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Taking command

Col. Thomas S. Rickard assumes command
of Fort Meade garrison **PG 10**
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(From left:) Outgoing Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley, Davis D. Tindoll Jr., director of the Atlantic Region, Installation Management Command, and incoming Garrison Commander Col. Thomas S. Rickard salute during the national anthem at the change of command held Aug. 4 at McGlachlin Parade Field. Tindoll presided over the 30-minute ceremony attended by about 200 people.

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U.S. Army Field Band
to hold free concert

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'LET DOWN YOUR HAIR'

Fort Meade children
perform 'Rapunzel'

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Welcome Col. Rickard!

Greetings, Team Meade.

August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month and we must continue to promote vigilance and alertness to the forefront of everyone's mind.

Complacency is a huge risk to the security of the installation and the people who commute in and around the area. We should continue to develop personal security habits and understand the immediate and intermediate risks of our surrounding areas by taking proactive measures to ensure the safety of those around us.

Also, let's not forget that we have a lot of new people in the Fort Meade community and we should take every opportunity to share pertinent information with them and utilize the buddy system whenever possible.

Take every precaution with social media and avoid posting any personal identifiable information that could put you or those you know at risk. Remember, it's a partnership between the community and law enforcement through which people can report behaviors they find suspicious.

So, what a great way to kick off the month of August with the 33rd annual National Night Out, which is intended to heighten crime-prevention awareness, gain support for anticrime programs and strengthen partnerships between the neighborhoods and the emergency responders who serve us on a daily basis.

Thanks to the Directorate of Emergency Services and the 241st Military Working Dogs Detachment for putting on a demonstration that showed the professionalism and teamwork between the handlers and canines.

Also, I would like to thank our garrison staff, Marine Corps Student Detachment and vendors for working diligently to-



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Command
Sgt. Maj.
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gether to make this a superb event for community relations. We truly do appreciate everything that our Directorate of Emergency Services does, day in and day out.

Thanks to our security guards at the gates, both civilian and military, who serve during every facet of Mother Nature with due diligence, perseverance and pride. We definitely can sleep well on your watch and we thank you for your service.

So, please take the time to thank our DES teams because you never know — the next call may be to help serve and support you.

I would like to personally say farewell to my battle buddy, Col. Brian "Professor" Foley, Lee, Mary Claire and Liam for their faithful three years of service as the Fort Meade garrison family (Team Foley). It has truly been an honor to serve with you and your family, and we wish you the best on your future endeavors.

My wife and I would like to welcome Col. Tom Rickard, his wife, Lisa, and their daughter Sarah to the Team Meade family. We look forward to developing a dynamic relationship together as we continue to brand Fort Meade as "the nation's preeminent center for information, intelligence and cyber operations." Get ready for a challenging, fulfilling and a very rewarding job that will never be forgotten.

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and the time to send children back to school is once again upon us. I know everyone is not too happy to return to school and say goodbye to summer vacation, but it's important that everyone stay safe when heading to and from the facilities this year.

Thanks for all that you do to serve and support Team Meade. Have a blessed, fruitful and overcoming week.

Commander's Open Door

Garrison Commander Col. Thomas S. Rickard has an open door policy.

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

Visitors are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call 301-677-4844.

Meet the new commander of Fort Meade

BY FORT MEADE PUBLIC
AFFAIRS OFFICE

The Public Affairs team sat down for an in-depth interview with Col. Thomas S. Rickard, Fort Meade's new garrison commander, to introduce him to the community.

This is Part I of our interview.

Q What inspired you to pursue an Army career?

A Like many other people here, I come from a military family and believe a tradition of service to our country is important. After I went to airborne school at 18, I fell in love with the Army.

My father, both grandfathers and an uncle — they each served 30 years or more in the Army, so there's some family tradition there. It's my turn to do my part to serve our nation.

Q How has your family adjusted to Fort Meade?

A My family loves Fort Meade. My wife, Lisa, and our daughter Sarah have had a super welcome here. We're grateful to all the people who have put forth huge amounts of effort to make us feel at home in the community here.

Fort Meade is a lot greener than I imagined. Knowing that the surrounding areas are very built up and this is a very old part of our country, I was really impressed about how much green space there is here on the post.

Q What is the appeal of Fort Meade for a garrison commander?

A I learned a lot about Fort Meade during the last tour I had with Special Operations Command while deployed to Afghanistan. I learned to appreciate more about what Fort Meade does than in previous assignments. And, it intrigued me because Fort Meade is really at the confluence of information, intelligence and cyber activity — a true power projection platform.

So when I had the opportunity to command at Fort Meade, I was ecstatic. I thought this was an outstanding opportunity and a privilege for me to command here at the garrison.

Q How do you think your experience as an infantry officer will



PHOTO BY NATE PESCE

Garrison Commander Col. Thomas S. Rickard addresses attendees during the Fort Meade garrison's change-of-command ceremony held Aug. 4 at McGlachlin Parade Field. Rickard previously served for a year as the director of Information Operations for the Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan.

inform your leadership of Fort Meade?

A What I can directly provide is a fresh set of eyes from the point of view of someone who has been at the point of the spear. We've got a lot of people on this post who are actually fighting daily from a different venue. But, having been deployed and been the recipient of services — I've been the "supported" guy at lot — and now being the "supporting" guy, I think I have a good idea of what people need when it comes to real events and operational interests.

version of mission command, which is essentially providing good and clear guidance to your subordinates and allowing them to solve problems within intent without telling them exactly how to do it.

My job is to listen first, provide clear direction, appropriate resources and trained personnel, then allow people to solve problems the best way they can.

Q What are your short-term goals as the FGGM commander?

A My short-term goals for Fort Meade are twofold. The first thing is to make sure we don't lose traction with the communication that Colonel Foley has advanced with DoD and the services' senior leadership about what Fort Meade does and how important Fort Meade is to our national security interests. I think I've got to keep that traction going because it's very important for our senior leaders to understand what we do here.

The second step is to let the service members, civilians and family members who live, learn, work and play here know that they are still going to get support.

Our challenge will be that we can't provide everything we did 10 years ago because the budget has changed. But we will certainly provide those things we can to an excellent standard.

So what we do, we're going to do well. And the things we can no longer do because we're not funded or resourced for, we're going to find ways to help our families adjust without them.

Q What is your expectation of Fort Meade and its people?

A I think our government's goal, and my goal as well, is to make sure that our service members and our DoD civilians are resilient. What we know is that we don't have all the funding that we wanted to have. So I hope that we can find ways to make our service members and civilians more resilient, self-empowered and self-reliant.

We want to be able to tackle the challenges we have and overcome those challenges in a positive way. And that's really the mentality. It is all about the will to fight. Not necessarily fighting some enemy force at Fort Meade, but overcoming a challenge and never giving up. I think that's what we're all about.

Editor's note: For Part II of the interview with Col. Tom Rickard, go to the Leadership page on the Fort Meade website: www.ftmeade.army.mil/garrison/leadership/ic.html.

Q What is your leadership philosophy?

A I'm not a big philosopher but I do believe and espouse the Army's

Summer instruction is summer fun at local schools

BY LARRY WHITLEY
Chief, Command Information

There are some unique needs and issues of students with military family connections and Anne Arundel County Public Schools recognizes those special considerations.

In the second year of a summertime partnership with the Department of Defense Education Activity, educators from the AACPS system took on 90 rising sixth-graders headed to MacArthur Middle School, also referred to as the International Baccalaureate World School.

The program, which met Monday through Thursday for three hours per day, focused on the educational, social and emotional orientation of students who come from the several county elementary schools that feed into MacArthur — including the IB magnet students, said program co-coordinator Joe Desilva.

“We specifically recognize the significant challenges for students transitioning into a middle school environment,” Desilva said. “That challenge is even greater for students with a military family background because of the frequent moves, school environment changes, and the much-needed cohort friendships so important at that school age.”

The DoDEA provides grants to the AACPS and other public school systems where there is a large enough concentration of military-connected, school-age children who could benefit from acknowledgment of the different types of issues that can impact their learning process.

The first year’s grant, received in 2010, helped support a STEM-focused program for elementary school students in science, technology, engineering and math. According to DoDEA’s website, the STEM@MEADE project was the first DoDEA grant awarded to AACPS, and extended from September 2010 through



PHOTO COURTESY ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Through the Department of Defense Education Activity, 90 rising sixth-graders headed to MacArthur Middle School participate in a summer program focused on the educational, social and emotional orientation of students from several county elementary schools that feed into MacArthur Middle.

June 2014.

The additional instruction under the first grant focused on four elementary schools within the Meade High School feeder system: Manor View, Meade Heights, Pershing Hill and West Meade. The project had the objective of improving the mathematics achievement of students by creating a rich STEM community culture.

“This has been an exiting and wonderful month of learning and being a creative student,” said Paige Horton, who participated as a rising middle-schooler.

“I learned that to accomplish something, you have to learn how to work with

people new to you and with people you don’t get along with [normally],” said fellow student Ester Reyes.

The current grant, “Meade Tapestry Grant,” addresses the challenges of middle schools on a more individual and social-emotional level,” Desilva said.

“Together with the International Baccalaureate program coordinator at MacArthur, Heather Giustiniani, the summer program aimed to combine international culture with social-emotional learning,” he said.

This all resulted in a three-week session that aimed to develop interdisciplinary relationships and engender new

friendships before the start of the school year.

“We saw significant growth in teaming, cultural enrichment and cohort bonding,” Desilva said. “Our session led to an Olympics-themed event with teams of students representing several different countries.

“Students worked throughout the program to investigate the different cultures, design and create solar ovens to cook food from those cultures, and ultimately compete in an Olympics-style event. The students also developed interpersonal, communication and collaboration skills.

“As we know, these are definitely skills important to both education and life,” he said.

One parent said the program “helped [his middle-schooler] grow as a student and how to work in a group, and he actually learned some new things.”

The program also doubled as an experiential professional development opportunity for the 15 educators who supported the program. The teachers were from different disciplines, and their afternoon sessions resulted in a greater appreciation for the interaction of disciplines in teaching.

“We’ve had so much success that offices from other disciplines, such as physical education and the Advancement Via Individual Determination, or AVID program, want to contribute and help with the continued funding of the initiative,” Desilva said. “The first year we had 50 students, this year 90. In 2017 we’re expecting that number of grow even more.

“We now see and can demonstrate the value of the working model. The practical piece in all this is that students, through this process, made new friends early, which makes the transition to middle school so much more enjoyable, leading to a more stable learning environment,” he said. “We are indeed excited for the future.”

Bulk of disability exams move from Meade to Baltimore

The Department of Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System announced that because of budget restrictions, the bulk of pension and compensation medical exams will no longer be conducted at the Fort Meade VA Outpatient Clinic.

The exams, conducted by the Veterans Benefits Administration, help determine whether a veteran is

eligible for disability compensation due to illness or injuries sustained as a result of military service.

Most of the exams will now be held at the Loch Raven VA Outpatient Clinic in Baltimore.

A free shuttle service will transport veterans from the Glen Burnie VA Outpatient Clinic to the Loch Raven clinic.

Veterans also may undergo exams at other facilities within the VA Capitol Health Care Network, which includes clinics in Maryland, West Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Editor’s note: Information for this article was taken from the Capital Gazette.

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Need To Know

By TANYA CHEW

Public Health Nurse

Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center

There have been 42 travel-associated cases of Zika virus reported in Maryland so far. We encourage you to take steps to prevent getting Zika, especially if traveling to a Zika-affected area.

Zika is spread mostly by the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito (Ae. aegypti and Ae. albopictus). These mosquitoes are aggressive daytime biters; however, they can also bite at night.

Zika can be sexually transmitted and passed from a pregnant woman to her fetus, which can cause certain birth defects.

There currently is no vaccine or medicine to treat Zika virus infection.

Many people are infected with Zika virus and won't have symptoms or will only have mild symptoms. The most common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain and red eyes. Most people fully recover without severe complications.

What can you do to protect yourself from Zika? Using Environmental Protection Agency-registered insect repellent that contains DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus can help prevent mosquito bites that may transmit Zika virus. When used as directed, these insect repellents are proven safe and effective. They are safe as well for pregnant and breast-feeding women. Always follow product label instructions and reapply as directed.

You also should take steps to control mosquitoes inside and outside of your home. You can make sure mosquitoes stay outside of your home by ensuring that your window and door screens are not damaged

or that windows and doors are kept closed with air conditioning on.

Monitor the outside of your home by ensuring there is no water collecting in places such as tarps, plastic containers, flower pots, tires, children's toys or any other item that can hold water. Pet water dishes and birdbaths should be emptied at least once a week. It only takes a small amount of water for these mosquitoes to breed.

Sexual transmission of Zika can be prevented by using condoms or not having sex with someone who may have been exposed to Zika.

Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center Preventive Medicine is partnering with the garrison and Public Health Command to monitor for Zika. Mosquito surveillance is being conducted throughout the installation.

Environmental Health specialists collect mosquitoes weekly, identify their species and submit those that could carry Zika virus to Public Health Command-Atlantic (Provisional) for testing. The traps are rotated to get a good sampling around the installation.

In addition, Kimbrough staffers are monitoring patients for symptoms of Zika as well as screening pregnant women and all women of childbearing age (18-46) for the possibility of Zika virus infection or exposure.

Preventive Medicine is also monitoring for and investigating any reports of Zika should they occur on the installation.

For more information on Zika virus, go to cdc.gov phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/discond/diseases/Pages/Zika.aspx or call Public Health Nursing at 301-677-8435.

‘Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair!’

Missoula Children's Theatre performs children's classic at Meade Middle School

PHOTOS BY PHIL GROUT



Rapunzel, portrayed by Alannah Hight, lets down her golden hair for the prince, Giulio Richley.



The Missoula Children's Theatre, sponsored by Fort Meade's SKIES Unlimited instructional programming, presents a musical production of "Rapunzel" featuring a cast and crew of Fort Meade youths on Saturday afternoon at Meade Middle School. To learn more about SKIES, go to meade.armymwr.com or call 301-677-1196.



"Ears of corn" Elena Avalos (left) and Alia Williams sing with the troll Hugo Concha during the musical starring a cast of performers ages 5-17.



Parents line up to shoot after-curtain photographs of their child stars.

Local organizations to donate school supplies

BY ERIN COVEY

Fort Meade Public Affairs Intern

For many families with school-age children, the cost of school supplies, backpacks and other necessities add up quickly and become an extra financial burden.

But as children in the Fort Meade community prepare to return to school, several local organizations are giving away school supplies to ease the burden.

These organizations include USO Fort Meade, Donations From The Heart Inc. and the West County Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Committee.

“Our goal is to support military families as well as low-income families and their children within Fort Meade and surrounding areas in the state of Maryland with standard school supplies and backpacks,” said Robin M. Salmon, founder of Donations From The Heart Inc.

Here are the school supply drives:

Donations From The Heart Inc.: A Heart of Champions event

- Time: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Location: Severn Oaks Community

Center, 207 Talford Court, Odenton

- Description: Giving away 250 backpacks filled with school supplies to students in elementary, middle and high school

USO Fort Meade: Operation Back to School 2016

- Time: Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon
- Location: Fort Meade Pavilion, Llewellyn Avenue
- Description: Children ages 5 to 12 receiving backpacks filled with supplies after participating in different activities that highlight school subjects

West County Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Committee

- Time: Aug. 18 at 10 a.m.
- Location: USO Fort Meade, 8612 6th Armored Cavalry Road
- Description: Giving away school supplies to students in all grades in conjunction with the USO Supermarket Sweep

For more information, call the USO Fort Meade at 410-305-0660 or Donations From The Heart Inc. at 855-493-4483, option 2.



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The USO-Metro sponsored Operation Back To School, a backpack donation activity, at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Tips to use credit cards wisely, avoid debt

BY JANE M. WINAND

Chief, Legal Assistance Division

Too much of a good thing can be bad for you. The same adage applies to credit cards.

If failed travel plans leave you stranded in a strange city with little cash, it's good to have a credit card to use for a hotel, meals and a rental car. On the other hand, frequent usage of a credit card can leave you speechless at the end of the month when the bill comes in the mail.

There are many different kinds of credit cards. Some have an annual fee, but charge a lower interest rate. If you tend to carry a balance on your card rather than paying the balance off each month, a lower interest rate is beneficial.

However, if you pay your balance off each month, the interest rate does not matter and it makes little sense to pay an annual fee when credit cards are available without fees.

Some cards offer money back, free airline miles, or points toward free gifts or services. Another award option allows the cardholder to donate money to a school or charity based on card usage.

Here are some rules to follow to keep credit card usage under control:

1.Avoid cash advances.

Although a cash advance may be a quick fix for an immediate problem, you are borrowing against your future ability to pay the money back. This is a quick way to get into debt. Many credit card companies charge a large fee for each cash advance, and the interest on the advance starts to accrue immediately.

2.Pay your balance each month.

By doing so, you avoid paying interest on the account. Even if you make a lot of purchases in one billing period and cannot pay the balance, at least send in more than the minimum payment each month.

Merely paying the minimum payment each month will cover the interest and

very little of the principal debt. It could take months and months to pay off the balance using this approach.

3.Save up for big purchases rather than putting them on a credit card.

Put money aside each month until you have the full purchase price before making the purchase. If you make a purchase on credit and do not have the money to pay the item off immediately, set up a strict budget each month and make regular credit card payments to meet your goal of paying off the balance.

4.Make your credit card payment on time, every time.

Don't just wait for the credit card statement to arrive before you plan the monthly payment. Put the credit card due date on each month's calendar or enter the date in your computer or smartphone.

Plan for the payment in your monthly budget. If the statement is late coming in the mail or is not delivered at all, you are still aware of your credit responsibility.

Should you fail to make a payment or the payment is late, adverse information could be entered on your credit report, which is often hard to erase.

5.Consider using a debit card instead of a credit card.

A debit card withdraws the money directly from your bank account to make a purchase. It is the equivalent of paying with cash or a check. While credit cards have credit limits of thousands of dollars, your debit card is closely tied to your account balance so it is unlikely that overdrawing can occur.

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

For assistance with your budget, credit counseling, or other areas of personal finance, call the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program at 301-677-5590 or schedule an appointment online at FortMeadeAC-S.checkappointments.com.



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Incoming Garrison Commander Col. Thomas S. Rickard (left) passes the guidon back to Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes, officially completing the change of command.

Taking command

Col. Thomas S. Rickard assumes command of garrison

By LISA R. RHODES
Staff Writer

A sunny, breezy morning was the backdrop for Col. Thomas S. Rickard's change-of-command ceremony where he assumed the reigns of leadership of the Fort Meade garrison from Col. Brian P. Foley on Aug. 4 at McGlachlin Parade Field.

Davis D. Tindoll, director of the Atlantic Region, Installation Management Command, presided over the 30-minute ceremony attended by about 200 people.

In his brief remarks after assuming command, Rickard acknowledged the "quiet professionals of Team Meade [who] support a powerful platform at the confluence of information, intelligence and cyber activities, providing combatant commanders ways to affect the enemy's will to fight."

Prior to arriving at Fort Meade, Rickard

served for a year as the director of Information Operations for the Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan.

"During the past year in Afghanistan, I saw firsthand the power that Fort Meade brings to the battlefield — truly amazing capabilities that definitely impact the enemy's will to fight," Rickard said. "We must remember the importance of what we do every day — sustain, support, defend — and be resilient in our efforts as conditions change."

Foley, who served as garrison commander since August 2013, will serve as the chief of the Strategic Initiatives Group for the assistant Army chief of staff for the Installation Management Strategic Initiatives Group at the Pentagon.

Prior to the change of command, Tindoll presented Foley with the Legion of Merit in a brief ceremony at Constitution Park. Foley's wife, Lee, was presented with the Commander's Award for Public Service.

Dignitaries at the change of command included Rep. John Sarbanes of Maryland's 3rd District; Anne Arundel County Executive Steven R. Schuh; Adm. Michael S. Rogers, commander of U.S. Cyber Command, director of the National Security



Garrison Commander Col. Thomas S. Rickard stands on McGlachlin Parade Field with the Joint Service Color Guard behind him after the Fort Meade garrison change-of-command ceremony on Aug. 4. Rickard previously served as the director of Information Operations for the Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan.

Agency and chief of Central Security Service; and Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker, commanding general, Joint Force Headquarters, National Capital Region, Military District of Washington.

"For the last three years as garrison commander, Colonel Brian P. Foley has had a transformative impact on Fort Meade, helping to upgrade transportation infrastructure and modernize facilities across the installation, and importantly, helping to bolster the garrison's leadership in cyber defense," Sarbanes said after the event. "His vision and his leadership will be greatly missed."

Sarbanes said he is confident that Rickard is "up to the task" as garrison commander.

"Colonel Rickard is a distinguished Army commander who brings a wealth of management and leadership experience to his new position. I look forward to seeing continued growth and prosperity at Fort Meade under his command."

After the ceremony, Schuh credited Foley for working closely with county and local business leaders to "make Fort Meade an integral part of our county and culture. We will miss his steady leadership."

"My administration looks forward to

working with Colonel Rickard to ensure this effective, close partnership will continue to drive our economy and make our county stronger for working families."

Guests were greeted with patriotic music performed by the U.S. Army Field Band. Sgt. 1st Class Randall Wight, a vocalist with the Field Band, sang the national anthem. Garrison Chaplain (Col.) Warren R. Kirby gave the invocation.

Tindoll welcomed Rickard and his wife, Elizabeth, and their daughter Sarah to the garrison and the IMCOM Atlantic Region.

"Tom, I am confident that with your demonstrated leadership, you will build on

the successes of your predecessors," Tindoll said. "The challenges are many, but I am confident you will bring new energy and excellence to the garrison and this installation."

The recipient of three Bronze Star Medals, Rickard was commissioned in 1990 as an infantry officer through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

His first assignment was with the 1-520th Infantry, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky., serving successively as a rifle platoon leader, weapons platoon leader,



Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker (left), commanding general, Joint Force Headquarters, National Capital Region, Military District of Washington presents outgoing Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley with a farewell gift after the ceremony.

scout platoon leader and assistant operations officer.

In 1995, Rickard served in the 1-506th Infantry, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Greaves in Korea as battalion logistics officer and rifle company commander. Afterward, he taught tactics and leadership at the University of North Alabama and later served as an observer/controller and maneuver planner at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., from 2000-2002.

After graduating from the Command and General Staff College in 2003, Rickard returned to Korea. The following year, he relocated to Fort Lewis, Wash., and deployed to Mosul in Iraq. In 2006, he deployed with the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment to Rose Barracks, Germany, and served as the squadron executive officer for 3rd Squadron.

After rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel, Rickard served during Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2007 to 2009 as the regimental rear detachment commander of the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment. In 2010, he deployed to Afghanistan for one year and later graduated from the Senior Service College at the Joint Advanced Warfighting School in Norfolk, Va.

Before deploying again to Afghanistan in July 2015, Rickard served as the chief of plans for the U.S. Special Operations Command in Tampa, Fla.

In his speech, Tindoll praised Foley for his service and described the colonel as "capable, innovative and motivated" in handling the challenges of leading a garrison.

"During his command, Colonel Foley proved himself through a period of reorganizations, constrained funding and restricted hiring," Tindoll said. "Throughout, he demonstrated unwavering support to the senior commander and the mission of Fort Meade."

"He has postured the garrison for continued success, setting a path to become an efficient, responsive and flexible organization capable of accomplishing its mission now and in the future."

Tindoll also cited Foley's skill at running the third largest Army installation.

"[Foley] ensured that every aspect of the garrison operations performed at peak capability," he said. "Despite persistent issues, he has kept Soldier, civilian and family well-being at the forefront of decisions related to safety, security and professional development."

In his remarks, Foley, a Signal Corps officer, joked that although Rickard is an "infantry guy," he is the best pick for garrison commander.

"The Army seems to always select the right guy at the right time with the right skills needed to move an organization forward," Foley said. "And Tom's recent return from a year serving as director of Information Operations for USFOR-A gives him the ability to speak with authority on how the cyber warriors right here at Fort Meade are saving countless lives."

"So Tom, as I've gotten to know you over the past year, and in particular over the past two weeks, I could not possibly have become more satisfied in the knowledge that this garrison is in good hands."

Army-Olympians march in Rio opening ceremony

By TIM HIPPS

Installation Management Command

RIO DE JANEIRO — Whether marching into Maracanã Stadium as part of Team USA or watching on television, U.S. Army Olympians felt great pride during the opening ceremony of the Rio Olympic Games on Friday.

For race walker Staff Sgt. John Nunn, the charm of walking in his third Olympic opening ceremony was being able to simultaneously communicate with his 12-year-old daughter in Texas.

“The best part of my evening was face-timing with Ella as I was walking into the stadium,” Nunn said. “It doesn’t matter where I am or what amazing things are going on, getting to face-time with Ella will always be the highlight of my day.”

Nunn said he also enjoyed watching the reactions of first-time Olympians during the event.

“My heart was full of American pride as I walked in with my fellow countrymen,” Nunn said. “It is such an honor to represent this amazing country that I live in and love.”

“I am grateful for the Army. It is an amazing organization that always pushes me to be better than I am.”

Some of his Army-Olympian teammates, like rugby coach Capt. Andrew Locke, were unable to join the parade of nations during the opening ceremony.

“The men’s team was able to walk because they don’t start competition for another three days. But for us, we had to just rest and prepare,” Locke said.

“But we watched it and it was breathtaking. Everybody got dressed up and we went downstairs, and we hung out with all the Team USA Olympians and cheered them off before they headed to the stadium.”

Locke, who arrived in Rio on July 31, said his experience so far has been a good one.

“The food, living conditions, laundry, transportation, logistics — everything has gotten a little bit better every single day since we’ve been here,” he said.

“The people themselves have been outstanding in terms of the hospitality and the warm reception that we’ve received. I can only imagine the work that goes on behind the scenes just to run this event.”

Maj. Dan Browne, distance running coach with the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, watched the ceremony on television with Army-Olympians Spcs. Paul Chelimo, Shadrack Kipchirchir and Leonard Korir.



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Staff Sgt. Joshua Richmond of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and five-time Olympic medalist trap shooter Kim Rhode (center) walk into Maracana Stadium as part of Team USA for the opening ceremony of the 2016 Rio Olympic Games on Aug 5.

They were still in Mammoth Lakes, Calif., where they will train at 8,500 feet above sea level until the last minute before their races next week.

“When the opening introduction on NBC came on the television, it became very real to me that my Soldiers were going to get a chance to shine in Rio,” Browne said.

“I am proud that my guys have worked hard, sacrificed and prepared for this moment. I know they will be great representatives of the United States and ambassadors for the U.S. Army.”

U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program and two-time Team USA boxing coach Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Guzman also watched the show on television, but he was in Rio. He predicts great things for Team USA Boxing.

“I didn’t get to walk the opening ceremonies,” Guzman said. “For me, I felt honored not only to represent Team USA and USA Boxing, but the Army WCAP and all the men and women currently serving our country. We got two wins [Saturday], so it was a great

start for us.”

WCAP Modern Pentathlete Sgt. Nathan Schrimsher walked in the opening ceremony and then immediately left town for an off-site training camp.

“The opening ceremonies will be something that I will never forget for the rest of my life,” Schrimsher said. “It was incredible!”

WCAP Modern Pentathlon coach Staff Sgt. Dennis Bowsher walked in the London 2012 opening ceremony, but this year he was en route to Brazil to serve as coach and training partner for Schrimsher.

“We flew over night Friday night to head straight to our training camp, so I missed the opening ceremonies,” Bowsher said. “We get into Rio on [Monday].”

Whether or not they had the opportunity to walk in the opening ceremony, the Army-Olympian athletes and coaches are all proud to be representing the U.S. Army as part of the U.S. Olympic team.

“I’m excited to be wearing the USA kit,” Nunn said, “with the Army kit in my heart.”

SPORTS SHORTS

Gaffney closure

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

During this closure Murphy Field House will be open.

Cardio equipment and strength equipment are available at Murphy. Free weights (Hammer Strength Equipment) or benches are not available during this time.

Spin classes and several aerobics classes will relocate to Murphy. Other aerobics classes will be canceled per the instructor.

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

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

Baysox Military Heroes Cards

The Bowie Baysox will celebrate Military Heroes Appreciation Night with a special card set giveaway featuring local military heroes on Aug. 26, as the team takes on the Binghamton Mets at 7:05 p.m.

The first 1,000 fans ages 18 and older will receive the 18-card set, filled with current and former members of the military who were nominated by family and friends earlier this year.

The Baysox will honor these veterans and/or their families in special ceremonies before, during and after the game.

The night will be capped off by a cannon display from The Old Guard during the “1812 Overture” and a fireworks display presented by Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Tickets for this event are available at baysox.com.

Jibber-less

Public Affairs Officer Chad T. Jones, author of Jibber Jabber, is out of the office.

As always, if you have any comments about Jibber Jabber or anything to do with the world of sports, e-mail chad.t.jones.civ@mail.mil.

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.

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," the Presidential Salute Battery of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment ("The Old Guard") and the Continental Color Guard.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be canceled and not rescheduled.

For more information, go to ArmyFieldBand.com or call 301-677-6586. In inclement weather, a weather call will be made by noon on the day of the concert and posted on ArmyFieldBand.com.

Gaffney closure

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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.

R&B Night

Enjoy a night of dancing at R&B Night on Friday from 7 p.m. to midnight at Club Meade.

Door open at 4 p.m.

The event will feature food and drink specials. There is no cover charge.

R&B Nights are held on the second Friday of every month.

For more information, call 301-677-6969.

Warrant officer breakfast social

All active-duty and retired warrant officers in the Fort Meade area are invited to a meet-and-greet breakfast social on Friday at 7:30 a.m. in the Liberty Room at the Freedom Inn Dining Facility.

The event is held to network and build camaraderie and friendships.

For more information, call 301-833-5248 or email michael.r.theroux.mil@mail.mil.

Community Job Fair

The Fort Meade Community Job Fair will be held Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Club Meade, 6600 Mapes Road.

The free event is open to all job seekers and will host more than 60 employers and companies. Bring plenty of resumes.

The event also will feature a "Resume Doctor Service" that provides free resume evaluations and preparation assistance.

A free shuttle will transport attendees to the entrance of Club Meade.

Free ASL interpreter services will be

available and must be scheduled by Sept. 1.

For more information and a complete list of employers, go to meade.armymwr.com and click on "Job Fair."

OSC Super Sign-Up

The Fort Meade Officers' Spouses' Club Super Sign Up will be held Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon and from 6-8 p.m. at Heritage Park Community Center.

OSC registration is open to new, returning and prospective members: spouses and widows of officers (active-duty, warrant, Reserve, Guard and retired service members) and spouses of DoD civilians (GS9 and above) assigned to the Military District of Washington.

There is no cost.

For more information, email Annie at membership.ftmosc@gmail.com.

Right Arm Night

Bring your right arm service member, 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.

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. There is no cover charge.

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

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

For more information, call 301-677-6969.

Water flushing continues

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

- Cooper Avenue
- Ruffner Road
- MacArthur Road
- Reece Road
- 2nd Corps Boulevard
- Larkin Road
- Koogle Street
- Jordan Court
- Jones Drive
- Buffington Street
- Harris Road
- Sterling Lane
- Stewart Loop
- 2nd Army Drive
- Long Loop
- Fernandez Court
- Olive Court
- Pierce Court
- Chatillon Street
- Brandt Court
- Wilkinson Court
- Richards Court
- 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
- Inchon 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.

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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 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: Barbecue Buffet: Pulled pork, barbecue chicken and potato salad; Tuesday: Asian Buffet: Bulgogi, sweet and sour chicken, and fried rice; Wednesday: Tex Mex Buffet: Mojo pork sliders and chicken quesadillas; and Aug. 18: Seafood Buffet: Fried catfish and Seafood Newburg. 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** • Sponsorship Training: Today, 9-10 a.m. and Wednesday, 2-3:30 p.m., ACS • Retiree Brief: Monday, 8-11:30 a.m. at FFSC

Information will be provided to those within two years of retirement on Tricare, Johns Hopkins Family Health Plan, and the Navy Mutual Aid Financial Planning/ Survivor Benefit Plan. • Navy Family Orientation: Wednesday, 5-7 p.m., FFSC • TGPS (Transition, Goals, Plans, Success) Five-Day Workshop: Aug. 22-26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC • Pre-Deployment Brief: Aug. 25, 10-11:30 a.m., FFSC **Financial** • Home Buying: Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

Learn about credit reports, the mortgage and appraisal process, and many useful tools to become a more educated consumer. • Credit Management: Aug. 23, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS • 1st Term Financial Readiness (online class): 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 • Salary Negotiation: Today, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS This workshop provides an understanding of what a job offer entails, and salary and benefits negotiation as well as tips on knowing your worth. • 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 To register, go to fortmeadeacs.checkappointments.com or call 301-677-5590. For more information, call 301-677-9871.

YOUTH

Summer Reading Program

The free Summer Reading Program runs through Aug. 19 at the Children's and Young Adult Library at Kuhn Hall, 4415 Llewellyn Ave. The library is open from 10 a.m. to noon

and from 2-6 p.m. This year's theme is "Read For The Win." The last day for turning in the "Reading Log" or to collect prizes is Aug. 19. For more information, call 301-677-5677.

Driver's Ed

A certified Driver's Education Course will be offered Sept. 19-30 from 3-6:15 p.m. at the Teen Center. Cost is \$320 per student. Fee includes 30 hours of classroom education and six hours of behind-the-wheel training. Participants must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services prior to enrolling. Registration is open until Sept. 9. Spots are limited, register early. For more information, call 301-677-1156 or 301-677-1149.

Youth Tumbling

Tumbling classes will be offered to children ages 3 and older on Wednesdays starting in September at the Youth Center. Cost varies depending on age of child. Participants must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services prior to enrolling. Registration is open until Aug. 29. For more information, call 301-677-1149.

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.

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 army.mwr.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

• **Maryland State BBQ Bash** will be held Friday from 4-10 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. in Bel Air. The free, barbecue-themed festival features the Maryland State BBQ Championship, with more than 50 competition teams from the Mid-Atlantic area and beyond competing for \$12,500 in cash prizes. In addition, more than 40 amateur teams will compete in the MD State BBQ Bash Tailgate Challenge to see who has the best ribs. For more information, go to downtown-belair.com.

• **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 registration, 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.

• **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. • **Howard County Fair** will be held through Saturday at 2210 Fairground Road, West Friendship. General admission is \$5. Cost is \$2 for seniors ages 62 and older. Children under 10 attend free.

Rides and games: Today and Friday, 2-11 p.m.; and Saturday, noon-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: Friday: 11 a.m., 12:30 and 2 p.m. and Saturday: 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Square Dancing Show by Tom Thom Dance Club: Today: 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: Today at 7

p.m.

Baby Contest Miniature Parade: Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Combine Derby: Saturday at 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.

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

The association is open to active, retired, Reserve and National Guard E9s of any uniformed service. All E9s in this area are invited to attend a breakfast and meet the membership. For more information, go to e9association.org.

• **Meade Branch 212 of the Fleet Reserve Association** meets the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie. The next meeting is Saturday. Active-duty, Reserve and retired members of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are invited. For more information, call 443-604-2474 or 410-768-6288.

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

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

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

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

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

• **Military District of Washington Sergeant Audie Murphy Club** meets the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Barfield,

club vice president, at aaron.a.barfield.mil@mail.mil.

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

• **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 Aug. 18 from 1-2 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the America Building, River Conference Room (next to the Prostate Center), third floor.

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

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

• **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 Aug. 22. For more information, call Celena Flowers or Jessica Hobgood at 301-677-5590.

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

Guest speaker is George W. Owings III of the Maryland Secretary of Veteran Affairs.

Cost of luncheon is \$16. Reservations are required.

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

• **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 Sept. 1. 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 Sept. 1. All first class petty officers are invited. For more information, call PO1 Jennifer Wonch at 410-854-2763.

• **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 Sept. 1. 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 Sept. 1. For more information, visit namiaac.org.

• **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 Sept. 1.

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.

• **Retired Officers' Wives' Club** will hold its September Welcome Brunch on Sept. 6 at 11 a.m. at Club Meade for another year of programs, trips and fellowship.

Cost of the brunch is \$20. Reservations are required by noon on Sept. 1.

Call your area representative or Betty Wade at 410-551-7082.

The opening program will feature information from other clubs, community organizations and the Office of the Garrison Commander.

Membership dues are \$25 per year. Members may bring guests to the luncheons, which are held on the first Tuesday of each month, except in June, July, August and January.

Regular membership in the ROWC is extended to spouses, widows and widowers of retired officers and to retired officers of all branches of the military services.

Associate membership may be extended to adult caregivers and relatives of the household; OSC members, DOD employees who retired at the grade of GS-9 or GGD-9 and above; to local government retirees of the equivalent professional rank as the DOD members; and to veterans who served as officers in the military but separated from the service before retirement.

For more information, call Lianne Roberts, ROWC president, at 301-464-5498.

• **Project Healing Waters** meets Thursdays at Burba Lake area No. 3 in the summer. Grilling begins at 5 p.m.

In the winter, the group meets at the Rascon Building, 2481 Llewellyn Ave.

The project is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of wounded warriors and veterans through fly fishing, fly tying and outings.

For more information, call Larry Vawter, program leader, at 443-535-5074 or email thecarptman@msn.com.

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. 21

Friday: "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.

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



WALT DISNEY PICTURES

Sunday: "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.

Aug. 19 & 21: "Ghostbusters" (PG-13). Following a ghost invasion of Manhattan, paranormal enthusiasts, a nuclear engineer and a subway worker band together to stop the otherworldly threat. With Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon, Leslie Jones.

Aug. 20: "The Secret Life of Pets" (PG). The quiet life of a terrier named Max is upended when his owner takes in Duke, a stray whom Max instantly dislikes. With the voices of Louis C.K., Eric Stonestreet, Kevin Hart.