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## Cyber on the Menu of Upcoming Luncheon

[Register](#) today for the upcoming Army Alliance Annual Luncheon on Thursday, March 21, 2013. This event will be held at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Mr. Henry Muller, Jr., Director of the CERDEC Intelligence & Information Warfare Directorate. More information about this event on [www.armyalliance.org](http://www.armyalliance.org).

## Update: Impacts of Sequestration and Continuing Funding

March 7, 2012

The Administration and the Congress were unable to find agreed solutions to avoid the mandate for automatic spending cuts known as "sequestration." As a result, the President signed an implementing directive on March 1 that begins the process of reduction of \$85 Billion in cuts for the rest of 2013, split roughly equally between defense and non-defense spending. This will result in about a 9.4% cut for defense discretionary spending for the rest of the year.

Sequestration is a blunt tool to force fiscal compromise by driving a specific reduction percentage equally across all accounts because there was no agreement on prioritizing where the cuts could be made to spare or favor some programs. Additionally, budget numbers for FY2103 to FY2021 are locked in at lower numbers by the Budget Control Act (BCA).

There are dire predictions about the immediate and downstream reductions that sequestration may cause. While much of the discussion may be exaggerated, no doubt there will be consequences that are uncomfortable. The other side of the argument is that this is a reduction in forecasted spending increases of only 2% across the longer period and is therefore similar to other times of austerity.

The Army predicts that the long-term impact to Maryland will be \$527,000,000 in economic loss and 23,243 jobs impacted. APG is forecast to suffer \$73,000,000 of that loss. The cuts at APG should be anticipated to impact mission funding and base operations and support. The pay portion of the Military Personnel account is exempt from the reductions, while other portions like training and PCS moves are not exempt. While much of the specific impact remains to be resolved, it is likely that contracts that have execution flexibility will be executed at low levels. Contracts not yet executed may be delayed or not executed. Program delays should be anticipated.

Much more than the concerns about the “numbers” in the cuts, senior leaders are seeking flexibility across accounts to help manage the execution of the cuts. There is a growing interest in finding agreement to provide flexibility.

The other part of the financial crisis in government is that the current Continuing Resolution expires March 27. While sequestration has begun, efforts underway on the Hill to pass a continuing resolution (CR) funding the government past March 27 could also result in changes to the size of those cuts and the way those cuts are implemented. House Republicans intend to bring a CR to the floor that locks in sequestration numbers but provides more flexibility to the Pentagon for implementing such reductions. This Bill also includes a regular appropriation spending bill for DoD including Military Construction. That provision contains an extra \$10.4 Billion for Operations and Maintenance (O&M) accounts to soften the blow, in addition to the added flexibility. Senate Democrats are indicating the desire to increase spending in the CR to match levels agreed to in the original Budget Control Act (BCA). They may also move to pass an omnibus appropriations bill reflecting the spending levels in the BCA without sequestration cuts, instead of a CR.

Obviously there is work to be done and the landscape changes hourly. However, in all of the efforts now working, there is improvement in flexibility and focus on achieving the right cuts. The next two weeks will tell a lot.

The Army Alliance wants to know the impacts on your organization so we can bring your perspective to the attention of local, state, and federal government officials. Call our office or send a note to [info@armyalliance.org](mailto:info@armyalliance.org).



Military Alliances are incredibly effective organizations. The Army Alliance has been working behind the scenes in Harford County since 1999, and is responsible for bringing over \$200 million in projects and resources for the region. Our neighbor to the South, the Navy Alliance, has played a similar role in the growth and prosperity of Pax River. Read about the Navy Alliance here: <http://lexleader.net/era-navy-alliance/>



## New ARL Director Named

Dr. Thomas P. Russell, a member of the Senior Executive Service since 2006, and formerly director of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) in Arlington, Va., assumed leadership of the Army Research Laboratory in February.

According to his official biography, Dr. Russell's government career began as a research scientist at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, White Oak

Laboratory, Md. In 1994, he joined the Naval Research Laboratory as a research scientist and in September 2000, was assigned to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division, where he served in several leadership positions. In August 2006, he was selected as the AFOSR Director of Aerospace and Material Sciences, where he was responsible for the Air Force basic research program in aerospace, chemical and material sciences.

Dr. Russell has been a visiting scientist at the National Institutes of Standards and Technology, an adjunct professor at the Washington State University Shock Dynamics Laboratory, and a part-time faculty member at Montgomery College. His principal fields of interest are energetic materials, decomposition/combustion chemistry, detonation physics/chemistry, high pressure chemistry/physics, and spectroscopy. He has authored more than 100 publications and inventions in these areas.

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## Army Surveillance Program Moved to APG

Ruppersberger's Office announced in February an "Over the horizon" surveillance test program moving to APG, resulting in additional jobs for the region. This is the news release from Congressman Ruppersberger's office:

**(Timonium, MD)** – I have received notification that the Army will be relocating its Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System, or JLENS, to Aberdeen Proving Ground this fall. JLENS is a radar system that conducts over-the-horizon surveillance to protect us from air attacks including missiles, drones and rockets. Aberdeen Proving Ground was selected because it provides the ability to test tracking abilities over water and offers already-established FAA-approved restricted airspace.

More than 100 soldiers will be relocating to the APG region to support this mission. The project will also create jobs for about 30 contractors and 10 civilians. At a time when most of the Department of Defense is experiencing significant budget cuts, this \$20 million investment in APG will have a domino effect on our local economy. The JLENS workers will be buying homes, shopping in our grocery stores and eating in our restaurants.

The JLENS surveillance is conducted by two tethered aerostats, one of which is depicted in the photo below, flying as high as 10,000 feet. The Army will be hosting a series of public town halls to discuss the project with local residents and answer any questions. I look forward to working with them and my constituents to ensure all concerns are

addressed.



## Dr. Bill Richardson 1936-2013

The Army Alliance regretfully announces the passing of Dr. Bill Richardson of Aberdeen, MD and Punta Gorda, FL on Friday, February 8. Bill was instrumental in establishing the Army Alliance in 1999 and served on its board until recently.

Bill was a true visionary leader and supporter of APG; his dedication and many contributions are legacy to our growing defense community. Bill was a key partner in planning for BRAC 2005, including development and execution of Harford County's BRAC Action Plan, which served as a model for Maryland's BRAC Plan. His leadership with the Army Alliance, Inc. realized the addition of a number of new laboratories and buildings at both Aberdeen and Edgewood areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

One of Bill's greatest legacies will be his advocacy for the Science & Math Academy at Aberdeen High School. In 2008, a Creative Vision Award Scholarship was established in his honor and continues today.

From 1989 to 1993, Bill served as the Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. While at the U.S. Army Chemical Research, Development and Engineering Center, he was technical director for the 1,300-person organization. With the Air Force, he was responsible for the development of aircrew life support equipment. He also headed U.S. aeromedical efforts on the Apollo-Soyuz docking of U.S. and Russian spacecraft and was crew systems consultant for the development of Air Force One and other aircraft. He also served as a field artillery officer in the U.S. and Europe and as inspector general and chief of staff of a 4,000-person Army Reserve Command.

Dr. Richardson held B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Texas A&M University; and graduated from the Army War College, the Federal Executive Institute, and the American Management Association Senior Management Course.

A memorial service for Dr. Richardson was held at the Edgewood Post Chapel on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013.

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## Maryland Top 100 Women Award

Two Army Alliance Board Members, **Denise Carnaggio** and **Content McLaughlin**, were named as two of the Maryland Top 100 Women, an annual award sponsored by the Daily Record honoring high-achieving women who are making an impact through their leadership, community service and mentoring. The winners are selected by an outside panel of business leaders based on professional

accomplishment, community involvement and commitment to mentoring.

Harford County was well-represented. Several other local women were also recognized:

- Mary Hastler, Harford County Public Library
- Susan Katz, The Growth Coach (TBD)
- Sheryl Davis Kohl, Beacon Staffing Alternatives Inc.
- Eileen M. Rehrmann, Board of Appeals Maryland Unemployment Insurance
- Kimberly Wagner, Steelehouse Inc.

Congratulations to all from the Army Alliance!



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