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Paying homage

The Joint Services Color Guard displays the colors during the Procession of the Color Guards. About 500 people attended Fort Meade's Memorial Day Remembrance and 30th Annual Massing of the Colors hosted by the General George G. Meade Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars on Sunday at the Pavilion. See the story on Page 12.

PHOTO BY NATE PESCE

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Spouse command team serves the community

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN - GUEST

Summer Safety

As we begin the countdown to Memorial Day and the traditional start of summer, I encourage leaders, Soldiers and Army civilians at all levels to keep safety at the forefront of every activity, both on and off duty.

This is historically the deadliest time of year for Army accidents, we must all do our part to keep each other safe.

Last fiscal year, 37 Soldiers died and another 17 suffered life-altering injuries in off-duty mishaps between Memorial Day and the first day of fall in late September.

Of those fatalities, 30 involved driving or riding: 15 on motorcycles and 15 in four-wheeled vehicles, with drownings and accidental discharges of privately owned weapons rounding out the total.

A quick review of the reports reflects that a majority of these accidents were due to a momentary indiscretion in decision-making and, therefore, wholly preventable. I know we can and will do better this summer.

To stay a ready Army, we must be a safe Army. Every day is critical in our fight against risk. I ask that you use the upcoming summer holidays and National Safety



Katherine Hammack

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Month, observed during June, to enhance and refocus your risk-management efforts for the months ahead.

More information on both seasonal safety and National Safety Month is available from the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center at <https://safety.army.mil>.

Whether you're a leader, Soldier or civilian employee, safety isn't just important — it's personal. Think ahead. Build good decisions into your plans to live another day and enjoy all the fun summer has to offer.

Thank you for the incredible job you do every day for our Army and our nation. I look forward to working with you well into the future.

The Installation Safety Office will host its annual Safety, Health, Wellness and Resiliency Expo today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pavilion, located at the corner of Llewellyn and Chisholm avenues.

The free event kicks off the military's campaign for "101 Critical Days of Summer Safety" and will feature a variety of vendors with displays, demonstrations and literature promoting workplace, recreational, and health and wellness summer safety tips.

Editor's note: For more information, call the Installation Safety Office at 301-677-4867 or 301-677-6241.



FILE PHOTO

Today's Safety Expo, which runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pavilion, features a drunk driving and texting simulator, exposing the dangers of drunk and distracted driving. The simulator consists of a car wired with computers that simulates what it is like to drive under the influence or to text and drive. Attendees operate the wheel and pedals, while wearing goggles that simulate the view of distracted drivers.

Fresh Fare

Farmers market offers produce, food trucks and more

BY LISA R. RHODES
Staff Writer

A sampling of Greek gyros, beef brisket and fresh strawberries were all available for lunch during the opening of the Fort Meade Farmers Market on May 18 at the Pavilion.

The farmers market, which is sponsored by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, is now open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Oct. 12.

About 300 people attended the four-hour event, which featured 15 vendors that provided a range of products from food to handmade soaps and solar panels.

"People like to support the community," said Angie Sangirardi, a special events coordinator with FMWR and co-organizer of the event. "People get to leave the office and meet with friends and have a healthy lunch and walk back."

The farmers market first opened two years ago as part of Fort Meade's participation in the Healthy Base Initiative, a pilot project focusing on 14 pilot installations throughout the DoD.

The purpose of the HBI project was to examine and evaluate specific initiatives and their ability to improve nutritional choices, increase physical activity, reduce obesity and decrease tobacco use.

Fort Meade was one of three Army installations selected for HBI. Although the pilot project ended last year, HBI's emphasis on health and wellness within the Army is ongoing.

The health initiatives popular at Fort Meade during the pilot project, such as the farmers market, have continued on post.

Vendors at last week's opening included Geppetto's Catering, Miss Twist ice cream truck, Blue Kettle Soapworks, BGR Wine, and Moses Family Jerky.

David Petro, a senior auditor for the Army Audit Agency, came to the farmers market with his wife, Jessica, also an auditor at the agency.

"I enjoyed the farmers market last year, mainly for the food trucks," said Petro after buying some produce from High Hope Farms, a local farm in Preston, Md.

Petro said his favorite food truck is Greek on the Street, a vendor that was also popular last year.

Jessica Petro said she likes to support local vendors.

Kristina Davis, co-owner of High Hopes Farms, said this is the company's third year at the farmers market.

"We enjoy the people. We have loyal

customers who come back to us," she said. "It's profitable."

Davis said customers often ask questions about how to grow organic produce.

"We teach them about farming and what we do," she said.

Fort Meade resident Nikki Pruett, owner of KP3 Sweets, displayed her homemade peanut butter brittle, caramel, pecan pralines, chocolate butter crunch and cupcakes.

The candies and baked items are made from high-quality natural ingredients, said Pruett.

"I love to bake as a pastime, and this is a way to share what I like to do," said Pruett, who came to the market with her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Keith Pruett, of the Asymmetrical Warfare Group.

The couple, who live in Midway Commons, said this is their first time at the farmers market.

"I'm just staring small, not looking to go big," Nikki Pruett said. "I just want to get out in the community and meet people."

Robert Bruce Savage, owner of RB Savage



PHOTOS BY ERIN COVEY

Kristina Davis, owner of High Hope Farms, prepares fresh strawberries, tomatoes and more at the Fort Meade Farmers Market on May 18. Davis, along with her husband J. C. Davis, own and operate High Hope Farms out of Preston, Md.

Farms in Dickerson, offered grass- and grain-fed beef, pork, chicken and turkey.

"There's been a good bit of interest, and many people want to come back to the market with coolers to purchase meat," he said.

Joann Norris, a native of Destin, Fla., who was visiting Fort Meade, bought strawberry jam, pecan pralines and beef jerky.

"I like to help local businesses, support the community and put [money] back into your own town," she said.



Alex Roma from Geppetto Catering serves barbecue to Senior Chief Misty Hubbard, instructor at the Defense Information School, at the Fort Meade Farmers Market on May 18. This is the third year that Fort Meade has organized the farmers market, which is now open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fort Meade Pavilion.

Officers' Spouses' Club awards annual scholarships

OSC presents first Debbie Alexander STEM Scholarship to Meade High senior

BY LISA R. RHODES
Staff Writer

A Meade High School senior who aspires to a career at the National Security Agency is the recipient of the Officers' Spouses' Club's inaugural Debbie Alexander STEM Scholarship.

STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The OSC awarded the \$2,000 scholarship during its annual Scholarship Awards Banquet held May 18 at Club Meade.

The 90-minute banquet included a dinner buffet and the installation of the club's new executive board for 2016-2017.

Kaitlyn Thomas-Franz, who will graduate third in her class at Meade High on June 6, will attend Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., in the fall.

"I'm highly appreciative of the OSC for gracing me with this experience, and to Mrs. Alexander," Kaitlyn said. "I hope to be able to use this to make a difference in the world and to make good use of my skills."

Debbie Alexander, an OSC member and past advisor, is the wife of retired Gen. Keith B. Alexander, former director of the NSA.

The newly established scholarship, sponsored by the Alexander family, is awarded to a student with outstanding academic achievements and significant contributions to the community and is enrolled in an accredited institution for the 2016-2017 school year with plans to study STEM.

Kaitlyn plans to study mathematical economics, with emphasis in data analysis and statistics. The 17-year-old participated in Meade High's drama club and physics club and was an all-county goalie on the varsity field hockey team.

Alexander, who presented the award to Kaitlyn, said she was "humbled" by having a scholarship named in her honor.

"Imagine that," she said. "It's a great scholarship, and the student who is receiving it is very deserving."

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Maj. Gen. George Franz, commander of the Intelligence Security Command at Fort Belvoir, Va., and Heather Thomas, a member of OSC.

The teen also been accepted into the NSA's summer internship program.

The Debbie Alexander STEM Scholarship was proposed last year by the OSC scholarship committee.

"Debbie and her husband have done a lot for both the military and their families at Fort Meade, and we thought it was appropriate to add Debbie's name to the newly created STEM scholarship," said Brandy Malone, this year's scholarship committee chair, in an interview after the banquet.

When Malone assumed her post, she worked out the details of the scholarship with Sarah Matthews, OSC president, who approached Alexander for permission to use her name.

"The Alexanders not only were excited about the opportunity, but they immediately asked if they could also contribute the funds for this year's inaugural award," Malone said.

Matthews, in her remarks during the banquet, praised the scholarship applicants.

"This year we had a number of very talented applicants, and it was very difficult to whittle them down to the ones that we are acknowledging here tonight," she said.

The OSC awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarships this year. Proceeds from fundraising efforts, such as the club's holiday bazaar, funded the Merit and OSC Family Member Scholarships.

Sarah Nakasone, a freshman at the University of Chicago, is the recipient of the OSC's Etta Baker Memorial Scholarship, the club's highest merit student award.

The \$2,500 for the scholarship was donated by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association's Central Maryland Chapter. AFCEA is a nonprofit organization of technology professionals.

Jessica Morgenstern, scholarship chair of AFCEA, presented the scholarship to Susan Nakasone, Sarah's mother at the banquet.

Sarah Nakasone, 19, a global studies major, was at college completing requirements to take the Medical College Admissions Test and could not attend the ceremony. She hopes to complete a dual degree program in medicine with a master's degree in emerging infectious diseases.

"I was incredibly touched to receive the scholarship," said Nakasone in an interview after the banquet.

"To me, it is recognition by a community that has been home for me for the



PHOTO BY LISA R. RHODES

Debbie Alexander, wife of retired Gen. Keith B. Alexander, former director of the National Security Agency, and a member of the Officers' Spouses' Club, congratulates Kaitlyn Thomas-Franz, a senior at Meade High and the first recipient of the Debbie Alexander STEM Scholarship. The inaugural scholarship was awarded by OSC at its annual Scholarship Awards Banquet on May 18 at Club Meade.

past few years. It is recognition for the work I am doing now and for the person I have grown to become because I come from a military family."

After the awards banquet, the club installed its new executive board mem-

bers for 2016-2017.

The members are: President - Michelle Hausman; 1st Vice President - Tina Drozd; 2nd Vice President - Naty Golubski; Secretary - Laura Paes; and Treasurer - Michelle Stewart.

Other scholarships were also awarded.

OSC Merit Scholarship

The scholarship requires at 3.0 GPA and community service.

- Jordan Heritage, a junior at George Mason University, received a \$1,250 award
- Emily Insalsco, a senior at Broadneck High School, received a \$1,250 award.
- Abigail Copley, a senior at Howard High School, received a \$500 award.

OSC Family Members Scholarship

The scholarship is awarded to dependents of OSC members who have achieved academic excellence and community service.

- James Myers, a student at Severna Park High School and son of Catherine Myers, an OSC member, received a \$1,250 award.
- Carsen Short, a senior at Meade High School and daughter of Lorrie Short, an OSC member, received a \$1,250 award.

Chariots of Tires

Commuters participate in Bike To Work Day 2016

COMPILED BY LISA R. RHODES & STEVE ELLMORE

To celebrate National Bike Month, Fort Meade participated in Bike to Work Day on Friday. The free event began at 7 a.m.

Bicyclists gathered at one of three local pit stops to start the day.

Participants who met at the Baltimore Coffee and Tea Company in Odenton were able to access Fort Meade via the sally port at the Pepper Road gate, just a five-minute ride from the Odenton Town Center and the MARC station.

The sally port is an unmanned entryway to the installation and is located on the southeast corner of Fort Meade near the Range Control off Route 175 and adjacent to Route 32.

Fort Meade personnel are encouraged to bike to work throughout the week.

Safety Tips for Drivers & Cyclists

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration has provided the following safety tips for drivers and cyclists:

Drivers

- Allow plenty of following distance between the vehicle and the bicycle rider.
- Look for bicyclists before turning or opening car doors.
- Slow down when approaching a bicyclist.
- Pass bicyclists carefully, allowing at least 3 feet of space.
- Do not honk the car horn.

Cyclists

- Follow all of the same laws as automobile drivers.
- Use hand signals to indicate turns.
- Wear protective gear, especially a helmet.
- Be visible with bright colors and reflective material at night.
- Avoid distractions while riding such as listening to music.



PHOTOS BY STEVE ELLMORE

Civilian and military employees commute to work on bicycles Friday for Bike to Work Day. The event is part of May's National Bike to Work Month hosted by the BWI Partnership. A total of 91 riders spread over three locations in the region participated, about 20 more than last year.



Bike lockers near the sally port at Pepper Road provide temporary storage of bicycles and personal gear. Ten lockers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Users must provide their own locks. The lockers are large enough for two bicycles, allowing cyclists to share space. For more information, call 301-677-6607.



Cyclists enter Fort Meade via the Pepper Road gate, which is close to the MARC station and Odenton Town Center. The gate, which is closed to motorized vehicles, is open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Know your role: Tips for managing estate of deceased

BY JANE M. WINAND
Legal Assistance Attorney

Serving as the personal representative or administrator of a decedent's estate is a big responsibility.

A personal representative, also referred to as an executor in some states, is the person named in the Last Will and Testament to oversee the payment of estate debts and the distribution of remaining assets of the decedent's estate.

Should a person die without having a will, these same responsibilities of paying bills and distributing assets would be handled by an administrator appointed by the judge. Below are steps you should take as a personal representative or administrator.

1. Inventory the decedent's documents and assets.

Locate all of the decedent's assets, personal effects and estate planning documents such as a Last Will and Testament. Other documents that should be located include bank and brokerage statements, life insurance policies, car and boat titles, deeds, and the decedent's prior three years of income tax returns.

Be sure to collect any sums of money owed to the decedent.

2. Open the probate estate.

The personal representative/administrator must officially open the probate estate.

In Maryland, you must contact the appropriate county's Register of Wills. However, in other states, you may be required to retain an estate attorney.

If there is a Last Will and Testament, the court clerk will issue Letters Testamentary. If there is not a will, the decedent died intestate and the court clerk will issue Letters of Administration. These documents from the court will give you the authority to act on behalf of the decedent's estate.

Be sure to file any appropriate claims for veterans and Social Security benefits.

3. Value the decedent's assets.

The next step in the estate settle-

ment process is to establish date of death values for all of the decedent's assets. All financial institutions where the decedent's assets are located must be contacted to obtain the date of death values.

For assets, including real estate, personal effects, collectibles, and closely held businesses, you may need to contact a professional appraiser.

4. Pay the decedent's final bills and estate expenses.

Figure out what bills the decedent owed at the time of death, determine if the bills are legitimate and then pay them.

The personal representative/administrator also will be responsible for making sure that the ongoing expenses of administering the estate such as legal fees, utilities and mortgage payments are paid.

All bills and expenses should be paid from the decedent's estate.

5. Pay the decedent's income taxes and estate taxes.

The next step in the estate settlement process is to pay all income taxes and estate taxes that may be owed for the tax year of the decedent's death or any prior years that the decedent was delinquent.

6. Distribute the balance to the estate beneficiaries.

In Maryland, once the final account detailing the value of assets and disbursements has been submitted and the court has approved it, this final approval automatically closes the estate.

The personal representative must now carry out the will's instructions regarding specific gifts and monetary donations, and then make distributions of the estate assets to the appropriate estate beneficiaries.

If the decedent died intestate, the administrator must distribute the estate assets according to the state law.

For more information about the duties of a personal representative or administrator, schedule an appointment with a Legal Assistance Division attorney at 301-677-9504 or 301-677-9536.

Change of command



PHOTO BY PFC. BLUE MALDONADO

Lt. Col. Gittipong "Eddie" Paruchabutr, newly assigned commander, Headquarters Command Battalion, receives the guidon from Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley during a change-of-command ceremony on Friday at McGlachlin Parade Field. Paruchabutr assumed command from Lt. Col. Eric Smith, who will now serve as chief of the Intelligence Battle Lab at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

STEM Day at MacArthur



PHOTO BY SPC. KIARA FLOWERS/55TH SIGNAL COMPANY

Troop 377 Boy Scout Andrew Emmons salutes the American flag held by Andrew Wake during Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Day at MacArthur Middle School on April 23.

That star in the window doesn't represent rank

Meaning behind service flags, gold and blue stars

BY LARRY HAGGERTY

IMCOM Survivor Outreach Services

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — At the post gas station I saw a vehicle, with a young girl driving, stop to fill up at the pump next to me. I noticed a small flag in the window with two blue stars on it, and assumed that the stars reflected the rank of the Soldier that owned the vehicle.

I was surprised that a major general would have a daughter that young.

Soon after that incident, I was hired to support an Army program called Survivor Outreach Services. When I reported to work, I noticed one of the ladies at work had a little purple and gold lapel pin she wore all the time, and another had a pin that was a variation of the flag that I had seen at the gas station.

I was curious. The flag on the car had two blue stars, the flag on one lady's pin had one blue star and one gold star, and another simply had one blue star.

Why were all the flags different? Why were there two different stars? Why did only these two ladies in the office have the flags? I, in my infinite wisdom, was too embarrassed to ask what any of these things meant.

Fortunately, one of my first assignments was to develop a web page that clearly defined the difference versions of the flags and pins for the American public.

I am an Army veteran, with one deployment, and was married to an active-duty Soldier with 11 deployments, and never understood the momentous meaning these symbols had. It blew my mind that I'd never heard of, learned about, or understood what these symbols represented.

The Service Flag was designed and patented by World War I Capt. Robert L. Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry whose two sons were serving on the front line.

The flag was designed to be displayed in the front window of peoples' homes, to indicate the number of family members serving the war effort as members of the U.S. Armed Services.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson approved a request from the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense that allowed mothers who had lost a child serving in the war to wear a gold gilt star on their traditional black mourning band. This practice led to the blue star on the Service Flag being covered with a gold star to indicate that the service member had been killed.

This practice became much more wide-



PHOTO BY NATE PESCE

Navy Adm. Michael S. Rogers, grand marshal of Fort Meade's Memorial Day Remembrance and 30th Annual Massing of the Colors, and Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley join members of the Maryland Gold Star Mothers for a photo after Sunday's ceremony at the Pavilion. Others pictured (from left) are: Elsheba Khan, Vicki Ashley-Matics, Janice Chance, Michelle Murphy and Mary Wiley.

spread during World War II when organizations and families took great pride and displayed banners indicating the number of members of the organization, or family, serving in the war.

Between World War II and today, the practice of wearing or displaying service flags or gold stars had diminished greatly. But the meaning of the symbols is as significant as it was 100 years ago.

Each time you see a blue service star, you should be aware that the person displaying it has a loved one — possibly in harm's way — supporting the freedoms we enjoy every day.

A gold service star indicates that someone in that person's family has lost their life while serving our armed forces and our nation.

Please take a moment, when appropriate, to thank the bearer of the star. A simple "I appreciate your family member's service," or "My sympathies for your loss" is all it takes to remind the bearer that the service or sacrifice means something — even if the practice isn't widely recognized anymore.

For more information about the service flags and pins, visit symbolsofhonor.org. For information about Fort Meade's Survivor Outreach Services, call 301-677-4116.



PHOTO BY EDWARD JOHNSON

In 1967, an act of Congress established the Gold Star lapel pin (left) for issue to immediate family members of service members killed in combat. The Next of Kin pin (right) signifies a service-related death or suicide during active duty other than combat.

NSA celebrates Armed Forces Day, National Police Week

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Police demonstrations, free hot dogs and ice cream, knot-tying and jazz were all part of the National Security Agency's celebration of Armed Forces Day and National Police Week on Saturday.

About 800 people attended the six-hour event held at the National Cryptologic Museum.

This year's theme was "Honor Those Who Answer the Call to Serve."

The celebration included indoor and outdoor activities including museum tours.

NSA historian David Hatch answered questions about cryptologic history. Patrick Weadon, the museum curator, spoke about service members who lost their lives in the cryptologic field.

Maj. Gen. Mark W. Westergren, deputy chief of the Central Security Service, answered questions about the NSA.

The event also featured demonstrations by the NSA Police and its K-9 unit, and an armored vehicle and Hazmat vehicle.

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadets demonstrated knot-tying skills.

Booths displayed police gear and important dates in Korean War history.

Guests were entertained by the U.S. Army Field Band's Jazztet, a subset of the Jazz Ambassadors.

Children's activities included dressing in camouflage gear and a scavenger hunt.

The NSA Senior Enlisted Advisory Club provided free hot dogs, chips and drinks.

The National Cryptologic Museum Foundation donated free ice cream.



PHOTOS BY STEVE RUARK

Two-year-old Victoria Rolfe, daughter of Nathan Rolfe of Cyber Command, checks out one of the displays at the event.



Logan Harris, 18, of Severn performs pullups at the National Security Agency's Armed Forces Day and National Police Week celebration on Saturday at the National Cryptologic Museum. Harris's mother Kathi (taking photographs in the background) coordinated the event.



Steven Groff, a part-time docent at the National Cryptologic Museum and full-time NSA worker, guides a museum tour, one of many events featured at the six-hour celebration.

The Force Behind the Force

Command spouses ensure Soldiers and their families are taken care of

BY RONA S. HIRSCH
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They are a vital part of the command leadership team, the women who jointly represent the command at garrison functions and offer guidance to other military spouses — all while providing a base of support for their own families as they juggle busy careers.

Despite the challenges, Lisa Marie “Lee” Foley, wife of Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley, and Patricia Forbes, wife of Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes, are a prominent presence on post — from serving traditional Thanksgiving dinner to service members and their families at the Freedom Inn Dining Facility to taking an active role in community events.

“We definitely try to do what we can to support the community,” Foley said.

Foley is the health and safety lead for W.R. Grace and Co. in Columbia. Forbes, a retired sergeant first class, works part-time in the cafeteria at MacArthur Middle School.

“It’s great being a military spouse,” Forbes said. “I’m grateful I’ve had to experience it from both sides as active duty and as a retiree.”

The couple, who married in 1997, served in the same Army unit at the time and eventually Forbes became her husband’s platoon sergeant.

Since retiring from the Army in 2001, Forbes has stood by her husband’s side throughout his career.

At the Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon on May 5, the command sergeant major described his wife as his support and his drive. Forbes agrees.

“I am there to support and encourage him,” she said. “I am there with him.”

Balancing Act

Foley, whose father served a stint in the Navy, does not have a military background. Born in Buffalo, N.Y., she is the youngest of four. Her father Donald Ende worked in sales. Her mother Ellen was a buyer for a gift shop.

Foley graduated from Canisius College with a degree in bio-chemistry. She earned a master’s degree in industrial hygiene and



FILE PHOTO

Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley shares a laugh with his wife, Lee, before the annual Veterans Day Ceremony held Nov. 7 outside the Fort Meade Museum.

toxicology at the University of Cincinnati and a master’s in business administration at Niagara University.

The Foleys married Nov. 11, 2006. Lee Foley left her full-time position at a telecommunication manufacturer in Wilmington, N.C., in January 2007 to join her husband at Fort Bragg, N.C. Then Lt. Col. Foley had assumed command of the 50th Signal Battalion there.

“I went from being in a career — always busy — to moving to Fort Bragg — not knowing anyone or having a job,” she said. “I didn’t have military experience. The hard part was understanding what was required of me.

“It was a big adjustment to leave my career, become a military wife and learn about military life and protocol.”

Foley attended the Battalion/Brigade Pre-Command Course Spouse Training course at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The senior spouse course is designed to enhance the

skills senior spouses need for the leadership roles they hold during their spouse’s assignment. This course is geared specifically toward spouses of battalion and brigade commanders and command sergeants major.

In 2009, when her husband deployed to Iraq, Foley remained at home with their newborn son Liam. When Liam turned 1, she went back to work as a contractor. Two years later, the family relocated to Virginia when the colonel served as coalition branch chief for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon, and Lee Foley obtained a full-time position in Fairfax, Va.

In 2013, they arrived at Fort Meade, and until last month, Foley traveled routinely for work.

“Coming to Fort Meade was another game-changer for me,” she said. “It is tough trying to balance three functions: career, mother and wife of the commander.”

Foley consulted with Audrey Rothstein,

“I am proud to call myself a military spouse, and I am constantly honored and humbled at the strength and resilience of my peers.”

Lee Foley, wife of Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley

wife of former garrison commander, retired Col. Edward C. Rothstein, and with Debbie Alexander, wife of retired Gen. Keith B. Alexander, former commander of U.S. Cyber Command, director of the National Security Agency and chief of the Central Security



PHOTO BY DANIEL KUCIN JR.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes and his wife, Patricia, have lunch together during the Military Spouse Appreciation Lunch on May 5 at Club Meade.

Service.

"In talking with Audrey and Debbie, it became clear that there were no longer set requirements for military spouses," Lee Foley said. "Each person needs to determine what they can accomplish based on competing priorities. For me, my family comes first, then I do everything I can to support the military and our community."

Working Hand-In-Hand

Patricia Forbes, a native of Madison, Fla., joined the Army after a year at Tallahassee Community College "I wanted to take the burden off my mom," she said.

Forbes joined through the Delayed Entry Program and completed her basic and advanced individual training at Fort Jackson, S.C. After several Army leadership training courses, and some 14 years later, Forbes was a sergeant in the 21st Aviation Unit in Katterbach, Germany, where she met her husband, who was then a specialist.

The couple soon attended several church functions together. But in December 1995, several months after they met, Spc. Rodwell Forbes was issued deployment orders to Bosnia.

"He said, 'I will call you. I will write you,'" Patricia Forbes recalled. "I didn't put too much into it. But he did."

In November 1996, the couple saw each other again for Thanksgiving.

Forbes said her husband asked her to marry him three times — twice by telephone — and finally in person. That's when she said

yes, and by the following July, they were married.

"We work hand-in-hand," Patricia Forbes said.

And that is the rule that has remained through their marriage, she said. The couple has three adult children from her previous marriage and eight grandchildren.

Forbes works in the MacArthur Middle School cafeteria, providing breakfast to students on weekday mornings from 7 to 10.

"I think I balance it very well," Forbes said of her multiple responsibilities. "It's not stressful. I work in the morning and then have the rest of the day for my other responsibilities or events."

Serving Fort Meade

Foley devotes much of her time at home to shuttling Liam — now 7 1/2 — to Pershing Hill Elementary School; Child, Youth and School Services activities; Youth Bowling League on Saturday mornings; and weekly Cub Scout meetings.

As a member of the garrison command team, Lee Foley also juggles her schedule to accommodate the colonel's busy calendar.

"It's constantly changing," she said. "Each duty assignment requires a rebalancing. We have a good process now. Since he doesn't travel as much, [Col. Foley] gets Liam to school when I travel.

"Our goal is to have one of us at home for Liam when the other travels. I have been fortunate to work for companies that support the military and have allowed a very

"It's great being a military spouse. I'm grateful I've had to experience it from both sides as active duty and as a retiree."

Patricia Forbes,
wife of Garrison Command Sgt. Maj.
Rodwell L. Forbes

flexible schedule, and have been fortunate to have great friends and neighbors that support us."

In preparation for Col. Foley's change of command on Aug. 4, Lee Foley found her new job.

"I was fortunate to find a local opportunity that will not require me to travel," she said. "I am hoping that will allow me more opportunity to support more military events."

Among Lee Foley's favorite activities is serving on Thanksgiving Day alongside the command team — all sporting tall, white chef hats and gloves — at the Freedom Inn.

"I love serving at Thanksgiving," she said.

Foley also tries to attend the post's signature events: Fourth of July, National Night Out, Hallelujah Festival, Family Fun Fest, Cleanup Fort Meade! and the Monthly Prayer Breakfast, plus activities at the Fort Meade Museum and post library.

"I will participate in anything I can, based on my availability of schedule," she said. "So if I'm in town and Brian has to go and there is not a conflict with Liam's events, I'll go."

For two years, Foley also served as advisor for the Officers' Spouses' Club. Because of her hectic schedule, she declined to serve a third year.

"As part of the OSC Advisory Board for two years, I just felt I wasn't contributing as much as I should, so I switched out," she said.

Like Foley, Forbes attended the Battalion/ Brigade Pre-Command Spouse Training course at Fort Leavenworth and also in Vilseck, Germany.

"It was a lot of good information about protocol and our responsibilities," she said.

In her role as the spouse of the garrison's senior enlisted advisor, Forbes is the advisor to the Enlisted Spouses' Club.

"I listen to their concerns," she said.

If there is a situation she cannot resolve, Forbes discusses it with her husband.

"I like to let [ESC members] know there is an open door to him," she said. "I want them to know that I want to support and help them in any way."

During her husband's nearly two-year

tenure on Fort Meade, Forbes also has attended many garrison events including the Welcome Home Veterans Salute in March, Volunteer Awards Banquet in April and the 30th Annual Massing of the Colors on Sunday.

Good Advice

Both Foley and Forbes have practical advice for other military spouses adjusting to Fort Meade.

"Get connected," Forbes said.

Many military spouses, particularly young spouses who are new to the military, may be "intimidated" by life on the installation.

"If they are not one to reach out ... if they're not picking up *Soundoff!* or going to the Fort Meade website, it's hard to get information out to them," Forbes said. "They don't know where to get help."

Forbes said military spouses should consider volunteering on post or connecting with senior spouses.

"Older, more senior military spouses have to be persistent," Forbes said in regard to reaching out to younger spouses. "You have to say, 'I'll come by and pick you up. Let's do this together.'"

Being active in the Fort Meade community, said Forbes, is critical for military spouses.

"If you volunteer, you just might find something that you like," she said. "But if you don't put yourself out there, you'll lose yourself."

Foley's advice to military spouses is the advice she herself received.

"Balancing a career with being a parent and spouse is extremely hard, and adding in the unique challenges of military life can make it seem impossible at times," she said. "So my advice to all is to first take care of yourself and your family."

"It truly does take a village — a team — to be a successful military family. Don't be afraid to reach out to your neighbors, reach out to the many support systems offered by our military. Go to Army Community Service. Don't isolate yourself. You are not alone!

"I am proud to call myself a military spouse, and I am constantly honored and humbled at the strength and resilience of my peers," Foley said.

While Forbes' husband will continue to serve as garrison command sergeant major, Foley's husband relinquishes command in August and will work next on the Army Staff at the Pentagon. But the Foleys have decided to remain on post.

"I like the feel of the community and the people I have met — the people who work at Fort Meade and the local supporters of the base and those living here," Foley said. "It is the first time we lived on a base and we love it. It's a great community."



PHOTOS BY NATE PESCE

Saluting the flag during the national anthem at the Memorial Day Remembrance and 30th Annual Massing of the Colors are (from left) Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley, keynote speaker Navy Adm. Michael S. Rogers and Retired Lt. Col. Ruth L. Hamilton, commander-in-chief of the Military Order of World Wars.

Paying homage

Ceremony marks 30th massing honoring sacrifices of military, families

BY ALAN H. FEILER
Staff Writer

Sitting in the middle of the Fort Meade Pavilion on Sunday afternoon next to her 14-year-old grandson John, Jacqueline S. Mullikin dabbed a few tears away while listening to a lone bugler play “Taps.”

“I was thinking of my daddy a lot,” said Mullikin, referring to Samuel Clyde Snyder, who died at the Battle of Okinawa during World War II.

Mullikin was among the approximately 500 people who braved the driving rain to attend the Memorial Day Remembrance and 30th Annual Massing of the Colors hosted by the General George G. Meade Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars.

A resident of the Eastern Shore town of Cordova, Mullikin was also thinking of her late husband, Ivon, who was stationed on post during the mid-1950s.

Mullikin’s 15-year-old grandson J.L. Joseph G. Mathews, led the audience in the color guard representing Easton High School’s Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps.

“This was a very moving day for me,” said Mullikin, 79. “It was really a wonderful ceremony.”

The Massing of the Colors is a gathering at which “Old Glory” is honored and service members — particularly those who fell in America’s foreign conflicts — are remembered.

The public was welcomed to the ceremony, and light refreshments were served afterward.

Service, selflessness and sacrifice were the dominant themes throughout the 75-minute ceremony, which featured a procession of color guards representing more than 30 military units, high school JROTCs, Boy and Girl Scouts of the USA troops, veterans’ groups, police and fire departments, and youth and civic organizations.

The Pavilion was awash in a flurry of colors as national, state and organizational flags paraded to the solemn sounds of bagpiper James Ebert and the steady martial beat of a solitary drummer from the U.S. Army Field Band.



Retired 1st Lt. Robert Matthews of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion clutches the flag that he carried during the Procession of the Color Guards.

The Presentation of the Colors was conducted by the Military District of Washington’s U.S. Armed Forces Color Guard.

Alaina Matthews, daughter of Lt. Col. Joseph G. Mathews, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, while Garrison Deputy Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David E. Cooper delivered the invocation, Blessing of the Colors and benediction.

Among the dignitaries in attendance were Turhan E. Robinson, Maryland’s assistant attorney general, and state Secretary of Veterans Affairs George W. Owings III.

Retired Col. Kenneth O. McCreedy, former garrison commander, served as the program’s emcee and welcomed attendees, recognizing in particular Vietnam-era veterans and Gold Star families in the audience.

Gold Star families represent the survivors of military members who died in service to their country.

“We thank you for your sacrifices and are honored that you are here today,” McCreedy said.

Retired Lt. Col. Ruth L. Hamilton, commander of the MOWW, talked about the order’s founding in 1919 by Soldiers who served under Gen. John J. “Black Jack” Pershing to foster the ideals of patriotism, leadership and civic responsibility among youth.

“Those ideals are just as important



The Military District of Washington’s U.S. Armed Forces Color Guard conducts the Presentation of the Colors during Fort Meade’s Memorial Day Remembrance and 30th Annual Massing of the Colors held Sunday afternoon at the Pavilion.

today as when the order was formed, maybe even more so,” Hamilton said. “I’m proud to say the MOWW is the only organization in the nation that sponsors the massing of military flags to show our deep respect for the flag as the symbol of our nation.”

In his remarks, Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley said the ceremony is a vehicle to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. He said those heroes and their families displayed the values of courage, pride, determination, selflessness and personal integrity in an exemplary fashion.

Foley called the ceremony “a gathering of people, all of us American citizens, protecting the patriotic lineage of our nation.”

Serving in his third consecutive year as the event’s keynote speaker and grand marshal was Navy Adm. Michael S. Rogers, commander of U.S. Cyber Command, director of the National Security Agency and chief of the Central Security Service.

Rogers said contemporary military per-

sonnel stand on the shoulders of giants.

“On behalf of the men and women who serve today, thank you for the legacy you leave and we hope we’re doing you proud,” he said to veterans in the audience. “Today, we remember those men and women who gave their all and made the ultimate sacrifice.

“There are cemeteries throughout the world with American service members who gave their lives in lands they knew little about and far from home, to serve this nation and our allies.

“Nothing is free,” Rogers said. “We take for granted our freedoms and existence, and our values and ideals. But we’re blessed as a nation that these men and women will take on the ideal of sacrifice, and if necessary give their lives for this nation. I hope this ideal will continue.”

Following the Recession of the Color Guards, the Army Field Band performed “America the Beautiful,” “The Armed Forces Salute,” “The Stars and Stripes Forever,” and a stirring a cappella rendition of Lee Greenwood’s “God Bless the USA.”

Among those moved by the ceremony was Noah Fine, a member of Boy Scout Troop 1299 in Northwest Baltimore, who went up to Soldiers and thanked them for their service.

“It was very interesting to see how the military treats their veterans,” said Fine, 16, who attends Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School in Pikesville. “Today’s generation is completely unpatriotic. More young people need to see ceremonies like this. I hope to come back next year.”

Sgt. 1st Class Colin Beharry of the 780th Military Intelligence Brigade said he was honored to participate in the massing for the third straight year.

“It’s just a privilege to be part of this ceremony, which is all about the past, present and future,” said Beharry, a native of Guyana. “What makes this event so special is the combination of everybody celebrating all of the patriotic values and the groups involved.

“It’s good to pay homage and try to emulate those who came before us. This is what it’s all about.”



Among the veterans’ groups participating in the Massing of the Colors are Jewish War Veterans (left to right) Mike Zippert, Stephen Mintz, Mel Shichtman and Frank Bressler, with assistance from Pfc. Miguel Peña of the U.S. Army Signal School Detachment.



Navy Adm. Michael S. Rogers, serving as the ceremony’s grand marshal and keynote speaker for the third consecutive year, vows to veterans in the audience that their ideals and legacy will live on through the work and commitment of today’s military.

“We take for granted our freedoms and existence, and our values and ideals. But we’re blessed as a nation that these men and women will take on the ideal of sacrifice, and if necessary give their lives for this nation.”

Navy Adm. Michael S. Rogers, commander of U.S. Cyber Command, director of the National Security Agency and chief of the Central Security Service

Running hard in the name of Patriot Pride

Second of seven in Run Series took place Saturday

BY ALAN H. FEILER
Staff Writer

More than 200 people participated in the Patriot Pride 5K/10K Run and 1-mile walk on Saturday morning at Murphy Field House.

Leading the pack in the 5K were Ray Vetter with a time 18:08, Justin McDowell at 18:40, Nathan Tousley at 19:50, Daniel Syring at 20:01, and John Szkotnicki at 20:13.

Leading finishers of the 10K were Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley with a time of 38:53, Demmaje Brown-Frank at 40:08, Brian Ciaravino at 42:16, Gary Sejour at 43:33 and Sarah Jennings at 44:17.

The hourlong event was the second in the annual Fort Meade Run Series sponsored by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The next installment of the seven-run series, which concludes in December, is the Army Birthday 5K Run and 1-mile walk on June 11 at 8 a.m. at the Fort Meade Pavilion.

For more information about the Fort Meade Run Series or to register, go to meade.armymwr.com/us/meade/programs/run-series.



PHOTOS BY NATE PESCE

Patriot Pride runners, including Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley (#927) and Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes (#327), get ready to begin Saturday's race from the starting line outside Murphy Field House.



Runners and walkers get checked in early Saturday morning at Murphy Field House.



More than 200 soaked participants start and finish the Patriot Pride Run.



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Three-year-old Ophelia Landin runs toward the finish line with her mom Anna Landin (not pictured) as they complete the 1-mile race in the rain.



Runners' bib tags get stacked and organized in order of finishing at the 5K and 10K Patriot Pride runs.

JIBBER JABBER - OPINION

Have a brother's back

Two straight days of sun and a bird dropped a deuce through my open sunroof on Tuesday. Summer is finally here, Team Meade.

Summer means a few things for the PAO. One, Ramadan is around the corner. Fasting begins June 6, and Fort Meade's Iftar dinner is scheduled for June 17.

Two, we get a fresh crop of summer volunteers. This year we have two soon-to-be second-year university students. Erin Covey is starting her journey toward journalistic excellence as a member of the Command Information team, and Anaum Cheema is returning in her role as annoyner in chief and COMREL volunteer. They'll be joined by Ms. Candace from the Arc of the Chesapeake, who has the daunting task of keeping me straight.

I love volunteer season at the PAO because the individuals who decide to give their time to the cause provide a needed boost of energy and eagerness.

Regardless of their motivation, volunteers are a special breed who put in full days without the benefit of full pay, or any pay for that matter.

In this resource-constrained environment, I'm confident our volunteer coordinator, Marie Miles, could make a compelling case that Team Meade wouldn't be much of a team without its volunteers.

Of course, there are some things volunteer managers need to consider before bringing on a helping hand.

One: Volunteers are not your employees.

Two: Volunteers should be held to standards.

Three: Volunteers need to know their manager has their back.

Three resonates most with me as a volunteer manager because experience has shown that volunteers who know their managers are there to help, support and guide them tend to be volunteers who happily work like an employee and follow standards.

On the other hand, as a long-time volunteer, I can now say there is nothing more demoralizing than feeling your manager doesn't support or appreciate you.

That's why after nine years, 13 to 15 different seasons, and hundreds of great memories with my own and a few hundred other children, I'm turning in my



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green smock after this baseball season and ending my time as a CYSS volunteer.

I hate reading this paragraph almost as much as I hated writing it. I love being a Youth Sports coach and the impact, mostly positive I hope, that I've had on hundreds of kids who wanted to learn a sport and have fun.

I've also enjoyed the interaction I've had with the scores of parents who have supported my teams every bit as much as I have — or at least as much as they could.

It's funny. When you hear about coaching Youth Sports, or you sit through the clinics, the first thing you are warned about is overeager parents who think their 4-year-old T-baller is the next Miguel Cabrera, or even worse, parents who know they are Vince Lombardi or Coach K.

But during the past eight-plus years, I've never had a single incident with a parent. My track record was so good with parents that a man I respect more than most on Fort Meade, Jesse Miller, told my wife the other day how surprising it was that I never had an issue with a parent. That is, until this season. Now two parents have beef with me.

I'm not going to get into the issues other than to say I am remorseful, especially to my team, which has been pulled into the situation.

The ensuing meeting with CYSS leadership regarding the parents' issues was appropriate. However, the lack of respect and appreciation toward my service by CYSS leadership is why it's time to log my volunteer hours someplace else.

As a volunteer, I've never asked for, or received, money or recognition (outside of the coach's discount). I've gladly worked through some of the absurd new regulations, which have put our children at a competitive disadvantage.

A few weeks ago, I even began putting up with disgruntled parents because that's the price for the privilege of being able to work with great kids and their families.

In return, all I've asked, and what all volunteers deserve in return, is: Appreciate my service, respect my time, and most of all, have my back.

If you have comments on this or anything to do with sports, contact me at chad.t.jones.civ@mail.mil. Or hit me up on Twitter @CTJibber.

SPORTS SHORTS

Strong B.A.N.D.S. Group Fitness Challenge

Take the Group Fitness Challenge at Gaffney Fitness Center in May and you could win a 2016 Strong B.A.N.D.S. T-shirt.

To compete, take any of the group fitness programs in one week.

Participants must be authorized patrons of Gaffney and ages 18 or older.

For more information, call 301-677-3716.

Wellbeats free classes

Experience a lineup of Wellbeats virtual group fitness classes every Friday in May at Gaffney Fitness Center.

The free classes are offered from 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m.

All classes are suitable for all levels as modified, basic and advanced variations of movements and exercises are given.

Participants must be authorized patrons of Gaffney and ages 18 and older.

Participants will receive a strong band and be entered in a drawing for a T-shirt.

For more information, call 301-677-3716.

Zumbathon

A free Zumbathon will be held June 3 from 5-7 p.m. at Murphy Field House.

The free event will feature 2 hours of nonstop, high-energy dancing, fun and sweat.

Zumbathon is open to all fitness levels.

For more information, call 301-677-2349 or 301-677-3716 or go to meade.armymwr.com.

Youth Sports summer, fall registration

Registration is underway for summer and fall Youth Sports.

Cost for each six-week session is \$20. Spaces are limited.

Summer sports include:

- Ready, Set, Run: 5K Training for boys and girls ages 8-13 - meets Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 20 to Sept. 17

- Autobahn Team indoor cart racing for boys and girls ages 8-14 - meets Tuesdays from June 21 to July 26

- Beach Volleyball for boys and girls ages 9-14 - meets twice per week from June 20-July 25

- NFL Flag Football for boys and girls ages 6-13 - meets Friday nights from June 24-July 29.

Fall sports include: NFL Flag Football, NFL Flag cheerleading, volleyball, soccer, tennis and "Ready, Set, Run."

To register, go to the Youth Sports & Fitness Office, 1900 Reece Road or go online to meade.armymwr.com.

For more information, call 301-677-1329 or 301-677-1179.

24-hour fitness facility at Murphy Field House

Murphy Field House offers unmanned extended hours after normal operating hours.

Murphy 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 is unmanned, so exercise responsibly 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

The 2016 Fort Meade Run Series offers themed races through December.

Each race, sponsored by Fort Meade's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, includes a 1-mile walk.

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

- Army Birthday 5K: June 11, Pavilion
- Football Fanfair 5K: Sept. 17, Constitution Park

- Ghosts, Ghouls & Goblins 5K: Oct. 22, Pavilion

- Turkey Trot 5K: Nov. 19, Murphy Field House

- Reindeer Run 5K: Dec. 10, Murphy Field House

Register online at meade.armymwr.com/us/meade/programs/run-series.

For more information, call 301-677-3318.

NEWS & NOTES

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

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 www.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.

VCC hours

The operating hours at the Demps Visitor Control Center 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.

Visit the VCC at least 10 business days in advance to apply for a long-term access pass.

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.

To find out how to preregister, go to goo.gl/xyTzhg.

Hiring commissary baggers

The Fort Meade Commissary is accepting applications for up to 15 baggers.

Positions are open to family members of active-duty service members between the ages of 15 and 19.

Applications will be processed and interviews will be conducted June 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at Club Meade, 6600 Mapes Road.

Applicants must come in person and present a valid military dependent ID card and Social Security number.

For more information, call 301-677-5502.

MPT airs Vietnam War documentary

Maryland Public Television will premiere the three-hour documentary "Maryland Vietnam War Stories" today as part of its multimillion dollar "MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans" initiative.

Three years in the making, the film traces the chronology of the war through the personal stories of nearly 100 Vietnam veterans interviewed for the production.

"Maryland Vietnam War Stories" recounts the harrowing — and occasionally humorous — experiences of service members during the war and the often-moving insights of these participants some 50 years after the conflict.

For more information on the documentary or the LZ Maryland program, visit the MPT website at vietnam.mpt.org/lzmaryland/.



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Safety Expo

The Installation Safety Office will host its annual Safety, Health, Wellness and Resiliency Expo today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pavilion, located at the corner of Llewellyn and Chisholm avenues.

The free event kicks off the military's campaign for "101 Critical Days of Summer Safety" and will feature a variety of vendors with displays, demonstrations and literature promoting workplace, recreational, and health and wellness summer safety tips.

For more information, call the Installation Safety Office at 301-677-4867 or 301-677-6241.

Right Arm Night

Right Arm Night will be held June 9 at 4 p.m. at Club Meade.

The event will feature free food, music, dancing and prizes.

Bring the entire unit or office. Reserve unit tables.

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

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

R&B Night

Celebrate R&B Night at the Brass Lounge

on June 10 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Club Meade.

Doors open at 4 p.m.

The nightclub ambience will feature food and drink specials.

There is no cover charge.

The event is open to all ranks and services and civilian employees.

For more information, call 301-677-6969.

Research study

Johns Hopkins University is researching individuals with military experience to assess performance on military-relevant training tasks.

Study location is at 11100 Johns Hopkins Road in Laurel.

Participants will complete computer-based, decision-making and military-relevant tasks. Sensors will be used to measure signals from your body like heart rate and skin conductance.

Total time commitment is approximately four to five hours for one day.

Participation is voluntary. No remuneration is provided.

Healthy adults ages 21-50 may participate if all of the following criteria are met:

■ Served within the past five years or are currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Army

■ Held or currently hold the rank of E-5 (sergeant), E-6 (staff sergeant) or E-7 (sergeant first class); O-2 (1st lieutenant), O-3 (captain) or O-4 (major)

■ Served or currently serve in an Army combat arms, military occupation specialty

■ Held a leadership position commensurate with rank

■ Have basic English proficiency

■ Can use a computer and type to communicate a message

■ Willing to participate in a telephone screen

For more information, call 240-228-2250 or 443-778-2250 or email SpearStudy@jhuapl.edu.

Water flushing continues

American Water's annual Water Main Flushing Program continues on post.

The purpose of the program is to provide the best quality water available to customers by removing any buildup of sediment that may have occurred in the water lines.

Flushing may result in some temporary discoloration and the presence of sediment in the water. These conditions are not harmful and should be of very short duration.

During the hours between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., limit your use of water to help prevent discolored water reaching service lines to your residence.

If you notice an increase in discolored water at your residence, flush all faucets inside for 15 minutes. If the water does not

clear up, contact the Water Treatment Plant at 443-591-0909.

This number is monitored daily 24/7.

Areas that may be affected from planned flushing through June 3 are:

• Mapes Road between O'Brien Road and Zimborski Avenue

• 6th Armored Cavalry Road

• O'Brien Road between Mapes Road and Dutt Road

• Grant Road

• Simonds Street between O'Brien Road and Zimborski Avenue

• Zimborski Avenue

• York Avenue

• Dutt Road

• Cain Circle

Streets adjacent to Cooper Avenue, Mapes Road and Rock Avenue may see a temporary change in their water during flushing activities.

Signs will be posted ahead of any flushing activities to notify customers of flushing activities.

Farmers market

The Fort Meade Farmers Market is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 12 at the Pavilion.

Vendors will sell a variety of fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers and breads.

The farmers market is open to the public.

Individuals without DoD-issued ID cards must obtain a Fort Meade gate access pass from the Demps Visitor Control Center, 902 Reece Road.

Frequent visitors are encouraged to preregister for a long-term pass. You will need your driver's license or approved photo ID and be asked to provide your Social Security number at the VCC.

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

Outdoor Barbecue Wednesdays

The Lanes at Fort Meade offers Outdoor Barbecue Wednesdays.

Cost is \$9.

Menu features hog dogs, hamburgers or sausage on Wednesday and June 22; and ribs or chicken on June 8 and June 29.

For a complete menu or more information, call 301-677-5541 or go online at meade.armymwr.com.

Retirement luncheon

A civilian retirement luncheon for retired Col. Bert L. Rice, director of transformation at Fort Meade, will be held Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at Club Meade.

The event celebrates Rice's 40 years of federal service.

Dress is duty uniform for service members and business attire for civilians.

Reservations are required. Call 301-677-4844 or email Pamela.r.miskel.

civ@mail.mil.

LTS hours

Leisure Travel Services, located at 6530B York Ave. in the Arts & Crafts Center, has new operating hours.

LTS is now open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and does not close for lunch.

The office is closed on federal holidays.

For more information, call 301-677-7354.

Post library update

Due to an unavoidable technological upgrade by the Army MWR Library Program, patrons of Fort Meade's Medal of Honor Memorial Library will experience intermittent interruptions in service.

That includes borrowing; updating and changing patron record information including PINs; electronic access; and non-availability of newly released material for the next several weeks.

The post library and the Children's Library at Kuhn Hall will maintain regular business hours, but all services may not be available or may be limited for brief periods of time. This does not include faxing, scanning and patron computers.

For more information, call the post library at 301-677-5522 or 301-677-4509.

International menu at Club Meade

Club Meade is open for lunch service on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and now offers a variety of international-themed buffets that vary daily.

Menu includes an Indian buffet today; a Korean buffet Tuesday; country buffet Wednesday; Italian buffet on June 2; and Greek buffet on June 7.

Cost is \$7.95 for members and \$8.95 for nonmembers.

For more information, call 301-677-6969.

Colonial Williamsburg free admission

On Memorial Day weekend, Colonial Williamsburg honors service to America with free admission tickets for active-duty military, Reservists, retirees, veterans, National Guardsmen and their dependents, made possible through a \$100,000 grant from the Home Depot Foundation.

The free ticket includes admission to more than 40 historic trades and sites, the military encampment, and the art museums of Colonial Williamsburg.

The service member need not be present, and free Honoring Service to America tickets will be provided to dependent family members of currently deployed troops with appropriate identification.

Veterans who separated before retirement can bring a copy of their honorable discharge paperwork, form DD 214, as identification of service.

These weekend-long admission tickets are available on site at the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center, Lumber House ticket office and the Merchants Square ticket window.

A Memorial Day commemorative service will be held Monday at 10 a.m. to honor service members who died serving their country. A procession with the Fife and Drum support will begin at the Governor's Palace and proceed to Bruton Parish Church, ending at the Capitol in Colonial Williamsburg.

Wreaths will be placed, prayers given, and volleys fired to honor Soldiers of the American Revolution, the Civil War and other conflicts.

For more information, call 855-296-6627 or visit colonialwilliamsburg.com.

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

Homeschool Group

The Fort Meade Homeschool Group meets throughout the year for field trips and social outings.

For information on upcoming events, visit the "Fort Meade Homeschool Group" on Facebook. Go to facebook.com/groups/FortMeadeHomeschoolGroup.

National Capital Region Transition Seminar

The Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region and U.S. Army Military District of Washington welcome all military, spouses, veterans and civilians to attend the first-ever Transition Seminar in order to promote and enhance lifelong success.

The free seminar will be held June 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Conmy Hall, Bldg. 241, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington.

Guest speakers will include American Dream U, the Virginia Department of Veteran Services, Hiring Our Heroes and the Northern Virginia Technology Council.

To register, go to www.AmericanDreamU.org/events.

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Joint Services offers 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.checkapointments.com or call 301-677-5590.

Military

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

Mandatory brief is the first step in the transition process.

• TGPS (Transition, Goals, Plans, Success) Workshops: June 6-10, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and June 20-24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC

• Sponsorship Training: June 9, 9-10 a.m. at ACS or June 15, 2-3:30 p.m. at FFSC

• Retiree Brief: June 13, 8-11:30 a.m., FFSC

• Pre-Separation Brief: June 16, 9-11:30 a.m., FFSC

• Pre-Deployment Brief: June 16, 10-11:30 a.m., FFSC

• TGPS: Career Technical Training: June 22-23, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC

Life Skills

• Assessing Higher Education: Today, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC

• Stress Management: June 2, 9-11 a.m., FFSC

• Effective Communication: June 8, 9-11 a.m., FFSC

• Anger Management: June 14, 9-11 a.m., FFSC

Financial

• Dollars & Sense: June 7, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

• Thrift Savings Plan: June 14, 9-11 a.m., ACS

• Home Buying: June 21, 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m., ACS

• Consumer Awareness: June 28, 9-11 a.m., ACS

• 1st Term Financial Readiness: June 28, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., ACS

Employment

• Resume Workshop: June 7, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

• Ten Steps to a Federal Job: June 14, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

• Salary Negotiation: June 16, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

• Social Media for Job Seekers: June 28, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

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

Soldier For Life

Transition Assistance Program:

• Dress For Success: June 2, noon to 4

p.m.

• Understanding the GI Bill: June 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

• Ten Steps to a Federal Job: June 2, 9 a.m. to noon

• Career Technical Training: June 15-16, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 301-677-9871.

YOUTH

Teen Center events

The Teen Center offers the following activities in June:

• Ping-Pong Tournament: Wednesday and June 2, 5 p.m.

• Outdoor Laser Tag: June 3, 7 p.m.

• Dance Battle: June 8, 5 p.m.

• Movies on the Lawn, June 10, 6 p.m.

• Funnel Cake Cooking: June 14, 5 p.m.

For more information, call 301-677-6054.

Teen skate park

The Teen Center Skate Park is open the first and third Friday of the month.

The skate park is free to members and \$2 for nonmembers.

Helmets are required.

For more information, call 301-677-6054.

Storytime

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

• Today: "Dogs Love Books & We Do Too!" — Stories about dogs

For more information, call 301-677-5522 or 301-677-4509.

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.

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 301-677-7823.

RECREATION

Out & About

• **Repticon Baltimore Reptile & Exotic Animal Show** will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium.

The event will feature thousands of reptiles from around the world, live animal presentations, a venomous reptile display, and sales of pets and pet products.

For more information, call 863-268-8573 or go to repticon.com.

• **The Bowie Baysox** will host its third annual Helicopter Candy Drop on Sunday following the 2:05 p.m. game at Prince George's Stadium.

A helicopter will drop thousands of pieces of candy onto the outfield for children ages 12 and younger to collect, weather permitting.

The date also celebrates the birthday of the mascot Louie, with free cake for children while supplies last, and a Louie T-Shirt giveaway.

Members of Louie's Kids Club can purchase discounted tickets to this event and get early admission at 12:30 p.m. for free use of the Kid's Park until 1 p.m.

Single game tickets are now on sale online at baysox.com.

• **Leisure Travel Services** will offer its next monthly bus trip to New York City on June 11 from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$60. Discounted tickets to attractions will be provided. For more information, call 301-677-7354.

• **BOSS Rehoboth Beach Weekend** in Delaware for all single service members will be held July 22-24. Only 30 spaces are available. Register early. Cost is \$75 and includes transportation and lodging.

To register or for more information, see your BOSS rep, call 301-915-5389 or email boss.ftmeade@gmail.com.

MEETINGS

• **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 301-677-7823.

• **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 June 2. For more information, call 301-677-7823.

• **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 June 2. 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.

• **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 June 2. 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 June 2.

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 June 2. 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 June 2. For more information, visit namiaac.org.

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

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 301-677-7823.

• **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 June 6.

Children and their dads engage in activities conducive to improving social interaction, and cognitive and motor skills.

Space is limited. Registration is required for each session. For more information, call 301-677-4118.

• **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 June 6.

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 or call 410-305-9190.

• **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 June 10.

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.

• **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 June 11. 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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **Spanish Christian Service** is conducted Sundays at 1 p.m. at the Cavalry Chapel located at 8465 Simonds St. and 6th Armored Cavalry Road.

For more information, call Elias Mendez at 301-677-7314 or 407-350-8749.

• **Couples Communication** meets every Monday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Family Advocacy Program Center, 2462 85th Medi-

cal Battalion Ave.

The session is aimed at helping couples develop tools to enhance their relationship, gain problem-solving strategies, and create a long-lasting relationship. For more information, call 301-677-4118.

• **Cub Scout Pack 377** invites boys in first through fifth grades, or ages 7 to 10, to attend its weekly Monday meetings at 6 p.m. at Argonne Hills Chapel Center.

For more information, email Cubmaster Christopher Lassiter at pack377_cm@yahoo.com or Committee Chairperson Marco Cilibert at pack377_cc@yahoo.com.

• **Boy Scout Troop 377** meets Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. at Argonne Hills Chapel Center on Rockenbach Road. The troop is actively recruiting boys ages 11 to 18. For more information, email Lisa Yetman, at lisayetman@verizon.net; Scoutmaster Ed Smith at eksmith91@hotmail.com; or Wendall Lawrence, committee chairperson, at lawrencewendall@gmail.com.

To see what the troop offers, go to www.troop377.retiredguy.net.

• **Catholic Women of the Chapel** meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. for fellowship, prayer and Bible study in the Main Post Chapel, 4419 Llewellyn Ave.

The CWOC is open to all women in the community ages 18 and older. For more information, email Jen Bosko, CWOC president, at ftmeadecwoc@gmail.com.

• **Women's Empowerment Group** meets Wednesdays from 2-3:30 p.m. to provide a safe, confidential arena for the support, education and empowerment of women who have experienced past or present family violence.

Location is only disclosed to participants. To register, call Samantha Herring, victim advocate, at 301-677-4124 or Katherine Lamourt, victim advocate, at 301-677-4117.

• **Parenting With A Purpose**, for parents of children of all ages, meets Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. at the Family Advocacy Center, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave. To register, call 301-677-4118 or email colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil.

• **Protestant Women of the Chapel** invites the community to join in fellowship while learning together through interactive Bible study. The PWOC meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Argonne Hills Chapel Center.

For more information, call 301-677-6703.

• **American Legion Post 276** is open to veterans and active-duty service members at 8068 Quarterfield Road in Severn. Breakfast may be purchased beginning at 9 a.m. Lunches may be purchased from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Happy Hour is 4-6 p.m. Dinner may be purchased at 6 p.m. on Fridays and the fourth Sunday of every month.

Membership discounts are offered for active-duty military. For more information, call 410-969-8028 or visit americanlegion-post276.org.

• **Odenton Masonic Center**, located at 1206 Stehlik Drive, invites the community, local military, fire/emergency services and local businesses to enjoy its breakfast and specialty dinners.

The center offers an "all-you-can-eat" breakfast every second Sunday from 7-11 a.m. Specialty dinners are held the third Friday of the month from 5-7 p.m.

Menus vary and are listed on the center's website at odentonlodge209.net.

• **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 June 13. For more information, call Celena Flowers or Jessica Hobbgood at 301-677-5590.

• **Military District of Washington Sergeant Audie Murphy Club** meets the third Wednesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Dining Facility in Virginia. The next meeting is June 15.

All members and those interested in joining the club are welcome. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Erica Lehmkuhl at erica.lehmkuhl@us.army.mil or 301-833-8415.

• **Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 254** meets the third Wednesday of every month from 3-4 p.m. in the auditorium of the Airman Leadership School, 8470 Zimborski Ave. The next meeting is June 15. For more information, call 831-521-9251 or go to AFSA254.org.

• **Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda on the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting is June 16 from 1-2 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the America Building, River Conference Room (next to the Prostate Center), third floor.

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

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

• **The Enlisted Association (TREA)** meets the third Tuesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Potomac Place Neighborhood Center, 4998 2nd Corps Blvd. The next meeting is June 21.

For more information, visit trea.org or call Charles Green, the local chapter president, at 443-610-4252 or Otis Whitaker Sr., chapter secretary, at 443-306-1104.

• **Society of Military Widows** meets for brunch the third Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. at Club Meade. The next meeting is June 21. For more information, call Betty Jones at 410-992-1123.

MOVIES

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

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

Today through June 11



DISNEY/AP

Friday, Sunday & June 4: "The Jungle Book" (PG). After a threat from the tiger Shere Khan forces him to flee the jungle, a man-cub named Mowgli embarks on a journey of self-discovery with the aid of the panther, Bagheera, and the free-spirited bear, Baloo. With Neel Sethi and the voices of Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley.

Saturday: "Criminal" (R). In a last-ditch effort to stop a diabolical plot, a dead CIA operative's memories, secrets, and skills are implanted into a death-row inmate in hopes that he will complete the operative's mission. With Kevin Costner, Ryan Reynolds, Gal Gadot.

June 3 & 5: "The Huntsman: Winter's War" (PG-13). As a war between rival queen sisters Ravenna and Freya escalates, Eric and fellow warrior Sara, members of the Huntsmen army raised to protect Freya, try to conceal their forbidden love as they combat Ravenna's wicked intentions. With Chris Hemsworth, Jessica Chastain, Charlize Theron.

June 11: FREE SCREENING: "Central Intelligence" (PG-13). After he reunites with an old pal through Facebook, a mild-mannered accountant is lured into the world of international espionage. With Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Aaron Paul. *Tickets available at the Exchange Food Court. Seating open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime.*