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Fort Meade community comes together
for annual National Night Out **PG 10**

Thousands gather Tuesday evening at McGlachlin Parade Field for the 33rd annual National Night Out. The event, which promotes public awareness of crime and drug prevention and strengthening bonds between the police and community, featured informational booths, free food and children's attractions.

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SAYING GOODBYE

Col. Foley reflects
on 3-year tenure

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Saturday, 1 p.m.: Missoula Children's Theatre's 'Rapunzel' - Meade Middle
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Col. Thomas Rickard
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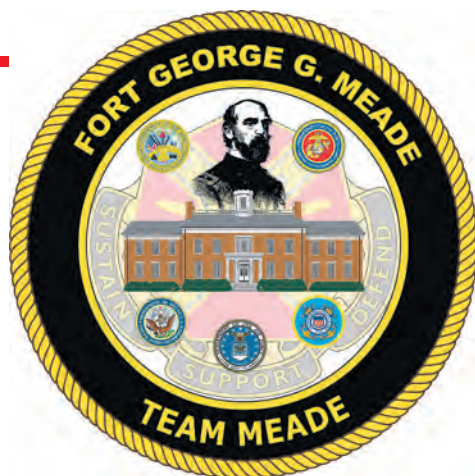
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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

A Final Salute to Team Meade

If commands came with a theme, mine would be about caring.

I believe that to be effective, you first have to care about yourself. You have to care about your loved ones and about our nation. I also believe you have to care about our military, our profession and the organization you are a part of.

If you care about all of these things, if it comes from the heart, I believe you can be effective at whatever you do.

That was how I started my first commander's column in Soundoff! three years ago. It seems like three weeks ago, and it also seems like a lifetime.

Three years ago, I knew I had been honored and privileged by my selection to lead the garrison at Fort Meade, but I didn't really know what was ahead.

Today, three years later, I look back at what has been by far the best and most gratifying job I have had in 26 years. It has been that way because I have never worked with a group of people who care as much as the men and women of Fort Meade.

The members of our Team Meade community, those who work in the garrison, those who work in the partner organizations stationed here, those who live in our wonderful community, all care profoundly about our nation and its defense.

So as I write now, I look back with great satisfaction at what we have accomplished by caring and being effective.

We have put Fort Meade on the Army map. Three years ago, when I assumed this position, the chief of strategic planning for Army Installation Management Command did not know which Army fort was home to U.S. Cyber Command and the National Security Agency.

Since then, we have widened the aperture of discussion from "Growth of Army Cyber Command at Fort Gordon" in Georgia to "Joint Service Cyber Growth on Army Installations — Meade, Gordon and Belvoir."

IMCOM has hosted seven Cyber Installation Support Summits, and the eighth will be back at Fort Meade in September.

We have received a total of \$141 million in Sustainment, Restoration and Maintenance funding (far, far more than any other Army fort); \$35 million in military construction funding; and approval to hire 25 additional permanent employees on the garrison staff.

With this money, we will rebuild the Reece and Mapes gates, and widen Reece Road from two to four lanes. We are also rebuilding Hale Hall, fully renovating Van Demon Hall, and conducted a list of road re-surfacing and restoration projects that would take up the



Garrison Commander
Col. Brian P. Foley

entire newspaper to describe.

Hiring of the new employees has begun, and we reopened the Mapes Road Gate this spring after finally achieving 100 percent fill of our authorized security guard positions, an effort that took 2 ½ years to achieve.

We built and opened a new Exchange, a new Candlewood Suites Hotel, two new day care facilities, and a garden-style apartment complex for single service

members and civilians. The construction of Reece Crossings is two-thirds complete and will continue into 2017.

We are constructing a modern, four-lane access control point at the Rockenbach Road gate, and partnered with the state of Maryland to attain full funding for Route 175 to be widened to a six-lane highway.

Work on these efforts will continue in the years ahead, and the infrastructure on Fort Meade will be modernized to support the growth that continues on the USCYBERCOM campus.

When all is said and done, 10 years from now there will be 17,000 people working on the location of the former Fort Meade golf course, with the Integrated Cyber Center and High Capacity Data Center serving as the focal point of our national defense in cyber space, the world's 21st-century domain of human conflict and competition.

All of this important work is gratifying to have achieved, and is testament to the hard work and partnership of every member of Team Meade. But it all pales in comparison to the gratitude I feel at being able to help so many members of our community. Caring for and educating our children, keeping our community safe and secure, providing world-class recreation and support services and a beautiful place to live and work, these aspects of the job have meant the most to me.

So on behalf of my wife, Lee, our children Liam and Mary Claire, and our dog Buddy, I thank you all for making the past three years the best of our lives. We look forward to remaining here in the Team Meade community and sustaining what is truly most valuable to us in life — your friendship.

Please give Col. Tom Rickard and his family the same friendship, partnership and support you have given the Foleys, and in my next job as chief of Strategic Initiatives for Installation Management on the Army staff, I pledge to keep the eyes of senior leaders in the Pentagon focused right where they need to be — here at Fort Meade!

We hope to see you at the change of command today at 9 a.m. at McGlachlin Parade Field.

And as always, I'll see you around campus!

Garrison org day features bbq, bids farewell to Foley

BY LISA R. RHODES
Staff Writer

Staffers of the Fort Meade garrison gathered at Burba Lake for their annual organizational day over barbecued brisket, baked beans and corn bread.

The three-hour event, catered by Mission BBQ, was held July 27.

During org day, leaders of Fort Meade's directorates also expressed their appreciation and thanks to Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley, who relinquished command today after a three-year tenure.

Deputy Garrison Commander John

Moeller presided over the presentation of gifts, which included a print of Pablo Picasso's 1955 sketch of Don Quixote; a certificate for a commemorative brick in Constitution Park; a mock page of *Soundoff!* newspaper; paintings of garrison headquarters and the Post Chapel; and framed photographs of the commander and his family.

Foley, who attended the event with his wife, Lee, 7-year-old son Liam and 14-year-old daughter Mary Claire, thanked garrison staffers for their dedication and commitment to Fort Meade.

"It's been the greatest honor and privilege of my career to serve at this place," Foley said.



Members of the Fort Meade Fire Department line up for Southern fare catered by Mission BBQ.



Soldiers, friends, and colleagues enjoy a barbecue luncheon during the Fort Meade garrison's organizational day on July 27 at Burba Lake.

PHOTOS BY DANIEL KUCIN JR.



Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley and his 7-year-old son Liam hug at the garrison organizational day.

Col. Foley reflects on time as Fort Meade garrison commander

BY RONA S. HIRSCH
Assistant Editor

In just three years as garrison commander, Col. Brian P. Foley landed millions in construction funding, got Installation Management Command to recognize Fort Meade as a center of cyber growth, and obtained approval to hire two dozen garrison personnel at a time when other installations are trimming their staff.

And that's not all. A competitive runner, Foley attended every Fort Meade Run Series, handing out awards and on occasion, finishing first. That is in addition to participating in scores of community events both on and off post.

But as he neared his final days as garrison commander, relinquishing command to Col. Thomas S. Rickard in a change-of-command ceremony this morning, Foley turned introspective when asked what he will miss most about his tenure at Fort Meade.

"The people," he said. "The people here

have been just absolutely phenomenal. This is, without question, the best job I've had in 26 years in the Army — hands-down, without question."

Foley, who took over as garrison commander in August 2013, previously served as the coalition branch chief for the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

In September, Foley returns to the Pentagon to serve on the Army staff as chief of Strategic Initiatives for Lt. Gen. Gwen Bingham, the Army assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, or ACSIM.

"ACSIM, at the Army staff level, does the programming and the planning," Foley said. "So at ACSIM you are working on attaining resources three to five years out that will then be given to Installation Management Command for them to implement and allocate out to the operational force."

But after all he has accomplished, Foley has no intention of letting Fort Meade fall off the radar.

"In this new position, I will be able to continue to influence cyber growth, to make



FILE PHOTOS

(From left:) Then Exchange General Manager Michele Weisshaar, Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley, Exchange Manager Rita Inchaurregui-Powell and former Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas J. Latter tour the new facility when it was under construction in 2014.

sure Army Installation Management Command is properly resourcing cyber growth as a whole," he said. "I'll continue to do my part to make sure that awareness about Fort Meade does not go away."

Enamored with the area, Foley and his wife, Lee, and their 7-year-old son Liam will continue residing on Fort Meade.

"I will be the garrison commander emeritus," he laughed. "This region is one of the best places that I've lived and served in my life. ... At the end of two years, if I end up retiring, then we will be looking to remain in the area and I will continue to serve in a different capacity."

'The Right Guy'

That commitment, said Deputy Garrison Commander John Moeller, contributed to Foley's success and effectiveness as leader of the third largest Army installation.

"He was the right guy at the right time at Fort Meade," Moeller said. "He's not only a great person to work for, he's just accomplished so much over the last three years."

"I hope people appreciate what he has done. The Army is getting smaller and resources are going away, but he has been able to successfully tell the Fort Meade story to the Army and they were able to understand what is going on at Fort Meade and get the resources."

"He gets the credit for that. Not everyone would be able to do that. He saw the big picture. He had a strong vision for the future of Fort Meade and did a lot to ensure that vision was realized. He will be sorely missed,

not just by Fort Meade and partners on post, but all our partners off post. But he will continue to do great things for the Army."

At the garrison's organizational day held July 27 at Burba Lake, staffers took the opportunity to praise Foley as a dedicated commander and family man whom they described as encouraging, tenacious and caring.

"Oftentimes, when you think you couldn't achieve anything, he kept a persistent vision until it came into manifestation and was realized," said Mary Staab, director of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

"In all my 25 years, Colonel Foley has been the most supportive and vocal advocate of [Army Community Service] programs and services," said Doris Tyler, director of ACS. "I mean that. Through his leadership, Fort Meade has built an ACS that rivals no other."

To the staff's amusement, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes compared himself and Foley to the Dynamic Duo: Forbes was Robin to Foley's Batman. Foley was the face and voice of Fort Meade; Forbes was the eyes and ears.

Foley credits the efforts of his garrison staff in obtaining the funding for the construction projects on Fort Meade.

"The amount of work and the quality of work that are performed by the garrison staff and all the leaders and everyone who works on the entire staff has just been amazing," he said.

"We've done a ton in three years to attain the resources that have been so badly needed here to continue to build Fort Meade



AJ Arnett, 4, visiting from Arizona, talks to Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley during his visit to the Romp 'n Stomp Adventure Fair for families held April 5 at the Youth Center.

into the nation's 21st-century operational platform for cyber defense. And it is becoming just that."

Foley also credits the previous garrison commanders — retired Col. Edward C. Rothstein, retired Col. Daniel L. Thomas and retired Col. Kenneth O. McCreedy — for building enduring relationships with Fort Meade's external partners in the surrounding counties as well as Maryland's congressional delegation.

"I've been able to platform off of the hard work done by my predecessors," Foley said. "My predecessors have focused on marketing Fort Meade to the state of Maryland, and that was vitally needed."

A Legacy

Despite the change in command, Foley said he believes the Army will continue to fund Fort Meade.

"I'm confident as I can possibly be that the Army has begun and will continue to resource Fort Meade appropriately to serve in the function that it has evolved into," he said. "And it truly has been a process of evolution for this place."

Undoubtedly, Foley's legacy is the \$35 million for two military construction projects to completely widen Reece Road and the Reece Road gate and to rebuild and widen the Mapes Road gate and begin widening Mapes Road from 175 west toward Routes 32 and 198.

"The single biggest achievement and the most difficult thing to attain for any Army installation in terms of getting funding and money is military construction dollars," he said.

"That's the biggest achievement when it comes to resourcing because Congress had to approve those military construction dollars, and the standard timeline to get a military construction project approved from start to finish is easily 10 years. ... "And it was a teamwork effort by every single person on the garrison staff who worked so hard on every element and aspect."

Overarching that, Foley said his single, broadest achievement is the strategic marketing of Fort Meade, raising awareness on the Army staff and at Installation Management Command of the installation's growth and value as headquarters for U.S. Cyber Command and six other senior cyber-related commands.

Breaking Misperceptions

In February 2014, Foley traveled to IMCOM headquarters in San Antonio where he realized that IMCOM's then chief of strategic plans was unaware that U.S. Cyber Command and the National Security Agency were located at Fort Meade.

"There had been no marketing of this



A competitive runner who participated in several races in the annual Fort Meade Run Series, Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley leads a Joint Services Run in 2014.

installation to the Army and to Installation Management Command," Foley said. "For years, there had been a misperception in the halls of the Pentagon that the National Security Agency was this massive defense agency that just happened to be co-located next to an Army fort up there in Maryland that the Army didn't need to worry about supporting.

"By breaking through that misperception came awareness of the growth that is going on here, the cyber-related growth — primarily U.S. Cyber Command. And once the Army was aware of the growth, they of course became aware of their responsibility to support the growth."

In addition, Foley said, very little of the military construction on Fort Meade since the 2005 Base Realignment Closure process was Army-funded. Rather, he said, it was being funded by the NSA, U.S. Cyber Command and other DoD agencies.

"You come here and say, 'How could the Army not be aware of all that is going on at Fort Meade?' You look at all the construction going on. But it's because very little of the construction was actually funded by the Army. ... The Army has an inherent responsibility to make sure that the fort has the infrastructure needed to serve as an operational platform to support all the DoD agencies and activities and commands and organizations that are here defending our national interests in cyber space."

That all changed in June 2014 after Lt.

Gen. David Halverson took command of IMCOM and also became the assistant chief of staff for Installation Management for the Army.

"We got him here," Foley said. "And this was only the third fort that he visited after taking over that position."

Four-Star To Three-Star

Foley arranged for Halverson to meet with Adm. Michael S. Rogers, commander of U.S. Cyber Command, director of the NSA and chief of Central Security Service.

"The admiral was able to speak four-star to three-star: 'We need the Army's help to make sure that this fort stays resourced appropriately.'"

Halverson was receptive.

"General Halverson got it," Foley said. "He spent the entire day here, saw everything going on, he saw the construction. When he left on June 1, things started changing for Fort Meade. And the money and resources started flowing."

At the time, the focus was on Fort Gordon, Ga., when the decision was made to locate Army Cyber Command there.

"So when General Halverson left, he went back and said, 'This is not about growth of Army cyber at Fort Gordon. This is about joint services cyber growth on Army installations, and we have got to come together and access the needs of the joint services'

growth at Meade and Gordon.'"

As a result, they also initiated quarterly Cyber Installation Support Summits to bring all of the service cyber commands together at the same time.

"All that enabled us to attain the more quantified achievements of attaining \$35 million in military construction dollars from Congress and \$141 million in sustainment restoration and maintenance dollars allocated to us by Installation Management Command over the course of three years — far, far, far more than any of the other forts," Foley said.

Part of those restoration dollars funded the renovation of historic Hale Hall, damaged by fire a decade ago. "They were going to tear it down," Moeller said.

As Foley reflected on his tenure at last week's org day, he was showered with praise and gifts from the garrison staff. Among them were a photo album from the directorate chiefs and three framed photos of garrison headquarters and the Post Chapel.

Perhaps most fitting was a print of a Picasso sketch of Don Quixote, who like himself dared to tilt at windmills.

"I look around and I see a group of people who I consider to be my friends, more than anything else," Foley said to the group. "Each and every one of you have done so much for this great place. For that, I personally thank you from the bottom of my heart. ...

"Be proud of yourselves. Be proud of what you do every day."

Children's theater camp to perform 'Rapunzel'

BY LISA R. RHODES
Staff Writer

On Tuesday afternoon, a group of Fort Meade youths gathered in the auxiliary gymnasium at Meade Middle School to rehearse their parts in a musical production of "Rapunzel."

Nine-year-old Kali Coulhoun was excited to play Monique, Rapunzel's mother.

"I got the person I wanted to act," said Kali, who joined the 30 other participants who auditioned Monday. "[The audition] was kind of fun because I learned new songs."

Members of Missoula Children's Theatre arrived at Meade Middle School on Monday morning to begin a weeklong theater camp that will culminate in a performance of "Rapunzel" at the school on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Missoula, aimed at youths ages 5 to 17, is offered annually through Fort Meade's SKIES Unlimited Program, part of Child, Youth and School Services.

"We offer children the opportunity to experience an entire production," said Karen Surratts, director of SKIES. "They get to learn the ins and outs of theater, and they get to socialize with each other."

Elaine Friend and Tierra Porter, the camp's tour actors and directors, teach participants such theater skills as how to



PHOTO BY LISA R. RHODES

Elaine Friend, a tour actor/director with Missoula Children's Theatre, rehearses a song from the company's production of "Rapunzel" with a group of Fort Meade youths on Tuesday.

portray a character, how to sing before an audience and how to follow a choreographed dance routine.

Missoula, which is based in Montana, provides the set design and costumes for the production.

Friend said that during the auditions, she looked for children with "energy and big

expressive bodies."

Porter said it is also important to select youths who "pay the most attention."

"We can teach them how to sing and dance, but they have to know how to follow directions," she said.

Friend said that in addition to theater skills, Missoula aims to teach real-life skills

such as team work, confidence and respect. Participants also learn to take risks, said Porter.

"It allows them to be vulnerable in a safe place," she said. "At this age, a lot of kids think they're too cool for everything. But in this camp, whether you're the cool kid or you're introverted, you learn how to work together to put on a show where everybody can enjoy themselves."

Friend and Porter are leading the crew in daily rehearsals, in costume and with music, to lead up to Saturday's free performance in the school's auditorium.

Ten-year-old Elena Aballs, who was selected for the part of "Cornwood," said the theater camp is a lot of fun.

"The teachers gave us parts where we can be ourselves," she said. "They let us have the experience of being in a play, and they encouraged us to know we can do it."

Sisters Jasmine and Deja Ford can not wait to perform in front of their family and friends.

"I'm excited because my cousins and my grandma are going to come," said Deja, 11.

"You get to be on stage and I'm excited," said Jasmine, 9.

But the chance to perform on stage is second to the moral lessons that are learned, said Friend.

"In our version of 'Rapunzel,' Dame Gothel learns 'Don't be a bully,'" Friend said. "Everyone should try a little kindness."

Know process of establishing dependency for family members

BY JANE M. WINAND
Legal Assistance Division

A service member with a qualifying dependent has important implications for Basic Allowance for Housing, travel allowances, access to Tricare, Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege card benefits, and many other entitlements.

There are two types of military dependents. First, a lawful spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21 are "primary dependents" and automatically qualify as dependents once a relationship is proven through a marriage certificate, birth certificate or custody order.

Second, other family members for whom the service member provides support may qualify as "secondary dependents" if it can be determined that the individual is, in fact, dependent upon the service member for support.

Under federal law, there are four poten-

tial secondary dependents:

1. Biological parents, parents-in-law, step-parents, parents-by-adoption, or an individual who stood "in loco parentis" to the service member for a continuous period of at least five years before the service member was emancipated

2. A child age 21 or 22 who is enrolled full time at an accredited college or university may qualify until age 23 or graduation, whichever occurs first.

3. An incapacitated, unmarried child over the age of 21

4. An unmarried individual who has not yet turned 21 (or 23 if enrolled as a full-time student), who has been placed in legal and physical custody of the service member for a period of at least 12 consecutive months as a "ward of the court"

To qualify as a secondary dependent, the individual's income must be less than one-half of their actual monthly living expenses, and the service member's contribution to the individual must be more than one-half of the actual monthly living

expenses.

This is a strict financial test, and supporting documentation is required to substantiate the individual's income and the service member's contributions.

In addition, the individual and service member must both sign a Dependency Statement to establish the relationship.

Ultimately, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will determine whether the individual qualifies as a secondary dependent, and whether the service member may apply for dependent benefits.

If DFAS determines that an individual qualifies as a service member's secondary dependent, the service member may register and enroll the individual in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, and then apply for dependent-rate BAH, sponsor the individual for an ID card, and seek other benefits.

Once enrolled in DEERS, college students under age 23, incapacitated adult children, and a ward of the court may register for access to standard Tricare

benefits. Dependent parents and parents-in-law, however, are restricted and may only register for the Tricare Plus program, which only provides direct care at a military treatment facility and pharmacy.

The process of applying for and qualifying a secondary dependent can be difficult. DFAS provides an updated website and comprehensive guide that will answer many questions at <http://www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/SecondaryDependency/SDC.html>.

The website includes a Secondary Dependency Screening Tool to help you determine if you should apply. Each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces has different requirements for dependency determination, and these differences are explained on the website.

For more information about the dependency establishment process, contact your servicing personnel or finance office.

You also may schedule an appointment with a Fort Meade Legal Assistance attorney at 301-677-9504 or 301-677-9536.

Fast and Furious

Meade kids take the wheel at Autobahn go-kart racing

By **BRYAN C. SPANN**

Fort Meade Public Affairs Office

Child, Youth and School Services offers Youth Sports programs year-round, everything from football and basketball to baseball and softball — traditional sports all.

So this year, when the summer season rolled around, it was decided that CYSS Youth Sports would offer something new — driving at the Autobahn Indoor Speedway Baltimore, a go-karting facility in Jessup.

“We wanted something a little different, something outside of your normal individual or team sports,” said Hunter Davis, director of Youth Sports. “We came across the Autobahn.

“We surveyed it out, felt out how many kids we would get, and we put it out there. It filled up extremely fast, had a big wait list, more kids on the wait list than we could fit into the program. So we want to build on that for next summer.”

About 12 youths meet weekly at the

Auobahn. The six-week program started in June.

Eight-year-old Matthew Dollins is a veteran driver, having experienced go-kart racing in Portugal just a couple of years ago. The big attraction for Matthew and a lot of the other young drivers is the need for speed.

“When I started doing it, I went full speed into the rail, and basically that was it, but I kept on going,” Matthew said. “It’s fun just trying to get around people and trying to get faster and faster — like making goals and getting better and better and better.”

According to a somewhat-biased judge, driving skills do improve.

“Absolutely,” said Matthew’s dad Dave Dollins, who drives Matthew to the Autobahn each week. “Any of the programs, sports programs, anything like that, you always see a big difference from the beginning to the end.

“I think they’re driving a lot better. Matthew was actually getting on YouTube to see how he could race better — what they call straightening out the



PHOTO BY BRYAN C. SPANN

A member of CYSS Youth Sports takes a spin at the Autobahn go-karting facility in Jessup. About 12 youths signed up for the new six-week program offered by Youth Sports

turns and finding the shortest way around the track.

“So he was doing some off-track research, and looks like it’s helped him out a little bit.”

Combine the speed, the competition, the improvement in driving skills plus some air-conditioned summer fun, it all

adds up to an extremely successful CYSS Youth Sports summer program.

Davis said next summer they plan to double the number of children involved.

For more information on the Autobahn indoor go-kart racing program, go to CYSS Youth Sports at 1900 Reece Road or call 301-677-1179.



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CDC IV grand opening

(Left to right) Child, Youth and School Services Program Operations Specialist Deanna Knox, CYSS Chief Francisco Jamison, Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley and Facility Director Kari Eberle cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening of Child Development Center IV July 28. The opening of CDC IV in the long run will help alleviate the long child care wait list and serve as an interim alternative space to allow renovations of other CDC facilities on the installation.

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Meade youth Punt, Pass & Kick during National Night Out



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Paul Wesley Jr. place kicks the football during the PP&K (Punt, Pass & Kick) challenge, a program sponsored by the NFL. The competition, aimed at children ages 6 to 15, teaches football fundamentals.



Nasir Little prepares to make a pass during the PP&K (Punt, Pass & Kick) challenge. The objective is to throw the football as far as possible and score the highest points.



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Olivia Rose and her sister Sophia (right) check out the inside of an armored carrier vehicle on display.

Block Party

Annual National Night Out brings Fort Meade community together

By LISA R. RHODES
Staff Writer

Sarah Lascurian's toddler son wants to grow up to be a firefighter.

So the 3-year-old climbed behind the wheel of a 97,000 pound Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting truck at National Night Out and donned a firefighter's helmet.

"He would love to drive one. He talks about it all the time," said Lascurian, wife of Senior Airman Jonathan Lascurian of the 94th Intelligence Squadron. "We came to National Night Out last year and had a blast. We had to come back so he could see the fire trucks."

Lascurian was among the hundreds of people who attended Fort Meade's 33rd Annual National Night Out on Tuesday evening.

The three-hour event, held at McGlachlin Parade Field for the post community, is a collaboration between the Directorate of Emergency Services and Corvias Military Living. Its purpose is to promote public awareness of crime and drug prevention and



Laurie Pierce, who works in the leasing center at Corvias Military Housing, folds and sets up National Night Out T-shirts. Corvias staffers also distributed free hot dogs, chips and bottled water during the annual three-hour event.

strengthen the bond between police and the community, according to the National Night Out website.

Each year the National Association of Town Watch sponsors National Night Out nationwide on the first Tuesday in August.

"This is the largest National Night Out in Anne Arundel County," said Diane M. Croghan, chief of staff for the Office of the Anne Arundel County Executive Steven R.



1st Lt. Anthony Hill, of the 200th Military Police Command, and Jonathan Beatty, 9, look out from an armored vehicle. Numerous military, police, firefighting vehicles were on display at McGlachlin Parade Field during the three-hour event.

Schuh. "We're excited to be here."

The festive event began when a convoy of emergency vehicles rode down Cooper Avenue and stopped at the parade field after traveling through some Fort Meade neighborhoods.

Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley, joined by Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes, incoming Garrison Commander Thomas S. Rickard and McGruff the Crime Dog, climbed down Fire Engine No. 45, along with family members.

In his final official appearance, Foley signed the "Community Night Out" proclamation with Robert Holmes, deputy director of the Directorate of Emergency Services, and Maureen Van Biesen, community management director of Corvias.

Dozens of emergency and military vehicles for children to climb and explore were displayed by the Fort Meade Police, Fort Meade Fire and Emergency Services, National Security Agency Police, the 241st Military Police Detachment and the Fort Meade Mobile Command.

Colorful tents and informational booths representing Fort Meade service groups and agencies dotted the parade field. Among them were Army Community Service; the Fleet and Family Support Center; Child, Youth and School Services; the Officers'

Spouses' Club; the Enlisted Spouses' Club; Cub Scout Pack 377; the Exceptional Family Member Program; and SHARP (Sexual Harassment and Assault Response Program). Private and nonprofit organizations included Warrior of Grace Karate, Chesapeake Antique Fire Apparatus Association, Columbia Bank, PNC Bank, Bri-Bet Security Solution, USAA, Xfinity, Johns Hopkins Medicine and the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs.

"We came to support the agencies that are here. What they do is so important," said Staff Sgt. Brian Erickson, a journalism instructor at the Defense Information School who attended with his wife, Glenda, and 3-year-old daughter Liliana.

The family stood on line at the Maryland Child Identification Program, where representatives collected some of the data that law enforcement agencies require when a child is reported missing or abducted. The data includes the child's name, address, height, weight, eye and hair color, birth date, photo and digital fingerprints.

"To me, it's just another safety precaution," Glenda Erickson said.

John McLaren, a volunteer firefighter with the Jessup Volunteer Fire Department, said the organization participated in the event to "interact with the community" and

distribute information about preventing fires and protecting families against the Zika virus.

The fire department also displayed applications for new recruits. McLaren said a woman who resides at Fort Meade signed up to volunteer. "We're very much like the Fort Meade police and fire departments," McLaren said. "We serve the same purpose — to protect lives and protect property."

People stood in long lines for the free food and beverages: pulled pork and pulled chicken sandwiches from Mission BBQ; hot dogs provided by 7-Eleven and prepared by Corvias; Slurpees from 7-Eleven; samples of almond-nut iced coffee from Dunkin' Donuts; and sugar-topped funnel cakes.

Children were entertained by a military K-9 demonstration from the 2nd Military Working Dog Detachment, and several inflatable bounce houses and slides across the parade field. Other popular attractions included a zip line, rock climbing wall, laser tag, rope-walking, face-painting and giant, inflated hamster balls.

Dawn Williams, wife of Navy Reservist Aaron Williams, stood in line for the hamster balls with her 4-year-old son Zion.

"We came out to have a good time," she said. "We came last year. We came for the fun, the ride and the food."



(Left) Geneva Yearwood, 17, and Rowland Smith, 18, wear Pokémon backpacks as they play the Pokémon Go Scavenger Hunt.



Kyla Wrinn, 5, of Hanover, shows her glee while wearing a pink Fort Meade fire helmet.

Zion couldn't wait for his turn in a hamster ball.

"My favorite thing is running in the bubble," he said. "When you run, it doesn't pop."

Youngsters also climbed inside a tank, examined a World War II-era bazooka, and rode on ponies led by Buffalo Soldiers in Union uniform.

A highlight of the evening was a Pokémon Go Scavenger Hunt sponsored by the Fort Meade Public Affairs Office.

Sgt. Jerick Chavez of the Maryland National Guard stood by as his wife, Angela, who claimed a prize for their participation, along with their three sons: Jathan 7; Jian, 5; and Jeimar, 3.

"I think it's fun," Angela Chavez said. "The kids get so excited. For them to catch one, they get so hyped up."

Jathan captured a total of six creatures, including three in a row, winning a free flashlight. "It was cool," he said.

A crowd also gathered at the display of two bomb robots from the NSA Police bomb squad.

The robots, named Betty and Bob, are used



Nine-year-old Jordan Feinstein of Pikesville traverses the rope-walking course at National Night Out on Tuesday at McGlachlin Parade Field. Children also enjoyed an inflatable hamster ball, pony rides, laser tag, a rock climbing wall and zip line.

to pick up, open and explode bombs by remote control, said Cpl. James Williams, a bomb technician. They also open suspicious packages.

"It's good for people to see what goes on behind the scenes and what capabilities we have, particularly when people live near us in the area," Williams said.

Children also took their turn in the "smoke house" set up by Fort Meade Fire and Emergency Services. A firefighter pointed out fire hazards in the kitchen and escape routes. As fake smoke suddenly darkened the room, the firefighter instructed the young-

sters to crawl out to safety.

Tech Sgt. Andrew Sharp of the 22nd Intelligence Squadron said he brought his 6-year-old son Alex to National Night Out because he believes children need to learn an important lesson that National Night Out teaches.

"They need to know not to be afraid of the police or fire department or their equipment," Sharp said.

Alex, he said, does not hide from law enforcement.

"He knows who to go to for help," Sharp said.

JIBBER JABBER - OPINION

NFL 2016 – Fantasy 6.0

Next week at this time I'll be at summer camp. The following week my old bones will be laid up recovering from said camp.

Sounds like I better write my annual Getaway draft: A wonderful piece of literature where I spend graphs bragging about being anywhere (usually Canada) but at work.

Of course, ESPN just reminded me Fantasy Football is coming into draft season, which means Jabber Nation is jonesing for its dose of Fantasy Football knowledge.

Whatever should I do? Whatever can I do? It sounds like I need to form an alliance — one more diabolical, detrimental and self-serving as anything Seinfeld and his arch-rival Newman formed. bit.ly/2axAM9d

Now as in years past, I can't get into our fantasy football preview — one of three columns dedicated to the upcoming NFL season — without providing you with rules regarding fantasy football and the use of government equipment. Do not do it, unless, of course, you are writing a fantasy football-related column. But no one at Fort Meade has it that good!

With that out of the way, let's get you edumacated.

QB - Draft Day rule (DDR):

Wait, Wait, Wait. Cam Newton is the top-rated QB in most leagues and his average draft position is late second round. Arizona's Carson Palmer averaged about 5 less points per game and is going four or five rounds later.

Buffalo's Tyrod Taylor scored more points than Palmer and will probably be available in the 10th or 11th round.

Best Bet: Ben Roethlisberger

Big Ben has more weapons than any other quarterback in football right now. He will go for over 4K and 30 TDs without breaking a sweat. Projected round: Fourth round

Sleeper: Tony Romo

If/when healthy Tony Terrific is worth 4,000 yards and 27 TDs per season. Not bad for someone you'll be able to grab in the seventh round.

Bust: Cam Newton

I know he is the No. 1 ranked QB, but teams that lose the Super Bowl tend to struggle, which means the QB will struggle.

RB DDR:

There are four running backs worthy of going in the first round: Todd Gurley, All-Day Adrian Peterson, Ezekiel Elliott and, Le'Veon Bell. Get one of them if you can.

Top Pick: LeSean McCoy



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"Shady" disappeared last year, but he still has skills and Rex Ryan will use him: Early third round.

Sleeper: Dion Lewis

Yes, the Patriot's scat back is coming off ACL surgery. Yes, the Patriots like to pass, but the Patriots are also without Tom Brady. More importantly, Lewis made people look silly before he got hurt, and he has first-round talent, which is nice for someone you can pick up in the sixth round.

Bust: David Johnson

Most people think the Cardinals running back should be included in my list of first-round backs, and Johnson certainly has the tools. But Cardinals players seem to find a way to slip when their expectations are at their highest.

WR DDR

As the number of 1,000-yard receivers increase, so does the need to get an elite wideout to anchor your team. This year, that means Antonio Brown, ODB, Dez Bryant, Julio Jones or Amari Cooper.

Top Pick: Antonio Brown

Assuming he keeps out of trouble, Brown is the best player in fantasy football: First round, first overall.

Sleeper: Josh Gordon

The oft-troubled receiver will miss the first four games of the season. But when he gets back, there is no denying the talent: 1,000 yards, 10 touchdowns and third-round value with a 10th-round pick.

Bust: Alshon Jeffery

The Bears' top target is a freakish athlete on a global scale, but he plays for the Bears, which means he will not get the ball: certainly not enough for someone being picked in the second round.

TE DDR:

Tight ends can serve as your second receiver. Except for Gronk.

Top Pick: Rob Gronkowski

Gronk is good. Gronk like touchdown. Gronk Can't Dance. bit.ly/1JioM7j Gronk no care Brady gone. Gronk go in first round.

Sleeper: Jimmy Graham

I think people are forgetting how good Graham was before he got hurt. He is a ninth-round pick with second or third-round talent.

Bust: Greg Olson

See Cam Newton's write-up. OK. You'll get the NFC and AFC previews when I return from camp.

Until then, if you want to talk about this or anything to do with sports, contact me at chad.t.jones.civ@mail.mil, or hit me up on Twitter @ctjibber.

SPORTS SHORTS

Gaffney closure

Gaffney Fitness Center is closed for flooring repairs and equipment replacement through 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.

BOSS Archery Tag

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is bringing Archery Tag to the post on Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Burba Lake Picnic Area No. 2.

Come out and enjoy a unique game modeled close to paintball.

Mission BBQ will be on site to provide food for participants.

Cost is \$10 and includes food, drinks and game play.

To register, email boss.ftmeade@gmail.com.

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.

EFMP bowling

The Exceptional Family Member Program's bowling event will be held Aug. 17 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.

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.

Volunteer coaches needed

Volunteer Youth Sports coaches are needed in the various sports programs offered throughout the year.

All volunteers will receive free training and will be certified through the National Alliance of Youth Sports.

All volunteers must complete a background check.

To submit an application, visit the CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Office at 1900 Reece Road. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CYSS Youth Sports Program:

- Fall season: August through October

Season registration begins in May for: soccer, NFL Flag Football, tennis, volleyball and cheerleading.

- Winter season: November through February

Season registration begins in October for: basketball, futsal and wrestling.

For more information, call 301-677-1179 or 301-677-1329 or go to meade.armymwr.com.

NEWS & NOTES

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

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

NEW VCC hours

Beginning Monday, the new operating hours at the Demps Visitor Control Center are Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The VCC is closed weekends.

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.

Garrison change of command

Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley will relinquish command to Col. Thomas S. Rickard in a change-of-command ceremony today at 9 a.m. at McGlathlin Parade Field.

In inclement weather, the ceremony will be conducted at McGill Training Center.

Following the ceremony, a reception of light refreshments will be held at Club Meade for the incoming commander.

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Summer concert

The U.S. Army Field Band will present its 70th anniversary concert featuring the Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus on Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at Constitution Park.

The free family-friendly concert is open to the public. No tickets required.

The program will include Tchaikovsky's "1812" Overture and the Presidential Salute Battery of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment ("The Old Guard").

You may bring food and beverages.

For more information, go to ArmyFieldBand.com or call 301-677-6586. In inclement weather, information will be posted on the website.

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.

Gaffney closure

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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.

Latin Night

Celebrate Latin Night at the Brass Lounge on Aug. 26 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.

Right Arm Night

Bring your right arm service member or colleague or employees to Joint Services Right Arm Night on Aug. 18 at 4 p.m. at Club Meade.

The event will feature free food, games and prizes.

Right Arm Night is open to all ranks and services, military and civilians.

Reserve unit tables at 301-677-4333.

Water flushing continues

American Water's annual Water Main Flushing Program continues Monday through Aug. 19.

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

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

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

If you notice an increase in discolored water at your residence, flush all faucets inside for 15 minutes. If the water does not clear up, contact the Water Treatment Plant at 443-591-0909.

This number is monitored daily 24/7.

Areas that may be affected from planned flushing Monday through Aug. 19 are:

- Cooper Avenue
- Ruffner Road
- MacArthur Road
- Reece Road
- 2nd Corps Boulevard
- Larkin Road
- Koogee Street
- Jordan Court
- Jones Drive
- Buffington Street
- Harris Road
- Sterling Lane

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- Stewart Loop
- 2nd Army Drive
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- Wadsworth Court
- Brown Street
- Diggins Drive
- Taylor Lane
- Hayden Drive
- Hartell Street
- Hart Road
- Thompson Court
- Moon Court
- Leyte Street
- Benjamin Court
- Baxter Court
- Hopkins Court
- Incheon Street
- 5th Corps Road
- Stewart Court
- Wigle Road
- Thompson Lane
- Meyers Road
- Lauffer Court
- McGee Court

Streets adjacent to Cooper Avenue, Ernie Pyle Street and Reece Road may see a temporary change in their water during flushing activities.

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

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. 31, and

ribs or chicken on Aug. 24.

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

St. Isidore Ball

Tickets are available for Army cyber professionals interested in attending the St. Isidore Ball on Aug. 20 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Va.

For the full schedule and ticket purchases, visit the ball website at www.afcea.org/event/?q=St_Isidore_Ball_2016.

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: Island Buffet: Jerk chicken, baked fish and mango salsa; Wednesday: Italian Buffet: Chicken Parmesan, spaghetti and meatballs; and Aug. 11: Barbecue Buffet: Pulled pork, barbecue chicken and potato salad.

For more information, call 301-677-6969.

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

- TGPS (Transition, Goals, Plans, Success) Five-Day Workshops: Monday to Aug. 12, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Aug. 22-26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.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

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

Financial

- Thrift Savings Plan: Tuesday, 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

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

- Ten Steps To A Federal Job: Tuesday, 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

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

To register, go to 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.

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.

'Rapunzel' on Saturday

Missoula Children's Theatre workshop, for grades one through 12, will present "Rapunzel" on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Meade Middle School.

Admission is free and open to the public.

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

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.

Teen skate park

The Teen Center Skate Park is open to grades nine to 12 on the first and third Friday of the month from 3-5 p.m.

Helmets must be worn at all times in the park.

Skateboards and safety equipment will be provided, but teens may bring their own items.

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

For more information, call 301-677-6054.

RECREATION**Out & About**

- **"Seussical Jr."** is being performed Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. at West Arundel Creative Arts, 2288 Blue Water Blvd., Odenton.

The show is a compilation of Dr. Seuss characters.

General admission is \$13. Tickets for seniors, service members and students cost \$10. Purchase tickets at wacarts.com or make a reservation at 443-827-1359.

- **Anne Arundel County Public Library** will present the movie series, "Marx Brothers Madness," on Aug. 11 and Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Edgewater Community Library, 25 Stepneys Lane, Edgewater.

The film series features Marx Brothers films, two of which are in the top twelve of the American Film Institute's list of top 100 comedy films.

The Enoch Pratt Free Library's resident Marxologist John Damond will introduce the Marx Brothers' films including movie history, background information and fun facts.

For more information, call 410-222-7371 or go to aacpl.net.

- **Community Fair & Movie Night** will be held Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Agape Center, 8423 Veterans Highway, Millersville.

Admission is free.

The movie, "Rio 2," starts at 8 p.m. Bring lawn chairs to watch.

The event will feature health screenings, carnival games, arts and crafts, voter regis-

tration, a moon bounce, karate demonstration, Double Dutch exhibition, face painting, a balloon artist and refreshments.

For more information, call Crystal Staples at 410-919-3436, or Paula Henry at 410-707-6333 or email plhenry63@yahoo.com.

• **Montpelier Summer Concert Series** features the Winstons performing Motown, oldies and soul on Friday 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 concert.

In the event of heavy rain, the 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 "Hair-spray" 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.

• **Howard County Fair** will be held Saturday through Aug. 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: Saturday, Sunday and Aug. 13, noon-11 p.m.; and Monday through Aug. 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: Saturday, Monday, Wednesday and Aug. 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: Saturday at 5 and 7 p.m.; Demolition Derby: Wednesday and Aug. 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 how-

ardcountyfair.org.

• **All American Pro Rodeo**, presented by the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Associations, will be held Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. during the Howard County Fair at 2210 Fairground 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 Aug. 20 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

• **Fort Meade First Class Petty Officer Association** meets the first Thursday of every month at 3 p.m. at The Lanes. The next meeting is today. All first class petty officers are invited. For more information, call PO1 Jennifer Wonch at 410-854-2763.

• **Exceptional Family Member Program** hosts "Sip and Share" on the first Thursday of every month from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Exchange coffee shop in the food court. The next get-together is today.

The event is designed to allow participants to share their stories to encourage and inform one another about resources available in the local community. For more information or to register, call 301-677-4779.

• **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.

• **Meade Rod and Gun Club** meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Perry's Restaurant and Odie's Pub at 1210 Annapolis Road, Odenton, in the banquet hall in back of the building. The next meeting is tonight. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. For more information, call Charisma Wooten at 240-568-6055.

• **National Alliance on Mental Illness of Anne Arundel County** offers a free support group for families with a loved one suffering from mental illness on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Odenton (West County) Library, 1325 Annapolis Road. The next meeting is tonight. For more information, visit namiaac.org.

• **Single Parent Support Group** meets every second and fourth Monday of the month from 5:30-7 p.m. at School Age Services, 1900 Reece Road. Children welcome. The next meeting is Monday. For more information, call 301-677-7823.

• **Marriage Enrichment Group**, sponsored by Army Community Service, meets the second and fourth Monday of every

month from 3-4 p.m. at the Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave. The next meeting is Monday. For more information, call Celena Flowers or Jessica Hobgood at 301-677-5590.

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

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

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

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

• **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. 15.

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. 15.

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.

• **The Retired 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 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.

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 Aug. 14

Friday: "The Shallows" (R). A mere 200 yards from shore, a surfer is attacked by a great white shark, with her short journey to safety becoming the ultimate contest of wills. With Blake Lively, Oscar Jaenada, Angelo Jose.

Saturday: FREE SCREENING. (PG-13) Tickets available at the Exchange Food Court. Seating open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime.



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Sunday: "Independence Day: Resurgence" (PG-13). Two decades after the first Independence Day invasion, Earth is faced with a new extra-Solar threat. With Jeff Goldblum, Liam Hemsworth, Bill Pullman.

Aug. 12: "The Legend of Tarzan" (PG-13). Tarzan, having acclimated to life in London, is called back to his former home in the jungle to investigate the activities at a mining encampment. With Alexander Skarsgård, Margot Robbie, Christoph Waltz.

Aug. 13: FREE SCREENING (R). Tickets available at the Exchange Food Court. Seating open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime.

Aug. 14: "The BFG" (PG). A girl encounters the Big Friendly Giant who, despite his intimidating appearance, turns out to be a kindhearted soul who is considered an outcast by the other giants because, unlike them, he refuses to eat children. With Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill, Penelope Wilton.