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(From left) Jade Anderson and Cecilia Luna, 4-year-olds at Child Development Center II, learned on the morning of Oct. 13 that hands are not for hitting with Fort Meade's victim advocates as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For more, go to Page 10.

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Fair takes aim  
at educating about  
sexual assault

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forge military,  
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## COMMANDER'S COLUMN - GUEST

# Reflecting on Fort Meade as it nears century mark

**H**ello, Team Meade.  
I find it exciting here  
as Fort Meade moves  
closer to celebrating 100 years of  
service to our great nation.

As a new member of the Fort Meade garrison team, I have learned how truly unique Fort Meade is from any other Army or Department of Defense installation.

The enduring value of our military and interagency partners at Fort Meade is a testament to our ability to evolve and meet the changing needs of our national defense requirements.

October is Army Cybersecurity Awareness Month. This year's cybersecurity awareness theme is "Cyber Secure: Mission Ready." The theme emphasizes the importance of cybersecurity for protecting the Army against cyber threats that endanger Soldiers, compromise information systems and threaten mission success.

During this month, we recognize and place more emphasis on cybersecurity and we're reminded of the significant and changing role of Fort Meade as the "Nation's Center for Information, Intelligence and Cyber Operations."

Cybersecurity is everyone's responsibility. All members of the Total Army — Soldiers, civilians and family members — play a key role in protecting information systems.

Last month, we upgraded our online presence to highlight personal and professional actions we can take to protect our



**Lt. Col.  
Gittipong  
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online abilities — professionally and personally.

I strongly suggest you take a look at the material and information hosted there. It will be useful in improving the safety and security of your — and your family's — online presence and enhanced protection of personally identifiable information.

Check out the site on Fort Meade's home page at [www.ftmeade.army.mil/cyber/index.html](http://www.ftmeade.army.mil/cyber/index.html).

I would like to take a moment to congratulate our many Fort Meade-based run teams that took part in the annual Army Ten-Miler on Oct. 9. What a great opportunity to compete, have fun and build relationships with other like-minded and dedicated professional Soldiers, civilians and family members!

I can't say enough about how these kinds of activities help build community, esprit-de-corps and depth to our ability to accomplish the Army's mission.

We have several Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation events coming up such as the Ghosts, Ghouls, & Goblins 5K Run and 1-Mile Fun Walk on Saturday at 8 a.m. and Pet Costume Contest at 9:30 a.m. at the Pavilion. Fort Meade's annual Army-Navy Flag Football game and tailgate will be held Nov. 8. After you're done voting, bring your family out to Mullins Field for football and free food, courtesy of the West Anne Arundel County Change of Commerce.

Let's be involved, Team Meade!

## Cybersecurity Readiness Tips

Here are a few tips that you can use to ensure you are doing your part to be cyber ready:

- ◆ Keep a clean machine. Ensure that your security software is current. Having the latest security software, web browser and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware and other online threats.
- ◆ Protect your personal information. Make sure your passwords are long and strong. Combine uppercase and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols to create a more secure password.
- ◆ Connect with care. When in doubt, throw it out. Links in email, tweets, posts and online advertising are often the way cybercriminals compromise your computer. If it looks suspicious — even if you know the source — it's best to delete or if appropriate, mark as junk email.
- ◆ Be web wise. Think before you act. Be wary of communications that implore you to act immediately.

# Traffic safety officers go above and beyond

## Training credited for drop in number of vehicle accidents

BY GANESA ROBINSON  
Editor, Soundoff!

**F**ort Meade officials credit the dedication and skills of their traffic safety officers for the significant decline in traffic accidents and collisions on post.

Lt. Daniel Schismenos, traffic chief for the Fort Meade Directorate of Emergency Services, attributes the decline in traffic collisions on the installation to the specialized training and certifications that his officers attained through the Traffic Safety Specialist Program.

### 'A Higher Standard'

Last month, six Fort Meade military and civilian police officers were recognized for their distinctive service and contributions to traffic safety at the 2016 Maryland Traffic Safety Specialist Awards Luncheon.

"It [TSS designation] sets a higher standard than what is required by the Department of the Army or DoD," said Schismenos, who came to Fort Meade in February 2014. "It's a recognition from the state for the hard work that the officers and MPs put into their job."

Schismenos said there are only 1,000 law enforcement officers who have been accepted into the TSS program. Currently, nine out of 10 of Schismenos' traffic officers have earned at least one level of the TSS designation. One officer is in the application process.

"There's only six active Army MPs that have this designation in the entire state — and they all come from this traffic section," said Schismenos, who earned his TSS-II certification last month. "As of right now, we have a total of 16 officers that have been recognized. Out of the six MPs, we have one who is working on their Level 2 designation."

Funded through a grant by the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Traffic Safety Specialist program is a collaborative project of the Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, Maryland Sheriff's Association, and Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions.



COURTESY FORT MEADE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Sgt. Brandyn Stark, Lt. Daniel Schismenos, Officer Anthony Stiner, Spc. Adam Ulmer, Staff Sgt. Richard Hall, Officer Timothy Robinson and Field Training Officer Cpl. Kevin Godfrey hold their Traffic Safety Specialist awards.**

### TSS 2016 Recipients

The following Fort Meade police officers and military police were recognized as 2016 TSS designation recipients:

- ◆ Lt. Daniel Schismenos (TSS-II)
- ◆ Sgt. Brandyn Stark (TSS-I)
- ◆ Cpl. Kevin Godfrey (TSS-I)
- ◆ Officer Timothy Robinson (TSS-I)
- ◆ Officer Anthony Stiner (TSS-I)
- ◆ Spc. Adam Ulmer (TSS-I)

TSS designations are awarded at three levels: TSS-I, TSS-II and TSS-III, with each successive level reflecting increasing degrees of experience and specialized training in traffic safety.

Levels II and III also require submission of a formal paper, which must be reviewed and approved by the TSS executive committee.

"Clearly, these award recipients epitomize the spirit of the TSS program," said Thomas J. Gianni, chief of the Maryland Highway Safety Office. "Effective traffic enforcement translates to fewer crashes, fewer injuries and fewer deaths on our roadways."

"Traffic safety is public safety, and we congratulate the awardees on their very

***"It's a recognition from the state for the hard work that the officers and MPs put into their job."***

*Lt. Daniel Schismenos, traffic chief, Fort Meade Directorate of Emergency Services*

distinguished achievement."

### Providing Better Service

For Spc. Kelsey Levesque, traffic management and collision investigator, the TSS designation is validation that the skills and training she has attained have made her a greater asset to the Fort Meade Police. She earned her TSS-I designation last year.

"My acceptance into the TSS program should just reassure the Fort Meade community that, as traffic investigators, we are willing to go above and beyond to gain advanced knowledge on the local Maryland safety requirements and laws to become

better traffic investigators," Levesque said.

Schismenos correlates the decline of traffic collisions and the professionalism and expertise of his traffic officers to the experience they attained through the TSS program.

"It's cause and effect, he said. "We're using what we've learned and applying it to being a better professional, which means that we will provide a better service."

In 2015, roadway traffic collisions were reduced by 22 percent on the installation, said Schismenos. This year, he said, there have been 70 fewer crashes than in 2015. In addition, zero traffic incidents have occurred during traffic stops and events.

According to Schismenos, Fort Meade police officers and military police have been involved in the TSS program since 2012.

"My guys are held to a higher standard and they pull through," Schismenos said. "This is individual recognition for [them]. They don't really get individually recognized for our national and state awards, so this is something that's good."

Staff Sgt. Richard Hall serves as the Fort Meade traffic noncommissioned officer in charge. He is working on his TSS-II designation, which includes a formal submission and the implementation of a traffic enforcement campaign.

Hall said he is focusing his project on aggressive driving, since the tendencies associated with aggressive driving account for over 75 percent of traffic collisions on post.

According to Hall, the program enhanced his skills.

"It forced me to look deeper into why we are having these traffic collisions," he said.

This month, the Fort Meade Police will utilize Hall's enforcement campaign for aggressive driving.

"From this, I hope that it will help decrease our traffic collisions from now until the future," Hall said.

Schismenos said that the use of traffic stops is one way his department educates and informs the community about traffic safety.

"We're constantly moving around and looking at the interior of the installation," Schismenos said. "We don't sit idle. I'd rather have my guys do traffic enforcement than be crash investigators."



# County public schools to pay for ACT exam

BY **LISA R. RHODES**  
Staff Writer

Meade High School juniors who take the ACT college entrance exam this spring will not have to pay to take the test.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools announced late last month that it will pay for all high school juniors to take the ACT college entrance exam.

"This is a quantum leap forward for us in terms of enhancing not only the ability of our students to be prepared for the rigors of college, but the way we assess their progress toward this goal," AACPS Superintendent George Arlotto said in a press statement. "The ACT is highly respected, widely accepted measure of college readiness, and we are thrilled to be able to provide it for all our 11th graders."

The ACT is designed to assess the degree to which a student is prepared for college-level work. The test has four main sections: English, reading, math and science, as well as an optional writing component.

Fort Meade School Liaison Officer Antoinette Parker said the decision to cover the cost of the ACT exam is "a major benefit" for Fort Meade students.

"Covering the costs of this important exam ensures two important factors — accessibility and affordability," she said. "I believe it is a great idea to allow these students to prepare for the rigors of college without the added stress of finances."

According to the ACT website, it costs students \$42.50 to take the exam without the writing component and \$58.50 with the writing component. The test scores are

sent to the student, the high school and up to four requested colleges.

Approximately 5,600 county high school juniors will be given all but the writing component of the exam in April when it is administered.

The cost of administering the test is expected to be approximately \$200,000 for the county school system. The funds will come from existing allocations and will not require any additional appropriation from the county.

As part of the shift, AACPS will offset some of the cost by no longer paying to administer the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), the precursor to the SAT, to students in grades nine to 11. Students will be responsible for the \$15 fee to take the PSAT.

Maneka Monk, a spokesperson for



AACPS, said that since the county is focusing on the preparation of high school juniors for college, seniors who want to take the ACT exam will be responsible for the required fee.

# Great deals for good grades: Exchange rewards students for academic performance

**ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE**  
Staff Writer

Fort Meade students can turn good grades into rewards with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's "You Made the Grade" program.

From first-graders to high school seniors, pupils who maintain a B average or higher are eligible for the program that recognizes academic excellence.

"For 16 years, the Exchange has been honored to reward military students who make it their mission to succeed in the classroom through the You Made the Grade Program," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, Exchange senior enlisted adviser.

You Made the Grade rewards students in military families with a coupon booklet filled with free offers and discounts, including a regular 6-inch Subway sandwich and a Burger King Tendergrill chicken sandwich.

Those who make the grade will also score Snack Avenue coupons for a free 16-ounce drink, a complimentary hot dog and more.

Students with a B average or better also can enter the "You Made the Grade" semiannual sweepstakes to receive gift

cards worth \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$500.

"The Fort Meade Exchange is proud to reward military students who make it their mission to do well in school," said Fort Meade Exchange General Manager Michele Weisshaar.

"Service members' children face unique challenges inside and outside the classroom. The Fort Meade Exchange recognizes these students' challenges, and they deserve to be rewarded."

According to MilitaryFamily.org, most military children will attend nine different schools from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Students, including those who are home-schooled, can receive a "You Made the Grade" coupon booklet by presenting a valid military I.D. and proof of an overall B average at the Fort Meade Exchange receptionist desk.

Eligible students can pick up one coupon booklet for each qualifying report card.

Entries for the gift card sweepstakes drawing can be submitted twice a year, with drawings typically held in June and December.

For more information about the Exchange You Made the Grade Program, check with your local Exchange store manager.



# Failure to pay child support can be costly

Suspended license, wage garnishment are penalties

BY JANE M. WINAND  
Chief, Legal Assistance Division

Generally, the responsibility to pay child support is established through a court order that requires a non-custodial parent to make payments to the parent who has custody of the child.

Child support is based on the premise that children have the right to benefit from the income of both parents, even if the parents are not together and jointly supporting the child. Child support payments help cover the cost of food, medical care, clothing and all other expenses associated with raising a child.

Child support is often part of a court order entered in a divorce, marital separation or establishment of paternity.

The states differ in both how they process requests for child support and how the amount of child support is

calculated. The Maryland guidelines utilize an income shares model to calculate child support.

Pursuant to the Maryland law, both parents' incomes are included to calculate the amount of child support. The guidelines also take into account such factors as the child's health insurance costs, current child support being paid for other children, and the cost of day care for the child.

## Financial Consequences

Child support payments may be mailed to the custodial parent or directly deposited into the custodial parent's account. The state's child support enforcement agency can assist with setting up payment arrangements.

Wage garnishment or attachment is often required in child support court orders. Wage attachment is the process of deducting money directly from an employee's salary.

A non-custodial parent whose wages are being garnished as a result of a court

order for child support is required to notify the state's child support agency when he or she moves or changes jobs so that the garnishment will transfer to the new employer.

The Maryland state code requires child support to be paid until the child reaches the age of 18. But the obligation may be extended if the child is still in high school at age 18. Nonetheless, child support will stop when the child graduates from high school or reaches the age of 19, whichever event first occurs.

Child support obligations vary from state to state. If the non-custodial parent has fallen behind and support becomes past-due, states can continue to enforce payment obligations until the arrears are paid in full, regardless of the age of the child.

Child support obligations may be modified in certain situations. In Maryland, either parent may request a modification review of the court order if there has been a change in circumstances, or if three years have passed

since the order was entered or last reviewed for modification.

Examples that may warrant modification include a significant change in income, or changes in work-related day care costs, health care costs, custody or the financial needs of the child.

Failure to pay child support may result in serious financial consequences. To collect child support arrearages, states may intercept federal and state tax refunds or lottery winnings from the delinquent parent.

States also may enter adverse information on the credit history of a delinquent parent, request suspension of the parent's driver's license, seek garnishment of funds held by banks and other financial institutions, and bring a contempt of court action against a nonpaying parent.

It is the parent's responsibility to make sure that payments are made on time.

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# Fair spotlights sexual assault resources

BY LISA R. RHODES  
Staff Writer

**W**hen Latrice Washington-Williams, the civilian victim advocate for Naval Operations Information Command Maryland, started in her position two years ago, very few victims of sexual assault reported incidents.

Washington-Williams said that today, the number of reported cases has increased by 60 percent.

"They [victims] feel more comfortable in reporting," Washington-Williams said. "Coming forward is a good thing."

To educate the Fort Meade community about sexual assault, and the services and resources that are available to victims, NIOC Maryland is hosting its first Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Fair on Oct. 27.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McGill Training Center, 8452 Zimborski Ave.

The fair "is an awareness and education tool" for all the services at Fort Meade, Washington-Williams said.

Corvias Military Living and Mission BBQ are sponsoring the fair. Corvias, the Fort Meade USO and Nando's Peri-Peri, an Afro-Portuguese restaurant based in Waugh Chapel, will provide food and refreshments.



PHOTO BY LISA R. RHODES

**Latrice Washington-Williams (left), civilian victim advocate for Naval Information Operations Command Maryland, and Brittany Marshall, a counselor with NIOC Maryland, review a flier for its Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Fair.**

Mission BBQ will donate gift baskets to be raffled.

Washington-Williams, the event organizer, has invited Fort Meade's sexual

assault response coordinators and victim advocates for the Navy, Army, Marines and Air Force. The SARCs from Fort Detrick and the Washington Navy Yard also have been invited.

Kimbrough Ambulatory Center's Behavioral Health and Preventive Medicine divisions also will participate.

"We're all separate entities. However, we operate under one mission and that is to provide services for sexual assault victims and survivors," Washington-Williams said. "This is a one-stop shop for victims, survivors and advocates."

In addition, representatives from the Naval Criminal Investigation Service from the U.S. Naval Academy, Fort Meade's military police and Fort Meade's Criminal Investigation Division also will attend.

## A face with a program

Community partners include HopeWorks of Howard County, Family Justice Center of Prince George's County, Anne Arundel County Police; Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center; Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Sexual Assault Legal Institute and the Anne Arundel County YMCA.

Sexual assault forensic nurses from

the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center and Med Star Montgomery Medical Center also will attend, along with Jaime Longobardi, the general medical officer for NIOC Maryland.

Representatives from Fort Meade's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, the Navy Victims' Legal Counsel and the Army Special Victim Counsel also will attend.

"The main reason we're doing this is to put a face with a program and a name with a face," Washington-Williams said. "We want people to understand how the military handles sexual assault and how the military has active, positive relationships with [our] civilian counterparts."

Washington-Williams said the number of reported sexual assault cases has increased for NIOC Maryland because victims have the option of a restricted or unrestricted report.

A restricted report allows the victim to remain anonymous and still receive medical, advocacy and chaplain services. There is no criminal investigation and the perpetrator is not identified.

If the victim or perpetrator is a service member, the commander of the unit is notified that an assault has taken place, but no other personal information is revealed.

An unrestricted report allows victims to receive all services that are granted under a restricted report. However, personal information about the victim and the perpetrator are required so a criminal investigation can proceed. If the case involves service members, the commander of the unit is notified and the parties are identified.

If victims feel unsafe in their unit, they are given an expedited transfer to a safer unit or command during the investigation. If necessary, a military protective order is obtained forbidding contact between the perpetrator and the victim on the identified military installation.

A victim or civilian can be granted a protective order for the surrounding jurisdictions.

Washington-Williams said these options have empowered victims to act on their own behalf and in their best interest. In the past, many victims have felt reluctant to report their assault because of the fear of stigma and retribution, she said. Today, she said, "they feel supported by our program."

"It is better to be aware of all the supporting agencies, organizations, individuals and services and not need them,

## A restricted report of a sexual assault allows a victim the following rights:

- To remain anonymous
- To not identify the perpetrator
- To receive medical, advocacy and chaplain services
- To not be the subject of a criminal investigation

## If the victim or perpetrator is a service member:

- The commander of the unit is notified that an assault has taken place.
- The victim and perpetrator remain anonymous.

## An unrestricted report of a sexual assault allows a victim the following rights:

- To receive medical, advocacy and chaplain services
- The victim and perpetrator are identified so a criminal investigation can proceed.

## If the case involves service members:

- The commander of the unit is notified.
- The victim and the perpetrator are identified.

If a sexual assault victim who is a service member feels unsafe in their unit, they are given an expedited transfer to a safer unit or command.

# Enigma machine gets a face-lift

BY LOUIS LETO

National Cryptologic Museum

**T**here is a lot that people don't know about the National Cryptologic Museum.

For one, the building that is now the NCM was once part of a motel and dinner theater, the Colony Seven Motel. The government bought the facility in the early 1990s and, in 1993, it became one of the most unique museums in the capital area.

In fact, a *Washington Post* writer called the NCM, "America's Hidden Treasure."

Secondly, NCM is the only public museum in the intelligence community.

One can find tons of unique artifacts at the NCM, but the most popular is, and always has been, the Enigma. While Enigma machines can be found in collections throughout the world, the machines at the NCM are working, authentic World War II machines that visitors may operate.

In what other public museum can one step up to a working, authentic, World War II Enigma machine and encrypt a

message?

Recently, the NCM gave its Enigma exhibit a major face-lift. New placards explain the history and development of the machine from the early 1920s to the end of World War II. They describe the mathematics behind the wired rotors, plug board and reflector plate that gave it its powerful  $3 \times 10^{14}$  permutation capability, and how the code was finally broken by the Poles, and later further exploited by the British and Americans.

After learning all of the fascinating facts about the "unbreakable" Enigma, visitors can encrypt messages of their own and learn about the machine that broke the code.

According to its website, the NCM is a place where "visitors can catch a glimpse of some of the most dramatic moments in the history of American cryptology: the people who devoted their lives to cryptology and national defense, the machines and devices they developed, the techniques they used, and the places where they worked."

For more information, visit [www.nsa.gov/about/cryptologic-heritage/museum](http://www.nsa.gov/about/cryptologic-heritage/museum).



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**The Enigma exhibit at the National Cryptologic Museum allows visitors to operate the WWII German encryption technology that was broken by the Allies.**

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### FAST FACTS

- 📍 Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.
- ⭐ Served in the US Navy for 10 years.
- ❤️ Married for 8 years. Expecting 3rd child.
- 🏍️ Semi-professional BMX biker.
- 👤 First person in the family to serve in the military.
- 🎬 Favorite Sports Movie: "The Rookie"
- 👁️ Favorite Sports Team: SF Giants
- 🏆 Favorite Athlete: Barry Bonds

### MEET COACH WALKER



#### DO YOU HAVE ANY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE COACHING?

I don't have any experience coaching, but I was the captain of the baseball and basketball teams in high school.



#### WHY DID YOU BECOME A COACH?

I just really like to coach, teach and train especially when it involves a younger generation and learning a new game. I like being able to see where the kids are at the beginning of the season and watching them grow in the sport.



#### WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT COACHING SPORTS?

I believe bringing kids up in sports really helps with teamwork and respect for others. My dad always volunteered to coach and I loved being able to spend time with him.

*Volunteering gives me a chance to make up for any lost time with my kids due to deployments throughout their lives.*

- PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS JOSHUA WALKER  
VOLUNTEER COACH

Volunteers are the backbone of all youth sports programs. If you are interested in coaching, please call (301) 677-1179.



# Band member finds fulfillment in mission

BY 2ND LT. CHRISTINA MUNCEY

Defense Information School

When she was around 7 or 8 years old, Staff Sgt. Selena A. Maytum, a special band musician assigned to the U.S. Army Field Band, went with her parents to a concert performed by the President's Own U.S. Marine Band.

It was after that concert that Maytum became interested in the French horn, according to her dad. From that point, Maytum always knew she would have a career in music.

As a child, Maytum wanted to be a band director like both of her parents.

"By the time I was 12 or 13, I was going to do what mom and dad do — done deal," Maytum said.

Maytum received her Bachelor of Music degree in music education and a Master of Music in horn performance with a minor in wind conducting before teaching high school for four years. She then decided to pursue a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in horn performance, which propelled her musical career into a different direction.

After auditioning for various positions across the country, Maytum was offered a job with the U.S. Army Field Band. Like so many other educated musicians, Maytum said she decided to use her musical gift in service to the United States.

The mission of the Field Band is to "serve and inspire the American people by telling the Army story," and honoring Soldiers and veterans at home and abroad as the musical ambassadors of the Army.

Because the DoD is the largest employer of musicians in the U.S., many musicians find themselves playing in a band with one of the five military service branches.

While a degree in music is not required to be selected for the Field Band, it certainly helps. Maytum, who hopes to be awarded her doctorate in December, said she believes up to three-quarters of the Field Band has a master's degree and around 12 members have their DMA.

Staff Sgt. Andrew F. Emerich, a special band musician assigned to the U.S. Army Field Band as a percussionist, has a similar background to Maytum. Both of his parents were once rock musicians, and they gave him his first informal



PHOTO BY ROB MCIVER

Staff Sgt. Selena A. Maytum (at left) performs the national anthem in concert with the U.S. Army Field Band.

training when he was 5.

Though Emerich began his college education thinking he would pursue a degree in medicine, he soon changed his focus to music. "I switched to music performance because it was what I really wanted to do," Emerich said.

Emerich has a bachelor's degree in music performance and a Master of Music in performance. Like Maytum, Emerich was working on his DMA when he won the audition with the Field Band.

Unlike Maytum, Emerich decided not to complete his DMA once he got the job.

"The unique playing requirements of my position immediately appealed to me," said Emerich, addressing what it is that drives him and so many educated musicians to turn to the military for employment. "I could use both my classical training and my drum-set experience in one job. It's almost impossible to find such a job in another ensemble."

For Maytum, it's the mission. "I love the mission of the Army Field Band," she said.

The Field Band spends more than 100 days on the road, traveling the country and sharing the Army story. There is a meaningful relationship that is forged between the musicians and the audience through the course of a concert, said Maytum. Through that relationship, she said, the audience feels more connected to its military, just because the band played a Billy Joel song.

The responses from the audience are one of Maytum's favorite parts of performing with the Field Band, although being able to work with musical and professional Soldiers is another perk. Being a member of the Field Band is not without its challenges, however. Those 100-plus days on the road every year pose difficulties not only for the Soldier-musicians but also their families.

Maytum has found a way to remain productive, despite days that keep her on the bus for more than 10 hours.

"I move into my bus seat," she said. "A lot of us bring whatever we're working on. I'm working on my dissertation, so I bring my laptop. People bring books. We have people working on musical arrangements. They'll bring music software and a couple scores and be doing musical arrangements for the band."

Talented and educated musicians from a wide variety of backgrounds, like Maytum and Emerich, decide to join the armed services for a variety of reasons. While she did not think her musical journey would lead her to the Army, Maytum said she is proud to be a Soldier.

Maytum said she believes things work out for a reason and that this is the right path for her.

"I'm proud of my job," she said. "I'm proud of my unit and of my colleagues."



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## A little ditty about Dak and Tony

**A**s a lifelong Cowboys fan, I've come to learn that when Jerry Jones winks, I'm going to cry.

So when I saw Cousin Jerry (He's not really my cousin, though we both are from Arkansas) flash reporters a wink, accompanied by his billion dollar oil-man's grin when discussing the Cowboys' future quarterback, I invested in some tissues.

Part of my concern is, I don't know who America's Team should select as America's quarterback: The proverbial veteran and potential Hall-of-Famer Tony Romo or rookie sensation Dak Prescott? It truly is a scene out of Oliver Stone's "Any Given Sunday."

Prescott has the Cowboys hitting on all cylinders. The team is 5-1 after Sunday's 30-16 domination in Green Bay. More than that, the team looks like it is having fun, which is easy when you are grinding up opposing defenses <http://bit.ly/2dZdiu3> behind the most dominating offensive line since the '90s Cowboys.

The Cowboys — even without Romo or All-Pro wide receiver Dez Bryant — are third in the NFL in total offense and second in the league in rushing — thanks largely to record-setting rookie Ezekiel Elliott, who is running so well I've nearly forgotten where he went to school.

Prescott's Cowboys lead the league in time of possession, which has helped the Boys' much-maligned defense rank a respectable eighth in points allowed per game.

So what's the problem, right? What has Tony Romo really done for Dallas besides lose playoff games?

I'll admit Romo has had some less than stellar moments: See Seattle Seahawks' playoff game and almost every other win-or-go-home game he's played in since taking over the reins in 2006.

He's also broke. I hate to say the dude is fragile as porcelain, but he is. However — and here's where the problems are — when Romo is upright and playing, he's great.

Romo is a Super Bowl away from being a sure-fire Hall-of-Famer, and he probably should have gotten that ring back in 2014 when the referees stole a playoff game against the Packers.

Speaking of playoffs, my best argument for Romo is he's been through the trials and has figured out how to overcome his issues. Prescott is just learning his.

Prescott (My daughter thought it better to call him that as opposed to Dak) has



**Chad T. Jones**

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made great throws and decisions, but the more the team is opening up its playbook, the more you can see some of his flaws. He's missed some easy throws, looked confused by some of the looks the Packers gave him, and he did throw his first interception.

All of these things are natural for a rookie QB and will probably increase as teams get more tape on him.

Playoff teams will be able to exploit those flaws. Of course, there probably isn't anything they'll be able to do with that offensive line, "Zeke" Alfred Morris, Jason Witten, hopefully Dez, etc., etc. However, there are things that go into playoff football that Prescott hasn't experienced yet.

Romo has prepared for and won late-December showdowns and playoff games. He's rallied his team from late deficits, and if healthy, he would make an already good offense, great — maybe even the best in the league.

So, here are my Courses of Action:

COA 1: Play Romo when he is absolutely healthy — thinking Week 8 or 9. Let him teach Prescott how to prepare for and execute during a playoff run. Then, after the Super Bowl, trade Romo to some desperate team like the New York Jets or Cleveland Browns for a few top draft picks. Remember, Minnesota gave up a first- and fourth-round pick for Sam Bradford.

COA 2: Let Prescott play until he begins to struggle. Then bring in Romo and follow COA 1. ? Remember, if Tony gets hurt, all you have to do is put in Prescott.

COA 3: Keep Prescott in the starting lineup and keep Romo as the best backup in the NFL. Then trade Romo next year. New England followed this COA when they allowed a then-unknown Tom Brady to keep his job even after All-Pro QB Drew Bledsoe was healthy.

Bledsoe rode the bench until he helped the Patriots win the AFC Championship game. He then went back to the bench for the Super Bowl before finally moving on to the Cowboys.

Bottom line is, America's Team looks to have some pretty able hands under center for the foreseeable future. That's bad for you unpatriotic, Cowboy haters.

But I'm starting to see those tears I'll be crying after Jerry's wink may just be tears of Joy.

*If you have comments on this or anything to do with sports, contact me at [chad.t.jones.civ@mail.mil](mailto:chad.t.jones.civ@mail.mil) or hit me up on Twitter @CTJibber.*

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Ghosts, Ghouls and Goblins 5K

Dress in costume for the Ghosts, Ghouls and Goblins 5K Run and 1-Mile Fun Walk on Saturday at 8 a.m. beginning at the Pavilion.

Bring your pet to run with you and enter him in the Pet Costume Contest following the run.

This is the only run where pets are permitted.

Registration costs \$25 per person, and \$60 per family of three to six people.

Register online at [meade.armymwr.com/us/meade/programs/run-series](http://meade.armymwr.com/us/meade/programs/run-series).

For more information, call 301-677-7916.

### Domestic Violence walk

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Preregistration is required.

For more information, call 301-677-4117.

### Army vs. Navy Flag Football

Fort Meade's annual Army vs. Navy Flag Football game will be held Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. at Mullins Field.

The tailgating party begins at 3 p.m. with free food, beverages, moon bounce, giveaways and prize drawings.

Come out and support your favorite team.

For more information, call 301-677-3318.

### EFMP Bowling

The Exceptional Family Member Program offers bowling for exceptional families on the third Wednesday of every month from 5:30-7 p.m. at The Lanes.

The next event is Nov. 16.

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

Discounted games and shoes are available for \$2 each to other family members.

To register, call Sonya Zoller at 301-677-4779.

### Halloween Zumbathon

A Halloween Zumbathon will be held Oct. 28 from 5-7 p.m. at Gaffney Fitness Center, 6330 Broadfoot Road.

The free event offers two hours of nonstop, high-energy dancing, fun and sweat.

Classes are suitable for all fitness levels.

Costumes are encouraged.

For more information, call 301-677-3716 or visit [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

### Turkey Torcher Aerobathaon

The Turkey Torcher Aerobathaon will be held Nov. 25 at 10 a.m. at Gaffney Fitness Center, 6330 Broadfoot Road.

Burn 1,000 calories or more at this workout.

Participants will cycle, dance, squat, curl and seat the morning away, then finish with relaxing yoga.

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### Pigskin Pick'em Contest

Take part in the NFL Football contest at The Lanes that runs through December.

Participants can pick up a free entry form and select the anticipated game winners of all Sunday NFL games.

Entry forms will be available every Tuesday beginning at 4 p.m. for that Sunday's game.

Entry forms must be submitted by 1 p.m. Sunday at The Lanes.

Weekly winners will receive a prize pack and be entered for a chance to win the grand prize.

The contest is free and open to the entire Fort Meade community.

Watch Sunday games on The Lounge's large TV screens, and enjoy food and beverage specials.

For additional contest guidelines and rules, visit [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

### Youth Sports registration

Registration for the 2016-2017 Youth Sports winter season is underway.

Sports include fustal and basketball.

Volunteer coaches are needed for all sports, and will receive free training and a coach's discount for their children.

For more information, call the Youth Sports & Fitness Office at 301-677-1329 or 301-677-1179.

### Vinyasa Yoga classes

Vinyasa Yoga is offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8-9:30 a.m. at Gaffney Fitness Center.

This class emphasizes breathing techniques, flowing poses, increasing balance, stretching and relaxation.

All levels are welcome.

Classes are open to all authorized user ages 18 and older.

For more information call 301-677-2349.



## NEWS & NOTES

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

### How to submit announcements

Community members can advertise their upcoming event, meeting or class on the *Soundoff!* community announcements page by visiting [ftmeade.army.mil](http://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

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](http://goo.gl/xyTzhg).

### Retiree Appreciation Day

Fort Meade's annual Retiree Appreciation Day will be held Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at McGill Training Center, 8452 Zimborski Ave.

The event is sponsored by the garrison commander and the Retirement Services Office.

The keynote speaker is George W. Owings III, secretary of the Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs.

Retirees can meet representatives of various agencies.

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### Pet Costume Contest

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Registration will take place the day of the event from 7-9 a.m.

All participants will be given goodie bags. Prizes will be awarded to winners in various categories.

For more information, call 301-677-4059 or visit [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

### 'Day at the Farm'

The Exceptional Member Program's "Day at the Farm" is Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Maryland Therapeutic Riding Farm, 1141 Sunrise Beach Road, Crownsville.

The free event will feature horseback riding, hands-on activities with the horses and lunch.

The event is only open to active-duty service members with an EFMP-enrolled child.

To participate, children must be 5 years old by the day of the event.

To register, call Cheryl Rendon at 301-677-5662 or email [cheryl.rendon.civ@mail.mil](mailto:cheryl.rendon.civ@mail.mil).

### Veterans Job Fair

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

The job fair is open to the public and all job seekers.

A free resume evaluation and preparation assistance service will be available.

Anticipate lines at the installation's access control point and at the fair.

A free shuttle will transport job seekers from the Visitor Control Center to Club Meade.

If you do not have a DoD identification card, you must go to the Visitor Control Center on Reece Road and present a photo ID card or driver's license.

The event is hosted by the Fort Meade Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; DLLR/American Job Center; Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation; Army Community Service; Navy Fleet and Family Support Center; and Soldier For Life-Transition Assistance Program.

For a list of all attending employers, visit [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

For more information, email [je-rome.duncan@maryland.gov](mailto:je-rome.duncan@maryland.gov).

### Veterans Appreciation Day Luncheon

The Veterans Appreciation Day Luncheon, sponsored by the Fort Meade Retired Officers' Wives' Club and other organizations, will be held Nov. 5 at 10:30 a.m. at Club Meade, 6600 Mapes Road.

Check-in and socializing begin at 9:45 a.m.

Reservations are required by Sunday. Seating is limited.

Co-sponsors include the Association of the United States Army, Enlisted Spouses' Club, Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of the World Wars, Officers' Spouses' Club and the Retired Enlisted Association.

The keynote speaker is Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes.

The choral group Baron 52 will perform a patriotic musical tribute.

Cost of luncheon is \$30. Entree choices include London broil, chicken cordon bleu or vegetable lasagna, and dessert.

For reservation forms or more information, call co-chairpersons Lianne Roberts at 301-464-5498 or Althea Freeman at 410-451-9709.

### Right Arm Night

Bring your right arm service member, co-worker or employee to Club Meade for a fun evening of free food, music, dancing and camaraderie on Oct. 27 from 4-6 p.m.

The free event is open to all ranks and services, military and civilians.

Reserve a table at 301-677-6969.

### Latin Night

Enjoy an evening of dancing at Latin Night on Oct. 28 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Club Meade.

A variety of music will be playing including salsa, bachata, merengue, cumbia, house and reggaetown.

The event includes food and beverage specials. There is no cover charge.

Latin Night is held the last Friday of each month.

For more information, call 301-677-6969.

### Thrift Shop's new location

The Post Thrift Shop is now located at 392 Llewellyn Ave.

The shop is operated by staff and volunteers, run by the Post Thrift Shop Council, and overseen by the Enlisted Spouses' Club.

Profits are donated to the ESC and returned to the community and military-affiliated organizations.

Hours are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Consignments are taken by appointment only.

For more information, call 410-672-3575.

### Wounded Warrior/Military Appreciation Night

Bengies Drive-In Theatre, located at 3417 Eastern Blvd. in Baltimore, is sponsoring a Wounded Warrior/Military Appreciation Night on Saturday.

Bengies is offering free tickets and discounted food for wounded warriors, service members, and DoD and DA civilians who work at Fort Meade. ID card is required.

The qualified warrior and their one guest will be admitted for free. They also will receive a free large popcorn and soda and a 20 percent discount on all food purchased at the snack bar.

For more information, visit [bengies.com](http://bengies.com).

### Flu shots

The Anne Arundel County Department of Health is providing seasonal flu vaccinations at walk-in clinics.

The injectable vaccine for ages 6 months and older and the high-dose flu shot for ages 65 and older will be available. No appointment is required.

Although immunizations are free, the department appreciates donations to help pay the cost of administering the vaccines.

The clinic is providing vaccinations on the following dates:

- Today, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Glen Burnie Health Center, 416 A Street S.W., Glen Burnie
- Children and Parents Clinic (schools are closed.)

Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Glen Burnie Health Center, 416 A Street S.W., Glen Burnie

- Nov. 1, 1-7 p.m. Glen Burnie Health Center, 416 A Street S.W., Glen Burnie
- Nov. 10, 1-7 p.m.

Health Services Building, 3 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis

For more information, go to [aahealth.org](http://aahealth.org) or call the Flu Information Line at 410-222-7343.

## EDUCATION

### AEC open house

The Fort Meade Army Education Center will hold an open house Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its new location at 2474

Ernie Pyle St.

Refreshments will be served. Enjoy a cup of chili as the staff settles into its new location.

College representatives for Anne Arundel Community College, University of Maryland University College and Central Michigan University will greet attendees.

For more information, call 301-677-6421.

Love Languages Workshop

The “5 Love Languages” workshop will be offered Monday from 2-4 p.m. at the Family Advocacy Center, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave.

During this relationship-enhancement workshop, learn to identify your partner’s primary love language and how to improve communication.

All registered participants will receive free educational materials.

The workshop is open to couples and singles.

Preregistration is required.

To register or for more information, call 301-677-4118.

Financial, Job Readiness

Joint Services offers workshops and briefings by Army Community Service at the Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave., and the Navy Fleet and Family Support Center at 2212 Chisholm Ave., unless otherwise noted.

The free classes are open to active-duty service members and family members, DoD civilian employees and retirees. Registration is required for each class.

Military

• Pre-Deployment Brief: Today, 10-11:30 a.m., FFSC

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

• Relocation Readiness Sponsorship Training: Wednesday, 2-3:30 p.m., FFSC

• Navy Family Orientation: Wednesday, 5-7 p.m., FFSC

• Pre-Separation Brief: Oct. 27, 9-11:30 a.m., FFSC

• TGPS Five-Day Workshops (Transition, Goals, Plans, Success): Oct. 31-Nov. 4: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC

Nov. 14-18: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC

Employment

• Social Media for Job Seekers: Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

• Veterans Job Fair: Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Club Meade

Job fair is open to veterans and non-veterans.

Financial

• Salary Negotiation: Today, 9 a.m. to noon, ACS

This workshop provides an understanding of what a job offer entails, salary and benefits negotiation as well as tips on



The Combined Federal Campaign is an annual authorized solicitation of federal employees in their workplace that runs Sept. 1 through Dec. 15. Proceeds from CFC are donated to approved charitable organizations.

knowing your worth.

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

• First Term Financial Readiness (online class): Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., ACS

This eight-hour course is required for all first-term service members.

To register, call FFSC at 301-677-9017 or ACS at 301-677-5590, or visit fortmeadeacs.checkappointments.com.

Homeschool Group

The Fort Meade Homeschool Group meets throughout the year for field trips and social outings.

For information on upcoming events, visit the “Fort Meade Homeschool Group” on Facebook. Go to facebook.com/groups/FortMeadeHomeschoolGroup.

YOUTH

Hallelujah Festival

The Hallelujah Festival family event will be celebrated Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. at the Pavilion.

The free event is open to the community and will feature snacks, games, prizes and plenty of candy for every child.

Please, no monster, witches, ghosts, clowns or other scary costumes.

Volunteers are needed.

For more information, call Marcia Eastland at 301-677-0386 or Connie Robinson at 410-458-9481.

Baby Sitter's Certification Course

A Baby Sitter’s Certification Course will be offered Nov. 21-22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the School Age Center.

Participants will learn skills and techniques needed to be a confident baby sitter.

The free course also will provide first aid and CPR certification.

Registration required by Nov. 11. Space is limited.

To register or for more information, call 301-677-1156 or 301-677-1149.

RECREATION

Out & About

• BOSS Field of Screams in Olney excursion, sponsored by Better Opportunities for Single Service Members, will be held Oct. 28. Bus leaves Fort Meade at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 and includes transportation. Spaces are limited.

For more information, call 301-915-6868 or email boss.ftmeade@gmail.com.

• BOSS Medieval Times trip, sponsored by Better Opportunities for Single Service Members, will be held Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25. Limited spaces are available.

For reservations or more information, see your BOSS representative or email boss.ftmeade@gmail.com or call Spc. Derek Young at 301-677-6868.

• The 33rd Annual North American Miniature Art Exhibition runs through Oct. 30 at Art Gallery of Fells Point, 1926 Fleet St., Baltimore.

The exhibition features about 250 miniature works of art in various media from artists all over the world.

For more information, call 310-327-1272.

• Toby’s Dinner Theatre presents “Sister Act” 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.

• Leisure Travel Services will offer its next bus trips to New York City on Nov. 12 and Dec. 24 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.

• Leisure Travel Services is offering tickets to “Disney On Ice: Follow Your Heart” for Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 29 at 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; and Oct. 30 at noon and 4 p.m.

Sale ends Friday. For more information, call LTS at 301-677-7354.

MEETINGS

• 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.

• Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda on the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting is today from 1-2 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the America Building, River Conference Room (next to the Prostate Center), third floor.

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

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

• Enlisted Spouses’ Club meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Potomac Place Community Center, 4998 Second Corps Blvd. Location and time subject to change. The next meeting is tonight at 6:30 p.m.

The Fort Meade ESC is a diverse group of spouses from all branches and phases of life. The organization strives to support one another, and support and give back to the community.

Need child care during ESC functions?



Send an email to Membership@FtMeadeESC.org and ask for more information on how ESC can help.

For more information, call 301-908-3773.

• **Meade Area Garden Club** will meet Friday at 10 a.m. at the Jessup Community Center, located at the corner of Route 175 and Wigley Avenue.

Jim Figard of the Baltimore Bonsai Society will present the program "Bonsai 101." Bring your bonsai plant and questions to Figard for his advice.

Refreshments will be served. Reservations are not required.

The club features informative and fun programs throughout the year including the annual Philadelphia Flower Show, activities relating to gardening and a bake sale.

Annual membership is \$20. You may attend one meeting before you are required to become a member.

For more information, call Jennifer Garcia, membership chair, at 443-949-8348 or Sharon Durney, club president, at 410-761-5019.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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 Nov. 3. 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.

• **"Sip and Share,"** hosted by the Exceptional Family Member Program, meets the first Thursday of every month from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at its new location at the Fort Meade USO, 8612 6th Armored Cavalry Road. The next get-together is Nov. 3. Share stories to encourage and inform each other about resources available in the local community.

EFMP bowling is held the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at The Lanes. The first game is free for EFMs. Family members bowl at a reduced price.

For more information or to register, call 301-677-4779.

• **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 Nov. 3. 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 Nov. 3. 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 Nov. 3. For more information, visit namiaa-c.org.

• **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 Nov. 7.

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 Nov. 7.

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

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

• **Kritikos Toastmasters Club** meets on the first three Mondays of every month at 6:15 p.m. at Perry's Restaurant, 1210 Annapolis Road, Odenton. The next meeting is Nov. 7.

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 Nov. 11.

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 Nov. 12. Active-duty, Reserve and retired members of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are invited. For more information, call 443-604-2474 or 410-768-6288.

• **The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA)** meets the third Tuesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Potomac Place Neighborhood Center, 4998 2nd Corps Blvd. The next meeting is Nov. 15.

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

• **Society of Military Widows** meets for brunch the third Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. at Club Meade. The next meeting is Nov. 15. 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 Nov. 16. 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 Nov. 16. For more information, call 831-521-9251 or go to AFSA254.org.

• **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.

• **Moms Walking Group**, sponsored by Parent Support, meets Thursdays from 8:30-9:15 a.m. at the Family Advocacy Program, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave. To register, call 301-677-3617.

• **Dancing with the Heroes**, free ballroom dance lessons for the Warrior Transition Unit, meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Argonne Hills Chapel Center in the seminar room.

Participants should wear loose clothing, comfortable shoes with leather soles. No super high heels or flip-flops.

## MOVIES

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

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

## Today through Oct. 30

**Friday & Sunday: "Bridget Jones's Baby" (R).** Bridget's focus on single life and her career is interrupted when she finds herself pregnant, but with one hitch ... she can only be 50 percent sure of the identity of her baby's father. With Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth, Patrick Dempsey.



AP

**Saturday: "Storks" (PG).** Storks have moved on from delivering babies to packages. But when an order for a baby appears, the best delivery stork must scramble to fix the error by delivering the baby. With the voices of Andy Samberg, Katie Crown, Kelsey Grammer.

**Oct. 28: "The Magnificent Seven" (PG-13).** Seven gunmen in the old west gradually come together to help a poor village against savage thieves. With Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt, Ethan Hawke.

**Oct. 29: FREE SCREENING (PG-13).** Tickets available at the Exchange Food Court. Seating open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime.

**Oct. 30: "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" (PG-13).** When a boy discovers clues to a mystery that stretches across time, he finds Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. But the danger deepens after he gets to know the residents and learns about their special powers. With Eva Green, Asa Butterfield, Samuel L. Jackson.