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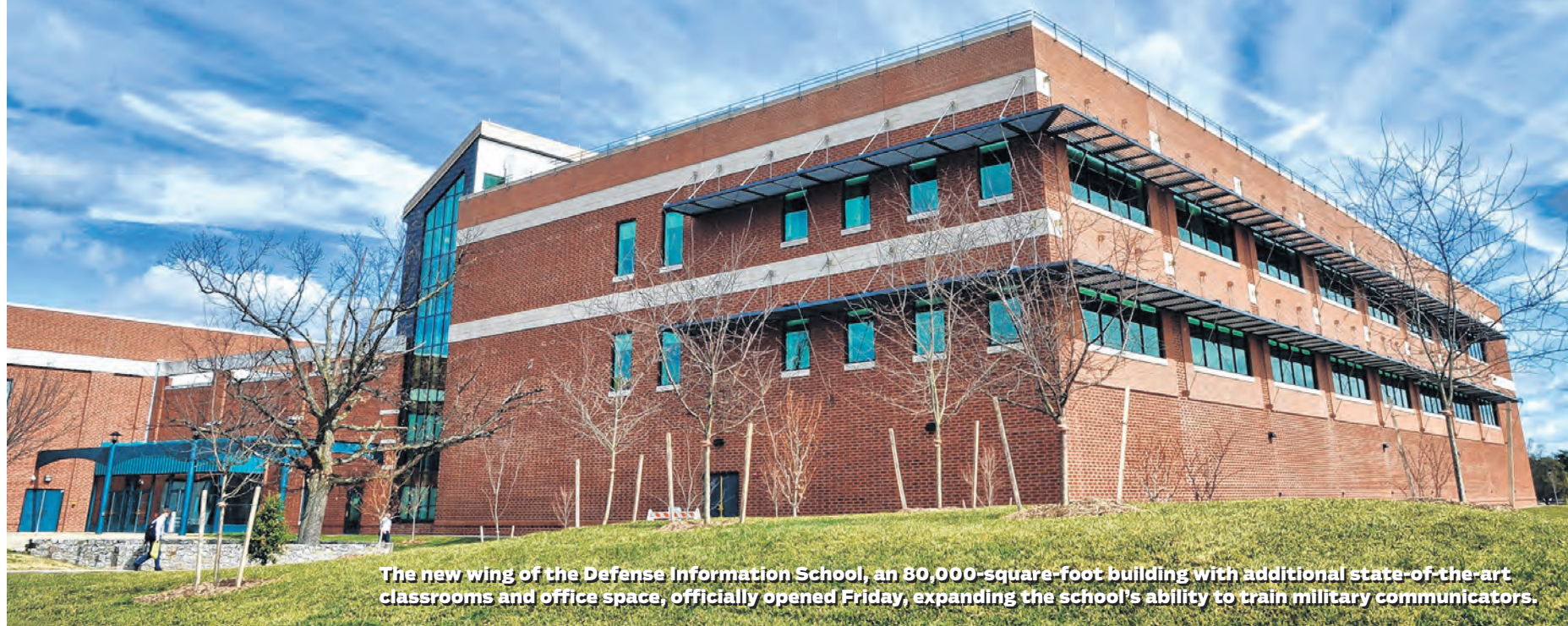
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Winging it

DINFOS officially opens new wing

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The new wing of the Defense Information School, an 80,000-square-foot building with additional state-of-the-art classrooms and office space, officially opened Friday, expanding the school's ability to train military communicators.

PHOTO BY PHIL GROUT

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Automated entry system at gates

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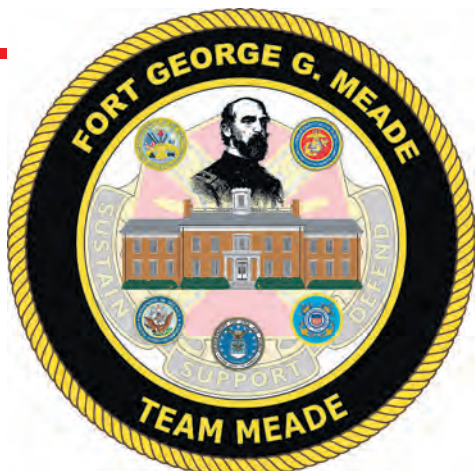
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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Celebrate women's history, salute Vietnam veterans

Greetings, Team Meade. Spring is nearing and, hopefully, we've weathered the last of the winter storms.

Thanks for your patience and support with the filling of the potholes, plowing of the roads and power outages. We are continuously working to provide you, as our partners, excellent service and timely responses.

March is Women's History Month and the theme presents the opportunity to weave women's stories — individually and collectively — into the essential fabric of our nation's history.

Accounts of the lives of individual women are critically important because they reveal exceptionally strong role models who share a more expansive vision of what a woman can do. The stories of women's lives, and the choices they made, encourage girls and young women to think larger and bolder, and give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience.

Knowing women's achievements challenges stereotypes and upends social assumptions about who women are and what women can accomplish.

Today, more women are the family's main breadwinner than ever before. Women form nearly half of our nation's workforce and they are increasingly among the most skilled. At the same time, more than 60 percent of women with children under the age of 5 participate in the labor force.

Let's take the time to remember the women from our past, to thank the women of our present and to help raise the girls and young ladies of our future.

The garrison and U.S. Army Cyber Command's Equal Opportunity Offices will host the annual Women's History Month observance on Friday at 11:30 at McGill



Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes

Training Center featuring actress and writer Kate Campbell Stevenson, who will present historical performances.

Last year, Fort Meade partnered with the Hospice of Chesapeake to help establish and promote "Welcome Home Veterans Day."

March 30 is the commemorative day in the state of Maryland to celebrate, honor and welcome home our Vietnam veterans. This was the first bill that Gov. Larry Hogan signed into law.

After the bill signing, we welcomed home hundreds of Vietnam veterans at the Loews Annapolis Hotel. We marched in 50 service members from all military services and cadets from the U.S. Naval Academy to give the "welcome home salute" to all of the Vietnam veterans. There was not a dry eye at the ceremony. It also impacted the young service members who volunteered to perform the salute.

This year's event is March 30 at the BWI Hilton Hotel. The program starts at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

The event is open to all Vietnam veterans and their families at no charge — a gift to these military heroes. Come on out to cheer our Vietnam veterans to give them the welcome they never had when they returned from service.

Congrats to the Defense Information School for the opening of its new facility and bringing to Fort Meade the cutting edge of technology. Your team truly personifies "Excellence in Action!"

Thanks to all who are active members in the community. My wife and I encourage you to get up, get out and do something. Capitalize on the time that you're here in the Maryland and Washington, D.C. area.

Have a blessed and fruitful week. Go Team Meade!

Commander's Open Door

Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley has an open door policy.

All service members, retirees, government employees, family members and community members age 18 or older are invited to address issues or concerns to the commander directly by visiting Foley's office on Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. at garrison headquarters in Hodges Hall, Bldg. 4551, Llewellyn Avenue.

Visitors are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call 301-677-4844.

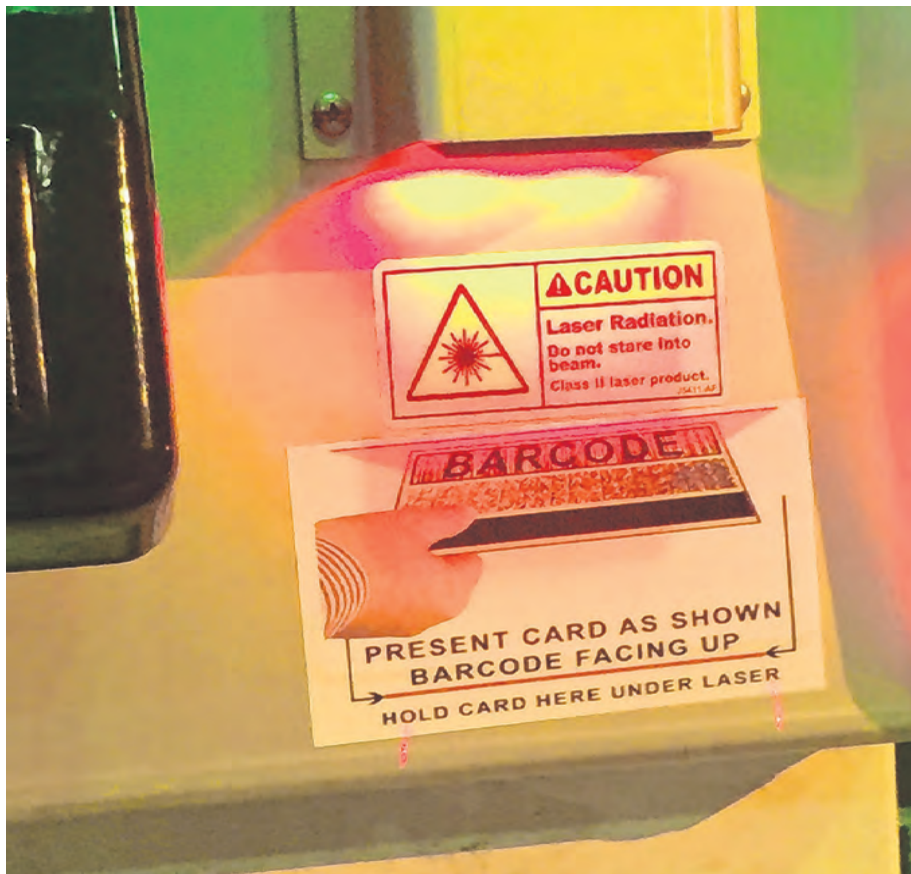


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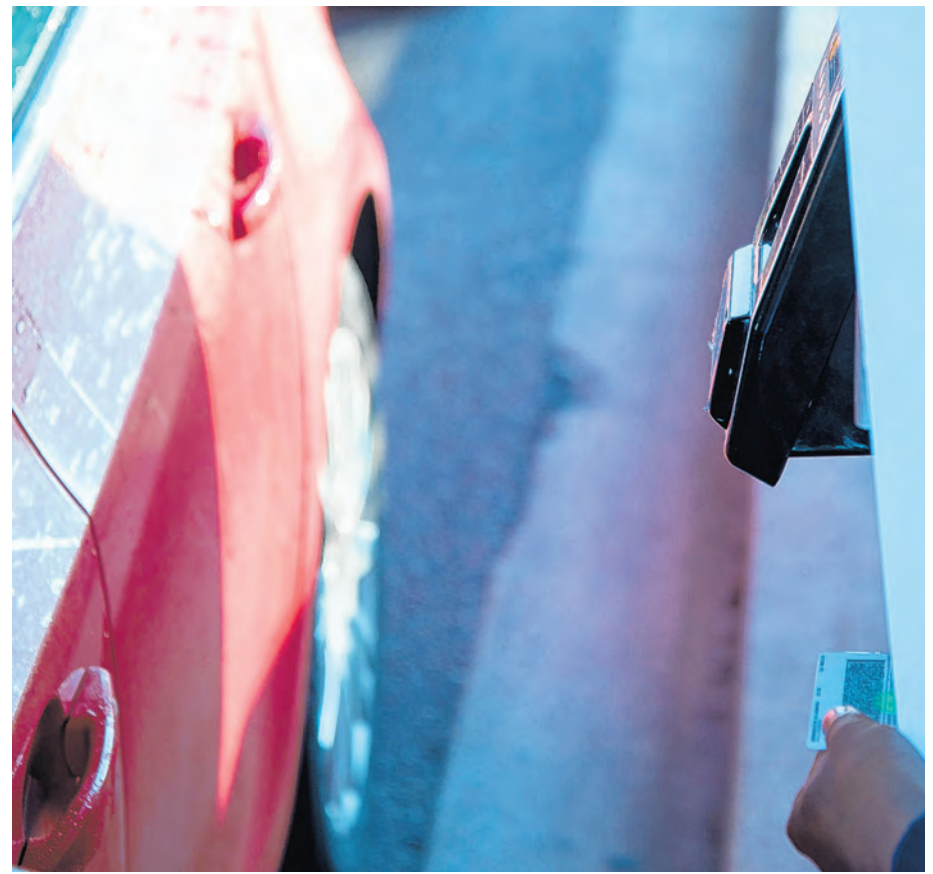


PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS FRANK INMAN

Pull up close enough to the curb to access the AIE machine.

In the cards: Fort Meade implements Automated Installation Entry system

BY GANESA R. ROBINSON
Editor

If you have visited Fort Meade recently, you may have noticed changes to the process for accessing the installation.

As part of the Department of Defense's enhanced access control procedures, the Fort Meade Directorate of Emergency Services has begun implementing the new Automated Installation Entry system at the gates.

The AIE security system will officially activate April 4 at all Fort Meade gates, requiring DoD Common Access Cards or family member identification cardholders to swipe or scan their ID card in order to gain entrance to the installation.

The purpose of the new system is to

increase security for service members and their families, DoD civilians, federal retirees, contractors and guests of the installation by electronically validating an individual's identification.

Gate guards will continue manning the access control points.

For more information on Fort Meade's access control procedures, call the DES Physical Security Office at 301-677-6618.

Editor's note: For more information on Fort Meade's new access control procedures, the Fort Meade community is invited to a town hall on the subject on March 24 from 6-7 p.m. at the Post Theater.

Stay tuned to Meade TV, and Fort Meade's Facebook page and website for further updates.

Delays at the gate may be avoided by following a few simple tips:

- Pull up close enough to the curb to access the AIE machine.
- Properly swipe or scan your CAC or family member ID using the barcode.
- Allow five to 10 seconds for the barcode scan to complete.
- Be alert while waiting in line.
- Proceed to the AIE machine after the vehicle in front of you has entered.
- Do not wait for the arm to completely lower before using the AIE system.
- Ensure all passengers in the vehicle possess a valid photo ID.
- No ID, no entry.

Right Arm Night today



FILE PHOTO

The next Joint Services Right Arm Night is today from 4-6 p.m. at Club Meade. The event features free food, music, dancing and prizes and is open to all services, military and civilian. Bring the entire unit or office and reserve unit tables. To reserve a table, call 301-677-6969. Unit table reservations will not be held past 4:30 p.m. unless a representative is present at the table prior to deadline. For more information, go to meade.armymwr.com.



FILE PHOTO

Women's History Month

The Fort Meade garrison and U.S. Army Cyber Command's Equal Opportunity Offices will celebrate Women's History Month on Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McGill Training Center, 8542 Zimborski Ave. The free event will feature an historical performance by Kate Campbell Stevenson, a writer, director and actress as Eleanor Roosevelt, abolitionist Lucy Stone and and former Mayor Rose Crabtree. The annual observance is open to all service members, DoD civilian employees and family members. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class at 301-677-4922 or email donnel.r.cabanos.mil@mail.mil or Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Chambers at 301-677-6687 or email derrick.l.chambers2.mil@mail.mil.

Going Green: St. Patrick's Day Events

St. Patty's Push-Pull Meet

The 2016 St. Patrick's Day Push-Pull Competition is today at Murphy Field House. The morale-boosting power event is open to eligible patrons of Fort Meade's fitness centers. Registration and weigh-ins will be conducted from 9-11 a.m. Registration costs \$25 and includes a T-shirt. A mandatory safety briefing will be held 10:30-10:50 a.m. Start-time and lift-off starts at 11:30 a.m. Starting attempts for both lifts must be declared at the weigh-in. One change on the first attempt may occur up to five minutes prior to the starting time for each flight. For details on weight class and attire, go to meade.armymwr.com or email Sylvia Garcia, Gaffney fitness coordinator, at sylvia.l.garcia.naf@mail.mil.

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: "It's Easy Being Green" — stories about all things green

For more information, call 301-677-5522 or 301-677-4509 or go to meade.armymwr.com.

Day of Green

Students in grades nine to 12 are invited to the Teen Center today at 3 p.m. to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The event will feature music, food and games. For more information, call 301-677-6054.

St. Patrick's Day Party

Students in grades six to eight are invited to the Youth St. Patrick's Day party today from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. The free event will feature music, refreshments and dancing. Wear your green! For more information, call 301-677-6054.



Annapolis Irish Festival

The Feast of Saint Patrick, an annual city-wide Annapolis festival celebrating the foremost patron saint of Ireland, will be celebrated today at West Gate Circle, Annapolis. For more information, call 410-280-0445.

COMMUNITY CRIME WATCH

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• **March 2, Shoplifting:** AAFES loss prevention personnel stated she that she watched two subjects via surveillance cameras select multiple items and place them in a cart, and go to a secluded aisle to open and place the items in their bags. They then made their way to the front of the store and removed both bags from the shopping cart. They exited the store without rendering payment.

• **March 2, Possession of a controlled substance:** Police were notified of possible marijuana at Building 7500. An investigation determined that the subject was in possession of a controlled substance when he was found in possession of a pipe and admitted to possessing marijuana on post.

• **March 3, Shoplifting:** AAFES loss prevention personnel stated she witnessed the subject select a PlayStation 4 game and place it on his person. He then proceeded to leave the store without rendering payment.

• **March 11, Driving vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired by alcohol, turning vehicle without giving appropriate signal and failure to equip vehicle with required lamps and reflectors:** Police observed a vehicle cross the lane divider with its right tail light out. The vehicle was weaving within the lane and crossed the solid white line multiple times. A traffic stop was conducted. Police detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the vehicle. The driver exited the vehicle and standardized field sobriety tests were conducted. He performed poorly. The driver refused a blood alcohol concentration test.

For week of Feb. 29-March 6

Moving violations: 21
Nonmoving violations: 10
Verbal warnings for traffic stops: 60
Traffic accidents: 3
Driving on suspended license: 0
Driving on suspended registration: 0
Driving without a license: 0

For week of March 7-13

Moving violations: 46
Nonmoving violations: 12
Verbal warnings for traffic stops: 63
Traffic accidents: 7
Driving on suspended license: 2
Driving on suspended registration: 1
Driving without a license: 0

Report potholes on post



PHOTO BY BRYAN SPANN

If you see a pothole on post, large or small, email alice.m.price10.civ@mail.mil and Nedra.s.beale.civ@mail.mil with the following information: date; location of pothole: street, building, intersection and cross-road; and approximate size.

Does Cooling-Off Rule apply to your purchase?

BY JANE M. WINAND
Chief, Legal Assistance Division

The Legal Assistance Division frequently gets questions about door-to-door sales and solicitations for sales of periodicals and other goods.

The problems range from misunderstanding rights of cancellation and failure of the company selling the material to deliver the product promised, to the buyer figuring out that he or she really didn't want the product.

At stake is the potential obligation to pay lots of money for unwanted, defective or undelivered merchandise. If you purchase something at a store and later change your mind, you may not be able to return the merchandise.

However, if you buy an item in your home or at a location that is not the seller's permanent place of business, you may have the option to return the item.

The Federal Trade Commission's Cooling-Off Rule mandates that you have three days to cancel purchases of \$25 or more. This right to cancel and receive a full refund is effective until midnight of the third business day after the sale.

The Cooling-Off Rule applies to sales at your home and place of employment as well as at facilities rented by the seller on a temporary or short-term basis such as hotel rooms, convention centers and fairgrounds.

The Cooling-Off Rule also applies if you invite the salesperson to your home to make a presentation. Under this rule, the seller must tell you about your cancellation rights at the time of the sale. The seller also must give you two copies of a cancellation form (one to keep and one to send in) and a copy of your contract. The contract must be dated, list the seller's name and address, and explain your cancellation rights — all in the same language used during the sales presentation.

The following types of sales may not be canceled even if they occur in locations normally covered by the rule: Sales under \$25; sales made entirely by telephone or mail; sales that are the result of prior negotiations held at the seller's permanent place of business; sales needed to meet an emergency; sales made as part of your request for repairs and maintenance on your personal property; sales for goods and services not primarily intended for personal, family or household use; sales involving real estate, insurance and securities; sales of arts and crafts at fairs, schools and shopping malls; and sales of motor vehicles at temporary locations, provided the seller has at least one permanent place of business.

To cancel a sale, you must sign and date one copy of the cancellation form and mail it to the address given on the form. The envelope must be post-marked before midnight of the third business day after the

contract date. Saturday is considered a business day, but Sundays and federal holidays are not.

Since proof of the mailing date and proof of receipt are important, send the form by certified mail so that you get a return receipt. Keep a copy of the cancellation form for your records. If the seller did not provide you with a cancellation form, you may write your own letter.

You do not have to provide a reason for your decision to cancel.

If you have canceled the purchase, the seller has 10 days to return any promissory note to you, refund your money, inform you whether the product you have will be picked up, and return any trade-in merchandise.

Within 20 days, the seller must either pick up the merchandise or reimburse you for mailing expenses, if you agree to mail the items back.

You must make all merchandise available to the seller in as good a condition as when you received the goods.

If you do not make the merchandise available to the seller, or you fail to return the items as agreed, you will be obligated under the contract to pay for them.

For more information about the Cooling-Off Rule, go to the Federal Trade Commission website at ftc.gov or call the Fort Meade Legal Assistance Office to schedule an appointment with an attorney at 301-677-9504 or 301-677-9536.

Speed Racing

BY LISA R. RHODES
Staff Writer

Ever wonder what it must be like to be a NASCAR driver?

The Fort Meade community had the chance to find out Saturday when a NASCAR simulator was available outside the commissary for four hours.

The purpose of the simulator was “to attract the public and active-duty personnel to see the race car and enjoy the experience of an actual race,” said Frank Macias, assistant store manager.

The simulator is a model of No. 88 driven by famed NASCAR stock car racer Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Drivers were able to race up to 20 laps and have their speed recorded.



PHOTOS BY PHIL GROUT

Jakob Gaggiani, 5, of Columbia stands a bit taller after his ride in the colorful NASCAR simulator on display Saturday outside the Fort Meade Commissary.



Victoria Ford of Glen Burnie climbs in the NASCAR simulator for a ride.



Denise Lewis, an employee of Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center, takes a wild ride in the NASCAR simulator Saturday.



Meade High shooting guard Tristan Easton (left) offers support to his teammates and coach Pete Corriero after the team's loss to Eleanor Roosevelt High in the 2016 Boys State Finals on Saturday night at College Park's Xfinity Center.



PHOTOS BY NATE PESCE

Meade High fans cheer wildly from the stands at the Xfinity Center at the semifinals on March 10 when the 'Stangs crushed the Walt Whitman High Vikings 61-35.

BOYS BASKETBALL ELEANOR ROOSEVELT 72, MEADE 39

Meade High stopped short

Mustangs halted in pursuit of second state championship

BY ALAN H. FEILER
Staff Writer

Some things just aren't meant to be.

In their quest for a second-straight state championship, the Meade High Mustangs boys varsity basketball team were shut down by Greenbelt's Eleanor Roosevelt High Raiders 72-39 on Saturday night at the Xfinity Center at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Last March, the Mustangs beat the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Barons 80-45 to win the 4A Boys State Basketball Championship. It was the first time since 1990 that an Anne Arundel County high school team won a state championship.

The stinging defeat in the 2016 Boys State Finals came after the 'Stangs (23-4) decimated Bethesda's Walt Whitman High Vikings (17-10) 61-35 in the Class 4A state semifinals on March 10 at the Xfinity Center.

On March 4, Meade High defeated the Annapolis High Panthers 62-59 in the Class 4A East Region final. Six days later, Eleanor Roosevelt (24-3), the West Region champs, knocked out the Perry Hall High Gators 69-59 in the state semifinals.

The Raiders, who won their second state title in the past four years, opened the game against the Mustangs on a 13-2 run. By the end of the first half, Eleanor Roosevelt was leading 38-13.

For the remainder of the game, Eleanor Roosevelt dominated, sending Raiders fans in the Xfinity Center into a frenzy. Leading the way was Raiders shooting guard Naji

Marshall, who scored 21 points and grabbed five rebounds against the Mustangs.

Meade High's star player, shooting guard Tristan Easton, tied his season low with 6 points as the Raiders' defense closely guarded him throughout the game. None of the Mustangs scored in double digits. Point guard Kodie Jackson came closest with 9.

Last December, the Raiders defeated the 'Stangs 62-54 in the Route 175 Holiday Classic.

Although disappointed by the outcome of the most recent game against Eleanor Roosevelt — which snapped the Mustangs' 14-game winning streak — Meade High coach Pete Corriero said he was extremely proud of his players.

"It was not the way we expected it to go. Roosevelt played extremely well and had a great season," he said. "We knew going in that we had to play a near-perfect game and Roosevelt had to have a bad game. Instead, they played their best game all season.

"We were outmatched on size alone. We were that team last year, bigger than everybody else. Once the game started, Roosevelt was very focused and executed better than we did.

"But that doesn't diminish our season at all or making it to the state championships two years in a row. No one expected us to make it that far," Corriero said. "That's an amazing accomplishment. This group achieved more in that two-year window than maybe any other team. This is a history-making class."

Although the Mustangs are losing seven seniors —



Mustangs point guard Kodie Jackson (left) gets airborne over Eleanor Roosevelt's Jaden Faulkner while scoring one of his 9 points at Saturday's game. Watching the play is Meade High shooting guard Hillard Black.

including Easton — Corriero said he looks forward to the Mustangs' next season and is quite optimistic. He noted that seven members of the team's current roster are freshmen.

"It's going to be a lot of fun. There will be growing pains, but that's what makes it fun," Corriero said. "They're ready to get back to work. Our guys are very proud of the tradition of the school and their legacy, and the younger guys see that.

"It's a great present and a really good future."



PHOTOS BY PHIL GROUT

Linn Foster (left), DINFOS building manager, and retired Lt. Col. Ronald Watrous, former deputy commandant of DINFOS, cut the ceremonial cake for the expansion. The men worked together to write the proposal for the new wing in 2008.

Winging it

DINFOS officially opens new wing

By **LISA R. RHODES**
Staff Writer

A gathering of current and former Defense Information School leaders and administrators on Friday seemed like a class reunion, but the event celebrated the official unveiling of the school's new wing.

The school's expansion includes a new 80,000-square-foot building with state-of-the-art classrooms and office space, and the renovation of more than 60,000 square feet of the existing school building and the Staff Sgt. Paul Savanuck Memorial Library.

The new wing is one of 12 major construction projects in recent years that has

contributed to Fort Meade's growth during its ongoing transformation.

"This is really fantastic, isn't it?" said Col. Martin Downie, commandant of DINFOS, in his remarks during the opening ceremony at the new wing. "This is the result of years and years of team work."

The 30-minute opening ceremony featured a short film about DINFOS as a leader in training military communicators and the construction and importance of the new wing.

Retired Rear Adm. John Kirby, assistant secretary for public affairs and spokesperson for the Department of State, was the guest speaker. A reception was held after the



Tech Sgt. Troy Davis, who served as emcee, speaks to an audience of current and former Defense Information School leaders and administrators and other distinguished guests at the unveiling of the school's new wing Friday.

ceremony.

Stepping from behind the lectern, Kirby made informal remarks and called DINFOS the "crown jewel" of military communications.

"There is no other nation that has anything like the Defense Information School," he said. "It doesn't exist."

Kirby said the wing represents new opportunities for instructors to "challenge students" in the classroom and also push learning outside to "the fleet and field."

He said that the superior education and training that DINFOS students receive not only prepare them to be "good communicators," but also "good counselors and advisors" to commanders who make important decisions on national security matters.

Plans to expand the school started in

2008.

"The concept was simple — to accommodate the ever-evolving needs of the military services and Department of Defense and to be able to increase the capacity to handle increased wartime training requirements," said Tech Sgt. Troy Davis, the emcee of the ceremony.

In his remarks, Downie thanked retired Navy Capt. Curry Graham and retired Col. Jeremy Martin, both former DINFOS commandants; retired Lt. Col. Ronald Watrous, former DINFOS deputy commandant; and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Emma Krouser, former DINFOS command sergeant major, for their unwavering commitment to the expansion of the school.

Downie also acknowledged the work of the DINFOS Department of Logistics, the

Baltimore Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Meade's Directorate of Public Works and the Fort Meade garrison for their expertise and support in the construction of the new wing.

The John C. Grimberg Company, based in Rockville, was the lead contractor on the project.

With its refurbished classrooms and upgraded offices, the new wing represents "a greater capacity and capabilities for teachers and students to learn in a modern environment," Downie said.

The school also installed a wireless network, obtained tablets for students and increased online training materials.

But more importantly, Downie said, the new wing "reunites our school."

During construction, DINFOS was a "divided campus," he said, with the main

building located on Zimborski Avenue, and a south campus, which was an 88,000-square-foot facility made up of multiple trailers that was located at the corner of Simonds Road and York Avenue. The south campus was established four years ago.

Some classes were temporarily held at the south campus until the new wing was opened to instructors and students in January.

"We are reunited and it feels so good," Downie said, referring to the song "Reunited" by Peaches and Herb, a disco duo popular in the 1980s.

DINFOS is now able to train up to 3,000 students per year in one location.

In his remarks, Kirby said the new wing stands as "tangible physical evidence" of "a serious commitment on the part of the



Cutting the ceremonial ribbon Friday morning for the new wing are DINFOS Commandant Col. Martin Downie (left) and guest speaker retired Rear Adm. John Kirby, assistant secretary for public affairs and spokesperson for the Department of State.

American people." That commitment is to the training of military communicators "who articulate and shape the message that we take out into the world."

Kirby asked the audience to acknowledge the American people with a round of applause.

Downie and Kirby joined other distinguished guests in cutting the ribbon to open the new wing.

Watrous and Linn Foster, DINFOS building manager, cut the ceremonial cake. Both wrote the proposal for the school's expansion

in 2008.

"It is breathtaking," said Watrous, now chief of public affairs for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Eustis, Va., during the reception. "I'm just in awe of how it turned out."

Ray Shepherd, director of the Defense Media Activity, was equally impressed.

"I think it's a tremendous achievement for the school," Shepherd said during the reception. "It gives us the opportunity to better train students and start us up for the future."

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 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 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.

Town hall

The Fort Meade community is invited to a town hall meeting on upcoming changes to access control procedures onto the installation.

The town hall will be held March 24 at 6 p.m. at the Post Theater.

The Fort Meade community is invited.

New VCC hours

Beginning April 4, operating hours at the Demps Visitor Control Center will be extended.

The new hours will be Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

All individuals who do not have a DoD-issued identification card must go to the VCC for a day pass.

Individuals interested in obtaining a long-term access pass must apply at the VCC 10 days in advance of their visit.

Visitors who arrive on post when the VCC is closed must be escorted on post by an authorized DoD cardholder. This includes weekends and federal holidays.

For more information, call the VCC at 301-677-1064.

Procedures for visiting Fort Meade

Community members who wish to visit a resident of Fort Meade must follow certain procedures to gain entry onto the installation.

Non-DoD ID card holders must visit the Demps Visitor Control Center adjacent to

Spring/Easter events

Spring Into Fun

Spring Into Fun Egg-Stravaganza, sponsored by Corvias Military Living, is Friday from 4-6 p.m. at Meuse Forest Community Center.

The free event is open to all on-post family housing residents.

Participants will enjoy games, photos with the Easter Bunny, prizes, crafts and refreshments.

For more information, call your neighborhood office.

Brunch with the Easter Bunny

Brunch with the Easter Bunny on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Club Meade.

Buffet menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, turkey sausage, French toast, macaroni and cheese, fruit salad, pastries, juice and coffee.

Tickets cost \$16 for ages 12 and older and \$9 for ages 5-11. There is no cost for ages 4 and younger.

Advance tickets are only available at the Youth Center. For more information, call 301-677-1437 or go to meade.armymwr.com.

Easter Egg Hunt

Omega Psi Phil Fraternity will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 26 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Youth Center. The free event is open to children up to age 13. Special appearance by Ronald McDonald.

For more information, go to meade.armymwr.com.

Easter Sunday Brunch

Club Meade is serving Easter Sunday Brunch on March 27.

Two seating times: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 2:30-4:30 p.m.

The event is open to all ranks and services. Membership is not required.

Reservations are recommended. For more information, call 301-677-5959.



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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.

RAB meeting

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

Community members are invited.

The RAB is a key element of the Fort Meade environmental program, which enables the community and representatives of government agencies to meet and exchange information about Fort Meade's environmental cleanup and restoration program and to provide opportunities for public involvement.

Fort Meade is soliciting new RAB members from the community.

RAB members are expected to provide advice on environmental restoration issues; attend regular meetings; review and comment on environmental restoration documents; assist in identifying project requirements; and recommend priorities among sites or projects.

For more information, call George Knight at 301-677-7999, email george.b.knight7.civ@mail.mil, or visit the Fort Meade website at www.ftmeade.army.mil/directorates/dpw/environment/ (Click on the RAB link).

Scale model exhibit

A scale model exhibit, hosted by the Central Maryland International Plastic Modelers and the Armor Modeling and Preservation Society, will be displayed Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Fort Meade Museum.

The display will include aircraft, armor, vehicles and figures.

Modelers will demonstrate scale modeling techniques.

For more information, call the museum at 301-677-6966.

Technical Job Fair

The Fort Meade Technical Job Fair will be held Wednesday 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 resume evaluation and preparation assistance.

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the Reece Road gate prior to entering the installation.

If the VCC is closed, guests must go through the inspection station with the phone number and address of the individual they are visiting.

Security guards will call the resident and verify that they are expecting or know the guests. Once the resident has verified the visitor, guards will validate the guest's ID and search the vehicle.

If guests pass inspection, they will be allowed to travel onto the installation to the residence. Guests who do not pass inspection or do not have proper ID will not be allowed on post.

Right Arm Night

The next Joint Services Right Arm Night is today from 4-6 p.m. at Club Meade.

The event features free food, music, dancing and prizes and is open to all services, military and civilian.

Bring the entire unit or office and reserve unit tables.

To reserve a table, call 301-677-6969.

Unit table reservations will not be held past 4:30 p.m. unless a representative is present at the table prior to deadline.

For more information, go to meade.armymwr.com.

Women's History Month event

The Fort Meade garrison and U.S. Army Cyber Command's Equal Opportunity Offices will celebrate Women's History Month on Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McGill Training Center, 8542 Zimborski Ave.

The free event will feature historical performances by actress and writer Kate Campbell Stevenson as Eleanor Roosevelt, abolitionist Lucy Stone and former Mayor Rose Crabtree.

The annual observance is open to all service members, DoD civilian employees and family members.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Donnel Cabanos at 301-677-4922 or email donnel.r.cabanos@mail.mil or Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Chambers at 301-677-6687 or email derrick.l.chambers2.mil@mail.mil.

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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 and click on Job Fair.

Tax center open

The Fort Meade Joint Installation Tax Center is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The tax center is located on the first floor of the Fort Meade Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 4217 Morrison St.

To schedule an appointment, call 301-677-9366 or 301-677-9763.

Brass Lounge

The Brass Lounge at Club Meade is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5-8 p.m.

For more information, go to meade.armymwr.com.

Flea Market

The Fort Meade Flea Market will be held April 30 from 7 a.m. to noon. at the Pavilion, rain or shine.

The event is open to the public.

Admission and parking are free.

Sell your unwanted and unused items.

Cost is \$15 in advance each 8-foot by 8-foot space and includes one table and two chairs. Cost for each additional table is \$5.

Preregistration ends April 29 at 3 p.m.

Vendor cost at the door is \$20 for each 8-foot by 8-foot space.

To reserve a spot or for more information, call Angie Sangirardi at 301-677-3579 or Jean Jordan at 301-252-8688 at MWR Special Events.

Latin Night

Latin Night at the Brass Lounge in Club Meade will be held March 25 from 7 p.m. to midnight.

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.

Earth Day

Earth Day will be celebrated April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pavilion.

The event is open to the public and will feature educational and fun exhibits for all ages.

Bring your personal electronic equipment for Fort Meade's second recycling and data destruction event.

2016 Holy Week Religious Services Schedule**POSTWIDE ECUMENICAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE:**

March 27, 7 a.m. – Chapel Center

CATHOLIC SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

■ March 18: Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m. – Chapel Center

■ March 24: Holy Thursday Mass, 6 p.m. – Chapel Center

■ March 25: Stations of the Cross, Noon – Chapel Center parking lot

■ March 25: Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 6 p.m. – Chapel Center

■ March 26: The Great Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m. – Chapel Center

PROTESTANT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

■ March 24: Maundy Thursday service, 6 p.m. – Post Chapel

■ March 25: Good Friday (Tenebrare) service, 6 p.m. – Post Chapel

Donate your lightly used laptops, tablets, smart phones and flat-screen monitors to a program that prepares youth for careers in information technology.

For more event information, call 301-677-9185 or 301-677-9170 or email suzanne.m.teague.civ@mail.mil or james.r.ayers30.civ@mail.mil.

For updates, go to ftmeade.army.mil.

Farmer's Market to open in May

The Fort Meade Farmer's Market will be open from May 18 to Oct. 12 on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pavilion.

The farmer's market is open to the public.

Vendors will sell hot foods, local produce and plants.

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).

• Starting a Business Franchise: Friday, 9 a.m. to noon at McGill Training Center, Room 6

• Suiting Warriors Event: Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Career Technical Training: March 30-31, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Workshop: Monday to March 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., McGill Training Center, Room 1

• Career Technical Training: March 30-31, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at McGill Training Center, Room 1

• 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.

ASIST workshop

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training is offering a workshop on suicide "first aid" on April 20-21 and May 18-19 from 8:20 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cavalry Chapel, 8465 Simonds St. and 6th Armored Cavalry Road.

The workshop is open to service members, civilian employees and family members ages 18 and older.

There is no fee, but a two-day commitment is required. Civilian attire, no uniforms.

Learn to:

- Recognize opportunities for help
- Reach out and offer support
- Develop a safety plan that neutralizes risks

- Apply the "Pathway for Assisting Life"
- Link people with community resources

To register, call Capt. Paul Kunnas at 301-677-7778 or email paule.kunnas@mail.mil.

ESC scholarships

The Fort Meade Enlisted Spouses' Club is accepting applications for its annual scholarship programs for military youth for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Applicants must be graduating high school seniors or enrolled as full-time college students.

Applications must be received by the ESC by March 25.

Applications and detailed criteria are

available at Caution-www.ftmeadeesc.org/scholarships-2016 < Caution-<http://www.ftmeadeesc.org/scholarships-2016>.

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.

Financial:

• Gambling Awareness: Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.

• First-Term Financial Readiness (online): Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Women Building Wealth: March 29, 9-11 a.m.

To register, go to fortmeadeacs.checkappointments.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.

• Pre-Separation Brief: Today, 9-11:30 a.m.

• TGPS Workshop (Transition, Goals, Plans, Success): Monday to March 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Deployment Brief: March 24, 10-11:30 a.m.

• Budgeting for Baby: March 25, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• Career Technical Training: March 30-31, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Medical Records Review: Appointment required

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

YOUTH**'Legally Blonde' at Meade High**

Meade High School's Way Off-Broadway Players will present "Legally Blonde: The Musical" from April 7-9 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Tickets will be sold at the door.

Cost is \$8, or \$7 with the donation of a canned good.

For more information, call 410-674-6526.

Spring Break Open Rec

Students in grades nine to 12 are invited to celebrate spring break with open recreation from Tuesday to March 28 at the

Teen Center.

Enjoy games, movies, the basketball court, free snacks/salad bar, the music room and more.

For more information, call 301-677-6054.

Paint and Snack

The Teen Center is offering a paint and snack event for teens in grades nine to 12 on Friday at 4 p.m.

The event will feature a guest painter and an entertaining session of learning to paint portraits and landscapes. A variety of snacks and appetizers will be provided.

For more information, call 301-677-6054.

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: "It's Easy Being Green" — stories about all things green

• March 24: "Spring Into A Good Book" — Storytime about spring

• March 31: "Ice Is Nice!" — Storytime about ice-loving animals

For more information, call 301-677-5522 or 301-677-4509 or go to meade.armymwr.com.

RECREATION

Out & About

• **The 62nd annual Maryland Antique Arms Show** will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Maryland State Fair, 2200 York Road, Timonium.

Admission costs \$10.

The "Baltimore Show," hosted by the Maryland Arms Collectors Association, features collectable rifles, revolvers (pre-1898) and sporting shotguns; swords;

uniforms; flags; books; and art.

The show also features an exhibit area of cannons and other military-related items.

No post-1898 handguns permitted. No Maryland-banned weapons permitted.

For more information, go to baltimore-reshow.com or call 410-486-3023.

• **Leisure Travel Services** is offering its next monthly bus trip to New York City on Saturday, with discounts to attractions.

Bus cost is \$60. For more information, call 301-677-7354.

MEETINGS

• **Prostate Cancer Support Group**

meets at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda on the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting is today from 1-2 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the America Building, River Conference Room (next to the Prostate Center), third floor.

Spouses/partners are invited. Military ID is required for base access. Men without a military ID should call the Prostate Center at 301-319-2900 at least four business days prior to the event for base access.

For more information, call retired Col. Jane Hudak at 301-319-2918 or email jane.l.hudak.ctr@health.mil.

• **Moms of Multiples Group** meets every first and third Thursday of the month at the Family Advocacy Program, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave. The next meeting is today. For more information, call 301-677-4118 or email colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil.

• **Meade Area Garden Club** will meet Friday at 10 a.m. at the Jessup Community Center located at the corner of Route 175 and Wigley Avenue.

If Anne Arundel County schools are closed or opening late due to inclement weather, the garden club meeting will be canceled.

Kim Roman, owner of Square Foot Gardening 4U, will present a program on "Lots of Produce, Not Much Space."

Roman will discuss methods for getting the greatest yield of fruits, flowers and vegetables out of even a limited amount of garden space. Refreshments will be served. No reservations required.

You may attend one meeting before you are required to become a member for the annual fee of \$20.

For more information, call Jennifer Garcia, membership chair, at 443-949-8348, or Sharon Durney, club president, at 410-761-5019.

• **Daddy & Me** interactive playgroup for fathers with children ages 2-4 meets the first and third Monday of every month from 5-6 p.m. at the Family Advocacy Program, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave. The next

meeting is Monday. For more information, call 301-677-4118 or email colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil.

• **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 Monday.

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 301-677-4118 or email colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil.

• **The Retired Enlisted Association** meets the third Tuesday of the month from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Perry's Restaurant, 1210 Annapolis Road, Odenton. The next meeting is Tuesday.

For more information, visit treas.org or call Elliott Phillips, local president, at 443-790-3805; Charles M. Green, local president at 443-610-4252; or Arthur R. Cooper, past national president, at 443-336-1230.

For more information about becoming a TREA member, go to treas.org or call Charles Green, the local chapter president, at 443-610-4252 or email Cgreen151@verizon.net.

• **The Fort Meade Retired Officers' Wives' Club** will meet April 5 at 11 a.m. at Club Meade. The luncheon, "A Look at What's New for Spring into Summer," will feature fashions from the Exchange.

This annual fashion show will have a new addition of custom jewelry made by Phyllis Gerken from Colorado to complement the clothing selections presented by ROWC models.

Cost of the luncheon is \$18. Reservations are required by March 24. Call your area representative or Betty Wade at 410-551-7082.

Annual membership dues are \$25, but you may join for the rest of the club year through May for half price at \$12.50.

Members may bring guests to the luncheons, which are held on the first Tuesday of each month, except June, July, August and January.

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

• **Single Parent Support Group** meets every second and fourth Monday of the month from 5:30-7 p.m. at School Age Services, 1900 Reece Road. Children welcome. The next meeting is March 28. For more information, call 301-677-4118 or email colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil.

• **Marriage Enrichment Group**, sponsored by Army Community Service, meets the second and fourth Monday of every month from 3-4 p.m. at the Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave. The next meeting is March 28. For more information, call Celena Flowers or Jessica Hobgood at 301-677-5590.

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.

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 27



DREAMWORKS ANIMATION/AP

Friday& Sunday: "Kung Fu Panda 3" (PG). Continuing his "legendary adventures of awesomeness," Po must face two hugely epic but different threats. With the voices of Jack Black, Bryan Cranston, Dustin Hoffman.



WALT DISNEY STUDIOS MOTION PICTURES

Saturday: "The Finest Hours" (PG-13). The Coast Guard makes a daring rescue attempt off the coast of Cape Cod after a pair of oil tankers are destroyed during a blizzard in 1952. With Chris Pine, Casey Affleck, Eric Bana.

March 25: "How To Be Single" (R). Four women with vastly different ideas about love and relationships navigate the single life of New York City. With Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson, Alison Brie.

March 26-27: "Deadpool" (R). A former Special Forces operative turned mercenary is subjected to a rogue experiment that leaves him with accelerated healing powers, adopting the alter ego Deadpool. With Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin, T.J. Miller.