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Marissa Walton (left) of Marley Station, Connie DeBerry of Fort Meade and retired Master Sgt. Tina Heggins of Severna Park dance up a storm Friday evening at the grand opening of the Brass Lounge at Club Meade. See the story on Page 11.

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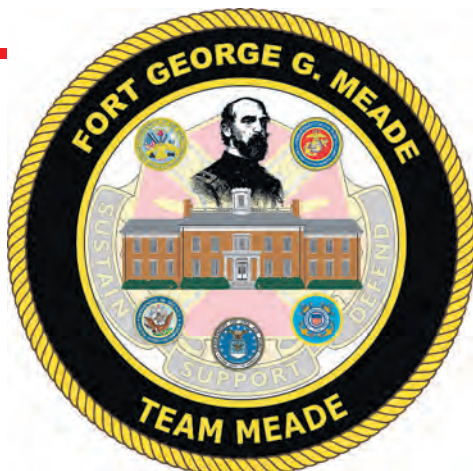
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## COMMANDER'S COLUMN

# Marking milestones

**H**ello again, Team Meade!

It is hard to believe we are already through the second month of 2016. And what a year we have had already.

Winter Storm Jonas tested us all, and I want to thank all our hard-working road and power crews who got the installation back on its feet in record time. Hard to believe, looking out the window now, that we had over 2 feet of snow on the ground just a month ago.

We have already achieved several major milestones in 2016, and have more to come in the very near future. I wrote about our success in achieving restoration and maintenance funding in my last column.

On Feb. 8, we hosted Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski for a tour of the commissary and a brainstorming session to determine "what you and I can get accomplished before we finish our jobs, Colonel Foley."

The senator told me she has "one more appropriations cycle" in her before she retires, and she left with an update of the remaining military construction funding we will need from Congress to finish widening Mapes Road and Cooper Avenue in 2017 and beyond.

On March 3, we will host our new Installation Management Commanding General Lt. Gen. Kenneth Dahl for a tour of Fort Meade and a meeting with Adm. Michael Rogers, who serves as commander of U.S. Cyber Command, director of the National Security Agency and chief of the Central Security Service.

Providing Dahl an overview of the growth here will ensure sustained Army-level resourcing to support US-CYBERCOM and all 118 tenant partner commands and organizations.

And last but certainly not least, after two-and-a-half years of hard work, we are finally able to announce the re-opening of Mapes Road gate at Route 175 as a full 12-hour access control point beginning Monday.

This marks the culmination of over two years of hard work to increase the assigned strength of our security guards, and I thank all involved in this effort. So



**Garrison Commander  
Col. Brian P. Foley**

as always, please thank our hard working security guards for keeping us safe, 24 hours a day, in all weather conditions. They are the first line of defense at Fort Meade, and we all owe them a great debt of gratitude.

With that, access control procedures continue to evolve. The staff will do its best to keep you informed of changes before they occur. But I recom-

mend that individuals expecting visitors on post plan ahead and ensure visitors have the appropriate documentation to get through the gates.

Safety will always be my top priority, which leads to my next point. There are still way too many people speeding on the installation, especially during PT hours.

Post regulations state that the speed limit south of Mapes Road is 15 mph from 5:30-7:30 a.m. Additionally, all motorists must drive 10 mph at all times when passing troop formations.

February is also the month when our nation celebrates the culture, history, contributions and patriotism of African-Americans. As we pay tribute this month to these Americans, I ask all to reflect on their courage and inner strength.

Throughout the history of our nation, African-Americans have served our country with distinction, making valuable contributions to war efforts and earning high praise and commendations for their struggles and sacrifices.

African-Americans have earned 88 Medals of Honor in the service of our nation.

As a member of today's military, I am proud that our armed forces, and in particular the U.S. Army, played a major role in helping pave the way to end discrimination and provide civil rights to all Americans.

So please join us today at 11:30 a.m. at McGill Training Center to celebrate Black History Month. The keynote speaker is Dr. E. Faye Williams, president and CEO of the National Congress of Black Women.

Thanks, as always, for your contributions to our national defense and the Team Meade community.

I look forward to seeing you around campus and at McGill today!

# Service members train to honor veterans

Fort Meade service members visit military veterans in hospice care

BY LISA R. RHODES  
Staff Writer

Last year, Nicole Richard, a Marine veteran, and her husband, 1st Sgt. Jimmy Richard of the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C., visited an elderly Marine veteran at his home in Anne Arundel County.

The man was a patient of Hospice of the Chesapeake, a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people who are experiencing advanced illness or bereavement through hospice and other palliative care.

The couple gave the veteran a certificate of appreciation recognizing his years of service, an American flag pin, thank-you cards from a local elementary school and a handmade patriotic quilt from a group of volunteers.

Nicole Richard is a volunteer in the Hospice of the Chesapeake's Honor Salute Program, which honors military veterans who are hospice patients. She shared her experience with a small group of Fort Meade service members during an Honor Salute Program training session held Feb. 17 at Fort Meade's Community Readiness Center.

Richard said the elderly veteran was moved, particularly when her husband gave him his Marine eagle, globe and anchor pin. The elderly veteran had lost his own pin over the years.

"It gave us a healing as well for our emotional and spiritual wounds," she said.

In her brief remarks to the participants, Marie Miles, Fort Meade's Army Volunteer



FILE PHOTO

**In observance of Veterans Day, active-duty service members, veterans, midshipmen and Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps students participate in an Honor Salute at the Maryland National Guard Armory in Annapolis. The event was hosted by Hospice of the Chesapeake's We Honor The Veterans Committee and featured Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley as a guest speaker. The organization held an Honor Salute training for Fort Meade service members Feb. 17 at the Community Readiness Center.**

Corps Program manager, called the Honor Salute Program "phenomenal."

Miles coordinates volunteer opportunities for Fort Meade service members of all branches and DoD civilian employees.

Kendall Sofia, a volunteer coordinator at Hospice of the Chesapeake and coordinator of its Veterans Initiative, led the training, which presented an overview of how Fort Meade service members can participate in Honor Salutes.

Fort Meade has been in partnership with the Hospice of the Chesapeake since early last year. Service members from the post have participated in about 30 Honor Salutes.

The Honor Salute Program matches volunteer active-duty service members or veterans with hospice patients who are veterans. About 25 percent of hospice patients are veterans.

Sofia said one of the goals of the Honor Salute Program is to "allow a veteran to meet with another service member or veteran to share their stories before they die. .... We want to take the medicine piece out of it and heal the soul.

"For many of these veteran patients, it is the first time their service to their country is so formally thanked. To have not only the gratitude of Hospice of Chesapeake, but the honor and respect of fellow service members, is an important and meaningful moment at the end of their lives."

Retired Navy Capt. Paul Mullenhoff, a hospice volunteer, has also participated in Honor Salutes and shared his experience during the training.

"It's something that has to be done to live up to our responsibility," Mullenhoff said. "You get a lot of satisfaction out of it."

Allison Kuchar, a volunteer coordinator,

said service members who volunteer to participate in the Honor Salute Program must first complete a mandatory hospice training in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, which can be done online. They also must sign a confidentiality statement.

Hospice patients in Anne Arundel or Prince George's counties are then matched with three volunteer service members or veterans. The volunteers first meet with a hospice volunteer coordinator at a selected location and then the team travels to the patient's home where the Honor Salute takes place.

Sofia said volunteers in the program can participate at their convenience. The visitation schedule is flexible and can accommodate the needs of the hospice patients and volunteers.

Staff Sgt. Sherry Jacobson of the 94th Intelligence Squadron said she attended the training to learn more about Honor Salutes.

"It's a really good program," she said. "I wish my grandfather could have had this before he passed away."

Jacobson said her grandfather, who died in 2005, was a veteran of the Korean War.

"I can think of no better way to spend your time than with veterans who are passing away to show your respect," she said.

Senior Airman Bryan Simms of the 707th Force Support Squadron said he would like to participate in the Honor Salute Program to pay tribute to his mother, a retired Air Force colonel who died of breast cancer in 2011.

"I would love to take the time to do this for someone else," he said. "It's great that it's a way to do something meaningful for people who have served."

For more information, contact Marie Miles, Fort Meade's Army Volunteer Corps Program manager, at 301-677-5590.

## Meade kicks off 2016 Army Emergency Relief Campaign

BY BRYAN SPANN  
Fort Meade Public Affairs Office

"Soldiers Helping Soldiers," the signature slogan of Army Emergency Relief, should be seen a lot over the next 10 weeks.

AER is set to begin its annual fundraising campaign on Tuesday. The campaign runs through May 15.

AER was incorporated in 1942 as a private, nonprofit organization to provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers and their families in times of distress.

The organization provides no-interest loans and grants to service members and their families.

AER also maintains two scholarship programs, one for spouses and one for dependent children. Both scholarship programs provide financial assistance for those pursuing their first undergraduate degree.

Last year, AER at Fort Meade provided more than \$679,000 in loans and collected approximately \$100,000 in local donations.

While there is no set monetary goal for the annual campaign, there is a goal of 100 percent contact of all eligible service members.

Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley urges "all leaders to make sure all Soldiers and service members are informed of the benefits of Army Emergency Relief and all the service relief funds."

That includes the Air Force Aid Society, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Foley noted that all the service relief

organizations work together and that AER can accept donations from and process grants for members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

For more information about AER, go to [aerhq.org](http://aerhq.org).

Individuals interested in donating should contact their unit key coordinator.

If your unit doesn't have a key person, email the Fort Meade Garrison AER contact, Capt. Larry Summers, at [larry.j.summers.mil@mail.mil](mailto:larry.j.summers.mil@mail.mil).



# Military Clothing Sales serves all branches

BY LISA R. RHODES  
Staff Writer

Frank Connor, an Army Reservist and Department of the Army civilian, arrived at Fort Meade last week for a training drill over the weekend.

One of his first stops on post Friday was Fort Meade's Military Clothing Sales at the Exchange.

"I came for the new uniforms – the OCPs [operational camouflage pattern]," Connor said. "The store is well-stocked. It's the perfect stop for shopping."

Fort Meade's Military Clothing Sales sells military clothing, shoes, combat boots, accessories, souvenirs and other items for active-duty service members of all service branches, Reservists, retirees and veterans.

"We are the most personal and customer-friendly store there is," said Shelia Rodgers, store manager. "We give our customers personalized service."

"If you come into the store and ask, 'what size is right for me?' we'll take you in the back and measure you for the proper fit ... That's what we're all about."

Ninety percent of the store's military clothing is for Soldiers. The remaining 10 percent is divided among the Air Force, Navy and Marines.

"Most of our customer base is made up of active-duty service members," Rodgers said. "We also serve students at the U.S. Army Signal School Detachment at the Defense Information School."

The store stocks the Army's new unisex OCP uniform, service dress blues and the coordinating shirts and blouses for men and women.

The Air Force's mess dress, service dress uniform and combat uniform are available, as well as the combat uniform for the Navy and the combat uniform for the Marines.

The physical fitness training uniforms for both the Army and Air Force are also available.

The store also sells combat boots and dress shoes, as well as a two-wall display of military unit crests, rank insignia, service ribbons and service metals for all the service branches.

Sizes range from 36 to 52 for the men's dress blue coat, and 6 to 22 for the women's dress blue coat. Men's pants range from sizes 34 to 42.

Women's shirts and pants range from sizes 6 to 20.

Rodgers said the store can make special orders for service members of smaller or larger sizes.

Although retirees cannot purchase combat uniforms, they can purchase service dress uniforms, PT attire and dress shoes.



PHOTOS BY STEVE ELLMORE

**Patrice Jefferson, assistant store manager at Fort Meade's Military Clothing Sales at the Exchange, helps Capt. Ryan Traslavina, a new in-processing Soldier from Aberdeen Proving Ground. The store serves active-duty service members of all the branches, Reservists, retirees and veterans.**

More than half of the clothing is supplied by the Defense Logistics Agency, which provides the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force with all the items the service branches need to operate – from food, fuel and energy to uniforms, medical supplies and construction material.

The store also carries commercial manufacturers such as Vanguard, California Fashions, Bates, Wolverine and Reebok.

Rodgers said the store does not carry tennis shoes for PT.

Unlike civilian retail stores, Rodgers said Military Clothing Sales does not stock merchandise according to season. Merchandise is stocked year-round.

She said if Reservists have a specific clothing or insignia request, the store's personnel try to accommodate them.

"We try our best to get the customers what they need," Rodgers said. "We go above and beyond to get what they want if it's not in the store."

Capt. Charles Shelby, a Baltimore resident, said he shops at the store for tactical gear such as gloves.

"After a lifetime of being in the Army, I usually shop for tactical wear that you can't find on the open market, so I come here," he said.



**Fort Meade's Military Clothing Sales at the Exchange stocks uniforms, service dress wear, combat boots, dress shoes, physical fitness wear, unit crests, rank insignia, service ribbons and service metals for all service branches.**

But Shelby doesn't like to purchase military items online.

"I can't touch or feel it online, but I can shop here," he said. "And if I can't find what I want, the friendly sales staff can help me."

The store also stocks men's underwear and souvenirs such as key chains, car stickers and license tag holders. There is also a display of professional military books.

"We're here to serve the military community," Rodgers said. "If they need anything to get ready for duty, ask and we will do what is best for the commands."

*Editor's note: Military Clothing Sales is open Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and some federal holidays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The store is closed Thanksgiving and Christmas.*

*For more information, call 410-305-8253.*



# Behavioral health services offered to military youths

BY LISA R. RHODES  
Staff Writer

What can military parents do if their child has difficulty relating to siblings after a spouse has deployed? Or if a child's behavior becomes defiant in school after the family has arrived at a new duty station?

The Kennedy Krieger Institute's Behavioral Health Services for Military Families program provides family-centered therapy for military children ages 18 months old to 18 at specialized clinics in Odenton, Columbia and Baltimore.

"We deal with a wide range of issues, from a 3-year-old who doesn't want to sleep in his or her own bed to a 16-year-old who is struggling with significant mood issues," said Jen Crockett, a licensed psychologist and director of the program.

The Kennedy Krieger Institute is an internationally recognized institution dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with disorders of the brain, spinal cord and musculoskeletal system, according to the organization's website.

Behavioral Health Services for Military Families is part of the Kennedy Krieger Institute's Behavioral Psychology Department and is staffed by eight licensed psychologists and nine post-doctoral fellows who are specifically trained to understand and serve the unique needs of military families and children.

The mental health professionals do not offer medication management, but specialize in evidence-based behavioral interventions, problem-solving strategies, cognitive behavioral therapy and parent training.

Crockett said that the therapies are family-centered and include parents, par-

ticularly for younger children.

The program offers two out-patient clinics. The Behavior Management Clinic focuses on common problems at home — such as noncompliance, tantrums, toileting and sleep problems — and provides treatment for children ranging from ages 18 months to 12 years old.

The Child and Family Therapy Clinic focuses on adjustment and family-related stressors such as divorce, moves, deployment, bullying and family conflict, and how children and adolescents respond to these stressors emotionally and behaviorally.

The clinic serves youths from ages 6 to 18.

Crockett said the most common conditions among children at the clinics include attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, oppositional defiant behavior, adjustment disorders, depression, anxiety and any other behavior or emotional concerns parents may have.

Kennedy Krieger began serving Fort Meade military families at its main headquarters in Baltimore in 2009. Crockett said about 50 families were served at the time, but they later expressed concern about having to travel to Baltimore for treatment.

Two years later, an office was opened in Columbia. In November 2013, the Odenton office was opened. Last year, 1,000 military families, primarily from Fort Meade, were served at the clinics.

Crockett is a military spouse. Her husband is retired Lt. Col. Ken Romaine, whose last duty station was Fort Meade's Asymmetric Warfare Group. The family lived on Fort Meade from 2008 to 2010, when Romaine retired. One of the couple's



PHOTO BY LISA R. RHODES

**Jen Crockett (left), a licensed psychologist and director of Kennedy Krieger Institute's Behavioral Health Services for Military Families Program, and Kristin McGue, a staff psychologist, discuss a new group therapy session for teens and their parents that begins Tuesday at the institute's Child and Family Therapy Clinic in Odenton.**

sons attended Manor View Elementary School.

"When we opened the clinic [in Odenton], we really wanted to make sure that our staff had an understanding of military culture and could offer culturally competent care," Crockett said.

Kennedy Krieger has a partnership with Fort Meade. Staff from Fort Meade's Exceptional Family Member Program and Army Community Service have visited the Odenton office to speak to the staff psychologists about the services offered to military families on post.

Crockett said her staff has visited Fort Meade and led a presentation on parent training and home safety for the ACS New Parent support group, and has conducted staff training at the Child Development Centers.

Every month, Crockett leads a monthly course on military life for her staff.

Kennedy Krieger's services are offered through TRICARE. Parents who are beneficiaries of Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center or Johns Hopkins Medicine can choose clinics for treatment.

Kristin McGue, a staff psychologist at the Child and Family Therapy Clinic in Odenton, will be co-leading a group therapy session for teens and their parents beginning Tuesday.

A recent 12-week group therapy session focused on dialectical behavioral therapy, which McGue said attempts to regulate children's emotions so they can "behave and think in a way that is more helpful to them."

*Editor's note: Janet Tyler, the intake coordinator at the Odenton office, schedules appointments for families. To schedule an appointment at the Behavioral Management Clinic or the Child and Family Clinic, call 443-923-7508.*

## Create an online Social Security account

BY HENRY MARTIN

Social Security District Manager, Glen Burnie

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At [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire), you'll find retirement planners, ways to estimate your potential benefits and your full retirement age, as well as other helpful resources.

When you are ready to retire, apply for benefits online at [socialsecurity.gov](http://socialsecurity.gov).

# Service members may exclude certain income on tax returns

BY JANE M. WINAND  
Chief, Legal Assistance Division

If you are a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who has served in a designated combat zone, you may exclude certain pay from your income when filing your federal income tax return.

All military personnel may exclude the following amounts from their income:

- Active-duty pay earned in any month served in a combat zone
  - Imminent danger/hostile fire pay
  - A re-enlistment bonus if the voluntary extension or re-enlistment occurs in a month served in a combat zone
  - Pay for accrued leave earned in any month you served in a combat zone
- The DoD must determine that the unused leave was earned during that period.
- Pay received for duties as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces in clubs, messes, post and station theaters, and other nonappropriated fund activities

The pay must be earned in a month you served in a combat zone.

- Awards for suggestions, inventions or scientific achievements you are entitled to because of a submission you made in a month you served in a combat zone

- Student loan repayments that are attributable to your period of service in a combat zone (provided a full year's service is performed to earn the repayment).

You do not have to receive the pay while you are in a combat zone, are hospitalized, or in the same year you served in a combat zone. However, your entitlement to the pay must fully accrue in a month during which you serve in the combat zone or are hospitalized as a result of wounds, disease or injury incurred while serving in the combat zone.

This also means that the days of leave you accrue during your service in the combat zone will be treated as tax free when you take that leave or cash it in, even if you do not use those leave days until the following tax year.

A combat zone is any area that the president of the United States designates by executive order as an area in which U.S. Armed Forces are engaging or have

engaged in combat.

The current combat zones are: Afghanistan (to include Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, the Philippines, Djibouti, Yemen, Somalia and Syria); Kosovo (to include the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, the Adriatic Sea and the Ionian Sea north of the 39th parallel); and the Arabian peninsula (to include Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman and part of the Arabian Sea). Note that this list is subject to change.

Free income tax preparation services are available at the Fort Meade Joint Installation Tax Center. Staff are specifically trained in military-unique tax issues.

The tax center serves active-duty service members, retirees and family dependents with identification cards.

Located at 4217 Morrison St., the tax center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To schedule an appointment for tax preparation, call 301-677-9366. Appointments are limited.

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# A Moment in Time

## Remembering the Special Services entertainment program during WWII

BY ALAN H. FEILER

Staff Writer

We all remember Don Knotts from his classic comic turns as Luther Hegggs in the 1966 movie “The Ghost and Mr. Chicken,” Ralph Furley on TV’s “Three’s Company” and, of course, as Deputy Barney P. Fife on the iconic “The Andy Griffith Show.”

But not many people know that the bug-eyed, rubber-faced comedian — who died at age 81 exactly a decade ago on Feb. 24 — got his start in show business at Fort Meade as a ventriloquist in the Special Services entertainment branch of the Army. (He was no dummy.)

The branch and its school were created by the War Department in 1941 and operated throughout World War II. The objective was to train entertainers — civilians and service members alike — on how to perform for troops overseas.

“Everybody today knows the USO, but hardly anyone remembers the Special Services. I guess because it doesn’t exist anymore,” said Barbara S. Taylor, museum exhibits specialist at the Fort George G. Meade Museum.

Besides Knotts, other well-known entertainers who passed through Fort Meade for this program were bandleader Glenn Miller; comedians Jack Benny, Joe E. Brown and Martha Raye; German singer/actress Marlene Dietrich; British actor Maurice Evans; American film star Linda Darnell; ventriloquist Edgar Bergen (and his wooden sidekick Charlie McCarthy); and even all-around entertainer and



**Don Knotts, shown here in his best-known role as Deputy Barney P. Fife on “The Andy Griffith Show,” attended the Special Services school at Fort Meade during World War II.**

longtime USO supporter Bob Hope.

According to “History Notes,” a column written for the quarterly publication of the Anne Arundel County Historical Society, the Army was determined to have an entertainment division to boost morale for the Soldier overseas fighting Hitler, Mussolini and Tojo.

“The Army began commissioning civilian actors, musicians, theatre managers, dramatics professors and others to serve as recreation officers,” the article states.

“It established a school at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, to teach these



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**German-American singer/actress Marlene Dietrich meets the military leadership at Fort Meade during World War II.**

individuals, as well as regular military officers, to conduct recreational activities according to Army specifications, to deploy suitable activities using improvised facilities in remote areas of the world, and to encourage GIs to participate.”

Under a separate program, the article notes, the Army also trained enlisted personnel at Fort Meade to support recreational activities and serve as military liaisons for civilian entertainers in the field.

“If you’re an entertainer and used to Broadway, and then you’re overseas in a war theater, you need to know where to go to get things done,” Taylor said. “So the escorts helped them through all the military channels to get what they needed.”

Taylor said the Special Services school for officers moved in late 1942 to Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., but the enlisted school remained here.

“My understanding is the training they got was rudimentary — how to entertain the troops at the front who were battle-fatigued and homesick,” she said. “So the Army would train them about what to say and not say, and let them do what they do as entertainers.”

Taylor said the training program, which was based in a complex on Roberts Avenue, usually ran for about four weeks. Participants were issued kits for how to throw a theatrical production in the field.

“It was a big box — a shipping crate — with wigs, theatrical makeup and costumes,” she said. “It was one-stop shopping for putting on a production. They had multiple scripts for productions, and

there were instructions on how to recruit guys in the field and teach them how to entertain their fellow Soldiers.”

One of those instructions focused on how to get Soldiers to dress as women in different shows.

“Don Knotts was very good at performing as a woman,” Taylor said. “He was slight and had not a very manly build.”

Taylor believes Knotts — a Morgantown, W.Va., native who during the war was part of a traveling entertainment troupe called “Stars and Gripes” — was the only service member who emerged from the program as a ventriloquist.

“But he didn’t want to be a ventriloquist; he wanted to be a comedian,” Taylor said. “So he ‘lost’ his dummy somewhere in the South Pacific.”

One anecdote Taylor related was when Miller was in the Special Services and encountered resistance toward his brand of music.

“Some of the more stodgy officers didn’t like the contemporary swing music,” she said. “He fought the military establishment that only wanted John Philip Sousa and military march-type music, and he won.”

“My suspicion is the freedom that military bands play with today was forged by Glenn Miller.”

Taylor believes that the “preponderance” of entertainers during the war likely came through Meade for the program, which ended in 1946.

“It was all for the benefit of the Soldier in the field,” Taylor said. “Most of the entertainers were just doing it for the troops. There was a need for morale boosting.”

“This is all part of Fort Meade’s legacy.”



PHOTO COURTESY FORT MEADE MUSEUM

**Legendary bandleader Glenn Miller leads a military band at Fort Meade during his time on post during the war.**



# Dancing the night away

Brass Lounge opens to offer food, music, dancing

## SOUNDOFF! STAFF

On Friday evening, the Brass Lounge celebrated its grand opening at Club Meade.

It is now open Thursday to Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

The Brass Lounge offers a full menu of chicken wings, sandwiches, burgers and salads, as well as a full bar.

For entertainment, there is a karaoke machine, six televisions and recorded music.

On Feb. 27, the Brass Lounge will offer Latin Night — an entire evening of Latin dancing and a disc jockey.

Latin Night will be offered the last Friday of every month from 7 p.m. to midnight.

For more information, go to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).



PHOTOS BY PHIL GROUT

Longtime friends (from left:) 1st Sgt. Kiusani Harris, Headquarters Garrison; Sgt. 1st Class Lamont Gould, First Army Division East and Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Chambers, the garrison's senior Equal Opportunity advisor, get together Friday evening at the grand opening of the Brass Lounge at Club Meade.



Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes Jr. chats with retired Col. Jim Thomas of Severn during the four-hour event.



Club Meade catering manager Kellie Paul samples some of the food provided for the celebration. The Brass Lounge offers a full menu and bar.



# Meade secures home court for region playoffs

Easton scores 29 points in final regular-season game; Mustangs repeat as county champs with 19-3 record

BY BRIAN BURDEN

Baltimore Sun Media Group

The schedule said regular season finale, but Monday night's Meade-Glen Burnie boys basketball game could just as easily have been a region championship contest.

The stars showed up, the teams fought it out and, at the end, a play here and a play there helped determine the final outcome.

Tristan Easton had 29 points, while Jeremy Washington made a key steal and two ensuing free throws with 15 seconds left as the Mustangs secured home court throughout the Class 4A East Region playoffs with a 77-73 victory over the Gophers.

Both teams earned a bye in the playoffs, and Meade (19-3) will go in on the strength of a 10-game win streak, but this was the toughest it has been pushed during that stretch.

"Glen Burnie fought and we fought; it was a great atmosphere for high school basketball," Meade coach Pete Corriero said. "We did what we had to do to win."

The Mustangs shot 70 percent (7 for 10) from 3-point range in the first half and jumped out to a 39-22 lead at the half. Easton had 11, and Keith Duffin had 10 of his 14 points in the first two periods.

"We had a nice lead at the half and that is why you have it, so you don't panic when they start coming back at you," Corriero said.

And come back Glen Burnie (17-5) did, posting 26 points in the third quarter as Dayvon Cuffey got on track offensively, scoring 11 points in the third and 18 of his team-high 22 in the second half.

He added 18 rebounds for a monster performance inside.

"Everybody was going at it like it was a rivalry game; it was great to be out there," Easton said.

Glen Burnie trailed by 8 to start the fourth quarter and got it down to 5 two minutes into the period after RaQuan McCain made two free throws.

McCain had a strong second half as well, scoring 12 of his 18 after the break. Markell Watkins added 13 points and six rebounds and Eric Powell had 12 points, but the Gophers missed some golden opportunities for put backs inside.

"We still have to rebound better; we missed too many second-chance put

backs at crucial times and that is why we could not get over the hump," Glen Burnie coach Mike Rudd said. "Our errors are fixable, and that is what we are going to work on. The whole team is upset. They want to win and they work hard to do so."

Meade stretched the lead back out to as many as 11 with just over two minutes to play. Josh Qualls, who had 5 points and seven assists for the Mustangs, had a key 3-point play during that stretch.

"It was crazy out there," Qualls said. "We needed to play better defense in the second half. We played hard, but we needed to play better."

McCain made a 3-pointer with 42 seconds left and Watkins scored on a putback with 19 seconds to play to get Glen Burnie within four at 74-70. Easton, who to that point was 7 for 7 from the foul line, was sent to the line and missed both free throws. But Washington, the Mustangs' quarterback in the fall and a junior reserve on a team loaded with experienced seniors, made the heady steal, was fouled, and went to the foul line and made both his freebies to finish with 7 points.

"It was just honest defense, and then I took my time at the free throw line," Washington said. "We kept telling each other to calm down and not feed into the crowd."

McCain only made one of three free throws with just under 10 seconds left, but Cuffey rebounded the last miss to get the lead down to three at 76-73. The Gophers sent Syvon Sturdivant to the line and the junior made his second free throw, finishing the game with 8 points, to ice the contest. Both the Mustangs and Gophers will host a section semifinal Monday.



FILE PHOTO

Tristan Easton (right) and the Meade High Mustangs boys basketball team repeated as county champions with a 19-3 regular-season record. On Monday, they will play the winner of the Arundel/North County game this weekend.

"Everyone is 0-0 now, and that is all that matters," Corriero said. "We need to get some practice; we have played four straight games, but this is why you play the season, to have the chance to play at home during the playoffs."

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Meade (19-3)	23	16	17	21	-	77
Glen Burnie (17-5)	14	8	26	25	-	73

#### Meade (77)

Easton 9(4) 7-9 29; Jackson 10-0 2; Qualls 13-3 5; Sturdivant 3(1) 1-3 8; Duffin 5(1) 3-4 14; Elder 3(2) 0-0 8; Washington 1(1) 4-4 7; Black 11-2 3; Huff 0 1-2 1. **TOTALS:** 24(9) 20-27 77.

#### Glen Burnie (73)

McCain 5(2) 6-11 18; Santos 0 0-0 0; Helinski 1(1) 0-0 3; Powell 6 4-6 12; Mouzon 0 0-0 0; Watkins 4 5-6 13; Cuffey 10 2-5 22; Smoot 2(1) 0-0 5; Richardson 0 0-0 0; Yearby 0 0-0 0. **TOTALS:** 26(4) 17-28 73.

## Meade High boys, girls playoff schedule

SOUNDOFF! Staff

The Meade Mustangs boys basketball team will play in the Class 4A East Region Section 1 semifinals on Monday at 7 p.m. at Meade High School, 1100 Clark Road.

The team will face the winner of the Arundel-North County matchup.

On Tuesday at 6 p.m., the No. 2 seed Meade Mustangs 4A girls basketball team will also play in the sectional semifinals against the winner of Arundel-North County.

Tickets for the games cost \$6 each and can be purchased at the door.

For more information and updates, go to [meadeathletics.com](http://meadeathletics.com).



## SPORTS SHORTS

## Intramural Ultimate Frisbee

Fort Meade Intramural Ultimate Frisbee will be offered Monday and Thursday evenings from April through June.

The free program is open to all active-duty service members assigned to Fort Meade.

Participants will meet on the soccer field in the Mullins Field area, across from Gaffney Fitness Center.

A coaches meeting will be held March 15 at 1 p.m. at Murphy Field House.

For more information, call 301-677-3318 or go to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

## Parent Central Services new hours

Parent Central Services' new hours of operation begins March 16.

The new hours are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Late openings are held every third Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for training and staff meetings.

The last walk-in and appointment is 5 p.m.

For more information, call 301-677-1149/1156/1104.

## Free unit bowling

The Lanes at Fort Meade offers free bowling for all active-duty military units on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free unit bowling is offered for one hour.

For more information, call 301-677-5541 or go to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

## Youth Sports spring registration

Registration for spring Youth Sports is ongoing.

Spring sports include: baseball, softball, tennis, lacrosse, basketball, track, NFL flag football and soccer.

To register, go to Child, Youth and School Services' Youth Sports & Fitness Office, 1900 Reece Road.

For more information, call 301-677-1179 or go to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

## Volunteer coaches needed

Volunteer Youth Sports coaches are needed in the various sports programs offered throughout the year.

All volunteers will receive free training and will be certified through the National Alliance of Youth Sports.

All volunteers must complete a background check.

To submit an application, visit the CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Office at 1900 Reece Road. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CYSS Youth Sports Program:

- Spring season: March through June

Season registration begins in January for: track & field, baseball, softball, tennis, NFL Flag Football, lacrosse, and soccer

- Fall season: August through October

Season registration begins in May for: soccer, NFL Flag Football, tennis, volleyball and cheerleading

- Winter season: November through February

Season registration begins in October for: basketball, futsal and wrestling

For more information, call 301-677-1179 or 301-677-1329 or go to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

## Gaffney fitness classes

Gaffney Fitness center offers a variety of fitness classes.

Classes are open to authorized users ages 18 and older.

Cost is \$5 per drop-in class; \$40 for 10 classes; and \$60 for 20 classes.

- Never Too Late stretch and strengthening for ages 48-90: Mondays and Wednesdays, 10-11:15 a.m.

- Step-Cardio Blast: Thursdays, 8:45-9:45 a.m.

- Turn & Burn Cycle: Integral-based spin class: Tuesdays, 8:45-9:45 a.m.

- Hip-Hop Spin: Wednesdays, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

- Xplosive Boot Camp head-to-toe workout: Wednesdays, 6:35-7:35 p.m. and Saturday, 9-10 a.m.

- Bokwa Punch and Strike kick boxing: Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

- Line dancing: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m.

- Power Core classes: Mondays, 8:45-9:45 a.m.

This is a fast-paced, high-energy class using a variety of exercise equipment.

- Vinyasa yoga: Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 8-9 a.m.

Vinyasa focuses on breathing techniques, flowing poses, increased balance, stretching and relaxation.

All levels welcome.

- Metabolic Effect: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

This high-intensity class can be modified to fit all fitness levels.

- Interval Cycling: Tuesdays, 8:45- 9:45 a.m.

The program is designed to increase cardiovascular fitness while delivering an incredible calorie burn.

- Body Tone: Full-body resistance-training: Tuesdays, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

- Zumba: Wednesdays, noon to 1 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The class incorporates Latin dance.

- Zumba Gold for seniors: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11:15 a.m.

For more information, call 301-677-3716.

## JIBBER JABBER - OPINION

## When it hits home

**B**efore I became anything — a husband, father, Muslim, Soldier, sports fan or writer — I was a boy from Kalamazoo.

The biggest city in the southwest corner of the “Mitten” has been, and always will be, home. And home is where my heart will always be.

Growing up in and around the “Zoo” was a blast. We had three malls, a great arcade in Star World, multiplex theaters, a speedway and the Kalamazoo K-Wings professional hockey team: Basically all the amenities of a big city including cable in most places, which was a big deal in the early '80s.

More than that, Kalamazoo was the type of place you could ride around in the back of your uncle's pickup truck, trick-or-treat until it was really dark, grab a Faygo, or something harder, at Benson's in nearby Mattawan, and spend all summer with friends and family on one of about 20 lakes in the area — Eagle Lake being the best because that is where Grandma's house sits.

Beyond anything else, my home has always been safe. My kids picked up on that from the moment they arrived. There was no whining or shyness, which is typical when a child visits a new place. They just jumped in like they owned the place because that is how Kalamazoo makes you feel.

“This is Daddy's home,” I told them proudly. “Nothing bad happens here.”

That is until Saturday, when a vile, angry man did the worst possible thing and changed everything I knew about home.

The accused admitted to “hurting people” when he shot eight people, killing six of them, in random places throughout the area.

But anyone from Kalamazoo will assure you he did way more than that. He shot a woman outside her apartment complex near Richland Park. Before Saturday, Richland Park was where I played Little League. There was no outfield fence, so if you hit it hard enough, you could run forever.

He killed four women at a Cracker Barrel and severely injured a 14-year old



**Chad T. Jones**

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girl. All they were doing was returning from a play at Miller Auditorium. Do you have any idea how many people I know who have seen a play at Miller Auditorium?

It's where the high school drama club went to see a show. It's where my cousins and family still go.

My family has eaten at the Cracker Barrel where the victims were gunned down. It's

right off the exit we always take to get to Grandma's. You can see its trademark pumpkin-orange and brown sign from I-94. Every time we saw the sign for the first time after a 10-hour drive, we cheered because we knew we were home. Now, it's where some maniac killed four people.

Then there's Richard Smith and his 17-year-old son Tyler — both now dead. They were at Seelye on Stadium Drive checking out cars. Stadium Drive is the road that runs through the heart of the city, and the Seelye family had a home across the lake from Grandma's. Not to mention, the dealership where the Smiths were murdered always had the biggest balloons hanging from its posts and mirrors.

Tyler was a senior at Mattawan High School. I was a senior at Mattawan High School just like most of my friends and cousins, my aunts and uncles and their cousins. Not one of us ever thought something like this could happen. Not in Kalamazoo. Not at home.

Tragically, we were wrong. And though I have confidence in Kalamazoo's resiliency — we survived the tornado of 1980, Upjohn going corporate, the demise of the paper industry, and other tragedies — there is something about Saturday that's going to stick: A tinge of despair that will cling to us like crumpled cellophane sticks to itself.

Yeah, the monster responsible for this did more than hurt a few people. He shattered a happy home. Here's hoping God's grace will help make it whole again.

*If you have comments on this or anything to do with sports, contact me at [chad.t.jones.civ@mail.mil](mailto:chad.t.jones.civ@mail.mil), or send me a Tweet @CTJibber.*



## NEWS & NOTES

The deadline for Soundoff! community "News and Notes" is **Friday at noon**. All submissions are posted at the editor's discretion and may be edited for space and grammar. Look for additional community events on the Fort Meade website at [ftmeade.army.mil](http://ftmeade.army.mil) and the Fort Meade Facebook page at [facebook.com/ftmeade](https://www.facebook.com/ftmeade).

## NEWS & EVENTS

### New way to submit announcements

Community members can advertise their upcoming event, meeting or class on the Soundoff! community announcements page by visiting [ftmeade.army.mil](http://ftmeade.army.mil) and clicking on the Press Center tab.

Once you are in the Fort Meade Press Center, click on PA services, story or promotion request and electronic inquiry form.

Inquiry forms should be submitted at least two weeks before the date of the event, meeting or class.

### Aerial photos of neighborhoods

Corvias Military Living will take aerial photos of installed solar panels at Reece Crossings, the 2900 area of Potomac Place and the community of homes off Bianci Avenue in Heritage Park, on Friday, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The photographer will use a drone to fly low over the buildings, in a very restricted flight path, to capture the images.

The expected time frame is: Potomac Place from 8 a.m. to noon, and Heritage Park and Reece Crossings between noon and 2 p.m.

The purpose of the shoot is to photograph the solar panels and property in support of the solar installation project at Fort Meade.

The photos will be vetted with the Public Affairs Office.

Residents should direct their questions or concerns to their neighborhood center office.

### Museum closed for repairs

Due to ongoing ceiling repairs, the Fort Meade Museum is closed until further notice.

### Mapes gate reopens/ Llewellyn to close

Beginning Monday, the gate at Mapes Road and Route 175 will be open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Llewellyn Avenue gate will close permanently on Friday at 6 p.m.

## Latin Night Friday



FILE PHOTO

**Latin Night at the Brass Lounge in Club Meade is held the last Friday of every month beginning tomorrow night from 7 p.m. to midnight. The Brass Lounge offers food and drink specials. There is no cover charge. The nightclub ambience features a disc jockey playing salsa, bachata, merengue, cumbia and reggaeton. The event is open to all ranks and services and civilian employees. For more information, go to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).**

### NAF Property Sale

The Fort Meade NAF Property Sale inventory is now available on a government liquidation website.

View item photos, payment options, terms and condition agreement, and contact information.

To check out what is available, go to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

### SFL-TAP Brown Bag Hiring Event

The Fort Meade SFL-TAP (Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program) Brown Bag Hiring Event will be held Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McGill Training Center, 8452 Zimborski Ave.

Come during your lunch break for on-site interviews and employment information from local and national companies seeking to hire transitioning service members, their adult family members and retirees.

Lunch will be provided. Bring resumes.  
• Interview for positions with companies ready to hire.

• Meet with representatives from veteran-friendly employment and career agencies.

• Talk with HR representatives hiring within your specific military occupational specialty.

The featured employer is Tri-Cor Industries, hiring: information security analysts, network engineers, systems engineers, data analytics, project managers, developers,

help desk and multimedia engineers.

For more information, contact the Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program, 8501 Simonds St., at 301-677-9871.

### RAB meeting

The next Fort Meade environmental Restoration Advisory Board meeting is March 17 at 7 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott, 2700 Hercules Road, Annapolis Junction.

Community members are invited to attend.

RAB meetings are held to keep the public informed of Fort Meade's environmental cleanup and restoration program and to provide opportunities for public involvement and open discussion.

Members of the public who would like to learn more about the restoration program or to become a RAB member are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 301-677-7999 or visit [www.ftmeade.army.mil/directories/dpw/environment](http://www.ftmeade.army.mil/directories/dpw/environment). Click on RAB link.

### Technical Job Fair

The Fort Meade Technical Job Fair will be held March 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Club Meade, 6600 Mapes Road.

The event is free and open to all job-seekers.

More than 60 employers are expected to attend. Bring plenty of resumes.

A "resume doctor" will provide free re-

sume evaluation and preparation assistance.

Free parking and a shuttle bus from Smallwood Hall parking lot to Club Meade are available.

For a complete list of employers, go to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com) and click on Job Fair.

### Prescription disposal at Kimbrough, Odenton police station

Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center has added a new option for medication disposal for its beneficiaries.

Located in the pharmacy lobby, the MedSafe drop box allows patients to safely dispose of any expired, unused or unwanted medications.

The MedSafe is always accessible and can accept most medications.

Medications should be left in the original packaging when possible.

Expired, unwanted and unused medication can also be safely disposed of in deposit boxes located at several police headquarters, 24 hours daily, seven days a week including the Western District in Odenton at 8273 Telegraph Road.

For more information, call 410-222-6155.

### Black History Month observance

Fort Meade's annual observance of Black History Month is today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McGill Training Center, 8452 Zimborski Ave.

The theme is: "Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories."

Dr. E. Faye Williams, president and CEO of the National Congress of Black Women, is the guest speaker.

The event is hosted by the Defense Media Activity.

All Fort Meade community members are encouraged to attend with supervisory approval and without charge to annual leave.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Derrick L. Chambers at 301-677-6687 or Staff Sgt. Megan E. Garcia at 301-675-6523.

### Salute to Rep. Parren Mitchell

Celebrate Black History Month on Friday at 7 p.m. at Club Meade for the inaugural "Salute Congressman Parren J. Mitchell Day Dinner."

The late Maryland Rep. Parren J. Mitchell was the first African-American elected to Congress south of the Mason-Dixon Line since Reconstruction and was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus.

A graduate of Morgan State College, Mitchell was a member of the 92nd Infantry Division, a commissioned officer and company commander from 1942-1945.

Mitchell was awarded a Purple Heart and a field promotion from Gen. George S. Pat-



ton.

For more information, call 443-618-1750.

## MOAA presentation

The Military Officers Association of America's Fort Meade Chapter will host local Girl Scout Alaina Matthews, who will discuss her Gold Award project focusing on teenage children of deployed service members.

The event will be held March 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Club Meade.

Reservations are required by Sunday at 410-799-8331.

## EDUCATION

### Soldier for Life TAP

The Fort Meade Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program Center provides transition and counseling services for pre-separation.

Transitioning service members also receive employment assistance, and relocation, education and training, health and life insurance, and retirement information.

Services are free and available to active-duty service members, retirees and their family members and DoD civilian employees (as required).

- Understanding GI Bill: Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Marketing Yourself: Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Financial & Benefits Education: March 3, 12:30-2 p.m.
- Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Workshop: March 7-11 and March 21-25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To register or for more information, call 301-677-9017 or 301-677-9018.

- Ten Steps to a Federal Job: March 15, 9 a.m. to noon
- Suiting Warriors Event: March 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Career Technical Training: March 30-31, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Medical Records Review: Appointment required

To begin the transition process or to register for upcoming classes, call the SFL-TAP Center at 301-677-9871 or visit the office at 8501 Simonds Street, first floor.

### Financial, Employment Readiness

Army Community Service offers Financial Readiness and Employment Readiness classes to all ranks and services and to DoD civilian employees at the Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave.

#### Military:

- Family Readiness Group Leader Basics: Friday, 9-11 a.m.
- Family Resiliency Training: Friday, 11 a.m. to noon

## Military Saves Week



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**"Military Saves Week" is Feb. 22-27. The annual Department of Defense effort encourages service members to save money and learn more about their finances. On Feb. 11, Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley signed the "Military Saves Week" proclamation with members of Fort Meade's Army Community Service staff looking on.**

#### Financial:

- Salary Negotiation: Today, 9 a.m. to noon
  - Dollars & Sense: Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon
  - Banking Basics: March 8, 9-11 a.m.
  - Women Building Wealth: March 11, 9 a.m. to noon
- Registration is required for each class.  
To register, go to [fortmeadeacs.checkapointments.com](http://fortmeadeacs.checkapointments.com).

#### Free classes

The Navy Fleet and Family Support Center offers a variety of classes at its facility at 2212 Chisholm Ave.

The free classes are open to DoD ID cardholders including active-duty service members, retirees and their family members, DoD civilian employees and contractors.

- Registration is required for each class.
- Resume Workshop: Monday, 9 a.m. to noon
  - Stress Management: March 3, 9-11 a.m.
  - TGPS Workshop (Transition, Goals, Plans, Success): March 7-11 or March 21-25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Interviewing Skills: March 8, 9 a.m. to noon
  - Building Healthy Relationships: March 10, 9-11 a.m.
  - Medical Records Review: Appointment required

To register or for more information, call 301-677-9017 or 301-677-9018.

### MOAA scholarships

The deadline for the Military Officers Association of America Scholarship Fund's online application for the 2016-17 school year is Tuesday at noon.

Students can apply for interest-free loans and grants, which are awarded annually for up to five years of undergraduate study (or until a student graduates).

#### Eligibility guidelines:

- Students under age 24 who are children of former, currently serving or retired commissioned or warrant officers and children of currently serving or retired enlisted service members. Active-duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired and former commissioned officers and warrant officers of the seven uniformed services are eligible for MOAA membership.

- Graduating high school seniors or full-time college students working toward their first undergraduate degree. If a student served in a uniformed service before completing college, however, the maximum age for eligibility will be increased by the number of years he or she served, up to five years.

- Qualified students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale are considered for selection based on their scholastic ability and participation in extracurricular and community activities, as well as financial need.

In 2015, the MOAA Scholarship Fund distributed nearly \$9.3 million in grants and interest-free loans to more than 1,700 military families.

For more information on educational assistance or making a contribution to the MOAA Scholarship Fund, visit [www.moaa.org/scholarshipfund](http://www.moaa.org/scholarshipfund) or email [edassist@moaa.org](mailto:edassist@moaa.org).

### OSC scholarships

The Fort Meade Officers' Spouses' Club scholarship program acknowledges outstanding military dependents of the Fort Meade community by offering financial assistance toward education in any field of their choice.

All applications for 2016 must be postmarked by Wednesday.

#### • Merit Scholarships

Applicant must have a cumulative, unweighted grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.

Applicant must be a candidate for graduation from high school in spring 2015 or currently enrolled in college prior to Jan. 1.

#### • Etta Baker Memorial Scholarship

High school seniors who apply for the OSC Merit Scholarship will automatically be considered for the Etta Baker Memorial Scholarship, the club's highest merit scholarship, if they have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.

#### • OSC Family Member Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to one high school senior who is a family member of a member of the OSC in good standing as of Jan. 1. Scholarship is based highly on community service.

#### • Military Spouse Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to an applicant enrolled in a two-year or four-year program of study at an accredited institution for the 2016-2017 academic school year and is completing an initial degree.

For more information, email the OSC scholarship chairperson at [scholarships@fortmeadeosc.org](mailto:scholarships@fortmeadeosc.org) or go to [www.fortmeadeosc.org/scholarships](http://www.fortmeadeosc.org/scholarships).

## YOUTH

### New hours for Parent Central Services

Beginning March 16, the new hours of operation for Parent Central Services are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Late openings are held every third Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for training and staff meetings.

The last walk-in and appointment is 5 p.m.

For more information, call 301-677-1149/1156/1104.

### Teen weight study

Do you worry about your teen's eating or weight?

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## NEWS &amp; NOTES, From page 15

Consider participating in the Eating and Attention Training Study at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda.

The study is testing whether attention training on a mobile phone will help change teens' eating habits.

Adolescents, ages 12-17, who are above average weight with loss of control over eating are needed to participate.

Visits take place at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Individuals who qualify will be compensated for their time.

For more information, call Marissa Bar-mine at 301-295-0864; email Dr. Monika Stojek at monika.stojek.ctr@usuhs.edu; or visit <https://www.facebook.com/proj-ecteats>.

## Youth Center events

The Youth Center is offering several events:

- Zumba Kids for ages 7-11: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-6:45 p.m.

Cost is \$32 for the whole session. Space is limited.

- Spelling Bee Contest: Today, 5:30-6:30 p.m. for grades six to eight

The free event will feature a pizza party for participants and parents.

Prizes will be awarded.

For reservations or more information, call 301-677-1437.

## Youth of the Year

Apply now for the Youth of the Year, a Boys and Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program for club members ages 14-18 promoting service to their club, community and family.

The ideal candidate embodies the values of leadership service, academic excellence and healthy lifestyles.

Each year the Teen Center chooses a teen to represent Fort Meade in this nationally recognized event.

Scholarships are awarded to state and regional winners.

Stop by the Teen Center to receive a scholarship competition package.

For more information, call 301-677-6054.

## Storytime

The Children's Library offers pre-kindergarten Storytime on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Kuhn Hall, 4415 Llewellyn Ave.

- Today: "Quiet As A Mouse!" — stories about mice

- March 3 "Don't Be A Square" — Storytime about shapes

- March 10: "Reading Makes Us Hoppy!" — stories about bunnies

For more information, call 301-677-5522

or 301-677-4509 or go to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

## RECREATION

## Out &amp; About

- **Meade Area Garden Club** is sponsoring a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on March 7.

The bus will leave from the Ridgeview Shopping Plaza on Route 175 at 8:45 a.m. and will return by 6 p.m.

Cost, including the bus and admission to the flower show, is \$67 for Meade Area Garden Club members and \$72 for non-members.

Reservations are required along with payment for the trip by Tuesday.

For more information or reservations, call Beverly Durana at 410-551-2263.

- **Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers** is sponsoring a day trip to New York City on March 12 from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The event is open to all single service members. Cost is \$5 and includes transportation and a visit to the 9/11 Memorial. Only 45 spaces are available.

For more information, call Spc. Derek Young at 301-915-5389.

- **B&O Railroad's** 189th birthday celebration will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the B&O Railroad Museum, 901 W. Pratt St., Baltimore.

Admission costs \$18 for adults; \$16 for seniors ages 60 and older; and \$12 for children ages 2-12. Train rides cost an additional \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

Highlights include:

- Debut of the York locomotive, a 1926 replica of the 1831 B&O Railroad locomotive, acquired at auction from the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry

- Narrated, 20-minute train rides departs Saturday at 11 a.m. and at 1 and 2:30 p.m.; and Sunday at 12:30 and 2 p.m.

- C&O Canal Historical Society presentations of the Underground Railroad

- Saturday Birthday Bash for Kids that includes train and party games, and interactive education stations

For more information, call 410-752-2490 or go to [borail.org](http://borail.org).

- **Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus** tickets are on sale at Leisure Travel Services until March 9 for shows March 16-27 at the Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore. Tickets cost \$19.25.

For more information, call 301-677-7354.

## MEETINGS

- **Retired Officers' Wives' Club** will conduct its next luncheon meeting Tuesday

at 11 a.m. at Club Meade. The Lyric Opera will present "Tis the Wearin' of the Green," a lively rendition of St. Patrick's Day tunes.

Cost is \$18. Reservations are required by today. Call your area representative or Betty Wade at 410-551-7082.

Annual membership dues are \$25, but starting in February, you may join through May for \$12.50.

Members may bring guests to the luncheons.

For more information, call Lianne Roberts, ROWC president, at 301-464-5498.

- **Monthly Prayer Breakfast**, hosted by the Religious Support Office, is held the first Thursday of every month at 7 a.m. at Club Meade. The next prayer breakfast is March 3. There is no cost for the buffet. Donations are optional.

All Fort Meade employees, civilian and military personnel, and family members are invited. For more information, call 301-677-6703.

- **Fort Meade First Class Petty Officer Association** meets the first Thursday of every month at 3 p.m. at The Lanes. The next meeting is March 3. All first class petty officers are invited. For more information, call PO1 Jennifer Wonch at 410-854-2763.

- **Exceptional Family Member Program** hosts "Sip and Share" on the first Thursday of every month from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Exchange coffee shop in the food court. The next get-together is March 3.

The event is designed to allow participants to share their stories to encourage and inform one another about resources available in the local community. For more information or to register, call 301-677-4779.

- **Meade Rod and Gun Club** meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Perry's Restaurant and Odie's Pub at 1210 Annapolis Road, Odenton, in the banquet hall in back of the building. The next meeting is March 3. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. For more information, call Charisma Wooten at 240-568-6055.

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness of Anne Arundel County** offers a free support group for families with a loved one suffering from mental illness on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Odenton (West County) Library, 1325 Annapolis Road. The next meeting is March 3. For more information, visit [namiaac.org](http://namiaac.org).

- **Families Dealing with Deployment** meets the first and third Monday of every month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Family Advocacy Program, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave. Children welcome. The next meeting is March 7.

The group is for families experiencing an upcoming or current deployment, or the service members who have recently returned from deployment. For more information, call 301-677-5590 or email [colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil).

## MOVIES

*The movie schedule is subject to change. For a recorded announcement of showings, call 301-677-5324. Further listings are available on the Army and Air Force Exchange Service website at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).*

*Movies start Fridays at 6:30 p.m., Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. PRICES: Tickets are \$6 for adults (12 and older) and \$3.50 for children. 3D Movies: \$8 adults, \$5.50 children.*

## Today through March 6



20TH CENTURY FOX/AF

**Friday & Saturday: "The Revenant" (R).** A frontiersman on a fur trading expedition in the 1820s fights for survival after being mauled by a bear and left for dead by members of his own hunting team. With Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy, Will Poulter.

**Sunday: "The Hateful Eight" (R).** In the dead of a Wyoming winter, a bounty hunter and his prisoner find shelter in a cabin currently inhabited by a collection of nefarious characters. With Samuel L. Jackson, Kurt Russell, Jennifer Jason Leigh.

**March 4: "13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi" (R).** As an American ambassador is killed during an attack at a U.S. compound in Libya, a security team struggles to make sense out of the chaos. With John Krasinski, Pablo Schreiber, James Badge Dale.

**March 5: "Norm of the North" (PG).** When a real estate development invades his Arctic home, Norm and his three lemming friends head to New York City, where Norm becomes the mascot of the corporation in an attempt to bring it down from the inside and protect his homeland. With the voices of Rob Schneider, Heather Graham, Ken Jeong.

**March 6: "Ride Along 2" (PG-13).** As his wedding day approaches, Ben heads to Miami with his soon-to-be brother-in-law James to bring down a drug dealer who's supplying the dealers of Atlanta with product. With Kevin Hart, Ice Cube, Tika Sumpter.