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Saluting Independence Day

Kervin Oserraos, 7, of Glen Burnie, falls off a mechanical bull during Fort Meade's Red, White and Blue Celebration on Friday at McGlachlin Parade Field. The six-hour event featured musical entertainment, free kiddie rides, food vendors and fireworks.

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GENDER IDENTITY

Army lifts
transgender ban

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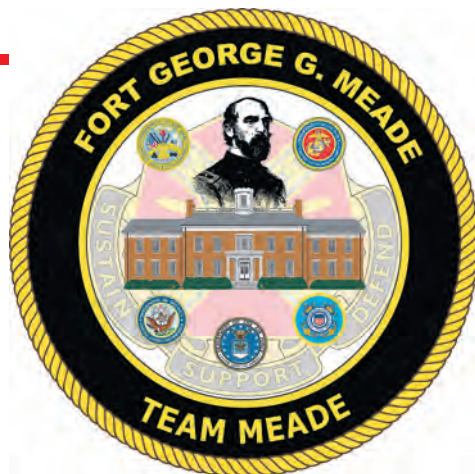
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I am deeply honored to return to America's Army. Our Army — active, Guard, and Reserve — is the finest Army the world has ever known.

While it is great to be back, the Army is not new to me. Over the course of 25 years, I have seen Army leaders from every seat at the table including all three military departments, all four services, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Capitol Hill and the White House.

Through these interactions and the relationships developed as a result, I have earned an appreciation of the complexity of ground warfare and the challenge of sustaining and advancing a ready Army.

People — Soldiers, civilians and families — are the strength of our Army. As your secretary, I will demonstrate my commitment to our people through what you'll see me do, what I'll say and where I'll say it.

I commit to you that I will work every day to ensure you are trained, equipped and ready to complete your mission.

When you're deployed, you can be confident we are taking great care of your families, and that you come home safely.

I will work closely with Gen. Mark A. Milley, the 39th Army chief of staff, to ensure the readiness of our formation so that we have the right capabilities and training, and will prioritize those necessary actions today that guarantee our readiness for tomorrow.

To accomplish each of these tasks, I have identified three broad focus areas:

- Taking care of our Soldiers, civilians and their families:

The Army's strength comes from the care and respect we show each other. Our Army must continue to be an institution that rewards merit, while placing equal value on diversity of our ideas, experiences and backgrounds.

We will support both Soldiers and



Eric Fanning

SECRETARY OF
THE ARMY

families while they are deployed, and take care of them when they return home. This means invigorating efforts to eradicate the cancer of sexual assault and harassment; doing more to recognize the warning signs and stressors associated with suicides in our ranks; and in particular, advance our understanding of, and care for, those with mental health issues.

- Developing capabilities to counter emerging threats:

The Army's value is not measured solely by past victories. Tomorrow's Army depends on its success in exploiting the best technology today.

As global threats evolve, the Army must accelerate its own capabilities in areas like cyber and electronic warfare, and protecting our communication networks. Today, and in the future, our Army depends on maintaining a technological edge over our adversaries.

- Meaningful acquisition reform:

The decision to send Soldiers into combat is the most difficult decision a leader will ever make. We ask our Soldiers and civilians to do incredible things, and part of that basic bargain demands that our units have the best equipment when they need it. This requires an adaptive and agile acquisition process.

I will take immediate steps to improve Army acquisition so we can rapidly provide the force with the equipment it needs to get the job done, on time and within budget.

As I travel the world during the next few months, I'll be looking forward to meeting many of you and hearing your stories — learning about how you are making our Army, and as a result, our nation stronger.

America's Army has a long and storied history. As we write the next chapter together, I am confident we will continue to advance the sacred trust the American people have bestowed upon us.

Garrison staff training

Garrison staff will practice mass vaccine distribution on Wednesday, July 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Murphy Field House will close Tuesday, July 12, at noon and will reopen Wednesday, July 13, at 5 p.m.

The training will validate the Installation Emergency Mass Antibiotic Dispensing Plan in an exercise scenario.

New policy for transgender service members

BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced June 30 that transgender individuals will now be able to openly serve in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The DoD policy also establishes a construct by which service members may transition gender while serving, sets standards for medical care, and outlines responsibilities for military services and commanders to develop and implement guidance, training and specific policies in the near and long term.

"This is the right thing to do for our people and for the force," Carter said. "We're talking about talented Americans who are serving with distinction or who want the opportunity to serve.

"We can't allow barriers unrelated to a person's qualifications prevent us from recruiting and retaining those who can best accomplish the mission."

The policy will be phased in during a one-year period.

Effective immediately, service members may no longer be involuntarily separated, discharged or denied re-enlistment solely on the basis of gender identity. Service members currently on duty will be able to serve openly.

Not later than Oct. 1, DoD will create and distribute a commanders' training handbook, medical protocol and guidance for changing a service member's gender in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS).

At this point, the services will be required to provide medically necessary care and treatment to transgender service

members according to the medical protocol and guidance, and may begin changing gender markers in DEERS.

Prior to Oct. 1, requests for medical treatment will be handled on a case-by-case basis consistent with the spirit of the Directive Type Memorandum and the DoD Instruction issued June 30.

Over the course of the next year, the Department will finalize force training plans and implementation guidance, revise regulations and forms, and train the force including commanders, human resources specialists, recruiters and service members.

Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Peter Levine will work with the military services to monitor and oversee this effort.

At one year, the services will begin allowing transgender individuals to join

the armed forces, assuming they meet accession standards.

In addition, an otherwise-qualified individual's gender identity will not be considered a bar to admission to a military service academy, or participation in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps or any other accession program if the individual meets the new criteria.

The full policy must be completely implemented no later than July 1, 2017.

To support service members, medical professionals and commanders during the implementation period, the DoD has set up a central coordination cell, which will serve as a central point of contact for technical questions and concerns.

The coordination cell is made up of legal experts, policy experts and medical professionals familiar with the issue.

Sleeves can now be rolled up on Army uniforms

BY DAVID VERGUN

Army News Service

Effective immediately, commanders may authorize Soldiers to roll up the sleeves on Army combat uniforms, according to a memorandum signed June 28 by Lt. Gen. James C. McConville, deputy chief of staff, G-1.

The new policy pertains to the universal camouflage pattern, operational camouflage pattern and Operation Enduring Freedom camouflage-pattern ACUs.

"We're going sleeves up, camo out," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey.

The sleeves will be rolled above the elbow, right-side out with the camouflage pattern showing. They should be rolled no more than 3 inches above the elbow, according to the memo. This method will be used primarily in garrison.

In addition, during field training exercises or operations, upon approval of the commander, sleeves may be opened and cuffed inward above the wrist on the forearm.

"It's often referred to as a Delta roll or SF roll," Dailey said.

This second method of staying cool is specifically for Soldiers in a field or deployed environment, he said.

Soldiers have to remember, though, that these authorizations are only good when not precluded by safety, Dailey said.

"Like when you're in a combat vehicle, the sleeves have to go down," he said.



PHOTO BY GARY SHEFTICK

A Soldier demonstrates how the sleeves can be rolled with camo out, no more than 3 inches above the elbow.

No Time Restrictions

There will be no time restrictions on the new policy, Dailey said.

"For instance, company commanders in Hawaii can make the decision to go sleeves up any time of year," he said.

The ultimate decision to roll sleeves any time rests with unit commanders, he said, but added that the Armywide policy has

changed due to input from Soldiers.

"The overwhelming support from Soldiers around the Army was a big factor in coming to this decision," Dailey said.

Soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, were given permission in early June to begin rolling up their sleeves for a 10-day period when visited by Dailey and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley.

At the time that permission was given,

the sleeve-rolling was considered an experiment for a possible Armywide policy, according to Lt. Col. Jerry Pionk, a G-1 spokesman.

"Feedback from Soldiers resulted in us wanting to do a trial over the next 10 days to see the feasibility of updating AR 670-1 and incorporating in the future for the force to give commanders flexibility in wear based upon their unit's mission," Pionk said.

Feedback

Soldier feedback on the issue has been populating social media sites for the past several weeks.

For instance, in a June 21 post on the Army Facebook page, the question was asked: "Let your voice be heard!! If you're a #USArmy Soldier, the #15th SMA wants to know what you want: Camo in or Camo out?"

One commented: "Go back to the good ole days! It was an art to roll those sleeves!"

She was referring to 2006, before the Battle Dress Uniform was phased out. At the time, the camouflage pattern remained on the outside.

Most, but not all of the sentiments appeared to be "camo out." Some didn't agree at all with rolling them up, but that appeared to be a small minority.

That Army Facebook posting generated a lot of interest. Twitter and other social media sites generated similar outpourings.

Under Secretary of the Army speaks to civilians

BY JADE FULCE

U.S. Army Installation Management Command

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — The U.S. Army Installation Management Command hosted a worldwide town hall with Under Secretary of the Army Patrick Murphy via teleconference on June 28.

More than 70 garrisons connected to the town hall and employees were able to stream it live online.

In his opening remarks, Lt. Gen. Kenneth Dahl, the IMCOM commanding general, said he asked Murphy to speak directly to the 58,000 civilians in the IMCOM workforce about transformations in the Army during an office call about a month ago.

"It was great for me to hear it. But you really need to hear it and you need to hear it from your senior civilian leadership," he told the world-wide audience.

Wherever possible, IMCOM leaders invited Soldiers and civilians to gather in theaters and conference rooms to participate. Where that wasn't available, a live stream was provided so employees could watch from their desks.

"I want to talk to the Army team," said Murphy. "The Army team is 1.3 million strong with 1 million Soldiers and 300,000 civilians. We are one team, one fight. ... My job is to fight for the Army."

Murphy emphasized the Army's No. 1 priority is readiness, which meant being ready to fight tonight.

"We have to be ready to go," he said. "That readiness is at an individual level, installation level and Army as an institution. We are all part of that readiness."

Murphy also said the Army has to do more with less. The Army has \$100 billion less than it did five years ago, so every dollar counts. He stressed everyone has to make sure we are not wasting that money.

Murphy also said that IMCOM is a true partner in what the Army is trying to do and appreciates what we do for the Army team.

Employees had an opportunity to ask questions and learn what the Army leadership is planning for the Army's future. Questions ranged from such topics as transformation, Soldier for Life, and public/private partnerships to telling the Army's story.

Murphy encouraged everyone to follow him on social media and to connect



ARMY PHOTOS BY TIM HIPPS, IMCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

U.S. Army Installation Command senior leaders watch the Under Secretary of the Army Patrick Murphy speak to the workforce at the IMCOM headquarters operation center in San Antonio on June 28.

with the American public through it.

"We have to do a better job of telling the Army story," he said. "Every single one of us is a recruiting officer. We should be asking ourselves what we are doing to talk about the Army to our sons and daughters, our nieces and nephews."

The town hall ended with Murphy thanking the workforce for everything they do.

IMCOM employee Alfreda Arnold thought that it was "a wonderful thing" that Murphy was able to take time out of his schedule and bring some light to the issues going on with the Army.

Melissa Sturgeon, the IMCOM deputy director for operations, said it was great seeing and hearing Murphy on the teleconference because it demonstrated his passion for the Army.

"It is nice to see that level of enthusiasm and that energy applied to leading the Army," said Sturgeon. "That makes us more excited to do our job, and it was obvious that he values our command."



Entertainment Spc. Blair Ferrier controls the video screen at Fort Sam Houston Theatre for the Installation Management Command Town Hall hosted June 28 by Under Secretary of the Army Patrick Murphy and IMCOM Commanding General Lt. Gen. Kenneth Dahl for Army employees around the world.

Review legal checklist before a military move

By YOSEFI SELTZER
Legal Assistance Attorney

A military move, whether due to a permanent change of station (PCS), separation from active duty or retirement can be stressful.

Here are a few of the most common things to consider in order to reduce the risk of legal disputes before you ship out:

- **Canceling a Residential Lease:**

Both the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA: 50 USCS Appendix Section 535) and the Maryland equivalent (Maryland Real Property Article Section 8-212.1) permit service members and their spouses to terminate residential leases early if the service member receives military orders to deploy or PCS for 90-plus days.

The service member or spouse must provide the written notice of intent to terminate the lease early, along with a copy of the service member's orders to the landlord or property manager. The SCRA holds the service member or spouse responsible for 30 days of rent from the date the next rent payment is due following the notice provided to the landlord or property manager.

In contrast, Maryland law simply requires 30 day's liability for rent from when the notice of PCS or temporary duty (TDY) for 90-plus days is presented to the landlord or property manager.

Although retirement, discharge or separation from active duty are not explicitly authorized reasons to terminate a lease early under federal or state law, several courts across the country have ruled in favor of the service member in such situations.

To avoid the possibility of being locked into leases for the duration if you will be retiring, discharged or separated from active duty, consider inserting a "military friendly" early-termination provision in your lease before you sign it. That would permit early termination due to retirement, discharge or separation from active duty in addition to PCS, deployment or TDY that are already covered by federal and state law. The Fort Meade Legal

Assistance Office has a sample clause you can pick up.

- **Cellphone Early Termination:**

The SCRA also allows for early termination of some cellphone contracts. A service member may terminate a contract at any time after the date the service member receives military orders to relocate for 90-plus days to a location that does not support the contract.

The service member must deliver a written or electronic notice indicating the date the service will be terminated, along with a copy of the military orders to the service provider. The cellphone provider must retain the phone number for a service member who relocates for less than three years.

If you want to restore your number and service, move fast; the service member must restore the cellphone number and service within 90 days of returning.

If the service member has a family plan and all members are relocating with him for the duration of the relocation, then he can terminate the family plan using the same procedures.

- **Car Lease Early Termination:**

The SCRA permits service members who PCS or deploy from the Continental U.S. to a location outside the Continental U.S. or from a state outside the Continental U.S. to a location outside that state for 180-plus days to terminate their car lease early. To terminate the lease, the service member must deliver written notice and a copy of the military orders along with delivery of the vehicle to the lessor within 15 days of providing the written notice of intent to terminate the lease early.

This provision only applies to leases, not auto loans attached to purchased vehicles.

PCS or deployment orders could impact legal rights in many other areas, particularly when the service member is in the midst of litigation or anticipates a lawsuit.

To discuss your personal legal questions, call the Legal Assistance Office to schedule an appointment with an attorney at 301-677-9504 or 301-677-9536.

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Antiterrorism safety tips for summer months

BY MARK A. GEORGE

Directorate of Plans, Training,
Mobilization and Security

In light of the recent attack at a night club in Orlando, Fla., and the potential threat posed by extremists, particularly lone offenders, during the summer when more people attend mass gatherings, the Army has issued an urgent warning to all military installations.

The following is a Q&A about antiterrorism and the importance of vigilance in the Fort Meade community.

What do you want the Fort Meade community to know about antiterrorism?

The terrorism threat is real as observed throughout numerous media forums. Regardless of the year, season, special events, it is both an individual and community responsibility to prevent terrorism every day.

As the terrorism and criminal capabilities change, so do the antiterrorism, physical security, crime prevention and operation security programs.

The managers of these program ensure that the community is aware of the threat and the appropriate actions to take for the protection of both individuals and the Fort Meade community. The increase in terrorism attacks that have occurred abroad and within the United States absolutely warrant a diligence in regard to safety measures.

Is there a message that is different from the past?

The terms terrorism and crime have been in existence for many years. However, as technology changes, so do the related tactics and procedures.

The Fort Meade community's involvement in preventing terrorism and criminal activity are a responsibility we all must embrace. iWATCH and Operation Security (OPSEC) are the best tools we can apply in our everyday lives.

It is also important to limit making yourself a target of opportunity.

What should we know about social media?

The internet in itself is a wonderful tool for both family and businesses alike by providing information to the individual user. Unfortunately, the internet does not come with a user manual for its use and the potential dangers associated with it.

The takeaway here is to apply the

OPSEC guidelines for both work and home. Practice safe social media activities because online activities may inadvertently expose excessive information about a person's work, identity, location, relationships and affiliations, creating an increased risk of identity theft, stalking or targeted violence.

What is the "Call to Action" for the community?

To be vigilant in observing your surroundings and contacting the Fort Meade police or local law enforcement authorities when you discover suspicious activity while on or off the installation.

This is the heartbeat of the iWATCH program: See Something, Say Something.

Trust your instincts and maintain your situational awareness. It is important to recognize terrorist threats before they happen.

When in doubt if what you are observing is a suspicious act or not, call the police and let the experts figure it out.

Are there resources for family and community members or training requirements?

There are several resources that are available to the community:

Military and family members can review AT Level 1 Training-Joint Knowledge online website: <https://jko-direct.jten.mil>. Course number JS-US008-14.

The DPTMS-Antiterrorism Officers will host an AT Level 1 Awareness Training, which is extended to military and family members who do not have access to computer system.

Training is scheduled Aug. 24-25 from 9 a.m. to noon.

iWATCH

Important places to watch for suspicious activity include:

Celebrations, unit headquarters, installation access control points, rail transport systems, religious facilities, amusement parks, sports/entertainment venues, recreation centers, fitness facilities, barracks and hotels, parades, fairs, schools, libraries, day care centers, hospitals, commissary, Exchange, gas station, bank and public transportation.



Use the Department of State (DOS) Smart Traveler Program (STEP), which allows U.S. citizens to register their OCONUS travel plans on the DOS online to receive travel updates and travel warnings. Website: <https://step.state.gov/step>

An additional DOS website provides up-to-date security conditions at OCONUS locations at <https://travel.state.gov>.

How does the iWatch program support antiterrorism efforts?

The iWATCH program — See Something, Say Something — when used as designed, is a proactive approach to preventing terrorism in the Fort Meade community.

iWATCH provides guidance to pay attention to your surroundings and to report suspicious activity to law enforcement. Contacting the police authorities sets the stage for proper intervention to stopping a terrorist or criminal act.

OPSEC and iWATCH are the two active ingredients to combating terrorism and requires full engagement by military members, Department of Army civilians, DoD employees, contractors and their families.

Editor's note: Community members can report suspicious activities to military police and local law enforcement or the iWatch hotline at 301-677-2619.

Suspicious activities include:

- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package being left behind.
- Cars or trucks left in "NO" parking zones in front of buildings.
- Strangers asking questions about security forces or their procedures.
- Chemical smells or fumes that worry you.
- Person wearing clothes that look out of season (too big and bulky and /or too hot for the weather.
- Purchase of supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons.
- Purchase of uniforms without having the proper credentials.

Fort Meade example of installation readiness

BY FORT MEADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS
OFFICE

Installations are platforms for Army Readiness.

U.S. Army installations provide secure and sustainable facilities and infrastructure that support combatant commanders' top priorities, enable Army missions, and maintain Soldier and unit readiness.

Fort Meade is a centerpiece in that mission as the third largest Army post in population in the inventory.

Army Readiness starts on the 156 installations and more than 1,100 community-based Army National Guard and Army Reserve centers worldwide where Soldiers live, work and train.

Fort Meade, according to Deputy Garrison Commander John Moeller, serves in its unique capacity to empower the Army's focus on its fundamental mission readiness.

"We host, at last count, 119 partner organizations here on Fort Meade," Moeller said. "And we are growing and evolving quickly to ensure these organizations have an environment that facilitates their mission accomplishment on a 24-hour, seven-days a week basis."

Installation readiness meets future challenges and ensures the security of the nation, according to the ACSIM release. Well-maintained installation infrastructure enhances projection of national power, and enables the Army to deploy ground forces, prevent conflict, shape outcomes and conduct military operations.

Installations enable Soldiers to be trained and ready to fight and win.

Army installations provide the critical infrastructure to organize, train, equip, deploy and conduct combat operations by land forces. Installations provide intense and realistic home-station training essential for successful combat training.

Soldiers fight from installations to defeat emerging global missions. Rigorous and repetitive training at Army installations prepares Soldiers to win the next war decisively.

Installations build readiness by training and developing Soldiers who are mentally and physically fit to withstand the intense rigors of ground combat.

The Army will continue to:

- Reshape installation services to focus resources on readiness and divest of unneeded facilities to reduce excess infrastructure. Reducing the infrastructure footprint decreases energy require-



STEVE ELLMORE

Construction crews work on Candlewood Suites, Fort Meade's new 243-room hotel for active-duty and retired military personnel, government contractors and civilians. Completed in November 2015, the project is an example of the installation's growth. Installation infrastructure directly affects the readiness of the Army and the well-being of the Soldiers, Army civilians and their families.

ments and increases resource stewardship efficiency.

- Invest in emerging missions such as cyber security, home-station mission command, force protection and Force of the Future.

- Leverage more partnerships and increase third-party investments to strengthen Soldier and family readiness programs. Installations partner with local communities to share common services and to increase readiness programs.

Installation infrastructure directly affects the readiness of the Army and the well-being of the Soldiers, Army civilians

and their families.

Installation readiness provides equitable services and facilities, optimizes resources, sustains the environment and enhances the well-being of the military community. The Army requires adequate infrastructure and installation services to support the pillars of readiness: manning, training, equipping and leader development.

"Fort Meade is unique in that it houses both federal and state organizations involved in areas significant to the Force of the Future," Moeller said. "As the state of Maryland's largest single employer, we

are building the right kind of partner relationships to augment and enhance what we can provide as an operational platform for our nation.

"In the past, our nation fought its wars on land, on the seas, in the air, and in space. But there is a new domain of warfare, and that is cyberspace.

"Fort Meade is proud of the role it is playing in defending our nation from this new realm of warfare."

Editor's note: This article is based on a release by the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and HQDA.

Soldiers compete in U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials

By TIM HIPPS

Installation Management Command

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. — Six Soldier-athletes are competing for spots on the U.S. Olympic Team at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials, which began Friday and ends Sunday, at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore.

“We have a lot of guys who are going to do very well,” Olympian Maj. Dan Browne said.

Browne — the most decorated distance runner in U.S. Army history — now coaches the distance runners assigned to the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program.

“I think this is going to be a very exciting Olympic Trials for Army Track and Field,” he said. “I think we’re going to open some eyes.”

Spcs. Shadrack Kipchirchir and Leonard Korir challenged 2012 Olympic silver medalist Galen Rupp in the 10,000-meter final on Friday. Rupp won, Kipchirchir finished second and Korir finished third. All three will compete in Rio.

“These Soldiers are great ambassadors of the U.S. Army and personify the sacrifice, discipline and work ethic that all soldiers strive for each and every day,” Browne said.

Personal Best

Kipchirchir and Korir returned to the track Monday for the first round of the 5,000 meters. They were joined in that event by teammate Spc. Paul Chelimo, who ran a personal record time of 7:39:00 earlier in the season at the U.S. Indoor Championships, which ranked him No. 2 in the United States.

“Some people think my 3,000 meters was a fluke,” said Chelimo, 25, who was a five-time NCAA All-American runner for the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. “I want to go there and show them that I’m strong and back in the game. I’m strong and I’m consistent. That’s all that matters right now.”

Both Chelimo and Kipchirchir made the preliminary 5-K race and will advance to the finals.

The 5,000-meter final, set for Saturday at 5:20 p.m. PT, will be nationally televised by NBC. The top three finishers will earn spots on the U.S. Olympic team.

“I have to do my best to get to the top three to get to the Olympics,” Chelimo said, “but I want to win. I want to go only for first place.”

Browne is confident that his Soldiers can accomplish the mission in Eugene.

“These Soldiers have the talent and they are fit enough to do it, but it has to happen



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U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program Spc. Paul Chelimo will run the 5,000 meters on Saturday at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team Trials in Eugene, Ore. The top three finishers will earn spots on the U.S. Olympic team.

on that day, too,” he said. “It’s so competitive.”

The WCAP distance runners recently have been training at 8,500 feet above sea level in the mountains around Mammoth Lakes, Calif., where they have been logging 90 to 100 miles per week.

“I just administered the most impressive workout I’ve seen my guys do since being a part of this program,” Browne said. “I was on my bike, and these guys were hitting 16.7 miles per hour on my bike computer. They’re knocking it out of the park.”

Chelimo said becoming a Soldier and training with fellow Soldiers in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete under Browne’s leadership “has been a motivating factor” for him and has brought him to the level he’s at right now.

“The WCAP program has been great for me,” said Chelimo, a native Kenyan who came to America on a college scholarship to run and became a naturalized U.S. citizen by joining the U.S. Army. “My main goal was to come to the United States because no other country would pay for my college scholarship for four years.

“So I thought it would be great to give to give back to the United States and join the Army, and then I heard about WCAP. Now I can continue my running career and also be

a Soldier.”

Three-time Olympian WCAP Staff Sgt. John Nunn already earned his spot on Team USA in January by winning the men’s 50-kilometer Race Walk Olympic Trials in Santee, Calif. On June 30, Nunn won the men’s 20-kilometer race walk at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in Salem, Ore.

“It would be fun to do both [the 50-K and 20-K in Rio de Janeiro], but 50 is what I’m good at and what I’ve held the Olympic standard for a couple years now,” Nunn said. “I’ll still make the 50 the priority in Rio and we’ll still race the 20, but it really becomes a great speed workout a week before the 50-K.”

Hurdle and Steeplechase

Soldier-athletes will also compete in the hurdle and steeplechase races at the trials.

Spc. Marcus Maxey, a three-time NCAA All-American hurdler at Clemson who is now stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., will run the 110-meter high hurdles. He won the event at the 14th annual Tri-City Classic on June 4 in Lancaster, Texas, with a time of 13.39 seconds, the nation’s seventh-fastest time run this season.

“That day came one week after I got a coach,” said Maxey, 25, who began working with University of Oklahoma assistant coach Ronnye Harrison. “I was hyped.”

Earlier this spring, Maxey posted a then lifetime best time of 13.65 at the Texas Relays in Austin, where he finished third behind winner David Oliver, a 2013 world champion and 2008 Olympic bronze medalist. Maxey believes his time is now.

“We’re looking for another quantum leap at the trials,” Maxey said. “I think my chances are pretty high. The leading time going in is 13.12 and I’m right there.

“When I ran my 13.3 I didn’t have any competition around me. But at the Olympic Trials I’m guaranteed to have competition around me, and I’m a very competitive person.”

Maxey, however, dreams more about making the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team than he talks about chasing a world record.

“It would mean the world to me,” Maxey said. “It would mean I’m going to the highest track and field platform in the world.”

Spc. Hillary Bor of Fort Carson, Colo., is entered in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. The final round is scheduled for Friday at 5:23 p.m. PT.

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COVER STORY 9



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A 30-minute fireworks display enchants residents and visitors alike during Fort Meade's early Independence Day celebration on Friday at McGlachlin Parade Field.

Saluting Independence Day

Fireworks, food and fun top off Red, White and Blue Celebration

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Before residents and visitors heard the thunder of fireworks beneath the rockets' red glare at Fort Meade's Red, White and Blue Celebration, they heard the whine of portable generators powering kid-friendly amusements

under skies that never followed through on their threat of thunderstorms.

Scores of youngsters queued up on McGlachlin Parade Field to tackle a moon bounce and other inflated environments as well as a rock wall, mechanical bull and Extreme Bungee Jumper, while others threw footballs and flying discs.

The six-hour event also featured food and novelty vendors, informational kiosks, and performances by acoustic guitarist Jared Mahone and the rock and pop band

Til September.

A 30-minute fireworks extravaganza, fired from Constitution Park, topped the early Independence Day celebration.

"This is one of the best weekends all year round," Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley said. "It's an opportunity to celebrate our nation's independence at Fort Meade, and we do it on the last day of the week so everyone can be here for the fireworks."

Foley and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj.

Rodwell L. Forbes arrived on the parade field in a golf cart just before "Retreat" at 5 p.m.

Forbes said the event is an opportunity to celebrate the freedoms and liberties that cannot be taken for granted while bringing the community together.

"It's another way for us to get to know the folks in our community," he said.

When early weather forecasts included rain and possible thunderstorms, Master Sgt. Frank Seitz of the Maryland National Guard and his wife, Lisa, came prepared.

"We had our umbrellas," said Lisa Seitz,



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Children play in a bounce house, one of several inflatables enjoyed by youngsters during the six-hour event.



Alexia Cox (left), 9, of Taneytown, and Sayde Porter, 8, of Hanover, get a lift on the Extreme Bungee Jumper, one of the event's many free children's attractions.

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this nation, I want to show my kids the meaning of freedom," he said. "We came out to have a good time, and they always give a good fireworks presentation."

Air Force buddies Staff Sgt. Damien Jones and Staff Sgt. Jeremy Marshall and Air Guard Master Sgt. Kerry Guy brought their families to the event, where their children enjoyed the rides, especially "anything that bounces," Jones said.

"It's a safe, family environment," said DoD employee Charlie Corliss as his wife, Jess, and 2-year-old son Sam danced to the classic rock sounds of Til September.

The Corlisses had moved to Fort Meade

from Hawaii just two weeks before.

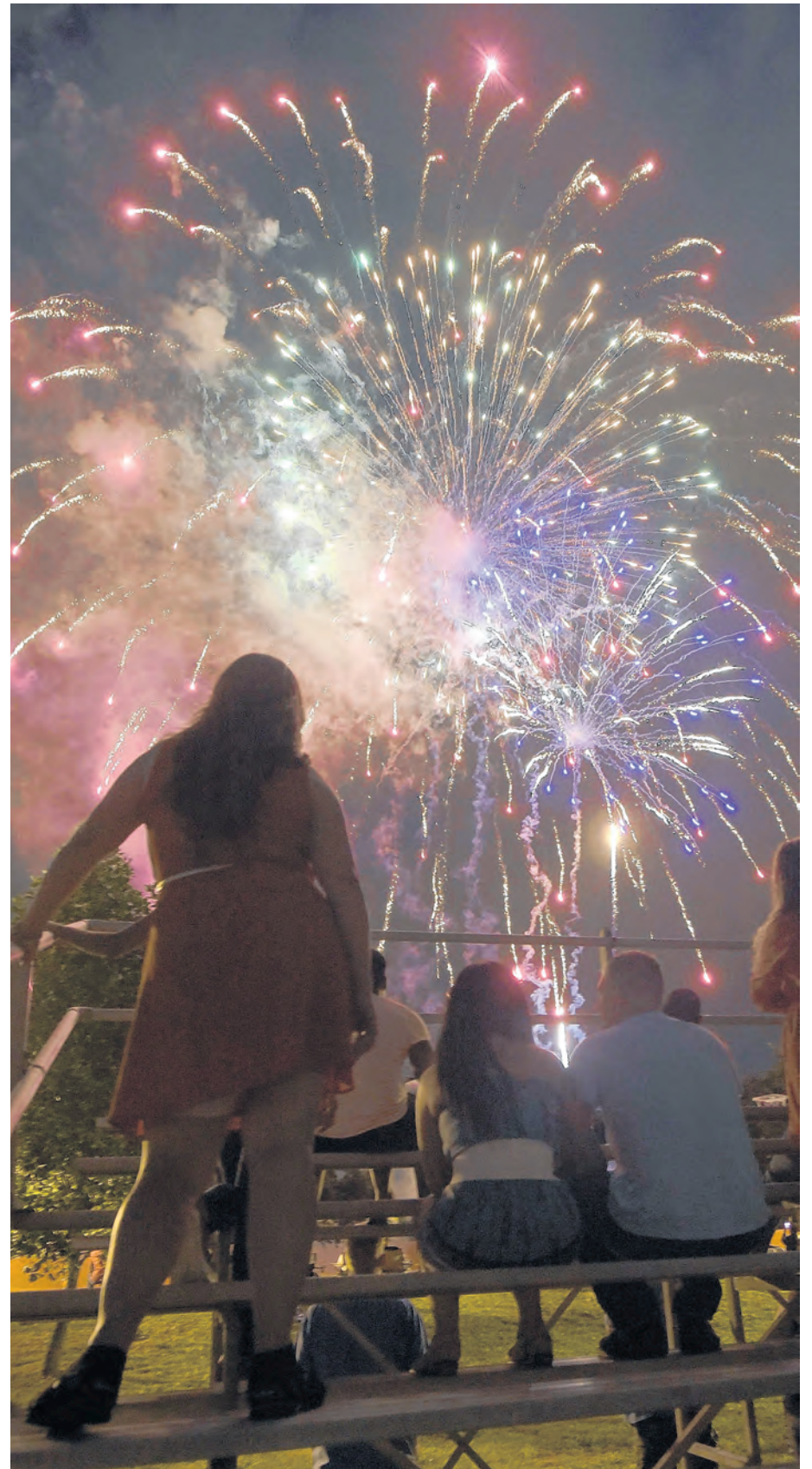
"We're still eating dinner off an ironing board," Charlie Corliss said, so the family welcomed the opportunity for some outdoor fun.

Corliss said he heard about the celebration when he "asked around" about things to do in the area.

"It did not disappoint," he said, smiling.

Two hours into the event, retired Master Sgt. Michael Boyd, owner of Better Than Carolina BBQ, grilled baby back ribs.

"We've been coming here for four years," said Boyd, who served in the Army for 20 years. "Once you're in the military, you're always serving. That's why we keep coming back. There are great people here."



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Fireworks explode Friday evening at the culmination of Fort Meade's Red, White and Blue Celebration.

SPORTS SHORTS

Construction notice for Gaffney

Due to a delay in contractor base access, the basement project at Gaffney Fitness Center has been postponed.

New dates will be posted when available.

Various classes have been moved to Murphy Field House and are offered at no charge during the duration of the basement project.

For more information, call 301-677-3716 or 301-677-3867.

Now hiring: lifeguards, water safety instructors

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hiring lifeguards at the rate of \$11 per hour and water safety instructors at \$13 per hour at Gaffney Fitness Center.

DFMWR provides flexible schedules and offers year-round employment opportunities.

Apply online at usajobs.gov.

For more information, call 301-677-7916 or go to meade.armymwr.com.

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.

- Football Fanfare 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

Registration fee is \$25 per person and \$60 per family of three to six people.

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

For more information, call 301-677-3318.

Murphy 24-hour fitness facility

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.

Parent Central Services hours

Parent Central Services is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Free unit bowling

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

Free unit bowling is offered for one hour.

For more information, call 301-677-5541 or go to meade.armymwr.com.

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.

Relinquishment of command

The 200th Military Police Command, the largest police force in the DoD, will host a relinquishment of command ceremony on Sunday at 10 a.m. at McGlachlin Parade Field to bid farewell to its commander, Maj. Gen. Phillip M. Churn.

The ceremony will be overseen by Lt. Gen. Charles D. Luckey, the newly appointed chief of Army Reserve.

Churn, a native of Washington, D.C., has been in command since 2014.

He will serve as the assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for

Reserve affairs.

RAB meeting

The next Fort Meade Environmental Restoration Advisory Board meeting is July 21 at 7 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott, 2700 Hercules Road, Annapolis Junction.

Community members are invited to attend.

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

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

For more information, call 301-677-7999 or visit www.ftmeade.army.mil/directorates/dpw/environment. Click on RAB link.

Stories needed for Soldier-themed opera

Librettist Jerre Dye and composer Zachary Redler are commissioned by the Army to write a short opera that will honor the lives of Soldiers and veterans at home and abroad.

The work will be performed by the U.S. Army Field Band as part of its touring repertoire.

The creators would like to interview service members to hear their personal stories of service, deployment, discovery and homecoming. The conversations will be used as inspiration for characters, themes and storylines in the operatic work.

Soldiers interested in participating in the ground-breaking project should be available between Monday and Wednesday during the duty day for interviews.

For more information or to sign up to participate in the project, email Sgt. Maj. David Bullman at david.l.bullman.mil@mail.mil.

R&B Night

Celebrate R&B Night at the Brass Lounge on Friday 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.

Water flushing continues

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

Jibber-less

Public Affairs Officer Chad T. Jones, author of Jibber Jabber, is out of the office. As always, if you have any comments about Jibber Jabber or anything to do with the world of sports, e-mail chad.t.jones.civ@mail.mil.

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 for Monday through Friday are:

- Y Street
- Chamberlin Avenue
- Ernie Pyle Street
- Rose Street
- 9th Street
- 10th Street
- 13th Street
- 14th Street
- 15th Street
- 16th Street
- 18th Street
- Chisholm Avenue
- Mapes Road

Streets adjacent to Llewellyn Avenue, Ernie Pyle Street, Reece Road and Annapolis Road 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.

Pick up local produce or fresh baked goods, eat lunch at one of the seven food trucks and browse the assortment of vendors.

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.

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 offers a variety of international-themed buffets that

vary daily.

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

Menu includes:

Tuesday: Asian Buffet featuring beef Bulgogi, and sweet & sour chicken; and July 14: Bastille Day Buffet featuring Cor-don Bleu and beef burgundy.

For more information, call 301-677-6969.

Naval Academy lunchtime concerts

This summer, the Naval Academy will present a series of lunchtime concerts at the Naval Academy's Zimmerman Bandstand, located on Blake Road across from the Main Chapel on the grounds of the Naval Academy.

- Woodwind Quintet: July 15 at 12:30 p.m.
- Superintendent's Combo: July 22 at 12:30 p.m.

The Superintendent's Combo performs jazz standards and new favorites, as well as original compositions by band members.

- Brass Quintet: July 29 at 12:30 p.m.

Concerts are free and open to the public with no tickets required.

For more information, visit the band's website or call 410-293-1262.

EDUCATION

Financial, Employment Readiness

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.

Military

- Pre-Separation Brief: Today, 9-11:30 a.m., FFSC
- Sponsorship Training: Friday, 8-9:30 a.m., FFSC
- July 14, 9-10 a.m., ACS
- TGPS Five-Day Workshops (Transition, Goals, Plans, Success): Monday to July 15: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC
- July 25-29: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC
- Mobilization & Deployment: July 15 or July 22, 9:30-11 a.m., ACS
- Retiree Brief: July 18, 8-11:30 a.m., FFSC
- TGPS Two-Day Workshop: Boots to Business (Small Business Administration): July 20- 21, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC

- Pre-Deployment Brief: July 26, 10-11:30 a.m., FFSC

Financial

- Banking Basics: Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., ACS
- Car Buying: July 19, 9-11 a.m., ACS
- Basics of Investing: July 26, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS
- 1st Term Financial Readiness: July 26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., ACS

Employment

- Resume Workshop: Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, FFSC
- Career Exploration: July 26, 9 a.m. to noon, FFSC

Life Skills

- Stress Management: July 14, 9-11 a.m., FFSC
- Time Management: July 27, 9-11 a.m., FFSC

To register, go to fortmeadeacs.checkappointments.com or call 301-677-5590.

For more information, call 301-677-9871.

YOUTH

Summer Reading Program

The free Summer Reading Program runs through Aug. 19 at the Children's and Young Adult Library at Kuhn Hall, 4415 Llewellyn Ave.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2-6 p.m.

This year's theme is "Read For The Win."

The last day for turning in the "Reading Log" or to collect prizes is Aug. 19.

For more information, call 301-677-5677.

Teen Leadership Challenge

Teen Leadership Challenge: Seminars and Summer Bash for ages 13 to 19 will be held in July.

Orientation for all registered teens is today at 9 a.m. at Army Community Service, 830 Chisholm Ave.

- Money Habitude\$: July 14, 9 a.m. to noon
- Positive Life Choices: July 21, 9 a.m. to noon
- Operation 10-4 & CPR : July 28, 9 a.m. to noon
- End of Summer Bash: July 28, noon to 1 p.m.

To register, call 301-677-5590 or go to myarmyonesource.com.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School, for ages 4 through sixth grade, will be held Aug. 8-12 from 9 a.m. to noon at Argonne Hills Chapel Center, 7100 Rockenbach and Grandea roads.

Registration is open to the first 130 children.

Register online or at registration tables set up at both the Chapel Center and the Main Post Chapel.

To register online, go to www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/ftmeadevbs2016.

For more information, call Marcia Eastland at 301-677-0386 or 301-677-6035.

Missoula Children's Theatre

The Missoula Children's Theatre returns to Fort Meade Aug. 1-6.

This performing arts residency program, hosted by SKIES Unlimited, gives children the opportunity to audition, rehearse and perform on stage.

Cost is \$35 for ages 5-7 and \$55 for ages 8-18. T-shirt is included in the fee.

Registration deadline is Friday at Parent Central Services, 909 Reece Road.

For more information, call 301-677-1149.

Arts and Crafts Contest

Enter your best arts and crafts in the 2016 Army Arts and Crafts Contest for a chance to win prizes and Armywide recognition.

Deadline is Aug. 12.

The contest features categories for ceramics, digital, fiber, glass, mixed media, wood, drawing, painting and metal.

For eligibility requirements and submission instructions, visit armymwr.com/arts.

Youth Center events

The Youth Center offers a variety of activities for students in grades six to eight.

- Young Leaders Club meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30- 4:30 p.m.

This club provides learning experiences to build leadership skills. Participants will go on field trips, see guest speakers and help the community.

- Robotics Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30- 5:30 p.m.

Learn to build your own robot. Go on field trips and celebrate accomplishments with a monthly party.

For more information, call 301-677-1437.

RECREATION

Out & About

- **Cirque Italia** will be presented Friday through Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg. Cost is \$20.

The water circus event features acrobats, aerialists and contortionists. For more information, call 941-704-8572.

- **The Naval Academy Band** will perform a series of concerts this month.

Concerts are free and open to the public with no tickets required.

*Electric Brigade: Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Susan Campbell Park, Annapolis City Dock and July 30 at 6 p.m. at Quiet Water Park in Annapolis

Electric Brigade, the Navy's premier popular music group under the direction of Chief Musician Rory Cherry, performs current popular music, as well as rhythm and blues, dance, Motown, classic rock, modern rock, soul, hip-hop, swing, country, and disco.

*Superintendent's Combo: July 19 at 7 p.m. at Susan Campbell Park at the Annapolis City Dock, 1 Dock St.

The Superintendent's Combo performs jazz standards and new favorites, as well as original compositions by the group's members.

For more information, visit the band's website or call 410-293-1262.

• **Third Annual Cruise/Travel Night**, hosted by Leisure Travel Services at 6530B York Road, will be held July 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The special event is open to all eligible patrons who are seeking information on booking cruises or other vacation packages. Patrons will be able to book a cruise at the event. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 301-677-3465 or visit meade.armymwr.com.

• **Leisure Travel Services** will offer its next monthly bus trip to New York City on July 23 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.

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.

• **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.

• **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 301-677-7823.

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

• **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.

• **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 301-677-7823.

• **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 Hobgood at 301-677-5590.

• **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 July 18.

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.

• **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 July 19.

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.

• **Military District of Washington Sergeant Audie Murphy Club** meets the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is July 20.

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Barfield, club vice president, at aaron.a.barfield.mil@mail.mil.

• **Fort Meade Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America** will hold their next luncheon meeting on Aug. 31 at 11:30 a.m. at Club Meade.

Guest speaker is George W. Owings III of the Maryland Secretary of Veteran Affairs. Cost of luncheon is \$16. Reservations are required.

The public is invited. Guests do not need to be a FGGM/MOAA member to attend. For reservations or more information, call Wayne Hobbs at 410-799-8331.

• **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 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.

• **Boy Scout Troop 377** meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Argonne Hills Chapel Center on Rockenbach Road. For more information, refer to the troop's Facebook page www.facebook.com/bsa377 or contact Scoutmaster Eddie Smith at 443-542-0545 or eksmith91@hotmail.com, or Wendall Lawrence, the troop's committee chair, at 410-969-5308 or lawrencewendall@gmail.com.

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 July 24

Friday & Sunday: "X-Men: Apocalypse" (PG-13). With the emergence of the world's first mutant, Apocalypse, the X-Men must unite to defeat his extinction level plan. With James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence.



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Saturday: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows" (PG-13). As Shredder joins forces with mad scientist Baxter Stockman and henchmen Bebop and Rocksteady to take over the world, the Turtles must confront an even greater nemesis. With Megan Fox, Tyler Perry, Stephen Amell.

July 15 & 17: "Me Before You" (PG-13). A girl in a small town forms an unlikely bond with a recently paralyzed man she's taking care of. With Emilia Clarke, Sam Claflin, Janet McTeer.

July 16: "Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping" (R). When it becomes clear that his solo album is a failure, a former boy band member does everything in his power to maintain his celebrity status. With Andy Samberg, Jorma Taccone, Akiva Schaffer.

July 22 & 24: "Central Intelligence" (PG-13). After he reunites with an old school pal through Facebook, a mild-mannered accountant is lured into the world of international espionage. With Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Danielle Nicolet.