

# ARMY ALLIANCE

## **KEEPING OUR FUTURE STRONG**

#### **ORGANIZATION**

- ★ Volunteer non-profit community advocacy organization, 501(c)4, founded in 1999
- ★ 20 directors who donate their time and come from local businesses, defense industry, and the community. Several are retired APG leaders. Key supporting organizations:
  - Maryland Department of Commerce
  - Harford County Office of Community and Economic Development
  - Cecil County Office of Economic Development
  - Cities of Aberdeen, Bel Air and Havre de Grace
- Receive state and local grants but need individual and corporate sponsors to fully fund our efforts

#### **SIGNIFICANT PAST ACHIEVEMENTS**

- ★ Major role in supporting APG and the community in response to the DoD recommendations during BRAC 2005, result was an increase in the APG mission
- ★ Solid reputation for quick response with accurate information to U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, and MD General Assembly principals and staff
- Military Construction Projects at APG to include Automotive Technology Evaluation Center, Rotorcraft Survivability Assessment Facility and Advanced Chemistry Laboratory
- ★ Funding of BRAC priority highway intersections and Edgewood and Aberdeen Train Station upgrades
- Establishment of new regional organizations: NE Maryland Additive Manufacturing Authority (RAMP MD), NE Maryland Higher Education Advisory Board, University Research Park Study and Organization, Aberdeen Science & Math Academy, Joppatowne High School Homeland Security Program
- Coordination of community efforts in response to the Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA)
- Increased funding into the National Defense
  Education Program (NDEP) which provides grants for
  STEM efforts including salary compensation
- Recognition in 2018 for APG/Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor (CSSC) as a "Great American Defense Community"

Since 1999, successfully supported initiatives/projects with a total value over \$300 Million

#### **PURPOSE**

- ★ To preserve Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) as a national asset along with its centers of excellence
- ★ Inform elected officials, decision-makers, and the community about issues impacting APG
- ★ Position Northeastern Maryland for the next Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) action, as well as protect and grow APG missions, programs, and jobs
- ★ See <u>www.armyalliance.org</u> and <u>www.apg.army.mil</u> for more information about the Alliance, its partners, and APG.

A focus on APG people and programs in a unique advocacy mission with a regional perspective

### **CURRENT INITIATIVES**

#### Federal

- Ensure continued funding for the demolition of contaminated buildings in Edgewood, APG
- ★ Advocate for increased funding for APG Laboratory Revitalization
- ★ Assist APG Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) efforts
- ★ Support a Community Funding Request (formerly called an "earmark") for the Discovery Center at Water's Edge
- ★ Support Association of Defense Community efforts to preserve the authorities of the Intergovernmental Service Agreements (IGSAs) and provide for any changes that would benefit APG

#### State/Local

- Educate General Assembly on positive impacts of Maryland Military Installations
- ★ Advocate for Maryland tax exemption of military retirement pay
- Build partnerships with local community, businesses and academia
- Continue to educate the community about the mission of APG through Army Alliance products: "The ABCs of APG" on YouTube, "Alphabet Suit," LinkedIn Page, Army Alliance Website and the twice a week emailed Newsflash

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