown, Connecticut, Krantz graduated from the University of Connecticut in Storrs with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Natural Resource Management. Krantz joined the Army in October 1998 and his first duty assignment was at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona. "While at YPG I received training, not only in the Preventive Medicine aspects of medicine but also the treatment of patients. After only four months I was the only P.M. Specialist at the Health clinic with 16 combat medics, who I learned a lot from and hopefully I left them some knowledge too."

Krantz's last duty station was with the 38th Medical Detachment in Yongsan, Korea. Due to a shortage of Sergeants, many specialists had to take on the responsibilities of squad leaders, personnel clerks and training NCO's. Krantz was promoted to Sergeant on September 1, 2001.

Calling CHPPM home now, Krantz, and his wife Mary live in Edgewood, Maryland. Mary's goal is to complete her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Geology and Krantz would like to attain a Master's Degree in Environmental Health, before, during or after walking the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to

Maine.

Krantz's hobbies are hiking and camping. He also enjoys reading and watching sports. **"GO UCONN HUSKIES!!!**, both the mens' and womens' teams.

"For now I will take what life has to give me and enjoy the experiences that I will have."

Civilian News

ARRIVALS

Patricia Gibbs – DEHE
Scott Goodison – DOHS
Resty Sandel – CHPPM-West
Michael Richardson – CHPPM-Europe
Mary Tritle– DOHS

DEPARTURES

Catherine Artis –CHPPM-Pacific
Michael Colasanti – CHPPM-Europe
Anthony Marzec – DLS
Elizabeth Moreno – CHPPM-Europe
Barbara Summers – DEHE
Timothy Taylor – DHRM
Tanya Wade – DCSR
Annice Wood – DEHE

AWARDS

Meritorious Civilian Service Award
Jack Heller – DHRM

Superior Civilian Service Award
Mr. Dennis Druck – DHRM

Commander's Award for Civilian Service
John Litynski – DHRM
Thomas Reed – CHPPM - Europe
John Resta – DHRM

OSI Award

Mary Gray – DEDS
Mark Johnson – DT
Joyce Kopatch – DCSIM
Marilyn Swantkowski – DCSIM
Matthew Waterbury – DEHE

Performance Awards

Phyllis Beckman – DCPM
William Corbin – DCPM

Certificate of Achievement

Judy Harris – DHPW

RETIREMENTS

Creighton Jacobson – OCO
Janell Miller – DOHS

Service Certificate & Pin

Anne Gibson – DCSIM, 35 year
Donna Goodman –DLS, 15 year
Steven Hoke – DLS, 25 year
Katherine Houston – DLS, 20 year
Janice Myers – DLS, 15 year
Richard Puzniak – DLS, 25 year
Bell Riley – PAO, 50 year
Irene Sacilotto – DLS, 30 year
Charles Stoner – DLS, 10 year

CHPPM Announces New Employee Awards

The **Employee of the Quarter Award** and the **Winning Spirit Award** are intended to provide a more frequent, timely and informal means for the recognition of employees. One of CHPPMs Core Values is “Our people are our most valued resource.” Both recognitions were developed as web-based awards and were designed to require minimal input on the part of the requestor.

These awards are available to employees across the Command, including CHPPM-Europe and CHPPM-Pacific. The Winning Spirit Award is effective immediately and the first Employee of the Quarter award nominations for 1st QTR, FY02, needed to be submitted by COB 25 Jan 02.

These awards are available on the CHPPM-Only web page under Organization News & Information; Employee Awards or click on this link, <https://chppm-cims.apgea.army.mil>. If you have any questions on the awards, please contact Sara Parker, Strategic Initiatives Office, 410-436-4737 or DSN 584-4737.

Retirements

After 31 years of Federal service, C. Janell Miller retired and bid farewell to CHPPM. Janell's exceptional secretarial skills blended with unselfish dedication to duty and matchless integrity were key to numerous achievements within the Center's industrial hygiene/ occupational health sciences mission. She will be remembered for her generosity, no-nonsense advice, command of institutional memory, and ability to mentor others. During an open house reception held in her honor on January 23, Miller was awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service. Her memory will bring a smile to all of us who were fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with her and have her touch our lives.



BG Martinez-Lopez presents Ms. Miller with the Commander's Award for Civilian Service



Mr. Stephen Kistner, CHPPM's Technical Director, presents a certificate of retirement to Creighton (Jake) Jacobson along with his mother, Ms. Dotty Jacobson

After 35 years of service, Creighton Jacobson (Jake), better known as "Mr. Safety" is retiring. Jacobson began his government career in June 1966 as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. In 1968, he became a firefighter with the Edgewood Arsenal Fire Department and was there in 1971 when Aberdeen Proving Ground and Edgewood Arsenal merged and became one.

In 1978, he accepted a position as a Safety and Occupational Health Specialist with the Army Environmental Hygiene Agency, now CHPPM and worked for the Industrial Hygiene Division.

In 1981, Jacobson was appointed as the AEHA/CHPPM's first full time Agency Safety Manager working for the Office of the Commander. Within 5 years, Jacobson was assigned the position of AEHA Environmental Coordinator and, thus, became Chief of the Safety and Environmental Management

Office. He held this Safety Manager's position until his retirement on February 2. Good Luck Jake!

CHPPM's Relevance in War...

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As repeatedly stated in the Quadrennial Defense Review, September 30, Homeland Security, i.e., protecting the American homeland from attack is the foremost responsibility of the U.S. Armed Forces. The QDR lists protecting critical bases of operations, including the U.S. Homeland, as one of six critical operational goals that provide focus for Department of Defense's transformation efforts. A number of organizations are working on a universally acceptable definition of homeland security, DoD's role in homeland security, and short- and long-term fixes to ensure homeland security. One thing appears to be clear, however, from the response, crisis management, and consequence management operations since September 11. An effective and efficient Homeland Security mission accomplishment will require a concerted effort from individual citizens; a number of Federal, State, local, and non-governmental organizations; and a wide variety of professions to include military medical professionals, such as physicians, engineers, and scientists. The following discussion shows CHPPM's new roles and relevance to enhancing our security and making our homeland safer and more secure.

Military forces, to include those from CHPPM, were at the Pentagon within hours of the airplane crash to help the victims. CHPPM personnel assessed the health impacts of the incident to not only those who were in the building at the time, but also those who would return to work in the building within days after the attack. CHPPM has been working closely with DoD agencies, such as the Joint Forces Command, and other Federal Agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention, and Department of Justice. These ongoing interagency efforts have helped in the development of hazard analysis for DoD installations and critical non-DoD infrastructure from terrorist acts against industrial operations at or near the investigated locations. An ongoing interagency effort, in which CHPPM is playing an important role, will help identify the impact of bioterrorism on drinking water systems. CHPPM is the first organization to have developed a comprehensive food and water vulnerability assessment guide that will help the Army installations assess and minimize their vulnerabilities to deliberate acts to contaminate their water supplies. CHPPM's consultative support continues to be sought by U.S. Postal Service, DoD, CDC, and others for handling of anthrax-contaminated mail, sampling anthrax-contaminated areas, and decontamination of anthrax-contaminated facilities, equipment, and personnel. While responding to the near-term requirements, CHPPM is equally engaged in identifying its long-term niche in support of the emerging Homeland Security mission areas. CHPPM's relevance and roles are continuing to evolve, as the Office of Homeland Security defines its mission and the roles and responsibilities of the supporting Federal, State, and local governmental agencies as well as the non-governmental and private organizations.

Despite all the changes that the world has witnessed in the past decade and a half, one thing appears to have remained constant - The U.S. continues to maintain its world leadership and military superiority. CHPPM has, and will continue to play a crucial role in that endeavor.

New faces at CHPPM



1LT Joanna Mysen comes to CHPPM from West Point. She is our Secretary to the General Staff and works in the Commanders office. She is a graduate of Princeton University with a Chemical Engineering degree (Bachelor of Science and Engineering) and minor in Biology.

She has completed the Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course, 6A-F5 (Principles of Military Preventive Medicine) and Airborne School. Mysen is getting married in June to Brian O'Kelley.



Mary Tritle is a Program Analyst for the Directorate of Occupational Health Sciences. Prior to joining the CHPPM family, she worked at AT&T for twenty years. Her last job was manager for the User Acceptance Testing Group.

Tritle is a history and trivia buff and is very pleased to find that CHPPM is more of a family than an organization.

Kevin Wisniewski comes back to CHPPM as an Industrial Hygienist for the Directorate of Occupational Health Sciences.

Prior to joining CHPPM, he worked at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic as an IH serving U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense in the Edgewood Area of APG. Prior to that, he was the IH for the U.S. Army Tank and Automotive Command in Warren Michigan.

“Wiz” is a graduate of the Mathematics program at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. His wife Karen and two son’s Konner, 3 and Kollin, 1, will join him soon.

Wiz’s interest in improving the automated information system for field IH led him back to CHPPM.



Resty Sandel is an Environmental Health Specialist at CHPPM-West, for the Field Preventive Medicine Division. A retired 91S, Sandel lives in Olympia with his wife Cecila and their two daughters.

New Faces...



Deanna Harkins, MD, MPH, is an occupational and environmental medicine physician. Her undergraduate, medical, graduate, and residency training was at the University of Minnesota, in the Land of Ten Thousand Lakes, where she is from originally. Prior to joining CHPPM, Harkins worked at the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia evaluating the health effects associated with exposure to hazardous substances present in the environment. While at home, she enjoys the company of husband, Craig and their two friendly felines. Harkins likes nature hikes, wildlife, rollerblading, ice-skating, swimming, cooking, drawing, yard work, gardening, reading, and cuddling up with her cats.



2LT Jessica Grembi makes CHPPM-Europe her first assignment in the Army. She graduated from West Point in June with a major in Environmental Engineering. Germany was her first choice of assignments (can you believe she gave up a slot in Hawaii to go to Germany).

Grembi was born and raised in Fairfax, Virginia. She loves home and family but plans to see very little of the U.S. in the next few years. All of her free time will be spent traveling and seeing Europe. Besides traveling, she also enjoys cooking, snowboarding, wine tasting, playing soccer, and anything else outdoors.

Grembi's favorite color is green and her favorite person is her Grandpa. She is very happy to be in Germany and a part of the CHPPM-Europe.



1LT Cynthia Harrison is an Environmental Science Officer, Medical Service Corps, CHPPM-North. Prior to joining the CHPPM family, she worked at ESO, EED, CHPPM-Europe, Landstuhl, Germany. She is a graduate of the University of South Florida. Harrison and her husband John, retired Air

Force, have two children, Christiana and John Jr.



2 LT Jennifer Cooper is an Industrial Hygiene Project Officer, having just completed the Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course and 6AF5 at Fort Sam Houston. Her degrees are in biomedical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Cooper enjoys photography and

volunteering in her spare time.

Where are they now?

Defense Occupational and Environmental Health Readiness System



By: CPT Steve Spellman, Program Manager
Defense Occupational & Environmental
Health Readiness System

The Defense Occupational and Environmental Health Readiness System is an automated information system designed to support the Hearing Conservation, Industrial Hygiene, and Occupational Medicine programs within the Military Health System. The DOEHRS will provide timely and efficient access of data and information to users throughout the Department of Defense worldwide including Military Treatment Facility commanders, industrial site commanders, lead agents, installation agencies, and other users of comprehensive occupational health information.

The DOEHRS will ultimately capture data on occupational exposures to personnel for transfer to the computerized patient record. The DOEHRS Project Management Office is located at Skyline 4 in Falls Church, Virginia. CHPPM employees here include Mr. Jim Patrick and Mr. Tony Akeredolu. The DOEHRS PMO can be reached at (703) 681-7140.

The PMO provides program management and life cycle management of DoD MHS Hearing Conservation, Industrial Hygiene and Environmental Health applications.

The DOEHRS Technical Integration Office is located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Edgewood Area, building E-1645. The DOEHRS TIO is run by Ms. Brenda Wolbert. The DOEHRS-TIO can be reached at (410) 436-2926. The DOEHRS TIO provides technical oversight of all maintenance and development work on the DoD DOEHRS product line to include DOEHRS-Hearing Conservation, the DOEHRS Data Repository and the DOEHRS-Industrial Hygiene, which is in development.

Stop by to check out our new offices or visit our web-site at: <https://dohrswww.apgea.army.mil/doehrsnet/index.cfm>

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES

By: Evelyn Riley

Five employees were recently honored in recognition of their demonstrated standard of performance that is a credit to both them and the Department of the Army. They each received a Quality Step Increase that is the highest monetary award presented by CHPPM. In order to receive a QSI, each had to exceed the expectations of their job description and performance plan on a continuous basis throughout the entire rating period.

The names of these outstanding employees and a portion of their citations follow:

Joyce M. Kopatch was officially commended for outstanding performance as Visual Information Specialist, Visual Information Division. Her technical expertise proved valuable in the multi-media strategic planning for the Veterans Administration's Capitol Health Network.

Marilyn Swantkowski was officially commended for her outstanding contributions as Visual Information Specialist, Visual Information Division. Her technical expertise proved valuable in the 3D Computer Models for the Deer Tick and Polymerase Chain Reaction Process.

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(l to r) Joyce M. Kopatch, Marilyn Swantkowski, Mary F. Gray, Matthew J. Waterbury, and Mark S. Johnson proudly display their QSI certificates.

Hail and Farewell

By: Mildred Martin

CHPPM's Hail and Farewell was held January 25, at the Gunpowder Club in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. The Directorate of Laboratory Sciences hosted the event.

The theme was "Super Bowl Mania." Kelley Mann of Directorate of Epidemiology & Disease Surveillance scored a Touchdown with the table decorations representing the logos of the final four teams: The question of the evening was not who would win the Super Bowl; the Patriots, Rams, Eagles or Steelers, but who would win CHPPM's best "costume." Of the 79 in attendance, only 4 chose to stand proudly to show his or her true team colors. The winner was MAJ Emery Fehl, who was the referee for the evening; LTC John Campbell, football equipment in hand and ready to play, placed second, and COL Richard Kramp, representing the Detroit Lions, came in third place. Fehl received a gift certificate to "Dick's Sporting Goods." Five other gift certificates to Dick's were presented as door prizes.

CHPPM hailed LTC Jack Hughes, CPT David Arday, CPT Tim Kluchinsky, CPT Thomas Timmes, 1LT Jeffrey Clark, 1LT Joanna Mysen, 1LT Alison Winstead, SFC Tommie Reynolds, SGT Lisa Phillips, SPC Mark Kenyon, Ms. Michelle Garcia, and Ms. Mary Krantz. CHPPM said a fond farewell to: MSG Luis Grillasca, SGM Brian Carter, SSG Tony Hemphill and SPC Michael Plunkett.



The winner is: (l to r) COL Richard Kramp 3rd place, MAJ Emery Fehl, 1st place, and LTC John Campbell, 2nd place



A super cake for a super event

The party-goers dined on super sub sandwiches, half-time chips & dips, and field goal sodas. For dessert, Charlotte Crouse of Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management designed and decorated a cake with all the Super Bowl trimmings.

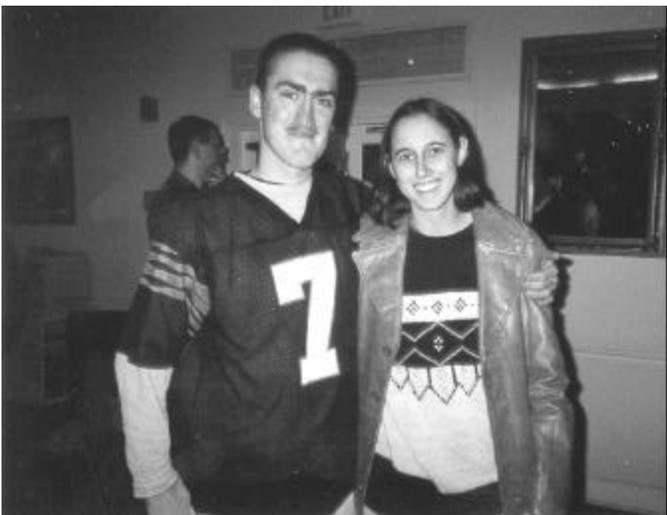
This Super (bowl) event was a success due to the hard work and creative minds of DLS.



MAJ Emery Fehl, the referee for the evening



COL Richard Kramp represented the Detroit Lions as he proudly shows his team colors



SGT Jason Krantz, CHPPM's NCO of the Year, wears his teams colors. His wife, Mary was rooting for the other team



Super Bowl party-goers waiting for the winner to be announced. (l to r) Mrs. Roseanne Hughes, LTC Jack Hughes, LTC Donald McDuffie Matthew McDuffie, Mrs. Lorie McDuffie, and Justin McDuffie

“A Taste of History and Culture”

By: Linda D. Patrick



Brenda Clayton, BEP Coordinator

The Aberdeen Proving Ground, Black Employment Program celebration of Black History Month was held on February 13. The event was a day of excitement and adventure, thanks to the efforts of CHPPM’s BEP Coordinator Brenda Clayton, who served as the committee coordinator. Claudia Coleman is CHPPM’s BEP co-coordinator. The APG Garrison’s BEP committee sponsored this year’s event.

This year’s event started with a prayer service at the Edgewood Area Chapel led by COL Larry Robinson, U.S. Army Soldier Biological and Chemical Command chaplain. Robinson spoke to nearly 100 participants telling them that “although we have not suffered like our ancestors, and most of us will never be rich or famous, we may not sit on the Supreme Court as one of the justices (Marshall or Thomas), and we may



Claudia Coleman, BEP Co-Coordinator

not lead a great revolution like Marcus Garvey, our legacy is written by our attitudes, by our willingness to serve others, and by acknowledging that there is a ‘Higher Power’. He said “Just remember, if it has not been for the Lord on my side where would I be?”

After the prayer service the participants boarded buses for a tour of the Great Blacks in Wax Museum in Baltimore. They viewed the newest addition to the museum, a replica of a slave ship, and many life-like figures of famous blacks in American history, such as Frederick Douglass, Bill Pickett, Harriett Tubman, Nelson and Winnie Mandela, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. “The tour was once an annual event initiated in the early 1990’s by the Army Environmental Hygiene Agency, now CHPPM,” said Clayton. The group even had the pleasure of touring the museum with Jackie Fields, the nephew of Wilfred “Mickey” Fields, the late Baltimore jazz saxophonist whose wax figure is on display in the museum. Fields is a motor vehicle operator with the Directorate of Installation Operations and was seeing the figure for the very first time.



Wax figures of African freedom fighters, (l to r) Winnie Mandela, Steve Biko, Nelson Mandela, Jomo Kenyatta and Kwame Nkrumah at the Great Blacks in Wax Museum in Baltimore

The next stop on the tour was Everyone's Place, an African gift shop where participants had the opportunity to view and shop for artifacts, clothing, poetry, posters and hundreds of African history and fiction books. The tour ended with a "soul food" dinner at Bill Dotson's Restaurant in Glen Burnie.

After reviewing surveys filled out by the participants who reportedly had a great time and showed a great interest in "A Taste of History and Culture", Clayton said, with the level of interest we have now, the committee wouldn't mind bringing the annual tour back again.

Editor's note: Yvonne Johnson, APG News, provided information and photos for this article.



Jackie Fields, Directorate of Installation Operations motor vehicle driver and wax likeness of his uncle, noted Baltimore saxophonist, Wilfred "Mickey" Fields



Wax figures of black orators, Cecil B. Moore, Kweisi Mfume and Julian Bond on display at the famous wax



West African masks hang in Everyone's Place, an Afrakan Kultural Center gift shop, Baltimore

OUTSTANDING...

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Mary F. Gray was officially commended for exemplary performance as Program Analyst for the Directorate of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance. Gray provided first class service to the Directorate's five programs while continuing to support two other Programs that she previously served. She consistently prepared accurate and timely financial reports that demonstrate exceptional knowledge of the budget management process. Her abilities and dedication have enabled supported Program Managers to make sound, informed decisions regarding financial matters.

Mark S. Johnson was officially commended as CHPPM's foremost authority on eco-toxicology and ecological risk assessment. Dr. Johnson is the consultant of choice for risk assessors at the CHPPM, the Army Corps of Engineers, and for contractors doing risk assessments of DoD sites. His expertise in this area is evidenced by the demand for his participation in seminars and his service on working committees. He serves as the technical chairman of the Army Biological Toxicology Advisory Group and chairman of the Tri-Service Ecological Risk Assessment Working Group.

Matthew J. Waterbury was officially commended for exemplary performance as a Geohydrologist in the Ground Water and Solid Waste Program, Directorate of Environmental Health Engineering. Waterbury displayed extraordinary high levels of superior accomplishment. Included are the development and implementation of Holston Army Ammunition Plant's installation restoration program and the successful planning and investigation of solvent and fuel contamination that threatens the drinking water at Camp Humphreys, Korea. These efforts have resulted in substantial cost savings to the Army and contributed to the overall improved health and welfare of the respective communities.

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Military travel less costly

Several changes in the 2002 National Defense Authorization Act are making moves and official travel less costly for service members.

Under the new law, members being forced to move out of government quarters at the government's convenience, not their own, will receive a partial dislocation allowance of \$500. The full allowance is generally equivalent to one month's basic allowance for housing.

Another change allows dual-service couples with no other family members to receive the dislocation allowance if they are moving into government quarters.

A third change allows new service members to claim the dislocation allowance for moves to their first duty station; previously they were ineligible.

Daily Temporary Lodging Expense, or TLE payments are also being increased from \$110 to \$180. TLE is limited to 10 days for moves to bases within the continental United States.

In addition, the act allows reimbursement of pet quarantine costs for members moving to areas that require quarantine. The reimbursement rate has doubled from a maximum of \$275 to \$500.

Finally the Act allows members moving from one duty station within the United States to another, to ship a second vehicle to their new duty station. This includes shipping costs for the second car, up to the amount it would have cost to drive the vehicle. For more on travel allowances, see Active Duty Pay and withholdings at http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=Active_Duty_Pay.htm.

For relocation help and discounts, see the Relocation section at http://www.military.com/Respurces?resourceFileView?file=Relocation_Main.htm.

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Fifth Annual Force Health Protection Conference

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The Fifth Annual Force Health Protection Conference and the Second Annual Department of Defense Population Health and Health Promotion Conference will be held jointly August 9-16 at the Baltimore Convention Center, at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Maryland. The theme for the joint conferences is "Adapting to a Changing Global Environment". The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland will host both conferences.

The conferences will provide the multidisciplinary military and civilian force health protection community with the opportunity to increase knowledge and awareness of current issues, attend short courses for professional development, mentor, network, and earn CEUs or CMEs. The first three days, August 9-11, will be skills training workshops designed primarily for, but not limited to, the DoD Conference attendees. The core conference, beginning on August 12, will include both plenary and breakout sessions designed to provide an exchange of information that has a wide application within the DoD community in the areas of homeland security, environmental health, population health, complimentary and alternative medicine, behavioral health, veterinary medicine, medical research and development, injury prevention, nutrition, and spiritual health. In addition, service-specific breakout sessions will be offered. Topics and lessons learned relating to the events of September 11, 2001 will be presented. The DoD Conference and the three tracks that make up the FHP Conference are described below:

The Second Annual DoD Population Health and Health Promotion Conference - designed to unite the population health and health promotion specialties in an integrated environment that will provide scientific and technical training necessary for the diverse specialties; allow participants to address relevant and significant FHP issues; and provide mentoring and networking opportunities. It will begin with 3 days of pre-conference Skills Training Workshops focused primarily on humanitarian assistance, risk communication, behavioral health - post deployment issues, tobacco cessation, dental health promotion, and human immunodeficiency virus/sexually transmitted disease.

Life Sciences Track - the technical aspects of prevention/detection of environmental, occupational, and disease threats to the health and performance of DoD personnel. This track will include research and development in support of the soldier, toxicology, and veterinary services.

Clinical Sciences Track - the science and delivery of preventive medicine services. Clinical and general preventive services to include immunization, occupational medicine services, hearing conservation, vision conservation, and behavioral health and associated services.

Environmental Sciences Track - topics related to identifying, assessing and providing recommendations for protecting soldier health. This includes environmental health topics such as industrial hygiene, food and water sanitation, medical surveillance, entomological services, health physics, environmental noise, field sanitation, and disease prevention.

Participants are invited to prepare and display technical posters that will be judged for content and aesthetics by a panel of subject matter experts. The winners will be announced on the final day of the conference. CHPPM will judge all posters, selecting the 10 best submissions for partial central funding of travel and per diem.

Technical presentations are also being solicited for the conference. Both military and civilian vendors are encouraged to exhibit during the conference. Information on the call for papers and the exhibitor prospectus can be found on the FHP website at: <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/fhp>.

The website will be available for registration in March. POC: LTC Roxanne E. Baumgartner, Director, DSN 584-7387/410-436-7387 or Ms. Jane Gervasoni, DSN 584-5091/410-436-5091.



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