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Taking center stage

Garrison commander visits Annapolis Irish Festival in final public appearance **PG 8**



Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley speaks to the audience and bids his farewell during the Annapolis Irish Festival on Friday at the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds in Crownsville. Foley will be ending his tour on Aug. 4 when Col. Thomas S. Rickard takes command of Fort Meade.

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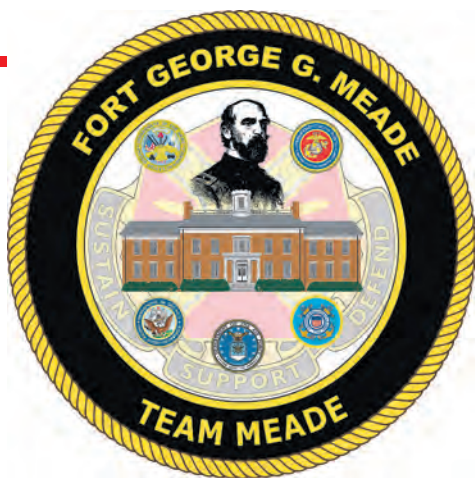
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COMMANDER'S COLUMN - GUEST

Corvias cares

Greetings! It's the middle of the summer, which means we're in full swing here at Corvias.

On behalf of the entire Corvias team, we thank Team Meade for coming out to support the Resident Appreciation Celebration event Friday.

It was a huge success! We had over 300 residents who attended and enjoyed games, face painting and food.

We at Corvias understand that "people" and "families" are our business, and building community starts with keeping people connected.

As a way to give back and show our appreciation for our families, we have been offering resident events four to five times throughout the year since our time began at Meade in 2002. It's our opportunity to bring the community together and to enhance the military housing experience by providing the opportunity to interact and socialize in a fun way with neighbors and the Corvias staff.

We have a committee of dedicated team members who really devote a lot of thought and time into putting events like these together. They love doing it and giving back to our families.

In case you missed last week's celebration, our next event will be a luau for our Reece Crossings residents at the pool and outside amenity area on Friday from 4-7 p.m. Activities will include a pool party, limbo contest, games, raffles, music and free food. We're really looking forward to it!

We also are excited to be a partner in one of the best events of the year — the annual National Night Out. Corvias Military Living partners with the Directorate of Emergency Services to support the military community, enhance the relationship between neighbors and to make our community a better place to live.

This year's National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at McGlathlin Parade Field. This award-winning free event features safety demonstrations, displays from local and state law enforcement offices, and activities for the Fort Meade community.

Residents can also cool off with light refreshments, cold drinks and treats. Be sure to check out the inflatables, laser tag,



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rock walls and more. I encourage you to attend this event if you haven't been to this before; it's a must-do. There is fun for the whole family and the kids will love it!

For military members and their families moving to Fort Meade, we would also like to let the community know that housing is available in both family housing and at Reece Crossings. Special offers on some home types will be running through the summer, and there are select homes in Potomac Place where military members may pay less

than their full BAH.

Currently, the market rent for these homes is more than \$300 less than the E1-E4 BAH at the with-dependent rate. So residents can save \$300-plus per month, or more than \$3,600 during a one-year lease term.

Relocating is a stressful time, and our team works really hard to help make things a little easier for residents during transitions like move in and move out.

For residents who are moving out, we have recently implemented move-out briefings that are held twice a week. These briefings help residents plan and know what to expect with the move-out process. Move-out briefings are held at the Meuse Forest Community Center on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and at the Potomac Place Community Center on Thursdays at 4 p.m.

We know how stressful moves can be and our teams are here to make it easier for our residents.

Communicating with our residents is very important to us. If you're relocating to Fort Meade, there are several ways we can help you before you get here. You can contact us directly at 410-305-1258 or by email at meadefamilyhousing@corvias.com.

We also have a Facebook page, newsletter and blog to keep the community updated on the latest happenings, events and information.

- Facebook page: facebook.com/CorviasMilitaryLivingMeade.

- Blog: blog.corviasmilitaryliving.com

- Resident Newsletter: meade.corviasmilitaryliving.com/newsletter

We are so glad to be a part of Team Meade!

Book donation program to benefit Fort Meade families

BY LISA R. RHODES
Staff Writer

Donating a book can help military families through the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The Give Back Program, which started Monday afternoon at the Exchange, collects books from the Fort Meade community and resells them to benefit FMWR programs.

“Our mission is to serve service members and military families by giving back,” said Scott Myers, business operations officer for FMWR at the kickoff. “This program will allow us to give back more.”

The program is an initiative of Far Corner Inc. in Columbia, one of the largest sellers of books on online marketplaces such as Amazon.

Retired Col. Kent Menser, who served as garrison commander at Fort Meade from 1990 to 1993, is the Give Back Program manager.

“Our objective is a sustained strategy for MWR, so they can provide great support for military families during this

“We want to collect as many books as possible so we can better support our community by making this a sustained program.”

Scott Myers, business operations manager at the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Book Bins

Drop off books at the following collection sites:

- Exchange parking lot
- Commissary parking lot
- Gaffney Fitness Center parking lot

Books must have intact covers and no missing pages.

In the first year of the Give Back Program, 30 percent of all net profits will be given to FMWR. After the first year, FMWR will receive 40 percent of all net profits.

time of defense budget restraints,” he said.

Books with intact covers and no missing pages will be collected at book bins in the parking lots of the commissary, Exchange and Gaffney Fitness Center.

The books will be collected and resold by Far Corners on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and 54 other book-seller outlets in the United States, Europe and Canada.

The company is one of the largest book sellers on Amazon and has 5 million customers worldwide, said Chris Myers, president and CEO of Far Corner.

Far Corner has a one-year contract with the Department of the Army to administer the program.

In the first year of the Give Back Program, 30 percent of all net profits will be given to FMWR. After the first year, FMWR will receive 40 percent of all net profits.

“It’s a perfect match,” Chris Myers said. “The need is profound and de-



PHOTO BY LISA R. RHODES

Chris Myers, president and CEO of Far Corner Inc., shows Martha McClary, director of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, a book that has been donated for the Give Back Program.

served. We need a strong military. ... They give so much.”

Books that are not sold will be donated to day care centers and literacy programs.

The idea for the partnership with Fort Meade came about three years ago when Chris Myers, a bicyclist who has participated in group bike rides with Menser, talked to him about how Far Corner could give back to the military.

Chris Myers, who served as vice chairman of the Howard County Commerce Development Authority from 2007 to 2015, wasn’t sure how his company could be most effective.

Menser suggested that Far Corner

create a long-term strategy of support rather than making a one-time monetary donation.

For the past three years, Chris Myers and Menser have been working together to do just that. The Give Back Program is the result.

Menser said if the program is successful at Fort Meade, the company would like to expand it to other Army installations.

Scott Myers said there are high hopes for the venture.

“We want to collect as many books as possible so we can better support our community by making this a sustained program,” he said.

More situational awareness regarding Pokémon Go on post

BY FORT MEADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS
OFFICE AND FORT MEADE
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The regulations governing entrance to Fort Meade do not consider playing Pokémon Go a valid reason for entering the installation.

Service members, family members,

employees and others who have authorization to enter Fort Meade are free to play the game as long as they do so without creating a safety hazard.

All Pokémon Go players must observe all security barriers.

Unauthorized entrance to a restricted area for the purposes of playing the game is trespassing. Contractors or other visitors who violate security parameters

will have their post passes revoked.

The Fort Meade Police Department has expressed concern for the safety of personnel playing the game. We remind the public that there is a hands-free policy for driving on federal installations.

In addition, photography restrictions on post remain in effect. If a person appears to be taking photographs of restricted areas, they will be stopped by

law enforcement officers and asked to allow their devices to be inspected for physical security reasons.

On and off post, players of the game are urged to use the battle buddy system to reduce the possibility of becoming victims of crimes.

The command expects all personnel to play the game safely and respectfully on Fort Meade.

Medic kicks her way to medal at taekwondo championships

BY KEITH OLIVER

Soldiers

RICHMOND, Va. — Spc. Monique Anderson, a medic with the 36th Engineer Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas, was the lone medalist from the All-Army Taekwondo Team, which wrapped up its participation on July 7 at the 2016 National Championships in Richmond, Va.

Anderson took the bronze on July 4, before being bested in her semifinal fight later in the day.

“I was nervous at first, but once I started getting in my zone it was a lot of fun,” said Anderson, after her first fight of the competition.

Her father Robert, a former sergeant, and her mother Sandra were in attendance at the event, along with her brother Devon. Anderson’s mother said she was “very proud” of her daughter but “not surprised.”

“She is one smart and tough cookie,” Sandra Anderson said, noting that she was equally impressed with her “science and technical acumen,” which Anderson honed as a student at Maryland’s Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt.

Anderson’s parents, who now live in Laurel, got her into taekwondo.

“When I was little, my parents made me,” she said. “But I’m thankful now. I would not be here today without them.”

She also credited her trainer in Killeen, Texas, and her commander for opening her eyes to the possibility of competing in the championships as an Army representative.

“My instructor at the martial arts studio



PHOTO BY SGT. JOSE A. TORRES JR.

Spc. Monique Anderson, a combat medic stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, gets in a kick during her victory in the semifinals at the U.S. Taekwondo Championships in Richmond, Va.

where I train told me the Army was looking for female black belts to try out for the All-Army team,” Anderson said. “I filled out the application, my commanding officer approved it, and I was off to tryouts [at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.]”

Of the nine Army fighters competing, only two others advanced in the single-elimination tournament in Richmond: Pfc. Kevin Prieto, a 4th Infantry Division vehicle mechanic at Fort Carson, Colo.; and

1st Lt. Joshua Fletcher, a military intelligence officer assigned to the 8th Military Police Brigade at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Prieto, a San Francisco native, lost in the closing seconds of his quarter-finals contest with a single head-shot kick, while Fletcher was outscored on a protested official’s call when his victory seemed secure.

The lieutenant from Wayne, Mich., is in his second year as an All-Army competitor.

So is team captain Sgt. 1st Class Edward Fourquet, a Fort Bragg, N.C.-based combat medic from Carthage, N.Y.

“I have mixed emotions,” said the team’s head coach, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Fennell, a member of the Georgia National Guard and an Army World Class Athlete alumni. “It’s hard to watch from the coach’s chair as some of our more talented athletes suffered tough losses.

“But I’m proud of the Army team,” the Savannah, Ga., native said. “They all fought like warriors.”

Other team members are:

- Spc. Daniel Colon, a cryptologic network warrior with the 500th Military Intelligence Brigade at Schofield Barracks and a native of Boynton Beach, Fla.

- South Carolina National Guard Sgt. Thomas Huskey, a fuels NCO from Beaufort, S.C.

- 2nd Lt. Ryan Kim of Chino Hills, Calif., a personnel officer assigned to the 25th Sustainment Brigade at Schofield Barracks

- Spc. Han Lang, an Apache helicopter mechanic with the 6th Cavalry at Wheeler Army Air Field, Hawaii, originally from Denver

- Spc. Philip Moses of Pickens, S.C., a combat engineer serving with the South Carolina National Guard

Fennell was assisted in his coaching duties by fellow Army World Class Athlete and former All-Army taekwondo fighter Maj. Punnarin Koy, executive officer of the Fort Snelling, Minn.-based 457th Transportation Battalion. He is a native of Cambodia and makes his home in New Brighton, Minn.

Mortgage escrow accounts protect lender

BY JANE S. WINAND

Legal Assistance Division

You just bought your first home and are really excited.

The real estate agent told you that the house payment would be around \$1,800 per month on a 30-year mortgage. However, when you got the payment book from the mortgage company, the monthly payments are almost \$2,200 per month.

The agent said that the additional \$400 is for the monthly escrow account. You probably never heard of an escrow account, and never agreed to pay any additional money on the house each month. Now you are wondering if you’ve been scammed.

An escrow account is a fund that a lending institution establishes in order to pay charges assessed against property on which they hold a mortgage or loan. The account is authorized in your contract with the lender, and provides for the payment of property taxes, insurance and other charges against the property.

This allows the lender to protect its investment in your home.

For example, if you did not pay insurance premiums on the home, and it burned, the lender would lose its security for the repayment of the loan. If your property taxes went unpaid, the property could be foreclosed upon and sold to pay the outstanding tax bill, again affecting loan security.

Most mortgage loans require escrow, whether they are Department of Veterans Affairs, Federal Housing Administration or commercial loans. Many loans for which there is a very small down payment will have an escrow account simply because the creditor-buyer does not have much of his/her own equity invested in the property.

The escrow account is a part of your contract. Many of these accounts operate on a 12- or 14-month average of all bills paid by the particular account.

Assume that your annual property tax is \$3,600 on the property, payable in January and July, and that your homeowner’s insurance is \$900 per year. The mortgage company totals the bills

(\$4,500), divides by 12 (\$375), and adds that amount to each month’s payment.

If the taxes go up during the year to \$3,900, the escrow will be adjusted up to \$400 per month. An escrow account may hold up to two extra payments per year, called a cushion, to cover unexpected increases in the bills in the account.

This is only an example of the workings of the account, not the only way the account may operate.

Your escrow agent has a customer service department that will respond to specific questions about your account. If you do not understand the explanation, schedule an appointment with the Legal Assistance Division to speak with an attorney at 301-677-9504 or 301-677-9536.

Coast Guard shipyard under new command

BY U.S. COAST GUARD

Public Affairs Office

Coast Guard Capt. Matthew Lake assumed command of the U.S. Coast Guard Yard on July 1. He is the 42nd commanding officer in the 117-year history of the Yard, the only shipbuilding and major ship repair facility of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Lake took charge of the Coast Guard Yard from Capt. George Leshner, who served as Yard commanding officer beginning in June 2013. Leshner departed the Yard to assume duties as the ship design manager at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Lake's afloat assignments include student engineer on the Coast Guard Cutter MIDGETT and engineer officer on Coast Guard Cutter NORTHLAND.

His shore engineering and logistics assignments include duty at the Maintenance & Logistics Command Atlantic; service as the first Sector St. Petersburg Logistics Department head; and as the Surface Forces Logistics Center's first product line engineering chief, implementing the Coast Guard's present-day logistics systems and business framework.

Lake served as the Coast Guard Yard's industrial manager from 2013 to 2014, responsible for operation of the shipyard.

Lake also served as deputy of the Coast Guard's Office of Budget and Programs, where he oversaw formulation and defense of the Coast Guard's \$10 billion annual budget with the Department of Homeland Security, the Administration, and Congress. He later served under the DHS chief financial officer, coordinating formulation and justification of the DHS' \$65 billion, 2016 president's budget request to Congress, and prepared the secretary for congressional oversight hearings.

His most recent assignment was as the Coast Guard's Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan Fellow.

A native of Silver Spring, Lake earned a Bachelor of Science with high honors in Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1995. He earned Master of Science degrees in both Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering in 1999 from the University of Michigan and a Master of



SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Business Administration from MIT in 2016.

Lake has been awarded five Meritorious Service Medals, Coast Guard Commendation Medal (with Operational Distinguishing Device), Coast Guard Achievement Medal (with Operational Distinguishing Device), and several unit awards. He is a recipient of the 2010 American Society of Naval Engineers Perry Award and the 2007 Coast Guard Chief Financial Officer's Team Award for financial stewardship, and was awarded by the Secretary of Homeland Security in 2013 for outstanding performance of duty.

Lake takes command of an industrially funded, \$88 million annual gross revenue business. The current workforce of the Coast Guard Yard is 516 civilian employees and 84 military members.

Founded in 1899, the Yard is a full-service shipyard, responsible for repair and modernization of a variety of Coast Guard cutters and for the manufacturing of Coast Guard equipment that provides critical service to the Coast Guard fleet.

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Hospice Tribute Wall honors veterans with photo displays

BY LISA R. RHODES

Staff Writer

Patricia Ritter's eyes filled with tears as she thought about her husband, Preston, who died in February.

Ritter, who served as an Airman in the Navy's aviation group in the mid-1960s, was a patient at the Hospice of the Chesapeake. In December, service members from Fort Meade and the U.S. Naval Academy visited his home in Pasadena and rendered an Honor Salute in tribute to his military service.

Hospice of the Chesapeake is a nonprofit based in Pasadena that provides palliative and hospice care. Of the 450 patients who receive services at the organization, 112 are veterans.

Patricia Ritter was one of several family members of veteran patients who attended the third annual unveiling of the Hospice of Chesapeake's Tribute Wall on July 13. The 90-minute ceremony was held at the organization's headquarters.

The Tribute Wall showcases the photographs of 23 Honor Salutes conducted for veteran patients during the past 12 months. One of those photographs was of Preston Ritter.

"On behalf of my family, we thank Hospice of the Chesapeake for everything they've done," said Patricia Ritter at the unveiling. "They're awesome."

The event began with Chief Petty Officer Tricia Stockstill, who is assigned to Joint Base Andrews and works as a DoD civilian at Fort Meade, singing the national anthem.

Rev. Wayne Bumbry, a retired Navy



PHOTOS BY PHIL GROUT

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes meets with Diane Sancillo, director of volunteer services at the Hospice of the Chesapeake, and Ben Marcantonio, president and CEO of the facility.

chaplain, gave the invocation.

Retired Navy Capt. Bill Malicki, who served 27 years including in Vietnam, was the event's emcee. Malicki is also a patient care volunteer.

The Tribute Wall "is a formal way to pay tribute to [veteran patients] and their families for their sacrifices to this country," he said. "So we honor them with the establishment of the Tribute Wall."

The idea for the Tribute Wall was conceived two years ago by Hannah Carr, a former volunteer coordinator, and Diane Sancillo, director of volunteer services. They both decided to formally display the photographs that are taken during Honor Salutes.

Michael McHale, a former president and CEO, suggested displaying the photographs in the organization's conference room.

Every July the photographs are rotated. The names of the veteran patients from the previous year's photographs are engraved on a tribute plaque. So far, 46 names have been engraved.

In his remarks, Ben Marcantonio, the current president and CEO, said that 42

Honor Salutes have taken place in the past year.

"We sat at their bedside and listened to their stories and honored the service they have given to our country as they began the next leg of their journey of life and transition," he said. "... It is really about people taking care of people."

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes was the guest speaker at the event, which also included two Honor Salutes for the family members performed by Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Chambers, Fort Meade's Equal Opportunity advisor, and service members from Fort Meade and the U.S. Naval Academy.

A vase of 23 pink roses was displayed near the speaker podium. Malicki explained that one rose was to be given to a family member to honor a veteran patient who was photographed.

A lit candle was displayed at the podium to honor veterans from the local community who had died during the past year.

In his remarks, Forbes recalled meeting Sancillo, who asked him if Fort Meade could become a partner in providing the Honor Salutes.

Forbes agreed, and since then Fort Meade service members have often joined midshipman from the Naval Academy in rendering the Honor Salutes for veteran patients.

Forbes praised the veteran patients, some of whom are deceased, and their family members for the "faithful service to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and this great nation."

He said many of the young Fort Meade service members who participated in the Honor Salute for the organization's first Welcome Vietnam Veteran Day had tears in their eyes after the salute.

"Some said, 'Sir, we never knew. We did not know that those who went before us were never welcomed home,'" Forbes said.

Forbes said the young service members also were unaware that many Vietnam veterans were treated with disrespect, were spit upon and called baby killers.

"Now is the time for us to take a stand and not allow it to happen again on our watch," he said.

In reflecting upon the violent deaths of two black men and five police officers the week before, Forbes said that he saw a



Reginald Saunders, 91, a former sergeant in the British Royal Marines during World War II and resident at the Hospice of the Chesapeake, is embraced by his daughter Cathy Bobby. She spoke about her father's service in the European Theater.



A special Honor Salute is rendered by service members from Fort Meade and the U.S. Naval Academy to family members at the Tribute Wall unveiling at the Hospice of the Chesapeake.

“united front” among the event’s participants.

“We are united here to say that we are going to serve someone and something larger than ourselves,” he said. “... We are still a great nation.”

After Forbes remarks, family members stood by the photographs of their loved ones and shared their thoughts.

An emotional Ruth Goodnow, wife of Chandler Goodnow, said her late husband graduated from West Point, served in the Army in World War II, Korea and Vietnam

and retired from Fort Meade in the 1970s. He is the recipient of the Bronze and Silver Stars.

“I’m very proud of him in so many ways,” Goodnow said. “In the short years we were married, he taught me so much about life.”

Goodnow thanked Hospice of the Chesapeake and the service members in attendance.

“I am proud of our military,” she said. “I may not be in uniform, but I am proud of all of you.”



Ruth Goodnow, wife of retired Col. Chandler Goodnow, who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, talks about her deceased husband’s years of service and his appreciation of the Honor Salute rendered by the Hospice of the Chesapeake.



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Col. Foley visits Annapolis Irish Festival

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In his final public appearance as garrison commander, Col. Brian P. Foley celebrated his Irish heritage.

Foley, whose great-great grandfather was born in Kenmare, Ireland, was the guest speaker Friday evening at the Annapolis Irish Festival. The annual event was held at the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds in Crownsville.

"I'm 100 percent Irish on my father's side," he said.

Foley was invited to speak at the two-day festival, which paid tribute to the military.

"I talked about Irish Americans who served in the armed forces over the years, and talked about all that is going on at Fort Meade," Foley said. "I'm glad I got to do it."

A pipe and drum corps in kilts escorted Foley to the stage. They were led by a color guard from the 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing that presented the colors.

After his speech, Foley introduced Carbon Leaf, a quintet from Richmond, Va., that plays alt-country, Celtic, and folk-infused Indie Rock.

"I ended up being the opening act for Carbon Leaf," laughed Foley.

The Annapolis Irish Festival showcases Celtic music, dancers, pipers, entertainers and vendors offering authentic Irish foods, crafts, clothing and jewelry.

Little Leprechaun Land, open only on Saturday, featured free children's activities.



PHOTOS BY DANIEL KUCIN JR.

Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley talks about Irish Americans who have served in the military during his guest speech Friday evening at the Annapolis Irish Festival at the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds in Crownsville.



A color guard from the 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing prepares to enter the main stage.



The Pipe and Drum Corps makes its way to the main stage during the two-day Annapolis Irish Festival.

Fun for less

Leisure Travel Services offers discounts, trips to popular destinations

By ERIN COVEY

Public Affairs Intern

The sun is shining, school is out and many service members and their families are looking for affordable attractions and travel destinations.

Leisure Travel Services provides the Fort Meade community with discounted tickets to popular attractions, monthly day trips to New York City, and assistance with planning cruises and vacations anywhere in the world.

"We've got something for every person and every family," said Brandi DeRemer, the facility manager of LTS, the Arts and Crafts Center, and Auto Skills Center. "A lot of people come in with their family wondering what they can do, and we do push the amusement parks and Medieval Times and our New York City trips."

Located off Mapes Road at 6530B York Ave. in the Arts and Crafts Center, LTS is available to active-duty and retired service members, Reservists, DoD civilian em-

ployees and family members.

Vendors, however, may specify that tickets be sold only to active-duty or retired service members and their family members.

According to DeRemer, the most popular local attractions that LTS sells tickets for are Six Flags America Maryland; Hersheypark, Pa.; and Kings Dominion, Va. Amusement parks are especially popular in the summer, and LTS offers as much as 50 percent off these tickets.

Medieval Times at Arundel Mills Mall is also a popular attraction located only 6 miles away. Families can save up to 30 percent off regular admission and receive a free Royalty Upgrade with their tickets that include VIP seating and a framed group photo.

In addition, LTS sells tickets to Orioles baseball games and other local attractions such as the National Aquarium and the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.

For those planning longer vacations, LTS can find the best rates for military families traveling on a budget. Senior Travel Agent Parrish Acklin "can book travel anywhere in the world," said DeRemer.

Walt Disney World is the most in-demand attraction for military families planning a vacation. Through the Disney Armed Forces Salute program for active-duty and retired service members, LTS



PHOTO BY ERIN COVEY

Retired service member Carlos Ocasio purchases tickets to Disney's Hollywood Studios from Senior Travel Agent Parrish Acklin at Leisure Travel Services.

offers a Four-Day Park Hopper voucher for \$196. Acklin can also book affordable hotels in the area.

"Even if it's a family on a small budget, there's other hotels on the outside of Disney that give [LTS] a very good rate — as low as \$45 a night at a very nice hotel," Acklin said.

For those wanting more information on booking cruises and vacation packages, LTS is hosting a Cruise/Travel Night on Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

"This is an information briefing where people can come in and find out what is available for them and the discounts they will receive if they book through us," DeRemer said. "Then they'll have an option to book a cruise or vacation package that night."

For many years, LTS has offered a monthly day trip to New York City for the round-trip cost of \$60 per person. Patrons can save on "time and relaxation" by taking the bus trip, said Acklin.

"A lot of people don't like to drive in New York," she said. "They like to ride the bus and be able to sit back and relax on the ride there. So that's the real value of the trip

itself."

In addition to the regular monthly trip on Dec. 24, LTS is scheduling a trip this year to New York City on Dec. 8 to see the Radio City Rockettes for their annual Christmas Spectacular. Customers pay \$155 for transportation and a discounted ticket to the show.

Future attractions include discounted tickets to Toby's Dinner Theatre, the Army-Navy Game and "Disney on Ice."

Depending on interest from the community, LTS may schedule bus trips to other locations in the future.

DeRemer hopes that LTS can reach out to more potential patrons from the Fort Meade community by bringing the information to them.

"We're trying to become more mobile and take our information out and advertise at the commissary, the [Exchange] and all the tenant organizations," DeRemer said. "We know a lot of those employees can't necessarily get away, or they don't have a vehicle to come over here."

For more information, call Leisure Travel Services at 301-677-7354.

Current discounts on local attractions:

Attraction	Regular Ticket Price	LTS Ticket Price
Six Flags America, Md.	Adult: \$62.99/Child: \$42.99	Adult/Child: \$35.60
Kings Dominion, Va.	Adult: \$66/Child: \$45	Adult/Child: \$37.75
Hersheypark, Pa.	Adult: \$62.95/Child: \$39.95	Adult: \$41.25/Child: \$36.25
Medieval Times, Md.	Adult: \$59.95/Child: \$36.95	Adult: \$42/Child: \$35

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Shania Kiger, 5, gives Bethany Ankeny a high-five for the new airbrush tattoo Ankeny just created.

Evening out

Corvias Military Living hosts Resident Appreciation Celebration

By LISA R. RHODES
Staff Writer

The sounds of Latin music and pop songs by Michael Jackson filled the air outside Potomac Neighborhood Center on Friday evening.

The festive melodies were part of Corvias Military Living's Resident Appreciation Celebration.

On the outdoor lawn at Potomac Place, children enjoyed an inflatable slide and moon bounce, several games of tug of war, hula hoops and face painting. Inside the gymnasium, youths participated in a basketball and soccer challenge. Families could also take a dip in the outdoor pool.

"We are so pleased that residents came out to enjoy all the fun," said Daria Humbles, resident relations manager at Corvias. "The smiles and laughter in the air were contagious. We always enjoy talking to our families during these



Lucy Wilson, 2, has a chit-chat with her friend, Megan Neary, 2.

events."

More than 300 residents attended Friday's three-hour celebration.

Humbles said Resident Appreciation Celebrations, which are held four to five times a year, "bring the community together and enhance the military housing experience by providing the commu-



Chris Johnson (right) leads his team to pull harder in a tug-of-war game at the Corvias Appreciation Celebration held Friday for Fort Meade residents. Helping in the pull are Olli Odeh (blue shirt), 10; Anthony Johnson, 6; and Tyler Torres, 6.

nity with the opportunity to socialize in a fun way with neighbors and Corvias staff."

A second Resident Appreciation Celebration Luau will be held Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the outdoor pool area of Reece Crossings. The event will include a pool party, limbo contest, games, raffles, music and free food.

Denise Matheson, wife of Petty Officer 1st Class Zachary Matheson of Navy Information Operations Command Maryland, attended the Potomac Place event with her three children: Morriahn, 10; Shiloh, 5; and Arial, 1.

"We came to have fun and enjoy the festivities," said Matheson, a Potomac Place resident. "The kids are having a blast and we like the music. There are lots of things to do."

Morriahn said he enjoyed playing a game of tug of war and taking a swim.

"It was really fun," he said. "The pool was awesome."

"DJ Teddy," aka Sgt. 1st Class Teddy Wade of the 55th Signal Company (Combat Camera), had families dancing in the outdoor parking lot as he played 1990s hip-hop and line dancing music.

A few adults joined several teenagers in the Electric Slide, while others played a game of musical chairs.

Several families sat under the bright red canopies where free hot dogs, potato chips, bottled water and Rita's Italian Ice were provided by Corvias.

At the basketball and soccer challenge, winners received a \$25 Visa gift card.

Nine-year-old William Holstead tried

the two-game challenge.

"I did terrible," he said. "But I'm having fun. I like the food and the basketball."

Nina Holstead, William's mother and a military spouse, said she brings her children to the celebration every year.

"It's important to have an event that makes you feel part of the community," she said. "It's a good way to get to know people."

Nine-year-old Gabriel Rose was proud of the blue snow tiger painted on his face by an airbrush artist.

"I like it," he said. "The snow tiger is mostly white, and it hides in the snow till it catches its prey."

Gabriel's father Spc. Joshua Rose said the Resident Appreciation Celebration is a must for his family.



Spc. Josh Rose shows he can still hoola hoop while enjoying Rita's Italian Ice at the same time.

"We enjoy having an event like this," said Rose, of the 741st Military Intelligence Battalion. "It gives us time to get out with our neighbors."

Rose's wife, Adrienne, said that with parents' hectic schedules, it's nice to have a event where "people can get together and have a good time."

1st Lt. Aaron Cecil of the 200th Military Police Command and his wife, Tamara, came with their children Jacob, 8; Ian, 7; and Abigail, 2.

"It's really nice to meet other families," Cecil said.

Tamara Cecil said it's important to offer an activity that is free, close to home and where you can take your children.

Jacob was happy he was able to keep up with his hula hoop.

"I do it to be better," he said. "I'm terrific!"

Younger brother Ian agreed. "It makes me smile," he said of swinging a hula hoop.

Before the evening ended, Matheson hoisted her 1-year-old daughter on her shoulders and danced to the music.

"This [event] is important because it makes us as residents feel valued," she said. "It's just a nice treat."



Jessica Lady-Fritz has a wild slide ride with her children Alex, 4, and Stacia, 1.

SPORTS SHORTS

Gaffney closure

Gaffney Fitness Center will close for flooring repairs and equipment replacement from Monday to 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.



FILE PHOTO

NFL Punt, Pass & Kick

Child, Youth and School Services will host the National Football League's Punt, Pass & Kick Competition on Aug. 2 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at McGlachlin Parade Field during Fort Meade's annual National Night Out.

The competition is open to boys and girls ages 6-15. Boys and girls will compete separately.

Get Fit and Bowl

The Lanes at Fort Meade is offering free bowling and shoe rental every Friday in August from noon to 5 p.m.

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

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.

Registration is required by Friday through Child, Youth and School Services.

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.

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.

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.

JIBBER JABBER - OPINION

I used to have a 'Pumpkin Girl'

So, I just finished my annual trip to Canada, and it is fair to say that not much has changed up north: Gas costs too much, poutine is really good, and Canadians still try way too hard to prove Canada is better than the U.S.

It is the typical scenario where little brother (Canada) tries so hard to prove how good they are. Big brother, on the other hand, just gives little bro the occasional pat on the head and makes sure no one else messes with them.

To be honest, based on events over the last two weeks, we are making it easy for Canada, and everywhere else, to poke holes at our general greatness: Cops killing people, criminals killing cops, civil discourse at an all-time low, and Kevin Durant left for Golden State.

I was freaking out about the world my kids are growing up in. That is until Melania Trump boldly reminded us all "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Wait, that was FDR? Next thing someone is going to tell me our potential new first lady didn't say "Free at last, free at last!" or "Stop what you're doin' cause I'm about to ruin," or "Luke, I am your father!"

All right, enough of POTUS 2016.

Besides, I have bigger fish to fry, and not just the Tigers hovering around the .500 mark, and figuring out the best way to set up an installation Pokémon Go event during National Night Out on Aug. 2. #DontPokemonGoAndDrive

On Monday, the #MiddleagedGangsta's little girl is going to be a teenager!

There are not enough emojis to adequately express my angst or enough medication to calm it.

It seems like yesterday my "Pumpkin Girl" was fighting for life in the NICU unit at Thomason Hospital in the West Texas town of El Paso. Of course, being the kid she is, she only spent two weeks at the hospital even though doctors predicted it would be more like three

**Chad T. Jones**

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months.

From Day One, she has been the one person who I can't stay mad at. She's been pardoned from several long-term groundings before she's even made it up the steps to her cell. Crimes her younger brothers would never get away with have been overlooked by her old man with barely a smile; and I can't recall the last time she's not received something she really wanted.

This year it is a phone.

More than that, she knows I'm a sucker. I'm pretty sure she's always known. As long as she keeps getting good grades, flashing the occasional smile, and dispensing her affection sparingly, her dad will be hooked like a bass on a wire and she'll keep getting away with not cleaning her room enough, and smart comments, and even the occasional text to the increasing number of boys who are clamoring for her attention.

These are the perks of being a father to the greatest daughter a man can ask for. I'm sure most fathers feel the same way about their daughters, or at least I hope they do. All I know is the second word out of Meena's mouth was "defense," and the first time she brought home all A's on a report card was the first time I've seen all A's on a report card.

This morning I gave my daughter a kiss as she lay sleeping, and it hit me: My "Pumpkin Girl" is now a wonderful, strong, kind, Muslim young lady. I couldn't be prouder of her or thankful to my wife for raising her so well.

But as I'm sure you can understand, if I do have any fear about the direction our world seems to be turning, it's only because I know it won't be much longer before I will not be able to protect her from it.

I might not be able to protect her from it now, but that won't stop me from always trying.

If you have comments on this or anything, send a message to chad.t.jones.civ@mail.mil or hit me up on twitter @CTJibber.

NEWS & NOTES

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

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.

NEWS & EVENTS

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 or visit the Fort Meade Facebook page for announcements on temporary changes to operating hours.

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

Employer Day & Mini Job Fair

The Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program is hosting an Employer Day & Mini Job Fair today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 6 at McGill Training Center, 8452 Zimborski Ave.

Transitioning service members have the opportunity to connect with local employers looking for skilled candidates to fill current and future vacancies.

Employers are seeking acquisition specialists, signal intelligence analysts,

software engineers, intelligence analysts, information technology specialists, project managers, maintenance workers, network engineers, help desk workers, technical writers, administrative assistants, cyber network defenders, geospatial analysts, web developers, fire and rescue personnel, and those needing cyber or intel certification.

Bring copies of your resumes.

To register, call the Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Center at 301-677-9871.

DHR closure

The Directorate of Human Resources Military Personnel Division, Administrative Services Division, Identification Card/Common Access Card Section and the Army Substance Abuse Program Office will be closed July 29.

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.

RAB meeting

The next Fort Meade Environmental Restoration Advisory Board meeting is tonight 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.

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

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. at McGlachlin Parade Field.

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

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 club 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 bratwurst on Wednesday and Aug. 10 and Aug. 31; and ribs or chicken on Aug. 3 and Aug. 24.

For a complete menu or more information, call 301-677-5541 or go online at 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:

Tuesday: Comfort Food Buffet: meatloaf, fried chicken and mashed potatoes; Wednesday: German buffet: pork schnitzel, bratwurst and potato salad; and July 28, Italian buffet: beef lasagna and pasta primavera.

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.

• Superintendent's Combo: Friday at 12:30 p.m.

The Superintendent's Combo performs jazz standards and new favorites,

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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 Tuesday 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.

Bike gate pass

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

Passes will be available for pickup within two days.

EDUCATION**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, 9:30-11 a.m., ACS

- TGPS (Transition, Goals, Plans, Success) Two-Day Workshop: Boots to Business (Small Business Administration): Today, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC

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

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

- Pre-Deployment Brief: Tuesday and Aug. 25, 10-11:30 a.m., FFSC

- Sponsorship Training: Aug. 11, 9-10 a.m. and Aug. 17, 2-3:30 p.m., ACS

- Retiree Brief: Aug. 15, 8-11:30 a.m. at FFSC

- Navy Family Orientation: Aug. 17, 5-7

p.m., FFSC

- TGPS Five-Day Workshops: Aug. 8-12, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Aug. 22-26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC

Financial

- Basics of Investing: Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

- 1st Term Financial Readiness: Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., ACS

- Dollars & Sense: Aug. 2, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

- Thrift Savings Plan: Aug. 9, 9-11 a.m., ACS

- Home Buying: Aug. 16, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

- Credit Management: Aug. 23, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

- 1st Term Financial Readiness: Aug. 23, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., ACS

- Transitioning To Retirement: Aug. 30, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ACS

Employment

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

- Resume Workshop: Aug. 2, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

- Job Search Strategies: Aug. 4, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

- Ten Steps To A Federal Job: Aug. 9, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., McGill Training Center

- Salary Negotiation: Aug. 11, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

- Social Media For Job Seekers: Aug. 23, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

Education

- Assessing Higher Education: Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC

Life Skills

- Time Management: Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., FFSC

- Stress Management: Aug. 3, 9-11 a.m., FFSC

- Anger Management: Aug. 9, 9-11 a.m., FFSC

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

For more information, call 301-677-9871.

YOUTH**CYSS Shuttle Service**

Beginning Sept. 6, Child, Youth and School Services will provide a free shuttle for all CYSS registered members from the Youth Center and Teen Center to various Fort Meade community centers.

For more information, call 301-677-1437 or go to meade.army.mwr.com.

Teen Leadership Challenge

Teen Leadership Challenge: Seminars and Summer Bash for ages 13 to 19 are held in July at Army Community Service, 830 Chisholm Ave.

- Positive Life Choices: Today, 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.

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.

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.

Summer camp events

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

- Grill & Chill With Parents: Friday, 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.

RECREATION**Out & About**

- **Montpelier Summer Concert Series** features Blutraine performing progressive bluegrass on Friday from 7:30-

9:30 p.m. and the Winstons performing Motown, oldies and soul on Aug. 5 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Montpelier Mansion Grounds, 9652 Muirkirk Road, South Laurel.

Bring a picnic and blanket or chair to the free concerts.

In the event of heavy rain, concert will be canceled. For verification, call 301-953-7882 the day of the concert.

For more information, call 301-776-2805.

- **Toby's Dinner Theatre** presents "Hairspray" the Broadway musical through Sept. 4; "Sister Act" from Sept. 8 through Nov. 13; and "A Christmas Carol" from Nov. 17 through Jan. 8 at 5900 Symphony Woods, Columbia. Discounted tickets are available at Leisure Travel Services. For more information, call LTS at 301-677-7354 or Toby's at 410-730-8311.

- **Third Annual Cruise/Travel Night**, hosted by Leisure Travel Services at 6530B York Road, will be held Tuesday 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.

- **Howard County Fair** will be held Aug. 6-13 at 2210 Fairground Road, West Friendship.

General admission is \$5. Cost is \$2 for seniors ages 62 and older. Children under 10 attend free. Armed Forces Day is the first Saturday and includes free admission for service members with valid military I.D. and includes spouse and children under age 18.

Senior Day is the first Tuesday and includes free admission for ages 62 and older.

Rides and games: Aug. 6, 7 and 13, noon-11 p.m.; and Aug. 8-12, 2-11 p.m.

"Kids and Critters" barn hours: 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (closed daily from 2-4 p.m.); pig races: noon, 3, 6 and 8 p.m.; Bingo Hall opens daily at 6 p.m.; pony races: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; agricultural displays and farm produce daily.

Entertainment includes a variety of bands.

Shazam Magic Show: Aug. 6, 8, 10 and 12: 11 a.m., 12:30 and 2 p.m. and Aug. 13: 1, 2 and 3 p.m.

Square Dancing Show by Tom Thom Dance Club: Aug. 6 at 5 and 7 p.m.;

Demolition Derby: Aug. 10-11, 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages 4-9 (includes fair admission). Tickets only sold on day of the event.

Amateur Variety Talent Show: Aug. 11,

7 p.m. featuring singing, dancing, comedy acts and instrumental pieces. Award of \$750 to be presented in various age groups.

Baby Contest Miniature Parade: Aug. 13, 10:30 a.m.

Combine Derby: Aug. 13, 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for children (includes fair admission).

For a complete schedule or more information, call 410-442-1022 or go to howardcountyfair.org.

• **All American Pro Rodeo**, presented by the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Associations, will be held Aug. 8-9 at 7:30 p.m. during the Howard County Fair at 2210 Fair-ground Road, West Friendship.

Rodeo features professional cowboys and cowgirls roping, riding and racing. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$15 for children ages 9 and younger.

For more information, call 410-442-1022 or go to howardcountyfair.org.

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

• **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 today 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 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.

• **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.

• **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 Aug. 1.

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

• **Daddy & Me** interactive playgroup for fathers with children ages 2-4 meets the first and third Monday of every month from 5-6 p.m. at the Family Advocacy Program, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave. The next meeting is Aug. 1.

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

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

• **Kritikos Toastmasters Club** meets on the first three Mondays of every month at 6:15 p.m. at Perry's Restaurant, 1210 Annapolis Road, Odenton. The next meeting is Aug. 1.

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

For more information, go to 1686.toastmastersclubs.org or call 410-305-9190.

• **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 Aug. 4. 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 Aug. 4. 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 Aug. 4.

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 Aug. 4. 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 Aug. 4. For more information, visit namiaac.org.

• **Fort Meade E9 Association** meets the second Friday of every month at 7 a.m. in the Pin Deck Cafe at the Lanes. The next meeting is Aug. 12.

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 Aug. 13. 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.

• **The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA)** meets the third Tuesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Pottomac Place Neighborhood Center, 4998 2nd Corps Blvd. The next meeting is Aug. 16.

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

• **Society of Military Widows** meets for brunch the third Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. at Club Meade. The next meeting is Aug. 16. 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 Aug. 17.

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Barfield, club vice president, at 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 Aug. 17. For more information, call 831-521-9251 or go to AFSA254.org.

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 31



CLAIRE FOLGER

Friday & Sunday: "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.

Saturday: "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.

July 29: "Now You See Me 2" (PG-13). The Four Horsemen resurface and are forcibly recruited by a tech genius to pull off their most impossible heist yet. With Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson.

July 30: "Warcraft" (PG-13). As an Orc horde invades the planet Azeroth using a magic portal, a few human heroes and dissenting Orcs must attempt to stop the true evil behind this war. With Travis Fimmel, Paula Patton, Ben Foster.

July 31: "Finding Dory" (PG). The friendly-but-forgetful blue tang fish begins a search for her long-lost parents. With the voices of Ellen DeGeneres, Albert Brooks, Ed O'Neill.