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Fort Meade honors Vietnam veterans at annual celebration  
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The Vietnam Veterans of America Baltimore Chapter 451 honor guard posts the colors during the second annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration on March 30 at the Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport Hotel.

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Patriots pluck Eagles  
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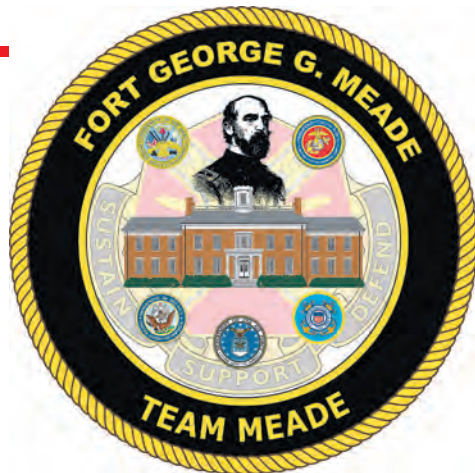
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## COMMANDER'S COLUMN - GUEST

# Spring safety

Every three months we highlight the safety hazards of a new season. There are higher risks in spring and after in summer. The result: more accidents.

Generally, every year I can recycle the spring safety tips because some things remain the same. Unfortunately, I can recycle the risks of driving: impaired by substance abuse, distracted by rubber-necking and texting.

In recent years, a new hazard in the form of sport bike appeared. Some military members who deployed saved up money to buy a Hayabusa. After too many fatal accidents, the Army offered sport bike training. (See the Installation Safety Office website to sign up online at ftmeade.army.mil.)

We continue to monitor hazards, and we rely on you to report hazards so we can publicize any new trends.

As always, safety is enhanced by partnerships with efforts such as health promotion.

I was privileged to help conduct my 25th ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) workshop.

Kenneth Jones, former director of Fort Meade's Army Substance Assistance Program, got funding to train me in August 2009. I mention Ken because he represents so many who began initiatives that live on, enriching the lives of military and civilians on Meade.

What a thrill for me to team with Navy and Air Force trainers — such as Air Force Col. Michael Heuer — training Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and civilians.

The 500-plus personnel I helped train



**Kirk M. Fechter**

INSTALLATION  
SAFETY  
DIRECTOR

are among us and deployed worldwide, ready to listen, care and help intervene to stop the crisis in suicides.

**Here are some good safety tips for this time of year:**

■ Keep office areas free of clutter.

Move items away from exits, remove tripping hazards, throw away unneeded items, and file needed papers so they do not clutter your work area.

Slips, trips and falls can happen anywhere.

■ Make sure equipment is working properly.

■ Follow instructions and warning labels on chemical products, and lawn and garden equipment.

■ Wear safety goggles, sturdy shoes and long pants when using lawn mowers and other machinery.

■ Protect your hearing when operating loud machinery.

■ Wear gloves to protect hands from skin irritations, cuts and contaminants.

■ Reduce the risk of sunburn and skin cancer by wearing long sleeves, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunshades. Use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.

■ When working in hot weather, remind workers to drink plenty of liquids.

■ Pay attention to signs of heat-related illness including high body-temperature, headache, dizziness, rapid pulse, nausea, confusion or unconsciousness.

Everyone has a part to play in keeping the workplace safe and free from unnecessary hazards. It all starts by setting an example and sharing these tips with others.

## 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.





# ACCESS GRANTED

## ACCESS GRANTED: How to preregister your guests in advance

BY GANESA R. ROBINSON  
Editor

*CORRECTION: This article is being reprinted to correct information listed in the Access Control Procedures insert in the March 31 Soundoff!*

**N**ow that your guests are confirmed, it's time to prepare for their access. If your guests are not present, you can provide the information in their absence.

Here's what you can do to get started:

**Step 1:** Gather the required personal identification information from your guests.

You will need their full name, date of birth AND Social Security number AND driver's license number. Additionally, you need the information from their valid, state-issued photo ID or other authorized forms of ID listed in the REAL ID Act.

**Step 2:** Go into the Demps Visitor Control Center to request a Fort Meade visitor access pass.

**Step 3:** Complete the request for visitor access form. You will be required to show your DoD-issued ID, as their sponsor, and provide the full name, date of birth AND Social Security number AND driver's license

number of your visiting guest(s) for the background check.

**Step 4:** VCC personnel will process the visitor access pass form.

**Step 5:** The sponsor will be notified by the VCC that the access passes are ready for pick up. Then, the sponsor will notify their guest(s) to inform them to pick up the passes at the VCC.

**Step 6:** The visitor(s) will go into the VCC with their personal identification information (state-issued photo ID and Social Security card) to validate their identity to pick up their access passes.

## 'Not in Our Army'

BY LISA R. RHODES  
Staff Writer

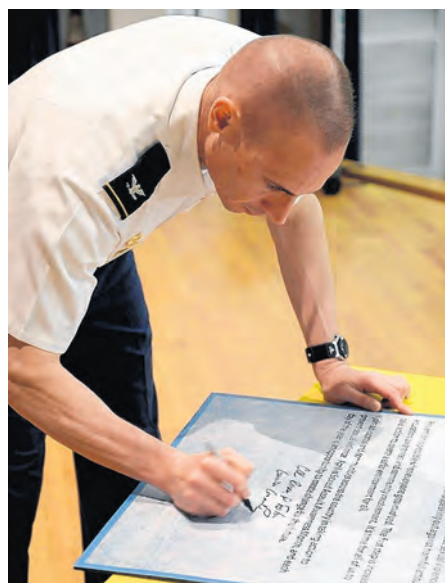


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Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley signs a proclamation Monday declaring the start of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

On Monday morning, Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley signed a proclamation declaring the start of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

The signing, held at the Post Theater, included a speech by Jeremiah Arbogast, a retired Marine and male victim of sexual assault.

Sgt. 1st Class Christina Pearson, Fort Meade's Sexual Assault Response coordinator, and Richard Ponder, Fort Meade's sexual assault victim advocate, also attended the signing.

National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is held each April to raise awareness and educate communities on the prevention of sexual assault.

During the annual observance, the Army reaffirms its commitment to eliminate sexual assault within its ranks, support victims and inspire bystander intervention.

The Army's theme for this year's observance is "Sexual Assault. Sexual Harassment. Not in Our Army."

In his remarks, Foley spoke about the need for units on post to come together to eradicate sexual assault and encourage awareness for prevention.

On Friday, the garrison will host its



FILE PHOTO

Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley will lead service members on the 3-mile run throughout the installation Friday morning. See a map of the route on Page 14.

annual Joint Service Sexual Assault Awareness and Resiliency Installation Run from 6:30-8 a.m. beginning at McGlachlin Parade Field.

The goal of the joint run is to bring Team Meade together to express its unity to fight sexual assault. The run also symbolizes the

installation's efforts to build upon the mental, physical, emotional, behavioral and spiritual resilience in service members to improve their ability to manage the stresses of military life.

*Editor's note: See Page 14 for a map of the run route.*



# Proclamation signings mark observances for military children

BY LISA R. RHODES  
Staff Writer

For the military community, the month of April is all about the kids.

April is Month of the Military Child, a time to celebrate military children for their resiliency and sacrifice through multiple moves and long separations from deployed parents.

Part of the observance is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a nationwide effort to educate parents and provide them with the support and resources needed to create safe and healthy communities.

To usher in the dual observances Friday



AaleJah C. (front), Lena T. (middle), and Marissa M., from Child Development Center 1 play with their pinwheels after placing them in the CDC garden Friday.

on Fort Meade, Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes signed the proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month outside Child Development Center I.

Before the signing in front of 22 children, Foley said that “caring for our most precious asset” is one of the most important responsibilities of the Fort Meade community.

“The future of our nation rests in the hands of these beautiful people here,” Foley said of the child care employees at the CDC.

Forbes read aloud the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation and acknowledged this year’s theme, “Child Safety to Prevent Child Neglect”:

“Children are the future of our nation. It is our job to assure they grow up in a stable and nurturing environment. ... As long as any child suffers from abuse or neglect, we have fallen short of our readiness goals. Child abuse prevention is not a one-month assignment. It goes on every day of every year.

“Without everyone of us doing our part, we cannot say our Army is fully ready to build a strong and resilient community.”

After the proclamation signing, Foley read aloud the proclamation for the Month of the Military Child:

“It is essential to recognize that military children do make a significant contribution to our nation through understanding their military parents, who often work long hours and make numerous deployments when called upon. ... The Army strives to provide a safe and nurturing environment for military children, enabling our Soldiers to have peace of mind and thus be a stronger and more ready and resilient fighting force.”

April was first declared Child Abuse



PHOTOS BY SGT. 1ST CLASS FRANK INMAN

Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley looks on as Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes signs a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. During April, military and civilian organizations are encouraged through various events to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Prevention Month by President Ronald Reagan in 1983.

The Family Advocacy Program, which is part of Army Community Service, is dedicated to helping Soldiers and families with the challenges related to domestic abuse, and child abuse and neglect. The program focuses on prevention, education, prompt reporting, investigation, intervention and treatment.

After Friday’s proclamation signing, the children placed blue pinwheels, each decorated with a “Give a Child Hope” sign, in the gardens outside CDC I.

The color blue has come to symbolize child abuse prevention after Bonnie Finney tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her car in 1989 to remember her grandson, who died from child abuse, and to alert her community in Norfolk, Va., about abused and neglected children.

Pinwheels for Prevention began as a grassroots campaign to create a national symbol for child abuse and neglect preven-

tion.

Celena Flowers, manager of Fort Meade’s Family Advocacy Program, said FAP is asking the community to wear blue each Friday in April to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month.

“Blue symbolizes the bruises a child sustains as a result of child abuse,” Flowers said. “We want people to wear blue to never forget the battered and bruised bodies of children who are abused every day.”

FAP is also asking the community to take selfies while wearing blue on Friday and send the photos to Flowers by Wednesday. The digital photos will be posted on the FAP Facebook page on April 15.

The idea for the selfies was initiated by Colaina Townsend, former parent support coordinator at FAP.

“It’s a way of people showing their support for this effort and to stand up for the protection of children,” Flowers said.

*Editor’s Note: Selfies can be sent to [celena.l.flowers.civ@mail.mil](mailto:celena.l.flowers.civ@mail.mil).*

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



## Keeping Kids Safe & Sound

### April Family Advocacy Program Activities:

- Romp ‘n’ Stomp: Tuesdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m., Youth Center
- FAP Information Tables: Mondays, CDC I, II, III, School Age Services
- Single Parent Support: 2nd/4th Monday, 5:30–7 p.m., School Age Services, 1900 Reece Road
- Families Dealing with Deployment: 1st/3rd Monday, 5:30–6:30 p.m., FAP Center
- 1-2-3 Magic Workshop: April 28, 9:30–11:30 a.m., FAP Center

For more information, call the Family Advocacy Program at 301-677-5590 or visit [meade.armymwr.com/us/meade/programs/army-community-service](http://meade.armymwr.com/us/meade/programs/army-community-service).



# Reserve signal battalion departs for overseas deployment

BY 1ST LT. HAILEY QUINLAN

335th Signal Command (Theater)

Nearly 300 Army Reservists said goodbye to family and friends on March 26 during a deployment ceremony at the Fort Meade Pavilion.

The Soldiers make up the 392nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, which is headquartered at Sheridan U.S. Army Reserve Center in Gwynn Oak, Md., with companies stationed in Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Soldiers assigned to the 392nd ESB will be deploying to the Middle East after several months of training and preparation.

At the ceremony, remarks were delivered by Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger of Maryland's 2nd congressional district; Brig. Gen. Christopher R. Kemp, commanding general of the 335th Signal Command (Theater) based in East Point, Ga.; and Col. William T. Peterson, brigade commander of the 359th Tactical Signal Brigade (Theater) based in Fort Gordon, Ga.

"Our job is to send teams of signal Soldiers and their equipment to support communications — including voice, data and video — to locations throughout the Middle East," said Maj. Matthew Bernoski, the 392nd ESB battalion operations officer.

"We're the hub that powers the CPN [Command Post Node]," said Pfc. Aaron Pennix, a multichannel transmissions system operator and maintainer for the 392nd ESB. "My job is to connect to satellites in order to provide voice and data communications."

The battalion is made up of many young Soldiers who will gain technical and leadership experience during their time in theater.

"I believe our Soldiers will be much better off when they come back," Bernoski said. "They have the opportunity to earn technical certifications that can drastically improve their marketability in the civilian sector."

"You can gain experience from anything," said Spc. Robin Cochran, a signal soldier from Alpha Company. "I could get into the IT side of my job with the experience I will gain from the deployment."

More than 500 family members and friends traveled from across the country to attend the departure ceremony in support of their Soldiers.

"I prefer to call it a 'see you soon' ceremony," said Lt. Col. Carl Stahlman, battalion commander of the 392nd ESB. "It's really a chance for the leadership to thank the families. As much as the Soldiers sacrifice, we can't forget how much more their families sacrifice."



COURTESY PHOTOS

Nearly 300 Army Reservists from the 392nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion boarded buses bound for Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport to fly to Fort Hood, Texas, for the final phase of deployment preparation and training before heading overseas.

Emotions ran high as Soldiers and families spent a few final hours together.

"My family is excited for me, but sad too," Cochran said. "It's a change I needed. I've been doing the same thing since I graduated from college, so deploying will be a nice change of pace."

With home stations spread across multiple states, training and preparation can be a challenge for the battalion. The deployment ceremony marked one of the few times that the entire battalion had the opportunity to come together as a unit.

"The Soldiers and companies gel and function better when working as a cohesive unit," Stahlman said. "We only come together about 10 times a year, so it's amazing to see them execute their jobs so well."

After leaving the installation, the Soldiers were bused to Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport to fly to Fort Hood, Texas, for the last phase of deployment preparation and training before heading overseas.

"Leading these Soldiers into theater is one of the biggest privileges I'll have in my life," Stahlman said. "These Soldiers are going to come back even more smart and amazing. They'll be subject-matter experts when we return."



Lt. Col. Carl Stahlman, battalion commander of the 392nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion headquartered at Gwynn Oak, Md., and battalion members at parade rest during the deployment ceremony held March 26 in the Pavilion.





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Sgt. 1st Class Set B. McDowell of the Joint Force Headquarters – Department of Defense Information Networks leads runners in stretching exercises before the event.

## ‘Off on the right foot’

### DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Undeterred by the threat of rain, approximately 200 personnel from the Defense Information Systems Agency and the Joint Force Headquarters – Department of Defense Information Networks gathered Friday at McGlachlin Parade Field for a 3-mile formation run.

The event was led by the dual-hatted DISA director and JFHQ-DODIN commander, Lt. Gen. Alan R. Lynn.

“This is a great opportunity to come together as a team with military and civilian employees from across DISA and JFHQ-DODIN,” said Gary Wooten, assistant battle captain in the JFHQ-DODIN Operations Center, who was preparing to participate in his first Esprit de Corps run.

Reveille — the bugle call associated with the start of the duty day — played at 6:30 a.m., and all personnel came to attention as the American flag was raised.

Then, at the command of Joint Support Group Senior Enlisted Leader Sgt. Maj. Shannon Caviness, the runners began their 3-mile route around the post.

A group of walkers, led by DISA

Command Center Senior Enlisted Leader Sgt. Maj. Mark Bell, started their 2-mile route at the same time.

As the runners and walkers reached the end of their route, participants gathered to listen to Lynn’s remarks.

“Thank you for joining me on a great run this morning,” he said. “We have had a fantastic year, marked by historic changes and amazing accomplishments. But the slope continues to rise, and we need to be steadfast in our commitment — just as we were running today — to meet those challenges.”

Employees responded enthusiastically. Lynn finished by asking the workforce to extend his thanks to their families for the support that has been instrumental to the success of DISA and JFHQ-DODIN.

“Considering the operational tempo within DISA and JFHQ-DODIN, this type of event gives the entire workforce an opportunity to come together, outside of work, to build camaraderie,” said Maj. Dustin Phillips, commander of the Joint Support Group.

“And that solidarity not only starts the day off on the right foot, but sets the tone for the way we operate in the future.”



Approximately 200 personnel from the Defense Information Systems Agency and the Joint Force Headquarters – Department of Defense Information Networks participates in Friday’s 3-mile formation run at McGlachlin Parade Field.





SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Cadets from Meade High School's JROTC Battalion, faculty members and other Fort Meade students take a group shot at Trophy Point overlooking the Hudson River during their daylong visit Friday to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in New York.

## Meade JROTC visits West Point, holds bake sales

A group of 48 Fort Meade students left early Friday morning for a daylong trip to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

The group included 32 cadets from Meade High School's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Battalion, 11 Meade High AVID and International Baccalaureate students, five MacArthur Middle School students and four faculty members.

The trip was funded partially by a grant from the Department of Defense Education Activity Educational Partnership.

At West Point, the group was given an admissions briefing, a tour of the cadet areas, and lunch with the entire corps of cadets at Washington Hall, courtesy of Maj. Charles Cook of West Point Admissions.

They also enjoyed a driving tour of West Point with stops at Michie Stadium, Cadet Chapel, and Trophy Point, courtesy of Col. Denton Knapp, liaison officer for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at West Point.

Before heading back to Fort Meade, the group visited the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City.

Cadets also held numerous bake sales to sponsor participation at the Junior Cadet Leadership Camp at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., in June.

JROTC fundraisers are held throughout the year to support various events and to donate to their Service Learning Project, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Through these events, cadets have raised more than \$2,000.

Their next event is the annual West Anne Arundel/North Anne Arundel County Relay for Life on May 14.



A cadet from Meade High's JROTC invites the community to sponsor a cadet's attendance at Junior Cadet Leadership Camp at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., through funds raised at a bake sale held March 19 outside the commissary.





ROWC member Edna Grant models an orange sheath dress with a black and white insert.



LeAnn McCreedy, wife of former Garrison Commander Retired Col. Kenneth O. McCreedy, models a black shirt and blue-print top.



Audrey Rothstein, wife of former Garrison Commander Retired Col. Edward R. Rothstein, models a beige flower-print dress.



PHOTOS BY BRYAN SPANN/MEADE TV  
Debbie Alexander, wife of former National Security Director Retired Gen. Keith B. Alexander, models an ensemble.

## 'Spring is in full bloom'

BY LISA R. RHODES  
Staff Writer

Over a lunch of chicken salad on croissants, members of Fort Meade's Retired Officers' Wives' Club enjoyed the organization's annual spring fashion show on Tuesday morning at Club Meade.

"Spring is in full bloom here at Fort Meade," said Nell Boynton, the emcee. "The season's looks are beautiful and exciting."

ROWC members modeled colorful spring fashions from the Fort Meade Exchange.

Lianne Roberts, ROWC president, said the club highlights fashions from the Exchange because "it's part of our community."

"It's important that we continue to support each other because people can probably make purchases there," she said. "It's worth taking a look at what is on the racks at the Exchange. It's a win-win for everybody."

The fashions ranged from bright green, orange, teal and multiprint sheath dresses to casual slacks coupled with cobalt blue or pink sweaters.

The highlight was a bright orange jacket over a casual ensemble of spaghetti top and pants. The models accessorized their looks with custom jewelry from Phyllis Gerken, a designer from Colorado.

"It's absolutely lovely," said Sally Hogan, a Columbia resident and ROWC member of 20 years. "These are clothes that can be worn as casual as well as dress and easily accessorized."

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# ‘Long overdue’

Fort Meade honors Vietnam veterans at annual celebration

BY LISA R. RHODES  
Staff Writer

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes joined 100 service members from Fort Meade and the National Capital Region in paying tribute to Vietnam veterans on March 30.

Forbes led the service members in an Honor Salute to the veterans for their sacrifice and dedication during the Vietnam War at the second annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration.

The three-hour event, held at the Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport Hotel, was hosted by Hospice of the Chesapeake, a nonprofit organization that provides palliative and hospice care.

“It’s humbling,” said former Sgt. George E. Mardone Jr. of Severna Park who served in the Tet Offensive in 1968. “It’s taken a long time to recognize the sacrifices that we made, but we did it because it was our duty.”

The Honor Salute was part of the observance of Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

Last year, Gov. Larry Hogan designated March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day to honor Vietnam vets throughout the state and to pay homage to the day in 1973 when the last American troops were withdrawn from the war-torn country.

Throughout the tribute, veterans spoke of how they were mistreated and disrespected when they returned home from the war.

“We were spit on and called names,” said retired Sgt. Maj. Roy Brown, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Baltimore Chapter 45L. “It’s important that after all these years, we get the recognition that we deserve. We didn’t get any reception then.”

In his remarks following the Honor Salute, Forbes thanked the veterans and their families for their commitment to the nation.

“It is truly a humbling experience to stand before Vietnam veterans, those of



Retired Rear Adm. Robert H. Shumaker reflects on his experiences as a prisoner of war after being held captive for eight years by the North Vietnamese.

you [who] have served honorably throughout the years,” he said. “We will never forget the 50,000-plus who gave their lives for this great nation — not on our watch.”

The celebration began as the veterans and their families entered the hotel to be greeted by service members and Hospice of the Chesapeake volunteers.

Each veteran was pinned with a Vietnam Veteran lapel pin from the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration program. Its goal is to reach out to all of the living Vietnam veterans and present them with the lapel pin as thanks from the nation.

“When I walked up and saw the

***“I want to commend you for your patriotism when your country called. You have every right to be proud of your service.”***

*Retired Rear Adm. Robert H. Shumaker, former Navy aviator and POW*



Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes speaks about the commitment and dedication of Vietnam veterans during the second annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration held March 30 at the Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport Hotel.

greeters, I couldn’t express how it made me feel,” said retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gary Burt who served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968. “It almost brought tears to my eyes.”

The veterans and their families then enjoyed an hour of appetizers, Vietnam-era music and the company of their peers.

Several local social service organizations were present to inform attendees of resources available to them and their families. The Maryland Public Television “Salutes Vietnam Veterans Traveling Exhibit” was on display, as well as handmade patriotic quilts from local quilting guilds.

Serving as emcee, Senior Midshipman Sarah Howard of the U.S. Naval Academy welcomed the audience to the formal celebration. In her remarks, Howard tearfully recounted how her family left Vietnam 41 years ago on an American

plane and arrived in the U.S. to start a new life.

Howard said the freedom that her family now enjoys “could not be possible without the sacrifices of the men and women who served courageously and bravely during the Vietnam War.”

Ben Marcantonio, president and CEO of Hospice of the Chesapeake, spoke about the importance of the organization’s Honor Salutes for Vietnam veterans who are hospice clients.

For the past year, volunteer service members from Fort Meade have participated in informal Honor Salutes for hospice clients in their homes.

Marcantonio said the veterans often say it is the very first time they ever received a salute or welcome since returning from combat.

During the Honor Salute for the cele-

bration, Forbes and the service members stood at attention and saluted the veterans in the audience and then turned to salute the Table of Remembrance, which displayed photos of fallen Vietnam service members and veterans who have died since the end of the war. The display featured such mementos as combat boots and letters from loved ones.

Pfc. Naramseen Moshe of Fort Meade’s 241st Military Police Detachment was among those who participated in the Honor Salute.

“It gives me a chance to meet the prior service members who fought in Vietnam,” he said. “If it wasn’t for their sacrifices, I wouldn’t be here.”

Guest speakers included George W. Owings III, secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs; Anne Arundel County Executive Steven R.



Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes gathers with Vietnam War veterans and active-duty service members after the Welcome Home ceremony.

Schuh; and retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Fred L. Shinbur, coordinator of MPT’s “Salute Vietnam Veterans Project.”

Shibur announced the upcoming premiere of MPT’s “Maryland Vietnam Veteran War Stories” from May 24-26 at 8 p.m. The program, which highlights Vietnam veterans and their experiences during the war, will air on public television stations nationwide.

Three distinguished Vietnam veterans then shared their remembrances of the war and their allegiance to other veterans.

Retired Brig. Gen. John Rose, director of the Vietnam War Commemoration program who served one year in Vietnam with the 196th Infantry Brigade, said that Vietnam veterans “did not quit” when they returned home to the U.S.

“Our service did not end with the war,” Rose said.

The experiences, successes and failures of Vietnam veterans “transformed the nation’s military to meet today’s leadership challenges,” he said.

Jan C. Scruggs, co-founder of the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial in Washington, D.C., spoke of how he was wounded by a rocket grenade explosion after arriving in Vietnam at age 19.

Scruggs said he was resigned to die when the Soldiers in his unit had to retreat for cover.

“But they came back for me,” he said. “If you’re wounded, someone’s gonna come back and get you. You better believe it.”

Retired Rear Adm. Robert H. Shumaker, a former Navy aviator, was a prisoner of war in North Vietnam for eight years after his aircraft was shot down in February 1965. He endured years of torture and was held at the infamous Hoa Lo’ Prison in Hanoi.

Shumaker is credited with devising a tap code system to communicate with other POWs that was never detected by his captors.

Shumaker was released in Operation Homecoming on Feb. 12, 1973 and is the recipient of many military honors, including the Naval Distinguished Service Medal, two Silver Stars, three Legions of Merit with “V”, the Bronze Star with “V” and two Purple Hearts.

“If it were not for you and your efforts in Vietnam, I think I’d still be locked up in jail over there, so I’m pretty grateful to you,” Shumaker said. “ .... You never really got the proper greeting that you deserve. No grand parades as there were in World War II. The public turned their backs on you when you returned from the battlefield and struggled to find jobs.”

Shumaker said his return to the U.S. as a POW was in “stark contrast” to other Vietnam veterans.



Wounded Vietnam War combat veteran Wayne Miller sings “God Bless the USA” at the conclusion of the Welcome Home and is given a standing ovation.

“It has always embarrassed me,” he said. “We POWs had parades in our hometowns, but you did not.

“I think this was because the public was so tired of the war that the return of POWs signified one of the few positive outcomes of the event and represented the end of a very long nightmare.

“I want to commend you for your patriotism when your country called,” Shumaker said. “You have every right to be proud of your service.”

The event ended with the premiere of “Visions of Vietnam,” a documentary produced by the performing visual arts students at Annapolis High School.

At the end of the program, many of the vets and their family members expressed appreciation.

“It’s a day that you can meet with all the guys who made it back,” said retired Staff Sgt. Larry Parker, who served in Vietnam for a year and now resides in Annapolis with his wife, Callie.

She was glad to see her husband and his comrades receive their honors some 50 years after regular U.S. combat units troops were sent to war.

“It’s long overdue,” she said. “It gives me a warm feeling inside to know that people really appreciate everything they went through.”





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Patriots shooting guard Larry Bailey (right) drives the ball to the net against a tight Eagles defense.

# Fort Meade Patriots pluck the Eagles 79-69

BY ALAN H. FEILER  
Staff Writer

"We're still fighting."

That's the good word from Ronny R. Cunningham, coach of the Fort Meade Patriots, after the men's basketball team's 79-69 victory Sunday against the Fort Belvoir Eagles at Murphy Field House.

The Patriots are now 5-8 for the 2016 Men's Basketball League season in the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference.

"We played well enough to win, but we could have played better," Cunningham said. "It would have been a bigger difference [in score]."

"I knew [the Eagles] would be competitive. We'd get up and then they'd come back."

The Patriots largely dominated the first two quarters of the game and were up by 5 points by halftime. But the Eagles scored the first 9 points in the third quarter. From there, the game was a constant seesaw.

"It was a real battle until the last three minutes," Cunningham said.

But the Patriots came through in the end, said Beth D. Downs, sports specialist for the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"They played hard," she said. "They went out there and really played well at the right time at the end of the game."

Among the Patriots' standouts in the game were center Robert Parks with 20 points, forward Derek Bailey with 12 points, shooting guard Tyler Francis with 11 points, shooting guard Larry



Fort Meade center Robert Parks (left) recovers the ball, much to the dismay of his Fort Belvoir opponent.

Bailey with 10 points, and point guard Keenan Bennett with 8 points.

Cunningham noted that three of his regular players, including team captain and shooting guard Llewellyn Smalley, were unable to make the game.

"We've still got a lot of young guys on the team," he said. "You've got to get them out of their bad habits. We just need to know how to grow from each game."

"It's all a matter of execution. They've got to be mentally tough. You've just got to play hard."

The Patriots are currently in seventh place, trailing behind Fort Lee, JB Myer-Henderson Hall, JB Andrews, NSA Bethesda, JB Langley-Eustis and NCR Marines.

The Patriots' remaining games this season will be off post. They play Sunday

against JB McGuire- Dix-Lakehurst in Trenton, N.J., and on April 17 against NSA Bethesda.

Cunningham and Downs said the Patriots may also play a makeup game against the NCR Marines in the near future, at a time and venue to be determined.

Among the fans in the stands was John Burkhalter of Pasadena, a retired Vietnam veteran.

"[The Patriots] almost gave it away, but they came through in the end," said Burkhalter. "It was a tight game, a lot of back and forth. It came down to the wire."

"But it's always fun to watch these games — especially when they win."

*Editor's note: For updates on games and scores for the Patriots, visit [www.quick-scores.com/Orgs/index.php?OrgDir=WA-MAC](http://www.quick-scores.com/Orgs/index.php?OrgDir=WA-MAC).*



## SPORTS SHORTS



PHOTO BY CANDACE GODFREY

Garrison Deputy Installation Commander John Moeller and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes register Friday for the 24-hour fitness facility at Murphy Field House. Registration is required to gain access to the facility by fingerprint reader.

### Murphy Field House now open 24/7; register for access

Murphy Field House is 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 are NOT 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.

### Fort Meade Run Series

Registration is underway for the 2016 Fort Meade Run Series, which begins April 23.

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.

Register by Tuesday for the entire series for \$80.

All preregistered patrons will receive a run T-shirt at each event. Runners who signed up for the entire series will receive an additional, specially designed 2016 Run Series T-shirt at the final run.

Register online at [meade.armymwr.com/us/meade/programs/run-series](http://meade.armymwr.com/us/meade/programs/run-series).

All runs start at 8 a.m. and are open to the public.

• Earth Day 5K: April 23, Burba Lake

Park

For more information, call 301-677-3318.

### Spring Aerobathon

The Spring Into Fitness Aerobathon is Saturday 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).

### JIBBER JABBER - OPINION

# A parody of parity: 112-1

In case our friends Sgt. 1st Class Chambers, everyone's favorite executive assistant Pamela Miskel and Fort Meade Patriots' men's basketball coach Ronny Cunningham have forgotten, I'm going to let Kris Jenkins' game-winning shot in Monday's NCAA championship game hang out up here for a bit. [bit.ly/1XeQu8l](http://bit.ly/1XeQu8l)



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Don't worry, though. This graph should be the last those three pillars of the Team Meade community (along with anyone else who bleeds Carolina Blue) will have to read about the Tar Heels' loss to Villanova. And to show I am a nice guy, here's an extra look at Marcus Paige's miraculous shot, which should have sent the title tilt into overtime. [bit.ly/25KvKLR](http://bit.ly/25KvKLR)

Busted brackets — mine was gone with Michigan State — and a horrible Semifinal Saturday aside, the 2016 men's tournament was the best March Madness I can remember.

Conversely, the women's tournament continues to be the biggest lock in life. Seriously, UConn winning the women's title is as certain as death, taxes, sneaky banks in Panama, and the '95-'96 Chicago Bulls being the best team in NBA history (record-wise).

Sorry Golden State, but when you lose to Boston and Minnesota at home, your tank is officially on E.

Coach Geno Auriemma's Lady Huskies haven't been on E since at least 1990. In fact, after Geno collected his NCAA-record 11th national title on Tuesday, it's clear the most dominant team in American sports is still firing on all cylinders.

As Fort Meade's favorite lady of the chapel and resident Huskies fan Marcia Eastland would gladly tell you, Geno passing legendary coach John Wooden for the most NCAA basketball titles is only the tip of UConn's latest unprecedented run.

This year's Huskies are the first women's team ever to win four straight national championships. Seniors Breanna Stewart, Morgan Tuck and Moriah Jefferson are the first three players ever to win four

straight championships.

If that wasn't enough, Stewart solidified her status as the most decorated/accomplished player in NCAA basketball history. The four-time National Player of the Year became the first person to win four titles and four tournament Most Outstanding Player awards. Yes, Stewart won four titles and was the MOP each time.

If you wanted to be bold regarding Breanna's greatness, you could say she — a 6-foot-3, long-haired, lanky hybrid, and not Kobe or LeBron, or Durant or anyone else you want to mention — has finally done the impossible by matching Michael Jordan's greatness on the basketball court.

Just in case any of you thought Jordan was nothing more than the Jumpman logo or a crying meme [es.pn/1RXz0f3](http://es.pn/1RXz0f3), "His Airness" went 6-0 in the NBA finals and won six finals and league MVPs.

To be fair, and I'm sure a tad chauvinistic by some new-age PC standard, you can't mention UConn's greatness without alluding to the absolute lack of quality competition. Division I women's b-ball has made a parody of parity. On Tuesday, UConn won for the 75th time in a row and is 112-1 in its last 113 games.

Stupid, right?

There's more. UConn has won each of its last 75 games by double digits: They won 16 games by 11-30 points; they won 32 games by 31-48 points; and they won 24 of those games by at least 50.

This year, the team went 38-0 and won each game by an average 39.4 points. They only beat Syracuse by 31 in Tuesday's final, but that's what happens when you're on the short end of a 16-0 run in the third quarter. The result of which cut UConn's lead down to 17 points and forced Geno to use a timeout.

You know, so he could right the ship.

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

Operating hours at the Demps Visitor Control Center have been extended.

The new hours are 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.

### 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).

### Preregister for Flea Market

Due to new access restrictions at the gates, all non-DOD cardholders must preregister by April 15 for the Fort Meade Flea Market.

The flea market will be held April 30

from 7 a.m. to noon, at the Pavilion, rain or shine.

Preregistering by April 15 will authorize your entry onto the installation.

After this date, preregistrations will not be accepted and non-DoD cardholders will be denied gate access.

DoD cardholders can continue to preregister until April 29.

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

Vendor cost on April 30 is \$20.

For more information, call 301-677-3579.

### 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.

### Team Trivia

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

# SHARP Joint Service Run Route



**The Fort Meade Joint Service Sexual Assault Awareness and Resiliency Installation Run will be held Friday from 6:30-8 a.m. at McGlachlin Parade Field. The goal of the joint run is to bring Team Meade together to express its unity to fight sexual assault. In addition, the event will build upon mental, physical, emotional, behavioral and spiritual resilience in Fort Meade's service members to enhance their ability to manage the rigors and challenges of a demanding profession.**

**For more information, call Linda Winkels at 301-677-4719 or email [linda.m.winkels.civ@mail.mil](mailto:linda.m.winkels.civ@mail.mil).**



# 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 or james.r.ayers30.civ@mail.mil  
and www.ftmeade.army.mil for updates

FREE LUNCH starting at 11:00 am!



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.

## Earth Day

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

The event 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 or james.r.ayers30.civ@mail.mil.

For updates, go to ftmeade.army.mil.

## 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 Kunas at 301-677-7778 or email paul.e.kunas@mail.mil.

### Financial, Employment Readiness

Joint Services is offering workshops and briefings by Army Community Service at the Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave., and the Navy Fleet and Family Support Center at 2212 Chisholm Ave., unless otherwise noted.

The free classes are open to active-duty service members and family members, DoD civilian employees and retirees.

Registration is required for each class.

To register, go to fortmeadeacs.check-

appointments.com or call 301-677-5590.

### Military

- Retiree Brief: Monday, 8-11:30 a.m. at FFSC
- Pre-Separation Brief: April 14, 9-11:30 a.m. at FFSC
- Deployment Brief: April 21, 10-11:30 a.m. at FFSC
- TGPS (Transition, Goals, Plans, Success): April 18-22, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at FFSC
- Life Skills
- Time Management: April 20, 9-11 a.m. at FFSC

### Financial

- Thrift Savings Plan: Tuesday, 9-11 a.m. at ACS
- Home Buying: April 19, 9 a.m. to noon at ACS
- Basics of Investing: April 26, 9 a.m. to noon at ACS
- 1st Term Financial Readiness: April 26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at ACS

### Employment

- 10 Steps to a Federal Job: Monday, 9 a.m. to noon at McGill Training Center
- How to Work a Job Fair: Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon at McGill Training Center
- Career Exploration: April 14, 9 a.m. to noon at ACS
- Salary Negotiation: April 21, 9 a.m. to noon at ACS
- Social Media for Job Seekers: April 26, 9 a.m. to noon at ACS

For more information, call ACS at 301-677-5590 or FFSC at 301-677-9017/9018.

## YOUTH

### 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.

Information regarding access to the installation for all non-DoD ID cardholders is available at ftmeade.army.mil or facebook.com/FtMeade.

For more information, go to meade.armymwr.com or call Charisma Wooten of the Meade Rod & Gun Club at 240-568-

6055.

### 'Legally Blonde' at Meade High

Meade High School's Way Off-Broadway Players will present "Legally Blonde: The Musical" today, Friday and Saturday 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 Center events

The Youth Center is offering several activities this month for grades six to eight.

- World Laboratory Day: April 13, 5 p.m.
- Youth Family Dinner: April 15, 6 p.m.
- Month of the Military Child Cake-Cutting Ceremony: April 22, 3:30 p.m.
- Kickball Game: Youth Center vs. Teen Center: April 22 at 4 p.m.
- Youth Lock-in: April 29-30, 6:30 p.m.

For list of fees or more information, call 301-677-1437.

### Teen Center events

The Teen Center is offering several activities this month:

- Top Chef: April 19, 4 p.m.
- Month of the Military Child Cake-Cutting Ceremony: April 22, 3 p.m.

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- Kickball Game: Teen Center vs. Youth Center: April 22 at 4 p.m.
- Parents & Teens Ice Cream Social: April 26, 5:30 p.m.
- Teen Center Skate Park opening: April 15, 3-5 p.m.

The skate park is open the first and third Friday of the month. Free to members and \$2 for nonmembers. Helmets are required.

For more information, call 301-677-6054.

## Discipline workshop

1-2-3 Magic Workshop, a parenting class on discipline for children, will be held April 28 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Family Advocacy Program, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave.

To register, call 301-677-4118.

## RECREATION

## Out &amp; About

• **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 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 Tuesday 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.

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).

• **BOSS Trap & Skeet Trip** for single

service members of all services will be held May 14. For more information, call 301-915-5389.

• **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

• **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 today. 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 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. 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.

• **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 today. 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 today.

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 tonight. 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 tonight. 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 Friday.

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 Saturday. 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 Monday. 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 Monday. For more information, call Celena Flowers or Jessica Hobbgood at 301-677-5590.

• **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.

• **Glen Burnie Chapter of NARFE** (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) will conduct its next monthly meeting on Tuesday 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.

• **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.

## 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 22

**Friday: "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.



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**Saturday & April 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.



FOCUS FEATURES

**Sunday: "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.

**April 16: "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot" (R).** A journalist recounts her wartime coverage in Afghanistan. With Tina Fey, Margot Robbie, Martin Freeman.