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## Spring in their step

More than 300 youngsters and their parents take off in search of Easter eggs Saturday on the grounds of the Youth Center during the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Children also enjoyed a visit with the Easter Bunny and Ronald McDonald. For the story, see Page 10.

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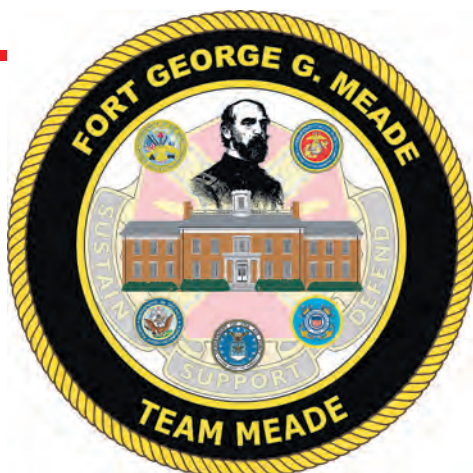
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## COMMANDER'S COLUMN

# Spring: A Time for Renewal

**H**ello again, Team Meade!

As I look outside on this bright, sunny afternoon, I can finally say with confidence that winter is over and spring has arrived.

I hope each of you enjoyed a restful Easter weekend and were able to spend time with family during spring break.

The weather seems to be getting a little warmer every day. Flowers are blooming, baseball season has begun and growth continues all around us.

This year we received \$55 million in restoration and maintenance funds from Installation Management Command, and last week I signed the contract to spend \$1.3 million of that on resurfacing Mapes Road.

So we will soon see work crews out, and by the end of the summer, driving on Mapes will no longer be a painful experience.

After 10 years a roof is finally going up over Hale Hall, and we will also begin sorely needed renovations of our existing Child Development Centers this year.

Design work has begun on expansion of the Reece Road gate and Reece Road. Work on the Mapes Road/Route 175 gate will follow.

So the renovation of our infrastructure will continue as our world wakes up and renews itself after another long, hard winter.

Renewal is a key part of life. We see it in the turning of the seasons as the world around us rejuvenates after a winter of hibernation and rest. Our world renewing is a reminder that we humans must also renew periodically to grow and sustain our lives.



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

Physical renewal, emotional renewal, spiritual renewal — all are needed. We must physically renew ourselves to ensure we have the strength needed to carry on each day. We must emotionally renew ourselves to ensure we have the ability to interact with our fellow humans in a positive and beneficial manner. And we must spiritually renew ourselves to ensure we can live free from fear of the

unknown.

Renewal in each of these areas begins with ourselves, but is most often a team effort. Few can truly renew by themselves alone. We need coaches, teachers, mentors, counselors and spiritual advisors.

Renewal is very much a community effort. It is in community that we band together to give encouragement and receive support from one another. It is in community that we are best equipped to reach out to those who are struggling to recover and renew after harsh winter-like seasons in their lives.

So if your New Year's resolution has been long forgotten, or your physical fitness program has fallen off, or if you are feeling down, I encourage you to take time during this spring season to renew yourself physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Reach out to the world-class community on Fort Meade and renew as part of a team effort that will better enable us all to contribute toward the greater good of our installation, our military and our nation.

It remains my great honor to be a member of the Fort Meade team. I thank each and every person in our community for the hard work you do every day, and wish you all a warm, happy spring.

## 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.

# Women can build wealth at any age

Seminar focuses on reducing debt, saving and investing wisely

BY LISA R. RHODES

Staff Writer

Osceola McCarty worked all her life as a washerwoman in Hattiesburg, Miss., and never earned more than 50 cents an hour.

She dropped out of school in sixth grade to take care of a sick aunt. She never married or had children, and never owned a car.

But she learned the importance of saving at an early age.

At age 87, she donated \$150,000 to the University of Southern Mississippi to provide scholarships for students.

"If she can do that, imagine what we can do," said Deborah Emerson, a personal financial readiness specialist at Army Community Service. "Imagine if she had taken what she saved and invested it. It probably would have doubled her money. ... If she can do it, then we can do it."

Emerson led the seminar "Building Wealth for Women" on Tuesday morning at ACS.

During the program, she referenced McCarty as an example of how women at any age, and regardless of their income, can save money and invest it for their retirement and future financial security.

Financial planning for women was the focus of the two-hour seminar, which drew about 12 women from the military and the civilian sector.

"I think it's important," said Sharon McNeil, a military personnel program manager at the Defense Information Systems Agency. "It's empowering to know there are resources available to you to help you move toward your own financial



PHOTO BY LISA R. RHODES

**Deborah Emerson, a personal financial readiness specialist at Army Community Service, demonstrates how investing in the stock market builds wealth over time, during the "Building Wealth for Women" seminar on Tuesday at ACS.**

well-being."

In a PowerPoint presentation, Emerson talked about the wealth gap between men and women; why women's financial needs are different from those of men; and the importance of creating a budget, saving for an emergency fund and investing wisely for retirement.

"We need more money than men do. Not so we can buy more shoes or more clothes, but because our needs are different," Emerson said.

"Women face more challenges. It still remains a fact that women make less than men. We get promoted [on the job] slower, and we also drop out of the workforce to raise children, take care of aging parents, or because of frequent moves if you're a military spouse."

Women also live longer than men. The

average age for a woman to become a widow is 55.

"Women eventually may have to provide financially for themselves," Emerson said.

But women, she said, tend to "take care of everyone else and put ourselves last."

Emerson said women need to save more money due to their longevity. But they often have fewer years to save the funds necessary to live comfortably in their senior years.

But it's never too late to start.

"Some people make their greatest strides after age 50," Emerson said.

The children are grown and independent, a home is probably paid for and expenses are generally much lower.

"This gives you the opportunity to increase your investments," Emerson said.

The first step to sound financial planning is to create a realistic budget of monthly

expenses and disposable income — and be honest. Emerson said it is important to live within the boundaries of that budget.

Next, pay off debt.

"Pay off the debt with the highest interest rate first, then take the total [recurring] amount that you paid and apply it to the debt with the next-highest interest rate," Emerson said.

While you pay off debts, start building an emergency savings fund of three to six months of your expenses.

"This is money in a bank account that you can use if you need to buy tires for your car," Emerson said.

Once an emergency savings fund is in place, "be frugal, be disciplined and save and invest," Emerson advised.

Every woman, whether single or married, can and should invest, she said.

Service members and DoD civilians can take advantage of the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan. Emerson said active-duty service members can begin by saving as little as 1 percent of their salary.

In addition to TSP, women should also consider an Individual Retirement Account, which can be started by investing as little as \$10 per month.

Emerson said that when choosing how to invest for retirement, women should select low-cost investment options that offer minimal or no fees.

It is also important to diversify investments and not chase trends in the stock market.

Emerson said that because the stock market fluctuates, it is important to be "resilient in times of crisis" and invest for the long run.

"Invest early, make sure you allocate your risk properly and invest enough of your income to save for how long you will live," she said.

## myRA and my Social Security can help secure your retirement

BY HENRY MARTIN

Social Security District Manager, Glen Burnie

Achieving financial security is an important part of enjoying a satisfying retirement. Social Security has many tools to help you plan for your future.

The first step is to visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount). With a my Social Security account, you'll get immediate access to your personal Social Security statement, earnings record and an estimate of your retirement benefits at age 62, at your full retirement age, and at age 70.

You also can verify your earnings are correct since future benefits are based on your earnings record.

When you open a my Social Security account, Social Security protects your information by using strict identity verification and security features. The application process has built-in features to detect fraud and confirm your identity.

Your personal my Social Security account can help you figure out how much more you might want to save for your future, but it can do a whole lot more.

For example, in the District of Columbia

and several states, you can request a replacement Social Security card online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber).

In addition, you can prepare for a secure, comfortable retirement at [myra.gov](http://myra.gov). There you'll find myRA, a new retirement savings option from the Department of the Treasury for the millions of Americans who face barriers to saving for retirement.

myRA makes it easy and affordable to start saving for retirement. It's designed for people who don't have a retirement savings plan through work, or lack other options for saving.

If you already have access to a retirement savings plan such as a 401(k), learn more about that plan because it might offer matching contributions or other benefits.

myRA helps workers grow their money faster than they can with most traditional savings accounts, and there's no risk.

Since it's not tied to a particular employer, workers can hold on to their myRA account when they move from one job to another.

Learn more about all of your choices at [socialsecurity.gov](http://socialsecurity.gov).



# Town hall addresses access control changes

By ALAN H. FEILER  
Staff Writer

Change is afoot, so have patience and be understanding.

That was the message from Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley regarding upcoming access control changes at a town hall meeting on March 24 at the Post Theater.

"This is the final measure of a series of requirements the Army has directed all Army installations are to take globally, in terms of access control. [This is] to make sure all who are coming onto our installations have been vetted properly and have valid reasons to be on our post," he said.

"It's an Armywide requirement and standard, not a Fort Meade initiative or a Colonel Foley initiative. It's Colonel Foley complying with Army standards."

The hourlong town hall, emceed by Fort Meade Public Affairs Officer Chad T. Jones, drew an audience of approximately 25 post employees and residents.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey E. Winegar, provost marshal and director of the Directorate of Emergency Services, addressed specific situations, from escorting a visiting relative to ordering a delivery from a pizzeria off post.

Because the installation has been gradually implementing standardized access control regulations over the past six or seven months, Foley emphasized that the only major change on Monday will



PHOTOS BY DANIEL KUCIN JR.

**Lt. Col. Jeffrey E. Winegar, provost marshal and director of the Directorate of Emergency Services, said during the town hall on March 24 at the Post Theater that residents and employees on post will be required to produce 100 percent identification at all times.**

concern all short-term visitor passes.

He said visitor passes must now be issued for guests who visit the installation for less than 24 hours.

"That's the guts of the change," he said.

Visitors are required to go to the Dumps Visitor Control Center at the Reece Road gate to get vetted or to pick up a pass if they have already been vetted.

Foley noted that all non-DoD personnel who work on post, such as contractors, have been vetted.

In addition, he said, the Automated Installation Entry system for use by DoD personnel with Common Access Cards was installed at access lanes about four months ago as a separate part of the upgraded access controls.

To accommodate the increased security procedures, the VCC is expanding its operating hours to Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"If a guest wants or needs to come onto the installation when the VCC is closed, they [would be served better being] pre-vetted ahead of time and a pass will be waiting for them at the inspection lane," Foley said.

Visitors who are not pre-vetted and want post access will need a sponsor to escort them onto the installation, he said.

"You are taking responsibility for your guest while they are still here," Foley said.

"Any resident on post or anyone with a [DoD] badge can be a sponsor for someone visiting the post. We want to be as proactive as possible to pre-vet friends or family who will visit the installation."

To pre-vet guests, sponsors will be required to go the VCC with such information as a guest's driver's license number and/or Social Security number. Sponsors must fill out forms for guests and show their own identification for the request to be processed and pre-vetted.

"We are literally validating the requester and their ability to request sponsorship," Winegar said.

Eventually, Foley noted, the process to request a visitor's pass and sponsorship will be automated and coordinated online.

"We are ensuring your security by making sure someone doesn't circumvent the process," he said.

Foley said starting the process 10 business days before a guest's arrival should ensure that an access pass will be waiting for them. Pre-vetted visitors will be required to pick up their passes at the VCC, go to the visitor inspection station and get their vehicle inspected before entering the installation.

If a pre-vetted guest arrives during non-VCC operating hours, their pass will be waiting at the inspection station.

"Pre-vet, pre-vet, pre-vet — we keep saying this," Foley said, noting that sponsors can request 12-month passes for their visiting family members and friends.

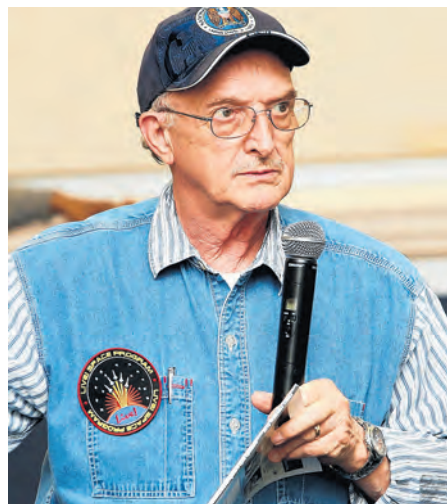
Foley said post officials are in contact with local companies about access control changes so that guests who wish to come onto post for business purposes — such as taxi drivers, pizza delivery workers or flea market vendors — are pre-vetted.

"I can't control all the vendors out there," he said. "But if they want to do business on Fort Meade, it would behoove them to do that and vet their employees"

Otherwise, such guests will be required to go to the VCC and undergo background and criminal checks, requiring two forms of identification covered under the Real ID Act of 2005. Foley noted that anyone whose background check shows a criminal charge or conviction will need to go through a waiver process to get on post.

"It's the commander's call to see if I'm comfortable with that person coming onto the installation," Foley said. "It's all about ensuring the safety and welfare of all of us as a community and making sure the right people are coming onto the installation."

If a resident or worker mistakenly exits the post without their CAC or identification, Foley said that on their return to Fort



**During the question-and-answer session, retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Gary D. Ratliff expresses concerns about retirees, who belong to a bowling league, being able to gain access on post**





**Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley explains to the town hall audience that the access control changes on post are in accord with Armywide requirements and standards.**

Meade they will need someone to come to the Reece Road gate and sponsor them, or a patrol will take them to their residence or workplace.

Foley thanked the community in advance for adhering to the changes in access control on post.

“Undoubtedly, there will be frustrations and long lines in the early stages,” he said. “Bear with us. This is all about cooperation and safety and security. It is our collective responsibility, everyone in this community, to keep this place safe and secure.

“I want to thank the entire community and request patience and understanding as we go along in this process.”

Foley also asked that post residents and workers be vigilant and keep their eyes open for suspicious individuals on post.

“Each of us must embrace the ‘See something, say something’ mindset,” Foley said. “Look for odd-looking people and err on the side of caution and call 911. We thank you for your partnership in this effort.”

During the question-and-answer portion, Foley and Winegar told Paula Furman, who lives in Patriot Ridge, that youths ages 17 or younger will not need vetting.

They also informed audience members that there is no limit on how many guests can be sponsored for post access, and that all DoD shuttle passengers who come onto the post have already been vetted.

In addition, they told audience members that the AIE system, in which a CAC is scanned, will not preclude having guards or surveillance cameras at gates.

“Guards will always be present at the

gate to help folks if they have a problem with their cards,” Foley said.

Winegar said that workers and residents on post, as well as guests, will be required to provide 100 percent identification at all times, even randomly.

“Expect it. It’s completely random,” he said. “It will be intentionally inconsistent. Don’t fight the system, just do it. We have checks and balances because people have tried to abuse the system.”

Foley and Winegar advised audience members to check out *Soundoff?* and Fort Meade’s website for information about access control policy and issues at [www.ftmeade.army.mil/directorates/des/vcc/vcc.html](http://www.ftmeade.army.mil/directorates/des/vcc/vcc.html).

Furman, who works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said she found the meeting quite helpful.

“I was mainly concerned about my children and how they would get on post,” she said. “I don’t know if it’ll all make us safer, but I’m sure it’ll be fine. I feel I learned a lot.”

Candace Decker, a former Soldier and veteran who lives in Potomac Place with her Navy Reservist husband and their children, agreed.

“This gave me more peace of mind about all the technology behind it all,” said Decker, a substitute yoga instructor at Gaffney Fitness Center. “I’m glad there will be checks and balances, and a human being in the booth and not just a machine.

“I thought it was good that the colonel took questions and was approachable and in the audience and not just behind the podium.

“They did a good job and it was informative,” Decker said.

# Preparing for access!

## New gate access requirements for visitors go into effect Monday

**BY LARRY WHITLEY SR.**  
Chief, Command Information

**S**o I’m ready! On to Fort Meade. What was that? Some new things I need to know before getting on the road? So ... I’m not ready.

Let me check my information before I hit the road. Now, let’s see ...

“The minimum requirement for entrance to Fort Meade without a military ID or DoD civilian employee Common Access Card is first, a valid reason to visit the installation.”

What’s that small print? “Visiting the museum, going to the bowling alley, eating at a restaurant on post or just to have a look around are no longer valid reasons to access the installation unless you have a military ID or CAC card.”

Got it! So, that means I’m going to need a special waiver pass.

OK, I can handle that. Let me read further. Ah, now this is good information right here!

“To obtain a one-day Fort Meade access pass, the visitor must go to the Dumps Visitor Control Center at 902 Reece Road during regular business hours, which are Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Beginning Monday, the VCC will open from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.”

Oh, and it says preregister — great! I wonder what I’ll need in order to do that? Wow! It’s right here!

“You must provide an enhanced driver’s license that can be scanned by the Automated Installation Entry (AIE) System and submit to a background check.”

It also says: “Visitors with licenses issued by American Samoa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri or Washington State must also present a U.S. passport or other form of acceptable identification listed under the REAL ID Act of

2005.

This right here is good to know but it won’t affect me:

“If an unfavorable NCIC-III (National Crime Information Center-Interstate Identification Index) background check is returned, the visitor will be denied access to the installation. The visitor will be provided information, which will explain the waiver process. Waivers take several weeks to process. If the waiver is granted, you will be eligible to access the installation.”

H-m-m-m-m? Now that I think about it, I’ll probably stay a few days there with my friends on post. Let’s see if I need to be prepared for anything else to be on the installation longer. Well, it’s right here!

“To obtain a multiday Fort Meade access pass, the visitor and an authorized sponsor must go to the VCC during regular business hours. We encourage you to plan ahead and preregister for your access pass.”

It also says I (or my sponsor) must bring:

“A completed form signed by an active or retired military ID cardholder or civilian CAC cardholder. (Military spouses, dependents and government contractors are not authorized sponsors.)

“Then the sponsor and visitor should both go to present appropriate identification at the VCC.”

I’ve got some options regarding this as well.

It says my sponsor can pre-vet me by going to the VCC with my information from my driver’s license and Social Security number. But he needs to do that at least 10 working days before I actually arrive.

When I get there, I’ll have to show that state-issued ID card to get my access pass.

We’ve got the time — let’s do it!

Well, it all seems clear to me. And, now I know what to do — and so does my sponsoring friend.

I’m so looking forward to my time at Fort Meade!



# Rental listings a new way to be scammed

BY JANE M. WINAND  
Chief, Legal Assistance Division

Perhaps you are moving soon or are planning a fall vacation. The Internet is filled with rental information, and you can explore a new location from afar by going online to determine local rental options.

Beware!

One of the newest scams involves false rental listings. The scammer could be advertising a rental that isn't available or may not even exist, all to trick you into sending money. Then the scammer has your money and you have no rental.

Finding the perfect apartment or vacation rental may be difficult. So when a sweet deal pops up, it can be hard to refuse. Scammers use this technique to lure you in by hijacking a legitimate rental listing.

The scammer will take the ad for a luxurious apartment or vacation home, change the email address or other contact information, make the rental charge very reasonable, and then place the modified listing on the scammer's site. The altered listing may even still include the original owner's name.

Other scammers hijack the email ac-

counts of legitimate property owners who advertise on reputable, vacation rental sites.

Some scammers are brazen enough to make up fictitious listings for properties that either don't exist or are not for rent.

The advertisements look legitimate, so how do you protect yourself?

If you find that dream property and are ready to make a commitment to rent, avoid the scammers by being alert for the following:

1. The ad directs you to wire money to pay a security deposit, application fee, first month's rent or vacation rental fee.

Scammers often want you to wire them money, which is the same as sending cash. Once you wire the money, you can't get it back. Be very suspicious if a request to wire money is made.

2. You haven't seen the rental property, have never met the listing agent and have not signed a lease and yet the agent wants you to pay a security deposit or first month's rent.

You should visit the property yourself first before paying any money to the agent. If you can't go there yourself, consider having a family member or friend go to the property to confirm that it is for rent and

that it truly has all the amenities shown in the advertisement.

3. Search for the owner and property on the Internet to see if the same advertisement is listed under a different name. If so, then you should suspect that the ad is a scam.

4. Be very suspicious if the owner states that he or she is out of the country but has a procedure in place to get the rental key to you.

It might involve a third party working on behalf of the owner. Some scammers go through elaborate third-party arrangements to give the unsuspecting consumer a fake key. Of course, all this happens after you have paid a rental payment or security deposit.

5. If you are contemplating renting a vacation villa overseas, pay with a credit card or through PayPal and use a reputable, vacation rental website. Some of the established vacation rental websites also have their own payment systems.

For more information, go to the Federal Trade Commission website at [ftc.gov](http://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.

## COMMUNITY CRIME WATCH

### FORT MEADE DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

**March 12, Larceny:** Investigation revealed that unknown person(s) removed the victim's Apple iPhone 6 from his backpack, which was placed on the ground leaning up against a fence while he was on the soccer field.

**March 16, Larceny:** AAFES loss prevention personnel at the Exchange stated that she observed, via video surveillance, a woman select items, and without first rendering payment, return the items to customer service for a refund.

### For week of March 21-27

Moving violations: 42  
Nonmoving violations: 1  
Verbal warnings for traffic stops: 43  
Traffic accidents: 4  
Driving on suspended license: 1  
Driving on suspended registration: 0  
Driving without a license: 0

### For week of March 14-20

Moving violations: 27  
Nonmoving violations: 6  
Verbal warnings for traffic stops: 45  
Traffic accidents: 4  
Driving on suspended license: 1  
Driving on suspended registration: 1  
Driving without a license: 1  
Driving without insurance: 1

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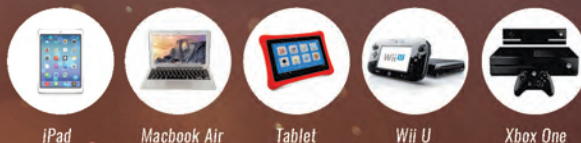


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# Young Lives, Big Stories

U.S. Army Installation Management Command is sponsoring a "2016 Young Lives, Big Stories" contest, which is open to active-duty Soldiers, Army National Guard and Army Reserve children from preschool through 12th grade.

Contest categories are: drawings for ages 3-4, ages 5 to first grade, and grades second to third; and written submissions for fourth to fifth grade, sixth to eighth grade, and ninth to 12th grade.

One prize winner will be selected from each category. The top overall winner will be awarded the grand prize.

Drawing and essay submissions must answer the question: **"What does it mean to you to be a military child?"**

Written submissions must be at least 50 to 500 words.

Online entries are preferred, but mail-in entries will be accepted.

Mail entries to: IMCOM Family and MWR Programs, Marketing, YOUNG LIVES, BIG STORIES CONTEST, 2450 Connell Road, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, 78234

All entries must have a completed and signed (by a parent/legal guardian) entry form included with the submission.

All online entries should be emailed to: [usarmy.jbsa.imcom-hq.mbx.g9-cys-services@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.imcom-hq.mbx.g9-cys-services@mail.mil).

Entries must be submitted (or post-marked) by April 30 at 11:59 p.m. (Central Standard Time).

For information about the contest, visit [armymwr.com/momc-ylbs.aspx](http://armymwr.com/momc-ylbs.aspx).





# Fort Meade celebrates ‘Month of the Military Child’

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This year marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Month of the Military Child, which is observed every April.

Created by DoD under the late Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger, MOMC honors the vital role played by the approximately 2 million children — from newborn to 18 years old — in the U.S. Armed Forces community.

The month is observed at installations around the world with special programming, educational events and support activities.

“From deployments to new schools, military children are faced with unique challenges that ordinary youth their age never experience. Their ability to adapt to present and future changes deserves

our respect and admiration,” reads a statement on the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation website at [www.armymwr.com/momc-about.aspx](http://www.armymwr.com/momc-about.aspx).

“[MOMC] is a time to honor military youth for the important role they play in contributing to the strength of the Army family. MOMC also reaffirms the Army’s commitment to ensuring excellence in schools, child care and youth services as well as providing a strong supportive environment where children can thrive.”

“We try our best to celebrate the Month of the Military Child,” said Francisco Jamison, division chief of Child and Youth Services. “This is our month to shine and pay tribute and show the kids and families how important they are to us and the military mission.”

For more information about Fort Meade’s MOMC events, call 301-677-6111 or visit [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

## Month of the Military Child Key Facts

- Theme: “Their Journeys and Adventures”
- In 1986, the 15th U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger established the Month of the Military Child.
- The Army recognizes the Month of the Military Child (MOMC) as an opportunity to honor the commitment, contributions and sacrifices Army children and youth make to our nation through the strength they provide our Soldiers and families.
- Approximately 2 million military children have experienced a parental deployment since 2001.
- There are currently 1.2 million military children of active-duty service members worldwide.
- Nearly 80 percent of military children attend public schools throughout the United States.
- Military children are strong, resilient and equipped to adapt to present and future changes such as relocations, deployments, reintegration, caring for a wounded warrior parent or honoring a fallen Soldier parent.
- The average military family moves three times more often than their civilian counterpart.
- The repeated and extended separations and increased hazards of deployment compound stressors in military children’s lives.
- Child, Youth and School Services offer a wide range of quality programs to help Army families meet their parental challenges and maintain their mission readiness.
- A positive school environment built upon caring relationships among all participants — students, teachers, staff, administrators, parents and community members — has been shown to impact not only academic performance but also positively influence emotions and behaviors of students.

Source: [armymwr.com/momc](http://armymwr.com/momc)

## The following MOMC events and activities are scheduled throughout April

**Friday:** Signing of the MOMC Proclamation in conjunction with proclamation of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Child Development Center I

**Friday:** MOMC Kick-off Parade, Child Development Center I

**Friday:** MOMC Kick-off Carnival, Child Development Center I

**Friday:** “Aladdin” play and MOMC Cake Celebration, School Age Center

**Friday through April 29:** Spelling Bee, School Age Center



**April 8:** MOMC Movie on the Lawn, Teen Center

**April 11:** MOMC Family Garden Creation, Child Development Center I

**April 14:** Make cards for VA Hospital, Child Development Center I

**April 15:** MOMC Parent/Youth Dinner, Youth Center

**April 15:** Purple Up!, Child Development Center I

**April 20:** Art in the Park, Midway Commons Community Center

**April 22:** MOMC Cake-Cutting Celebration, Teen Center

**April 23:** Family Fun Walk

**April 29:** Family Ice Cream Social, Child Development Center

**April 15:** Spaghetti Luncheon, CDC II

**April 22:** Spaghetti Luncheon, CDC I

**April 22:** Spaghetti Luncheon, CDC III

**April 29-30:** Operation Megaphone Lock-In, Youth Center





# Spring in their step

Meade celebrates Easter, spring's arrival

## FORT MEADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

The arrival of spring and the observance of Easter led Fort Meade families to gather at four garrison events.

Corvias Military Living sponsored its annual Spring Into Fun Egg-Stravaganza on March 18 at the Meuse Forest Community Center.

The two-hour event featured the Easter Bunny, crafts, prizes and refreshments.

Families also enjoyed Brunch with the Easter Bunny on March 19 at Club Meade. The three-hour event included a buffet and arts and crafts for children.

On Saturday, more than 300 children

participated in Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Youth Center grounds.

Children ages 3 to 13 searched for Easter eggs and later met the Easter Bunny and Ronald McDonald.

Youngsters also participated in arts and crafts, listened to Easter songs and met members of the Baltimore-based fraternity.

On Easter Sunday, a holiday brunch was served at Club Meade.

About 800 people enjoyed a menu of scrambled eggs, fruit-stuffed pancakes, French toast, sausage links, ham, turkey and roast beef.



PHOTO BY DANIEL KUCIN JR.

The Easter Bunny greets Fort Meade children and their parents during the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday on the grounds of the Youth Center. The annual event was sponsored by the Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.



PHOTO BY PHIL GROUT

Sisters Zoe (left), 9; Shari, 4; and Lorelai, 5; and Dawn Lingad of Potomac Place have fun with a "Bunny Hop" sack race at the annual Spring Into Fun Egg-Stravaganza hosted Friday by Corvias Military Living at the Meuse Forest Community Center.



PHOTO BY PHIL GROUT

Petra Vaughn, 1, and her mother Jessica Vaughn of Patriot Ridge admire a colored egg at Brunch with the Easter Bunny sponsored by the Youth Center on March 19 at Club Meade.



PHOTO BY PHIL GROUT

Flynis Phillips of Corvias Military Living reads a story about the Easter Bunny to young visitors at the annual Spring Into Fun Egg-Stravaganza, hosted by Corvias, on March 18 at the Meuse Forest Community Center.



PHOTO BY PHIL GROUT

Kamryn Worsley, 2, of Hanover checks out the contents of the prize bucket she just won at the Brunch with the Easter Bunny, a three-hour event hosted March 19 at Club Meade by the Youth Center.



PHOTO BY DANIEL KUCIN JR.

Thomas Cathcart, 3, shows off the egg he found at the Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.



PHOTO BY PHIL GROUT

Making sure the Easter Bunny portrait is just right are grandmother Linda Heckel of Tampa, Fla., and mom Jessica Vaughn of Patriot Ridge, along with Youth Center personnel Rita David and Gena Armstrong at Brunch with the Easter Bunny hosted by the Youth Center on March 19 at Club Meade.



## SPORTS SHORTS

## Youth Fishing Rodeo

The Fort Meade Youth Fishing Rodeo will be held April 16 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Burba Lake Recreation Area.

The free event, sponsored by the Meade Rod and Gun Club and MWR Outdoor Recreation, is open to all youths ages 3 to 15.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Burba Lake, Area No. 5 on the day of the event.

The competition is divided into three age divisions: 3 to 6; 7 to 11; and 12 to 15.

Prizes will be awarded in each division.

Limited fishing gear and bait will be available for participants who do not have their own.

Maryland Fishing Regulations are in effect and no other fishing is permitted on April 16 until 1 p.m.

New gate access requirements are in effect.

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For more information, go to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com) or call Charisma Wooten of the Meade Rod & Gun Club at 240-568-6055.

## Half-Marathon

The Annual Joint Base Andrews Half-Marathon is taking place May 14.

Registration is now open to all DoD ID cardholders at the Facebook page: [facebook.com/JBAHalfMarathon](https://facebook.com/JBAHalfMarathon).

## 24-hour fitness facility at Murphy

Beginning Monday, Murphy Field House will offer unmanned extended hours after normal operating hours.

Murphy will be open to authorized registered patrons ages 18 and older to utilize the cardio equipment and Nautilus weight machines.

The free weights, basketball and racquetball courts will NOT be open during unmanned hours.

The facility will be unmanned, so exercise responsibility and come with a buddy.

Murphy is fully equipped with surveillance cameras. All users will be monitored at all times while in the facility.

Registration is required to gain access to the facility by fingerprint reader.

Pick up a registration form at Gaffney Fitness Center or Murphy Field House and submit the completed form to the facility in advance so your information is in the system when you come for your appointment at Gaffney to enter your fingerprint for entrance to the facility.

Schedule an appointment for registration for 24/7 access.

For more information, call 301-677-3867.

## Spring Aerobathon

The Spring Into Fitness Aerobathon will be held April 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at Murphy Field House.

Sample classes in Bokwa Punch & Strike, Boom Shake, Zumba, Zumba Gold, Metabolic Effect and Xplosive Boot Camp.

The free event is open to the Fort Meade community. Classes are suitable for all fitness levels.

All instructors are present for an opportunity to try and sample something new.

Workouts will be abbreviated and flow from one into the next.

Participants should hydrate in advance.

For more information, call 301-677-3716 or 301-677-2402 or email [sylvia.l.gracia.naf@mail.mil](mailto:sylvia.l.gracia.naf@mail.mil).

## Youth Tennis

Beginning Monday, tennis lessons will be offered to ages 5 and older on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Cost varies, depending on age of child.

All participants must be registered through Child, Youth and School Services.

For more information, call 301-677-1149.



## Golf tournament

The 2nd Annual Golf Scramble, sponsored by the Military District of Washington's Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, will be held April 29 at the Bowie Golf and Country Club, 7420 Laurel Bowie Road, Bowie.

Registration deadline is April 20.

Check-in is at 7 a.m. Shotgun start is at 8 p.m.

The awards ceremony will begin at 1 p.m.

Fee is \$70 for service members and \$65 for civilians and retirees.

Proceeds will benefit research for Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma, a rare vascular cancer that primarily affects adolescents and young adults.

Donations will be accepted to sponsor wounded warriors and military players.

Four-person scramble includes 18 holes of golf, cart and range balls.

Contests include longest drive, hole in one, and closest to the pin.

Awards will be presented for first-, second- and third-place teams.

Prize for hole in one is valued at more than \$10,000 and includes a trip for two to Hawaii.

Food, drinks and raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

Raffles and 50/50 tickets for a cash drawing will support SAMC and EHE research.

To register, email [dawnanb@gmail.com](mailto:dawnanb@gmail.com) or call Dawna at 719-640-1724.

## Lifeguard, recertification courses

Gaffney Fitness Center is offering two American Red Cross lifeguard courses:

- Lifeguard Training: Saturday, Sunday and April 9 and 10.

The full course includes lifeguarding, first aid and CPR/AED.

Registration fee is \$250.

Registration is required in-person by March 30.

- Lifeguard Recertification Course: April 30 to May 1.

Participants must present current, valid certification at registration.

Registration fee is \$150.

Registration is required in-person by April 27.

For more information, call 301-677-7916 or go to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

## Fort Meade Run Series

The 2016 Fort Meade Run Series kicks off April 23 with the Earth Day 5K.

The annual Run Series, sponsored by Fort Meade's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, features seven themed races.

Each race includes a 1-mile walk.

All runs are open to the public. Registration has started.

- Earth Day 5K: April 23
- Patriot Pride: 5/10K: May 21
- Army Birthday 5K: June 11
- Football Fanfare 5K: Sept. 17
- Ghosts, Ghouls & Goblins 5K: Oct. 22
- Turkey Trot 5K: Nov. 19
- Reindeer Run 5K: Dec. 10

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

## Jibber-less

This week, I am paying it forward from the person who bought my Big Fish meal at the post Burger King on Tuesday by saving you all the trouble of reading this week's dose of Jibber Jabber as opposed to our outstanding Access Control Procedures insert inside this issue.

And, of course, 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 hit me up on Twitter @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.

### New VCC hours

Beginning Monday, 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 at least 10 business 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.

Also, see the special ACP insert in today's edition of Soundoff!

### 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).

### 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](http://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.

### Report potholes

If you notice a pothole, large or small, email [alice.m.price10.civ@mail.mil](mailto:alice.m.price10.civ@mail.mil) and [Nedra.s.beale.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Nedra.s.beale.civ@mail.mil) with the following information:

- Date
- Location of pothole: Street, building, intersection, cross-road
- Approximate size (best guess)

### Vendors wanted

The Fort Meade Farmer's Market is seeking a variety of vendors to attend the weekly farmer's market that will be held every Wednesday from May 18 to Oct. 12.

Vendors of produce, specialty foods, flowers, crafters and lunch trucks are wanted.

For more information, call 301-677-3579 or 301-252-8688.

### Genealogy programs

The Anne Arundel Genealogical Society is offering several programs at Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Road, Severna Park.

Social time begins at 7 p.m. Program follows at 7:30 p.m.

• April 7: "A Low, Dirty Place: The Parole Camps of Annapolis, 1862-1865" presented by Rebecca Morris

• June 2: "Lost Faces, Forgotten Heroes: Finding Photos for Marylanders on the Vietnam Wall" presented by Glenn Johnson

For more information, go to [aagenso-c.org](http://aagenso-c.org).

# EARTH DAY IS APRIL 28th!

**at Fort Meade PAVILION from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

An Event for ALL Ages & Open to the Public  
Awesome Educational and Fun Exhibits!

**REDUCE** your footprint by bringing in your personal Electronic Equipment for Fort Meade's 2nd Recycling and Data Destruction Event!

**REUSE** your lightly used Laptops, Tablets, Smart phones & Flat Screen Monitors by donating them to a program that prepares our youth for careers in IT.

For more Earth Day info, call: 301-677-9185/9170  
[suzanne.m.teague.civ@mail.mil](mailto:suzanne.m.teague.civ@mail.mil) or [james.r.ayers30.civ@mail.mil](mailto:james.r.ayers30.civ@mail.mil)  
and [www.ftmeade.army.mil](http://www.ftmeade.army.mil) for updates

**FREE LUNCH** starting at 11:00 am!



### Earth Day

Earth Day will be celebrated by Fort Meade on 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.

Free lunch starts at 11 a.m.

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

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](mailto:suzanne.m.teague.civ@mail.mil) or [james.r.ayers30.civ@mail.mil](mailto:james.r.ayers30.civ@mail.mil).

For updates, go to [ftmeade.army.mil](http://ftmeade.army.mil).

### Team Trivia

Trivia Maryland, Team Trivia Night is held every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at The Lounge at The Lanes.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Game starts at 7 p.m.

Teams must have a minimum of two people and a maximum of 10.

Weekly prizes will be awarded to the top three winners.

For more information, call 301-677-5541.

### Bike gate pass

To obtain a bike gate pass for the Pepper Road gate, call Joseph R. Shinskie, chief of physical security at the Directorate of Emergency Services, at 301-677-6618 to schedule a date to pick up the

pass.

Passes will be available for pickup within two days.

## EDUCATION

### 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 [paul.e.kunnas@mail.mil](mailto:paul.e.kunnas@mail.mil).

### 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:**

• Dollars and Sense: Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon

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Topics include: basic budgeting, financial goals and priorities, saving and investing, and managing credit.

• Resume Writing Workshop: Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon

This workshop will provide tips on winning resume styles, the importance of cover letters and tips on following up on your resume.

To register, go to [fortmeadeacs.checkapointments.com](http://fortmeadeacs.checkapointments.com) or call 301-677-5590.

**YOUTH****Youth Fishing Rodeo**

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**Storytime**

The Children's Library offers pre-kinder-

garten Storytime on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Kuhn Hall, 4415 Llewellyn Ave.

• Today: "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](http://meade.armymwr.com).

**Romp 'N Stomp Adventure Fair**

Children ages 5 and younger are invited to the free Romp 'N Stomp Adventure Fair on Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the CYSS Youth Center.

The Family Advocacy Program and community partners will provide a day of fun and play for families.

For more information, call 301-677-4118.

**Sexual Assault Awareness**

A free program on Sexual Assault Awareness will be presented to grades six to eight on Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Youths will learn about maintaining healthy relationships. Parents are welcome.

For more information, call 301-677-1437.

**'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.

**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.

**Romp 'n Stomp**

Romp 'n Stomp playgroup for children ages 5 and younger and their parents meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. from September to June at the Youth Center gym at 909 Ernie Pyle St. and in August at the Boundless Playground on Llewellyn Avenue.

For more information, call 301-677-5590 or email [colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil).

**A-Z playgroup**

Children ages 4 and younger are invited to the weekly playgroup, "A-Z Come Play With Me," that is held every Monday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Family Advocacy Center, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave.

Interactive activities are designed to assist parents in learning developmentally appropriate play techniques to help children improve their social, cognitive and motor skills.

Space is limited. Registration is required for each session.

For more information, call 301-677-4118.

**RECREATION****Out & About**

• **Annapolis Film Festival** will be held today through Sunday at various locations.

The fourth annual festival features more than 70 narrative and documentary films in all genres.

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

• **Three Stooges Convention April Fool's Weekend** will be held Friday through Sunday at the Radisson Philadelphia Northeast, 2400 Old Lincoln Highway in Trevose, Pa.

Admission for one day costs \$30 online and \$35 at the door.

One-day pass for children cost \$15. No strollers.

Cost for banquet dinner is \$59.95 online only.

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

• **Beer, Bourbon and BBQ Fest** will be held Friday from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium.

Taste from 40 bourbons and 60 beers on tap.

Event features pulled pork from whole hogs, ribs, brisket, chickens, sausages and fixings; the Cochon Carnival featuring challenging activities; seminars in the Tasting Theater with master distillers, brew masters, and pit masters; exhibits of barbecue accessories; and an outdoor cigar area.

Entertainment includes live rock and blues and bluegrass on The Main Stage.

Admission cost varies. The Grand Poobah two-day, all-access tickets cost \$89 in advance only and are valid Friday from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.

Friday night Whole Hog Session costs \$49 in advance and is valid Friday from 6-10 p.m.

Admission for Saturday from 2-6 p.m. costs \$35 in advance and \$45 onsite.

Friday night designated driver ticket is valid from 6-10 p.m. and costs \$39. Sat-

urday designated driver ticket is valid from noon to 6 p.m. and costs \$29.

For more information, go to [beerand-bourbon.com](http://beerand-bourbon.com) or call 410-252-0200.

• **Baltimore Museum of Industry**, 1415 Key Highway, is offering public library cardholders a special Library Day on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cardholders from Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County and the Enoch Pratt Free Library systems can receive free admission with their cards. Free admission for children will be covered under an adult's card.

Enjoy storytimes with Anne Arundel County Public Library staff from noon to 3 p.m. and learn how to repair damaged books in the Book Hospital.

For more information, call 410-222-7371 or go to [aacpl.net](http://aacpl.net).

• **Torrey Smith Charity Basketball Game** will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Royal Farms Arena, 201 W. Baltimore St. Tickets cost \$15-\$75.

The former Ravens wide receiver returns for the fifth annual celebrity game.

All proceeds benefit the Torrey Smith Foundation.

For more information, go to [royalfarm-sarena.com](http://royalfarm-sarena.com) or call 410-347-2020.

• **Let's Get Serious Health, Wellness and Fitness Expo** will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Double Tree by Hilton, 1726 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville.

The free event features health screenings, healthful foods, cooking demonstrations and power workouts.

For more information, call 443-623-6722 or go to [letsgetserious2016eventbrite.com](http://letsgetserious2016eventbrite.com).

• **Ninth annual Baltimore Tattoo Arts Convention** will be held April 15 from 2 p.m. to midnight; April 16 from 11 a.m. to midnight; and April 17 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Baltimore Convention Center, 1 W. Pratt St.

Admission costs \$30 each day or \$40 for a three-day pass. Children under 12 are free.

The event will feature stars of the reality TV show "Ink Masters"; entertainment; seminars; and tattoo contests with a \$10 entry fee.

For more information, go to [villainart-s.com](http://villainart-s.com) or call 410-649-7000.

• **Anne Arundel County Public Library** is offering free genealogy classes at the Odenton, Edgewater and Severn Park libraries.

A workshop on using family trees will be held April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Odenton Regional Library at 1325 Annapolis Road.

Participants can use electronic and online family trees to capture and share research. Attendees should bring a USB drive and register by calling the library at 410-222-6277.

The Edgewater Community Library will host a two-part series on using Ancestry.com, a database customers can use for free in any county library. Part One is Friday



at 10 a.m. The second class is April 8 at 10 a.m.

Vivian Fisher from the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore will host a program on African-American genealogy at the Odenton Regional Library on May 3 at 6 p.m.

Award-winning genealogist Steve Gauss will present an introduction to genealogy class on May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Severna Park Community Library at 45 W. McKinsey Road.

This class will focus on teaching basic research tips and techniques.

Genealogy resources can be found at [www.aacpl.net/genealogy](http://www.aacpl.net/genealogy).

• **Leisure Travel Services** is offering its next monthly bus trip to New York City on April 16, with discounts to attractions.

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

## MEETINGS

• **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](mailto:colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil).

• **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](mailto:colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil).

• **Kritikos Toastmasters Club** meets on the first three Mondays of every month at 6:15 p.m. at Perry's Restaurant, 1210 Annapolis Road, Odenton. The next meeting is Monday.

The club offers an opportunity to service members and civilian residents in the Fort Meade community to improve their public speaking skills in a supportive environment.

For more information, go to [1686.toastmastersclubs.org](http://1686.toastmastersclubs.org) or call 410-305-9190.

• **The Fort Meade Retired Officers' Wives' Club** will meet Tuesday 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. 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.

• **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 April 7. There is no cost for the buffet. Donations are optional.

Menu features eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, grits, Danish pastries and fruit.

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

• **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 April 7. For more information, call 301-677-4118 or email [colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil).

• **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 April 7. 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 April 7.

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 April 7. 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 April 7. For more information, visit [namiaac.org](http://namiaac.org).

• **Fort Meade E9 Association** meets the second Friday of every month at 7 a.m. in the Pin Deck Cafe at the Lanes. The next meeting is April 8.

The association is open to active, retired, Reserve and National Guard E9s of any uniformed service. All E9s in this area are invited to attend a breakfast and meet the membership. For more information, go to

[e9association.org](http://e9association.org).

• **Meade Branch 212 of the Fleet Reserve Association** meets the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie. The next meeting is April 9. Active-duty, Reserve and retired members of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are invited. For more information, call 443-604-2474 or 410-768-6288.

• **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 April 11. For more information, call 301-677-4118 or email [colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil](mailto: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 April 11. For more information, call Celena Flowers or Jessica Hobgood at 301-677-5590.

• **Glen Burnie Chapter of NARFE** (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) will conduct its next monthly meeting on April 12 at 1 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church (Parish Hall) in Glen Burnie.

The speaker is Fred Delp of the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Anne Arundel County.

For more information, call 410-787-0390.

• **Moms Support Group** meets Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Family Advocacy Center, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave. The group is for mothers of young children up to age 3. Mini playgroup included. Topics include potty training, stages and development. Children are welcome. Registration is required. For more information, call 301-677-4118 or email [colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil).

• **Moms Walking Group**, sponsored by Parent Support, meets Thursdays from 8:30-9:15 a.m. at the Family Advocacy Program, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave. To register, call 301-677-3617.

• **Project Healing Waters** meets Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. at the Soldiers and Family Assistance Center, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave.

The project is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of wounded warriors and veterans through fly fishing, fly tying and outings.

For more information, call Larry Vawter, program leader, at 443-535-5074 or email [thecarptman@msn.com](mailto:thecarptman@msn.com).

• **Dancing with the Heroes**, free ballroom dance lessons for the Warrior Transition Unit, meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Argonne Hills Chapel Center in the seminar room.

Participants should wear loose clothing, comfortable shoes with leather soles. No super high heels or flip-flops.

## 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 April 17

**Friday: "Gods of Egypt" (R).** Mortal hero Bek teams with the god Horus in an alliance against Set, the merciless god of darkness, who has usurped Egypt's throne, plunging the once peaceful and prosperous empire into chaos and conflict. With Brenton Thwaites, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Gerard Butler.



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**Saturday & April 8: "Zoolander 2" (PG-13).** Derek and Hansel are lured into modeling again in Rome, where they find themselves the target of a sinister conspiracy. With Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Penelope Cruz.

**Sunday: "Eddie The Eagle" (PG-13).** The story of Eddie Edwards, the notoriously tenacious British underdog ski jumper who charmed the world at the 1988 Winter Olympics. With Taron Egerton, Hugh Jackman, Tom Costello Jr.

**April 9, 15 & 17: "Zootopia" (PG).** In a city of anthropomorphic animals, a rookie bunny cop and a cynical con artist fox must work together to uncover a conspiracy. With the voices of Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Idris Elba.

**April 10: "London Has Fallen" (R).** In London for the prime minister's funeral, Mike Banning discovers a plot to assassinate all the attending world leaders. With Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman.