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Derrick Sumpter (right), of the Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capital Region and a member of the Fort Meade Patriots, dribbles against Daon Riley of the Maryland All-Stars during the Queenstown Day basketball tournament on Saturday afternoon at Queenstown Park in Severn.

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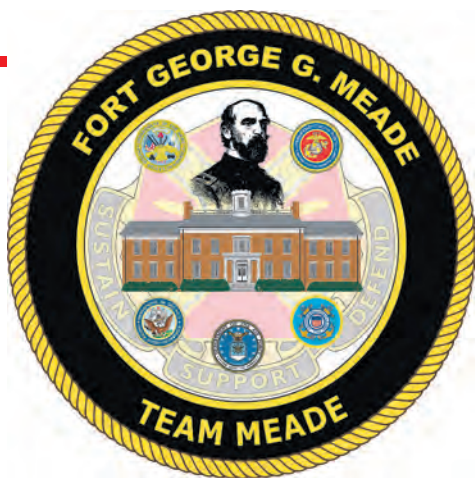
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## COMMANDER'S COLUMN

# Celebrating our freedom

**G**reetings, Team Meade. What a way to start out the month of July by celebrating Independence Day. As I sit back and reflect on what that really means, the lyrics of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" comes to mind:

*My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountainside  
Let freedom ring!*

All over America, families and friends are reuniting to renew ties, enjoy each other's company and celebrate our nation's birthday. It is a day when liberty and laughter go hand-in-hand — when we can acknowledge that, oh yes, we have our faults and lots of problems, too, but we're happy and proud because we're free, and we know the best of America is "yet to come."

Over the past few weeks there were some horrific incidents that took place throughout the United States. Our prayers and condolences go out to those who have lost someone and may feel that we are digressing instead of progressing as a nation.

We must remain united, joined together as a whole — not divided. This nation WILL pull back together.

Freedom isn't free. It comes with a price and that's the sacrifice service members, families and loved ones make each and every day as we serve and protect this great nation. Thanks to all who have served in the past and present and will in the future. You truly represent the red, white and blue of the United States.

I would also like to thank all of the



**Garrison  
Command  
Sgt. Maj.  
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directorates and volunteers who supported our Independence Day Red, White and Blue celebration on July 1. This was truly a first-class event, and your hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed. It looked like the flood gates of rain weren't going to stop but they did, and the event was a great success.

People are still talking about the 30 minutes of fireworks!

Also, this past weekend we celebrated Queenstown Day in Severn. This was an awesome

opportunity to share with the community about what happens behind the fence line at Fort Meade.

The event started out Friday with a Gospel Festival. Our very own Garrison Chaplain NCOIC Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Stewart and Equal Opportunity Advisor Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Chambers sung two selections, which demonstrated that we do have untapped talent on the installation.

Fort Meade also was represented well by booths set up by the Recruiting Battalion and demonstrations by the 241st Military Police Detachment's K-9 unit.

The Fort Meade Patriots played against the Maryland All-Stars in a community basketball game, which demonstrated esprit-de-corps and cohesive relationships between the communities.

I would like to welcome all of our new arrivals to Fort Meade. You have arrived at a very dynamic place at a very dynamic time. There are so many different things that you can get involved with, so please take the time to look at our Fort Meade website and see all the activities in the surrounding area.

From "Team Forbes" to yours, have a blessed, fruitful and overcoming week.

## Commander's Open Door

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

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

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# 'A natural'

Largest military police command bids farewell to commanding general

BY SPC. STEPHANIE RAMIREZ  
200th MP Public Affairs

**E**very time he sits with a Soldier over a meal, the first thing he asks is, "How are you?"

He doesn't jump to discuss how the mission is going right away. He genuinely wants to know where his Soldiers are mentally and emotionally. He asks about family, about their goals and dreams. By the time dessert rolls around, he wants to know what he can do to help them.

It's hard to imagine a man, who originally had no desire to serve in the military, leaving behind a two-star command as a major general with 12 years of total command time and 35 years of service.

After 18 months as the commanding general of the 200th Military Police Command, Maj. Gen. Phillip M. Churn relinquished his post Sunday during a ceremony held at McGlachlin Parade Field.

Approximately 200 Soldiers from the command's subordinate units attended the ceremony. Lt. Gen. Charles D. Luckey, chief of the Army Reserve and commanding general of the U.S. Army Reserve Command, was the reviewing official.

Looking back to his military beginnings, Churn wasn't always interested in being a Soldier. In high school, he dreamed of going to law school, becoming a lawyer and then going into politics.

All of that changed in college. He

***"I had the best job in the world because I was the spokesperson for 13,000 Soldiers and highlighting their capabilities."***

Maj. Gen. Phillip M. Churn, former commanding general of the 200th Military Police Command

became interested in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps through his friends. After trying a few of its courses, he fell in love.

The leadership, the problem solving, and the camaraderie all excited him, Churn said. But what really sparked a fire in him were the words of Lou Cantu, his military science adviser who was a senior noncommissioned officer.

"You're a natural at this," Cantu told him.

"And I believed him," Churn said. "Because if you find something that you really, really enjoy, and you're excited about, then you should do it, and this was it for me."

Since then, Churn pursued his military career with veracity, dedicating his time and effort to develop himself and others as leaders.

## Dedication and determination

Command Sgt. Maj. Craig D. Owens, the command sergeant major for the 200th MP, said he really wishes Soldiers knew how much Churn cares for each of them individually.

"He lives and breathes military police," Owens said. "The Soldiers should know the dedication and determination he has, and the lengths he has gone to for our Soldiers to have better training, have better facilities, to get better missions, to be recognized and to be successful."

Churn has been a commander at several levels including battalion, brigade and division.

"Being in command is just a matter of knowing the mission, holding people accountable, setting standards and completing the mission," Churn said.

Each job in his career has prepared him for the next level of responsibility, he said. He is humbled by the opportunities he's received, and admits it hasn't been an easy path.

He remembers his time as a battalion commander at the 336th Military Police Battalion in Pittsburgh, when he hit a wall. On top of his responsibilities as commander, Churn was enrolled in the U.S. Army War College and traveled 42 weeks out of the year for his civilian job.

While he was at Bright Star, a multinational military exercise in Egypt, Churn told his sergeant major at the



PHOTO BY SGT. AUDREY HAYES

**Maj. Gen. Phillip M. Churn, the commanding general for the 200th Military Police Command, renders a salute during his relinquishment-of-command ceremony Sunday at McGlachlin Parade Field.**

time, Dan Reynolds, that he was going to drop out of the War College. Exercising the same type of leadership that Churn had used on him throughout their time together, Reynolds told Churn that he couldn't.

"Sir, I forbid you," he said. "Get in your room and do your work. Period. End of story."

And like a good, young lieutenant colonel, Churn listened to his sergeant major, did his work and completed the course. Ultimately, that pushed him forward in his career.

## Taking command

In 2014, Churn became the commanding general at the 200th MP. He accepted the position and quickly explained his "global all" vision to his command team.

"Part of my job as a leader, especially at this level, is to have a strategic vision for the organization, where the organization needs to move to and what it will look like in the future," Churn said. "I wanted to make the command relevant into the future."

One of the command's various achievements is the partnership Churn helped establish with the Military District of Washington.

Soldiers from across the 200th MP have been integrated with active-duty

military police at Fort Myers, Va., Fort McNair in Washington, D.C., and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va., patrolling together and protecting distinguished officials side by side.

Churn said one of the best compliments he ever received was from the brigade commander for The Old Guard.

"He told me that there was no difference between the active-duty Soldiers and the 200th Military Police Command Soldiers," Churn said. "That shows the caliber of Soldiers we have in our command."

The 200th MP has embraced Churn's vision, Owens said. The command is well-known throughout the active-duty brotherhood for being a military police organization that can stand up and send troops all over the world at a moment's notice.

Churn said he will always hold the command near and dear to his heart, and hopes to continue expanding the opportunities for the Soldiers.

"I had the best job in the world because I was the spokesperson for 13,000 Soldiers and highlighting their capabilities," Churn said.

Moving forward, Churn will serve as the assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Reserve affairs in the Pentagon. There, he will serve as a voice for not only Army Reserve Soldiers but also service members in the Air Force, Marine and Navy Reserve.



# On the move: PCS tips to help kids adjust

By LISA R. RHODES  
Staff Writer

All kids look forward to the summer. It means no school and maybe a family vacation.

But for military families, summer is often the time for reassignment to a new military installation and having to move. The change can be stressful for parents, but even more so for children who may be sad about leaving their friends and worried about adjusting to a new school.

Psychologist Jennifer Crockett, director of the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Odenton, and psychologists John Persampiere and Jaime Benson said a permanent change-of-duty station does not have to be a difficult time for military families. With a bit of preparation and modeling a positive attitude and behavior, parents can help their children make a smooth transition to a new life.

The Kennedy Krieger Institute, a non-profit organization based in Baltimore, works to improve the lives of children with disorders of the brain, spinal cord and musculoskeletal system. The organization serves about 700 military families, mostly from Fort Meade, at its Odenton and Columbia locations.

## Dealing with change

Persampiere, director of Clinical Services at the Child and Family Therapy Clinic in Odenton, said one of the most common concerns about a change in life is the “significant amount of worry about the unknown.”

He said people have existing routines and structures that are predictable and make them feel safe. But when change enters the picture, “there are unknown variables that can create a lot of questions in the mind of both parents and children.”

The questions about the unknown can lead to stress, said Persampiere.

Last year, 854 Soldiers made a PCS to Fort Meade.

When service members arrive at Fort Meade, they can attend the weekly Newcomers Briefing led by Pamela Anderson, Fort Meade’s Relocation Program manager.

The briefing provides information about programs available through Army Community Service and the surrounding communities.

Military families relocating for the first time may feel stressed about where they are going to live, what schools their children will attend and what resources will be available at the new installation.

“Not all families face the same chal-



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**Relocating to a new military installation can be a stressful time for military families, particularly for children. But psychologists at the Kennedy Krieger Institute say that a positive attitude from parents can make the transition a smooth one.**

lenges,” Anderson said. “Some families may face a financial hardship, along with feeling overwhelmed and stressed, which sometimes come along with relocating. For other families, relocating may be just another move, which is part of the military lifestyle.”

Benson, director of Clinical Services at the Behavioral Management Clinic in Odenton, works with children ages 12 and under. She said younger children worry about the small things in their lives.

“Who is going to put them to bed at night, and will they still have their toys?” Benson said.

Reassuring children that their normal routines will remain similar despite the move helps provide a buffer against stress, said Benson.

Persampiere said letting children know that their previous routines — whether it is going to dinner as a family on Friday evenings or playing sports on Saturday — will most probably be in place after the move and helps children cope.

“We want parents to talk about the move as a positive experience,” Crockett said.

Persampiere said it is important for parents to realize that stress and anxiety are normal during a change, but “be mindful not to articulate that stress to your children because they will then be stressed too.

“Children will always look to parents to see how to respond,” he said. “Parents have so much power to influence and shape the

narrative for their children.”

Parents, said Persampiere, should try to model calm coping and problem-solving skills in response to anticipated changes.

Parents should also try to give clear information to children about the things they do know about the move: when they will be leaving, how long the process will take, where they may live and where the schools are located, he said.

## Resilience is the norm

In addition, parents should reassure their children that everything will go well and validate their feelings if they do feel a bit anxious or worried. They should let children know it’s completely normal to feel this way, but that the family will make it through the experience together.

“When these things come up, it’s important to remember that resilience is the norm for military families,” Benson said.

More often than not, said Benson, military children fare well through these transitions and will bounce back from any temporary stressors.

Stressors can include changes in sleep habits, withdrawal from family activities or social situations, and some regression in toilet habits for younger children.

But Crockett said that once the move is over and normalcy returns to a family’s life, a child’s behavior usually follows suit.

Crockett said when parents know the move is imminent, they should reach out to ACS and School Age Services at the new installation to inquire about services and resources available after the move.

Persampiere said parents should reach out to the school liaison officer to learn about academic and sports programs available at the new school.

He said parents can help adolescents develop a plan to stay in touch with their old friends by using Skype, and reach out to new friends by joining clubs at school or through the new installation’s youth programs.

“Let your children know that you’re going to make these things a priority when you move,” Persampiere said.

Crockett said that while many military families are well-versed in the relocation process, there are resources at the new installation and in the community that can help. Parents should ask for help if they need it, she said.

“If there is any indication that things are not going well during a move, don’t hesitate to reach out to your pediatrician or primary care provider,” Crockett said. “There are people like us in the community that can provide some additional help if your child needs it.”

*Editor’s Note: The Kennedy Krieger Behavioral Health Clinic is located at 1132 Annapolis Road. For more information, call 443-923-7500.*



# Teen Leadership Challenge promotes success in life

BY LISA R. RHODES  
Staff Writer

**D**uring a program that shapes leadership potential, a group of more than 30 teenagers and young adults contemplated their future careers.

Preparing for the workplace was a theme for a seminar on successful living that was part of the 5th Annual Teen Leadership Challenge.

The three-hour seminar, held July 7 at Army Community Service, kicked off the challenge, which allows teens to earn volunteer hours toward their required Community Service Learning Hours to graduate from high school or college.

The program, which started July 7 and ends July 28, is coordinated by Marie Miles, Fort Meade's Volunteer Corps Program manager.

"I'm so glad you're here," Miles told the teens before the seminar. "You are important. ... Don't allow others to speak for you. ... You have a voice. You are fierce."

Conceived by former Garrison Commander Col. Edward R. Rothstein, the challenge started five years ago. It is targeted to young people ages 13 to 19 who volunteer at Fort Meade agencies for the summer.

This year, 40 people are registered for the challenge. They will work at programs within ACS.

Samantha Herring, a victim advocate at ACS, used the book and video "Success for Teens" to talk about the building blocks for living out one's potential.

The book and video were produced by the Success Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides youth with personal development resources.

Herring showed clips from the video and reviewed chapters of the book, which focuses on self-esteem, self-confidence, healthy friendships, and setting and achieving goals.

"You hold the keys to your success," Herring said. "You are the future of our nation. ... You decide what you want to do and take the steps you need to get there."

Herring encouraged participants to value and respect themselves and to develop a positive self-image.

"Accept yourself for who you are," she said.

Herring warned the group not to post unflattering material or photographs of themselves on the internet, and to avoid peers who engage in negative activities.

"People will use you and make you a scapegoat," she said. "You are the leader in your own life."



PHOTOS BY LISA R. RHODES

**Fort Meade Volunteer Corps Program Manager Marie Miles welcomes more than 30 teenagers and young adults to the Teen Leadership Challenge on July 7 at Army Community Service.**

Herring said it is important to start thinking about future goals and begin laying the ground work for a successful career.

"You have to know what you want to do in life. The way the world is set up now, you have to start early," she said.

When it comes to internships and job interviews, Herring advised the teens to do their research, dress professionally and be confident.

"Present your best self," she said.

Air Force Master Sgt. Jayar Dela Cruz, a master resiliency trainer who is assigned to the Directorate of Public Works, gave a presentation on the importance of developing and maintaining a positive attitude.

Throughout the summer, the volunteers will attend other seminars that focus on fostering positive life choices in regard to managing money, forming healthy relationships, and avoiding drugs and alcohol.

The seminar participants will receive a certificate of completion for their attendance.

Miles said she hopes the challenge helps teens to develop "strong, positive leadership skills" that can be applied in college and in the workplace.

On the last day of the challenge, ACS will host a cookout.



**Samantha Herring, a victim advocate at Army Community Service, talks to participants about the building blocks of a successful life during the orientation for the Teen Leadership Challenge.**

Kathya Lamourt, 18, daughter of Katherine Lamourt, a victim advocate for ACS, and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Martin Lamourt of the 902 Military Intelligence Group, said she wanted to participate in the challenge to "learn better interpersonal and team work skills."

Lamourt, who will be a freshman at

McDaniel College in Westminster in the fall, plans to become a physical therapist.

She said she intends to use the guidance she learned during the successful living seminar to help her prepare for her future career.

"It's about being a leader and finding your place in life," Lamourt said.





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The U.S. Marines' Twitter account included a manufactured image of the 'Pokémon Go' application that's sweeping the nation.

# Pokémon Go: Use situational awareness when 'catching 'em all'

BY FORT MEADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

The latest craze in mobile gaming, Pokémon Go, has brought people out and about on a quest to catch virtual creatures known as Pokémon that can be found anywhere in your local community, including Fort Meade.

Unfortunately, playing this game has led some people into hazardous situations. There have been reports of players being lured into dangerous areas and robbed, car accidents caused by distracted drivers playing the game, and players walking into traffic.

Fort Meade community members who play Pokémon Go should use caution when searching for virtual "pocket monsters" on their mobile devices.

Installation Safety Office Manager Kirk M. Fechter wants to make sure community members stay focused on their surroundings to prevent distracted driving and walking.

"It is already identified that driving distracted is a hazard, so much so it is against the law," Fechter said. "This game can add to the distraction — especially if people focus too much on the device."

## Safety tips:

- Never try to catch Pokémon while driving.
- Stay on sidewalks, far enough from the road so drifting off a path is not hazardous.
- Do not look at your mobile device for long periods of time while walking. According to ISO Manager Kirk M. Fechter, even 30 seconds is too long.
- Do not go after Pokémon in restricted areas such as the National Security Agency.
- Do not trespass onto private property.
- Be careful when walking around bodies of water such as Burba Lake.
- Go in groups when playing in unfamiliar areas.

## Alimony payments fall under 3 categories

BY JANE M. WINAND  
Legal Assistance Division

**C**lients often inquire about whether they will be obligated to pay alimony after a divorce. The answer is: It depends.

Alimony is a periodic payment by one spouse to the other that can be ordered by the court during a divorce. Over the years, alimony has shifted from being viewed as "punishment" and is now considered "rehabilitative."

Its purpose is to allow each spouse to become fully independent and self-supporting. Accordingly, courts will generally not award alimony unless it is necessary.

Whether or not a court will award alimony depends on the circumstances of each case. What is clear, however, is that if the parties have executed a valid separation agreement that includes alimony or support payments, it will be honored by the courts. Thus, parties should be very careful to ensure they are completely satisfied with the amount of alimony they will either pay or receive, and also how long the alimony will last — before they sign a separation agreement.

Often, it may be more prudent to reserve this issue until the court process

begins, to allow the judge to determine whether alimony will be awarded before a spouse is committed under a separation agreement.

Maryland law recognizes at least three types of alimony:

1. Alimony pendente lite may be awarded in limited cases to allow each party to maintain the status quo while the divorce works its way through the court system. It may be awarded upon request by one of the spouses after filing for divorce. If you are awarded alimony pendente lite, it will be effective only until a final decree of divorce is signed by the judge.

2. Rehabilitative alimony may be awarded by a court when the divorce is finalized to allow the spouse to become independent after the marriage.

Any rehabilitative alimony payment will be temporary (though such awards of alimony last an average of three to 10 years, yet are still considered temporary). Rehabilitative alimony is generally aligned with a specific period of time to enable the spouse to finish school, acquire a new job skill or relocate to a new community.

3. Indefinite alimony is an extremely rare award in which a spouse will not be able to become self-sufficient in the future because of age, illness or disability.

This also applies to a spouse who

becomes self-supporting, but the standard of living between the former spouses are "unconsciously disparate" because there is a very large difference in incomes.

If one spouse requests a type of alimony pursuant to a divorce, the court will consider a variety of factors to determine whether alimony is appropriate.

Factors include:

- Length of the marriage
- Each spouse's respective financial situation during the marriage and after the divorce
- The reasonable time necessary to allow a spouse to become self-supporting, if necessary
- Each spouse's respective standard of living during the marriage
- Each spouse's monetary and non-monetary contributions during the marriage
- Each spouse's financial needs

If a court awards the payment of alimony, the paying spouse has the right to ask the court to reconsider the decision and either modify or end the payments if the circumstances have changed.

For more information about alimony, call the Fort Meade Legal Assistance Office to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney at 301-677-9504 or 301-677-9536.

## COMMUNITY CRIME WATCH

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**June 26, Shoplifting:** AAFES loss prevention personnel at the Exchange stated that he observed, via closed circuit TV, the subject select jewelry and later proceed to checkout to make a purchase, but he failed to render payment for the jewelry.

**June 29, Larceny of private property:** The victim stated that after working on his bike, he left it on the front porch of his house. Later that day he wanted to ride his bike and noticed the bike was missing from his porch.

**July 8, Shoplifting:** AAFES loss prevention personnel at the Exchange stated that he observed, via closed circuit TV, the subject leaving the store without rendering payment for several items.

**July 10, Shoplifting:** AAFES loss prevention personnel at the Exchange stated that he observed, via closed circuit TV, the subject in the cosmetic department selecting makeup. The subject later failed to render payment for the items and departed the store.





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Members of the Meade High Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (from left:) Britnee Shepherd, 15, a sophomore; Alejandra Ramirez, 16, a junior; Taj Hemming, 16, a junior; and Norah Khalil, 15, a junior, march in the Queenstown Day Parade.

## Spirited celebration

Severn community gathers for annual Queenstown Day Parade, activities

BY DOUG MILLER  
Staff Writer

Anyone passing through Severn on Saturday afternoon might have been alarmed to hear the thunderous roars of engines and air horns and see the billowing clouds of acrid, white smoke rising above the trees.

The sights, sounds and smells enveloping Queenstown Road, however, did not signal a pack of first responders descending on some catastrophe. They only reminded locals that Queenstown Day had arrived.

A parade that included street rods and other historic cars, gleaming truck tractors and area drum corps units entertained onlookers attending the festival, which has counted Fort Meade as a partner since last year's event.

"It's sort of a combination parade and car show," said Brian Williams, one of the spectators.

Williams, who sported a T-shirt bearing a map of the area and the slogan "Queenstown Day celebrates the spirit of the community," described the event as something of a neighborhood reunion.



The Meade High JROTC Color Guard marches in sync during the Queenstown Day Parade.

"Every year it gives you the chance to see people that you might not have seen for a while," he said.

Unofficial Queenstown historian Melvin Kelly explained that, of three African-American settlements established in Severn in the 19th century, Queenstown was the one that endured. Residents with the surname Queen still live there.

Queenstown Day, which last year marked its 30th anniversary, grew out of an earlier neighborhood gathering known as "Picnic in the Park."

Officials from county and state governments attended this year's event to bestow proclamations and offer congratulations. Among the dignitaries was Garrison Com-



Britnee Shepherd, a rising sophomore at Meade High, practices before marching with the school's JROTC color guard along the parade route in Severn. Fort Meade is a partner in the annual event held Saturday.

mand Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes.

Addressing residents gathered at the start of Saturday's event, Forbes praised the community spirit in evidence at the previous evening's gospel concert, which he also attended, at the neighborhood's Metropolitan United Methodist Church.

"Amid the turmoil of our world today," he said, "love is what love does. They radiated that love yesterday. And as my wife likes to say, the best is yet to come."

The gospel performance included singers Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Chambers, Fort Meade's senior Equal Opportunity advisor,

and Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Stewart, the senior noncommissioned officer in charge of the Installation Chaplain's Office.

Forbes expressed enthusiasm for the installation's relationship with the nearby community and its annual celebration, which also included the Fort Meade Patriots basketball team (see story on Page 10) and a demonstration by the 241st Military Police Detachment's K-9 unit.

"This is truly a phenomenal partnership," Forbes said.

Under a canopy and behind a table laden with fliers, Army recruiters Staff Sgt. Terrell





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**Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes talks about the installation's relationship with the nearby community during his guest speech.**

Craig and Sgt. 1st Class Alexander Lopez chatted with the color guard from the Meade High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, which presented the colors at the event.

The two recruiters reflected on the satisfactions of their job that is sometimes a months-long process of getting a Soldier signed up.

"Parents come to look at us as role models for their son or daughter," Craig said.

Over that period, Lopez said, "You get to see a transformation. They start to carry themselves in a different manner."

Food vendors stationed between Queenstown Road and a pathway along the park's upper rim served festival fare including hot dogs, chicken fingers and fries. The longest line on the sweltering day formed in front of the snowball seller.

Sandwiched between vehicles parked along Queenstown Road, spectators took in the parade, led by two dozen or so vintage autos. Following behind, two convertibles carried elementary-schoolers Taylor Green and Aman White, who between them raised \$2,185 for the Severn Improvement Association.



PHOTO BY STEVE RUARK

**The New Baltimore Twilighters Marching Band performs during the Queenstown Day Parade on Saturday.**

A pair of Baltimore-based drum corps and their pompon squads upped the energy level. The Severn Seminoles youth football team also marched. A crew of large motorcycles roared by.

Bringing up the rear were about a dozen truck tractors (the front end of a tractor-trailer) sporting shining chrome. Most of these, noted event coordinator Jessica Snipes, belong to neighborhood residents.

One spun its tires, spewing smoke and the smell of burning rubber. A blue Kenworth came equipped with a siren and a train whistle.

Even though they moved to Kent Island in 2010, Melvin and Gloria Grady still come back to the neighborhood they called home for 17 years to attend church at Metropolitan. Queenstown Day continues to bring back the couple.

"It's a good event, a nice community affair. You have fellowship with the people in the community," Melvin Grady said. "It reminds me of when I was growing up."

Tracey Williams-Simms, president of the Severn Improvement Association, said the annual celebration has always been part of her life.

"I always remember coming to Queenstown Day," she said.



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**Sgt. 1st Class Alexander Lopez (left) and Staff Sgt. Terrell Craig, both from the Glen Burnie Recruiting Station, watch the parade while manning a tent.**





Troy Vasco of the Fort Meade Patriots slam dunks during the game that matched the post team against a collection of former college players from area communities.

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Fort Meade Patriots Ki'Andre Blunt, a member of the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade who lives in Laurel, is silhouetted against the sky as he tips in a rebound past the defense of former Old Mill star Chris Simmons of Severn, who was playing for the Maryland All-Stars during the Queenstown Day basketball tournament.

## Patriots come up short in annual Queenstown game

BY DOUG MILLER  
Staff Writer

What a sticky, 91-degree day couldn't do, the home-standing Maryland All-Stars did Saturday, slowing the Fort Meade Patriots' attack to secure a 58-52 win on the basketball court at Queenstown Park in Severn.

The game, part of the annual Queenstown Day celebration, matched the post team against a collection of former college players from Severn, Glen Burnie, Laurel, Jessup and other area communities.

Both teams ran up-tempo offenses, in spite of the heat, but the Patriots had

trouble penetrating the Stars' defense in the first half. The wingspan of 6-foot-7 Jon Arledge helped the home team cut off passing lanes.

The Stars picked off Patriots point guard Derrick Sumpter numerous times as he tried to feed center Antonio Shirrod down low, and also broke up a few attempts to connect on lob passes at the rim.

The Stars, however, did complete the alley-oop play near the end of the first half, as Antonio Wright hit Arledge in mid-air. The Patriots found themselves in a 41-28 hole at the intermission.

Early in the second half, Wright and Arledge again connected on a lob, and the

Stars appeared to be cruising. By repeatedly completing the extra pass, they created open looks that helped them grow their lead to as much as 16.

The Patriots, however, quickly closed the gap with a tactical shift.

Instead of trying to spread the defense and get passes to post players, Sumpter collapsed it. Using a quick first step, the point guard drove to the hoop himself.

"We wanted to [isolate] Derrick so he could either dish or finish," said Derek Bailey, who coached the team.

Sumpter most often completed the play himself, either scoring or getting to the free-throw line by forcing a foul.



Troy Vasco of the Fort Meade Patriots slam dunks in the tight game against the Maryland All-Stars during the Queenstown Day basketball tournament on Saturday at Queenstown Park in Severn. The Patriots lost 58-52.

The Patriots, however, never pulled any closer than 4 points. The Stars converted on fast-break opportunities late, and in the final minute employed a full-court press to slow the Patriot offense.

Coach Bailey had just one sub to spare during the game.

"We were missing a lot of people," he said. "It's hard on a Saturday. [Team members] usually spend weekends with their families."

Sumpter, a former pro player who connected with the Patriots through friends on the team, fared better earlier in the afternoon, besting three other competitors to take the trophy in the Queenstown Day 3-point shooting contest.

Each contestant launched five shots from behind each of five cones distributed along the perimeter of the 3-point line on the Queenstown Park court.

The first four counted for 1 point apiece, while the final shot in each sequence — the "money ball" — was worth 3 points.

The process repeated in the championship round, in which Sumpter prevailed, 14-11, over Chris Simmons.

Sumpter, now a Coast Guard operations specialist in Baltimore, played professionally in Mexico for two years.



Phillip Singleton, a member of the Fort Meade medical unit, participates in the 3-point shooting contest.



Derrick Sumpter holds winner's trophy as 3-point shooting champion.



## SPORTS SHORTS

### Gaffney closure

Gaffney Fitness Center will close for flooring repairs and equipment replacement from July 25-Aug. 12.

During this closure Murphy Field House will be open.

Cardio equipment and strength equipment are available at Murphy. There will not be any free weights (Hammer Strength Equipment) or benches available during this time.

Spin classes will be held at Murphy. Several aerobics classes also will relocate to Murphy. Other aerobics classes will be canceled per the instructor.

During the duration of the project, classes that are relocated to Murphy will be offered free of charge.

For more information on the aerobics program, call the fitness coordinator at 301-677-2349.

### EFMP bowling

The Exceptional Family Member Program's bowling event will be held Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. at The Lanes.

Exceptional family members can bowl one free game with free shoe rental.

Discounted games and shoes will be made available to other family members.

To register, call 301-677-7836.

### Summer Dollar Days

Dollar Days at The Lanes is offered Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. until Aug. 18.

Bowlers receive one game of bowling and one pair of shoes for \$1 each.

Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, small fries, pizza slice and medium soda for \$1 each.

For more information, call 301-677-5541.

### Youth tennis lessons

Tennis lessons will be offered to children ages 5 and older on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Cost varies, depending on age of child.

All participants must be registered

through Child, Youth and School Services by July 22.

For more information, call 301-677-1149.

### 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](http://usajobs.gov).

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

### Fort Meade Run Series

The 2016 Fort Meade Run Series 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](http://meade.armymwr.com/us/meade/programs/run-series).

For more information, call 301-677-3318.

### 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](http://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](http://ftmeade.army.mil) and the Fort Meade Facebook page at [facebook.com/ftmeade](https://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](http://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](http://goo.gl/xyTzhg).

### Kimbrough change of command, closure Tuesday morning

Col. Laura R. Trinkle will relinquish command of the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity and Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center to Col. Daniel G. Bonnicksen during a change-of-command ceremony Tuesday at 10 a.m. at McGlachlin Parade Field.

In inclement weather, the event will be moved to the John E. Smathers U.S. Army Reserve Center on Annapolis Road (Route 175).

Due to the event, Kimbrough will be closed Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will reopen from 1 to 4 p.m.

### Foley to speak at Irish Festival

In his final public appearance, Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley will speak Friday at 7:35 p.m. at the 6th Annual Annapolis Irish Festival.

The festival will be held Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, 1450 Generals Highway, Crownsville.

A Pipe and Drum Corps Color Guard will meet Foley before he speaks.

The family-oriented festival features Celtic bands, dancers, pipers, entertainers and vendors offering authentic Irish foods, crafts, clothing and jewelry.

Little Leprechaun Land, open only on Saturday, features face painting, balloon sculptures and hats, activities and culture, Kids Music Show with Seamus Kennedy, and a bouncy castle.

Little Leprechaun Land is free for children, but parents must purchase tickets to the festival to accompany children.

In honor of the U.S. military, service members with a valid ID and one guest will be admitted at no charge.

General admission is \$15 on Friday and \$25 on Saturday. Admission is free for children ages 12 and younger with an adult.

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

### Volunteers needed for focus group

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is seeking volunteers for focus groups on the Recreational RV-Park expansion project.

The meetings will be located at the Outdoor Recreation building, 2300 Wilson St.

The IMCOM team requests individuals in the following groups, dates and times:

- 12 active-duty enlisted Soldiers and 12 active-duty officers on Wednesday from 1-4 p.m.

- 12 DoD civilians or retirees and 12 DoD spouses or family members on July 21 from 9 a.m. to noon

To participate, contact Wendy Gibbs, Community Recreation officer, at [wendy.m.gibbs.naf@mail.mil](mailto:wendy.m.gibbs.naf@mail.mil).

### Pet Care Center reduced operations

Due to a fire at the Pet Care Center on June 23, the Fort Meade Pet Care Center is operating at reduced services.

The facility aims to fulfill the needs of its current boarders as well as boarders that may have been displaced during the fire.

Future changes to operations will be announced to the community.

For more information, call 301-677-4059.

## 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](mailto:chad.t.jones.civ@mail.mil).

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**NEWS & NOTES**, *From page 13***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](http://www.ftmeade.army.mil/directorates/dpw/environment). Click on RAB link.

**Gaffney closure**

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During the duration of the project, classes that are relocated to Murphy will be offered free of charge.

For more information on the aerobics program, call the fitness coordinator at 301-677-2349.

**Bone marrow donor drive**

The NCO Academy will host, alongside the Forever Fierce Foundation, a bone marrow donor registry drive on Saturday in the Exchange, across from the GNC.

With just a simple check swab, donors will be added to a severely deprived registry. If a donor is found to be a match, he could potentially save lives.

For more information, go to <https://www.gifttolife.org/page/content/donorresources>.

**Food drive at National Night Out**

During the Fort Meade's National Night Out, Meade High School staff and students will accept nonperishable food donations at their table in support of their 15th Annual Freedom Harvest Food Drive.

National Night Out will be held Aug. 2 from 6-9 p.m.

Donations will help meet the urgent needs of families within the school community.

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**Latin Night**

Celebrate Latin Night at the Brass Lounge on July 29 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Club Meade.

Doors open at 4 p.m.

The Brass Lounge offers food and drink specials.

The nightclub ambience features a disc jockey playing salsa, bachata, merengue, cumbia and reggaeton.

There is no cover charge.

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

For more information, call 301-677-6969.

**Swinging Squares**

A free introduction to the Swinging Squares Square Dance Club, which features Modern Western Square Dancing, will be offered Sept. 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Meade Middle School.

Classes will be offered Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. at Meade Middle School starting Sept. 29.

Session 1 runs from Sept. 29 to Dec. 15, with a class dance night on Dec. 17.

The session is open to adults and children ages 9 and older.

No experience, no partner and no fancy clothes required.

Swinging Squares dances the third and fifth Saturday of each month (excluding school holidays) from September to May from 7:30-10 p.m. at Meade Middle School.

For more information, call Carl at 410-271-8776 or Darlene at 410-519-2536.

**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.

**Outdoor Barbecue Wednesdays**

The Lanes at Fort Meade offers Outdoor Barbecue Wednesdays.

Cost is \$9.

Menu features hot dogs, hamburgers or sausage on July 27.

For a complete menu or more information,

call 301-677-5541 or go online at [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

**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:

Today: Bastille Day Buffet featuring Cordon Bleu and beef burgundy; Tuesday: Mexican Buffet featuring a taco bar and quesadillas; Wednesday: Country Buffet featuring fried chicken, ribs and pork chops. For more information, call 301-677-6969.

**Naval Academy lunchtime concerts**

This summer, the Naval Academy is presenting 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: Friday 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.

**Navy Band Alumni Concert**

The Naval Academy Band's Annual Alumni Concert will be performed July 26 at 7 p.m. at Susan Campbell Park at the Annapolis City Dock at 1 Dock St.

The concert will feature the Alumni Big Band as well as a country music band led by USNA Band alumnus Ben Winters.

This free concert is 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**

- Mobilization & Deployment: Friday or July 22, 9:30-11 a.m., ACS

- Retiree Brief: Monday, 8-11:30 a.m., FFSC

- TGPS Two-Day Workshop: Boots to Business (Small Business Administration): Wednesday and July 21, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC

- TGPS Five-Day Workshops (Transition, Goals, Plans, Success):

- July 25-29: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC

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

**Financial**

- Car Buying: Tuesday, 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**

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

**Life Skills**

- Stress Management: Today, 9-11 a.m., FFSC

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

To register, go to [fortmeadeacs.checkapointments.com](http://fortmeadeacs.checkapointments.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 is held in July at Army Community Service, 830 Chisholm Ave.

- Money Habitude\$: Today, 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](http://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.groupvb-spro.com/vbs/ez/ftmeadevbs2016](http://www.groupvb-spro.com/vbs/ez/ftmeadevbs2016).

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

## Missoula Children's Theatre

Registrations is extended for the Missoula Children's Theatre workshop for grades one through 12.

This performing arts residency program will be held Aug. 1-6.

Hosted by SKIES Unlimited, the annual program gives children the opportunity to audition, rehearse and perform on stage.

Participants will present "Rapunzel" on Aug. 6. Admission is free and open to the public.

Workshop cost is \$35 for ages 5-7 and \$55 for ages 8-18. T-shirt is included.

Register at Parent Central Services, 909 Reece Road.

For more information, call 301-677-1196 or 301-677-1437, or go online to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

## Summer camp events

The Youth and Teen Summer Day Camp is offering several activities this month:

- Grill & Chill With Parents: July 22, 6 p.m. Parents and children will enjoy a summer dinner with board games, Jeopardy and a movie.

- Open Recreation Clubs' Summer Party: July 29, 6:30 p.m.

Attendees must be involved with Children, Youth and School Services' Open Recreation Clubs.

For more information, call 301-677-1329 or go to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

## Youth Center events

The Youth Center offers a variety of activities this month.

- Wi-Fi Scavenger Hunt for grades six to 12: Friday, 6-7:30 p.m.

Solve mysteries and use your cyber skills to win the game. Giveaways and prizes will be awarded.

This event is free for registered members and \$2 for guests.

- National Ice Cream Day for grades six to 12: Monday, 5-6 p.m.

Enjoy delicious ice cream at this free event.

For more information, call 301-677-1437.

## RECREATION

### Out & About

- **Polish Festival** will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium.

The annual event will feature a Polish heritage display and activities, Polish food, arts and crafts, a children's area, and entertainment including Polka King Jimmy Sturr and his orchestra, local bands and traditional dance groups.

Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors ages 60 and older and active-duty service members with ID; and free for children ages 12 and younger with an adult.

For more information, go to [pcmaryland.org](http://pcmaryland.org).

- **Bowie Baysox** hosts "Mother/Son Night Out" on Friday at 7:05 p.m. and the Helicopter Candy Drop on Sunday at 2:05 p.m. at Prince George's Stadium, 4101 Crain Highway.

On Friday, Moms can enjoy a special night out with their children. Event will feature a postgame fireworks show.

On Sunday, children ages 12 and younger are invited onto the field following the game for the Helicopter Candy Drop. A helicopter will hover over the field and drop thousands of pieces of candy into the outfield for youngsters to collect.

To order tickets, go to [baysoxshop.com](http://baysoxshop.com) or call 301-464-4865.

- **The Naval Academy Band's Superintendent's Combo** will perform Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Susan Campbell Park at the Annapolis City Dock, 1 Dock St.

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

The concert is free and open to the public, with no tickets required.

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](http://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

- **Families Dealing with Deployment**

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

The group is for families experiencing an upcoming or current deployment, or the service members who have recently returned from deployment. For more information, call 301-677-7823.

- **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 Tuesday.

For more information, visit [trea.org](http://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 Tuesday. For more information, call Betty Jones at 410-992-1123.

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

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Barfield, club vice president, at [aaron.a.barfield.mil@mail.mil](mailto:aaron.a.barfield.mil@mail.mil).

- **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 Wednesday. For more information, call 831-521-9251 or go to [AFSA254.org](http://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 July 21 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.

- **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 July 21. 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](mailto:jane.l.hudak.ctr@health.mil).

- **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 July 25. For more information, call 301-677-7823.

## MOVIES

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

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

## Today through July 24



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**Friday & Sunday: "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.

**Saturday: "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.

**July 23: "The Conjuring 2" (R).** Lorraine and Ed Warren travel to north London to help a single mother raising four children alone in a house plagued by a malicious spirit. With Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson, Madison Wolfe.