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Generations gather to show gratitude, remember fallen **PG 8**



PHOTO BY PHIL GROUT

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes' medals are seen in detail at Fort Meade's annual Veterans Appreciation Day Luncheon. Forbes was the keynote speaker at the event, held Saturday at Club Meade.



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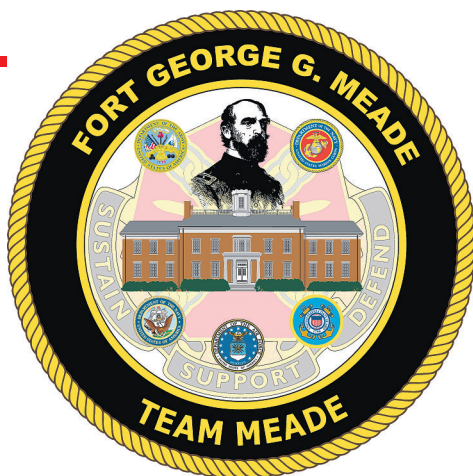
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## COMMANDER'S COLUMN-GUEST

# Show thanks year-round

**A**s Fort Meade's director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation for the past seven years, I have had the honor and privilege of working with thousands of military family members.

They may be employees, patrons or volunteers, young or older, but they all support our service members in countless ways through their love, patriotism, sacrifice and resilience.

November is a time we all reflect on what we are thankful for and what we appreciate in our lives. It is very fitting we take time to extend our thanks to military families. Each year the president signs a proclamation declaring November as Military Family Month, and we are encouraged to honor military families for the contributions they make in support of our service members.

Here at Fort Meade's FMWR, we show our gratitude by providing a week of special opportunities for military family members during Military Family Appreciation Month. These include free aerobics classes; the Army-Navy Flag Football Tailgate and Game that is sponsored by the West County Chamber Military Affairs Committee; discounted movie tickets; and specials at the Brass Lounge and The Lanes.

But we don't just appreciate military families one week or month of the year. We want to show that appreciation year-round by providing programs that support families and improve their quality of life — programs such as high-quality child care, Army Community Service, and fitness and recreational activities.

Showing appreciation can mean the world to someone. I had the personal experience as a military family member many years ago when someone reached



**Martha L. McClary**

DIRECTOR,  
FAMILY AND  
MORALE,  
WELFARE AND  
RECREATION

out to me with a dinner invitation for me and my young son when my husband was deployed and I was alone in Germany. That gesture meant the world to me and made me feel I was not alone.

Here are some ways we can express our gratitude to military families:

- Personally say "thank you."
- Write a thank you note to a family you know for the sacrifices they have made.
- Provide job opportunities.
- Offer workplace flexibility.
- Offer to baby-sit.
- Perform a random act of kindness for a family while remaining anonymous.
- Volunteer your time doing household tasks, cutting the grass, racking leaves or shoveling snow.
- Thank them on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram for their sacrifice.
- Donate to a veteran's charity on their behalf.
- Ask: How can I help?

Many businesses offer military discounts and special offers during November and throughout the year.

On the national level, make yourself aware of the efforts of Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden in their initiative "Joining Forces," which works hand in hand with public and private sectors to ensure that service members, veterans and their families have the tools they need to succeed throughout their lives.

Information can be found at [www.whitehouse.gov/joiningforces](http://www.whitehouse.gov/joiningforces).

Remember that it takes so little to do so much in making a meaningful difference for those who give so much. Please join me in thanking the many military family members of our Fort Meade community.

*Editor's note: For more information, visit [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).*

## Commander's Open Door

Garrison Commander Col. Tom 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 Rickard's office on Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. at garrison headquarters in Hodges Hall, Bldg. 4551, Llewellyn Ave.

Visitors are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call 301-677-4844.

# 'Gadget guy' helps shape Army Cyber Branch

BY GARY SHEFTICK

Defense Media Activity

**"I**'m a gadget kind of guy," said Sgt. Maj. Jesse Potter, the operations sergeant major for the 780th Military Intelligence Brigade.

That inclination has helped Potter shape the Army's Cyber Branch and career field. He was the Army's first Electronic Warfare proponent sergeant major and one of the first senior NCOs in the Cyber Branch.

"Most of my cyber experience is self-taught," he said.

Potter's first computer was an IBM PC Junior. His father, who worked for IBM, brought one home.

"We had a computer even before anybody in the schools had computers," Potter remembered.

One of the first games he played was "Zork," a text-based game with no graphics. Now he plays first-person shooter games with his son Jordan.

Potter began his Army career as a chemical operations specialist. But even back then, he was interested in cyber and was building his own computers in his spare time.

Building computers was fun, he said, "because you could always push the envelope" on power and innovations.

"It was more of a hobby for me," Potter said, "and then I was given the opportunity to do it as a career. It was a no-brainer for me."

While serving in Iraq in 2007, he and other Soldiers from his section networked their computers together to play

games like "Halo" when they were off duty.

During his Iraq deployment, Potter was injured and underwent a wrist fusion.

Unable to continue serving as a chemical reconnaissance platoon sergeant, Potter became an electronic warfare NCO in 2009. Then about two years ago, as one of the senior EW noncommissioned officers, Potter was offered the opportunity to help build the Cyber Branch.

"I went around the Army and talked to all the people we were going to convert through the process to become the newly created 17 Charlies and 170 Alphas," he said.

With his background working with maneuver units on chemical reconnaissance and electronic warfare, Potter was well suited for the position.

The vision for the Cyber Branch was to create a maneuver force with a "maneuver mindset."

"Having a background working with maneuver units has really benefited me from the perspective of what I do ... [which is] really to blend the technical understanding with the operational mindset as we go forward," he said.

Potter is now the operations sergeant major for the 780th MI. He's just down the street from Cyber Command, and he's still helping set up the Army's cyber force.

"The recruiting of the force is unique. It's not only about identifying aptitude, but even more important, is [identifying] the desire and motivation," he said. "You don't have to have the innate skills. You have to have the aptitude and the desire



PHOTO COURTESY DMA

**Sgt. Maj. Jesse Potter, who refers to himself as "a gadget kind of guy," is the operations sergeant major for the 780th Military Intelligence Brigade.**

because the training is world class."

The skills are taught in the six-month joint school at Corry Station, Fla., near Pensacola Naval Air Station. The six-month training will soon be extended to a year, he said, as the Army stands up Phase II of the course at Fort Gordon, Ga.

The initial Phase II class is scheduled to get underway this spring, Potter said. Students will still attend the first phase at Corry Station with their counterparts from other services and then proceed to the Army Cyber School for service-specific training.

Even with all the training, Potter said,

what a young Soldier coming into the branch really needs is "a desire to be innovative and be at the leading edge of change, as the Army transitions and focuses more on the cyber domain as we go forward."

Potter's eldest daughter Alexa, 18, plans to join the Army soon, he said. She wants to be a 3IK dog handler, though. But his 13-year-old son Jordan is a "huge gamer" and interested in cyber. The two bond over computer games, but they also enjoy hiking and biking together.

"I like playing [games] with my son," Potter said. "It's more of a bonding thing."



## ACCESS GRANTED

BY DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

**T**he following states have a limited extension to comply with the REAL ID Act set to be enforced in January: Alaska, California, Oregon and Virginia.

These states have been granted the extension through June 6, 2017. Federal agencies, such as Fort Meade, require Real ID compliant driver's licenses and identification cards to allow installation access.

To apply for a temporary or long-term pass onto Fort Meade, applicants are required to provide two forms of identity source documents.

The following is an updated list of ANNEX B — acceptable identity documents

— according to Fort George G. Meade Policy Memorandum #70: Installation Access Control.

At least one identity document is required to be from the primary listing in original form.

The identity source documents must be bound to that applicant and shall be neither expired nor canceled. If the two identity source documents bear different names, evidence of a formal name change must be provided.

### Primary identity source document

- ◆ U.S. passport or a U.S. passport card
- ◆ Permanent Resident Card or an Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)
- ◆ Driver's license or an identification card issued by a state or possession of the United States provided it contains a photograph and

is Real ID Act 2005 compliant

- ◆ Foreign passport
- ◆ Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph (Form I-766)
- ◆ U.S. military card
- ◆ U.S. military dependent/spouse ID card
- ◆ Personal Identity Verification (PIV) (HSPD 12 compliant)

### Secondary identity source document

The secondary identity source document may be from the list above, but cannot be of the same type as the primary identity source document.

- ◆ U.S. Social Security card issued by the Social Security Administration
- ◆ Original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority, possession, or outlying possession of the United States bearing an

official seal

- ◆ ID card issued by a federal, state, or local government agency or entity, provided it contains a photograph
- ◆ Voter registration card
- ◆ U.S. Coast Guard, Merchant Mariner Card
- ◆ Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561)
- ◆ Certificate of naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570)
- ◆ U.S. citizen ID card (Form I-197)
- ◆ Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen of Report of Birth issued by the Department of State (Form FS-545 or Form DS-1350)

For a complete list of documents, go to [www.ftmeade.army.mil/directorates/des/vcc/vcc.html](http://www.ftmeade.army.mil/directorates/des/vcc/vcc.html).

## 4 states get Real ID extension



# NSA offers students opportunities

**MADDIE ECKER**  
Staff Writer

**A**sk any college senior or postgraduate: Applying to jobs can be daunting. Resume building, cover letter tweaking and interview prepping can seem like a full-time job with little reward.

The National Security Agency offers paid fellowships, cooperative education programs, internships and scholarships for high school, undergraduate and graduate students, and doctoral candidates.

A resume with previous professional work experience or internships, such as those offered at the NSA, can help an applicant stand out to potential employers.

While the deadline for many of these NSA opportunities recently passed, these programs are offered annually. Depending on the program, applications open in August or September and close by the end of October.

College freshmen and sophomores majoring in electrical engineering, computer engineering, computer science or cyber security can apply to the NSA's cooperative education programs in early 2017. The application window will be open Feb. 1 to March 31.

The co-op begins in August and requires a minimum of 52 weeks of co-op work experience prior to graduation, according to the NSA Careers website. The program alternates between semesters of full-time work and full-time study, from entry into the co-op until graduation.

Most of the internship and co-op positions offered are for students in the science, technology, engineering and



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math, or STEM, fields. However, a limited number of non-STEM opportunities are available for college and high school students. They include human resources, communication and public affairs, and education and training.

## Getting Insight

"These programs expose students to an unparalleled mission, exciting work environment, stimulating projects, and provide direct support to NSA's mission," the NSA Student Programs Office said in an email.

Internships may result in immediate employment at the NSA.

"Many students receive offers for permanent positions upon graduation," according to the NSA Student Programs Office.

NSA interns don't just do grunt work. They have the opportunity to participate in substantial projects. Interns receive the same security clearance and benefits as full-time employees.

Some programs even offer subsidized housing for out-of-state students. To promote its programs, NSA Careers posts "Intern Insights" — updates written by student interns — on its Facebook page.

The following are excerpts from "Intern Insights." No last names are given.

During his summer internship, Andrew, an undergraduate studying information security at a Tennessee university, was involved in continuous monitoring and system administration projects.

"While interning at NSA, you are able to network with different people and organizations out of the office for a greater opportunity to witness exciting demos and

interesting artifacts accessible to those in the agency," Andrew wrote.

Taylor, a Florida undergraduate student majoring in human resource management, worked in the Human Resources Policy Department at the NSA this past summer.

"A lot of people don't understand why I am interested in HR, but this summer proves why I am in this field," she wrote in her intern post on Facebook. "Working here, I've been able to experience and be a part of many innovative solutions within HR and the workforce in general."

## Staying Informed

NSA Careers hosts events for potential applicants to hear from previous interns, who are now full-time employees. At these events, students can hear firsthand accounts of what an internship with the NSA entails and the process of becoming an employee after graduation.

Student internships, fellowships and program opportunities are listed on the NSA Careers website at [intelligencecareers.gov/NSA/nsastudents.html](http://intelligencecareers.gov/NSA/nsastudents.html). Students can find the materials needed to apply to programs as well the qualifications applicants must possess. Benefits, salary and work schedules are also listed.

NSA Careers uses Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn to push out notifications about job openings, application due dates, and testimonials from previous student interns and current employees.

To read more "Intern Insights," visit [www.facebook.com/NSACareers](http://www.facebook.com/NSACareers) in the Notes section.

For more information, call 1-866-NSA HIRE (672-4473).



**Anne Arundel County Public Schools**  
**Parent School Calendar At-A-Glance** [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org)

**November 2016**

- 1 Beginning of Second Marking Period
- 5 AACPS Family Involvement Conference
- 8 **Election Day** - Schools and Central Offices Closed
- 9 Meade HS FAFSA Completion Night - 5:30 p.m. Meade HS Media Center
- 10 Report Card Distribution
- 11 Veterans Day - Schools Open
- 15 Winter Sports Begin
- 14-18 National American Education Week
- 23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday - All Schools and Central Offices Closed

Stay Informed!

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## Scholarships for Military Children

### The Scholarships for Military Children Program

**Eligibility:** Dependent children, under the age of 23, of active-duty service members, Reservists or National Guard, and retired service members, survivors of service members or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retiree pay from the military may apply.

Applicants must be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a full-time undergraduate program.

**Deadline:** Applications will be accepted from Dec. 13 to Feb. 13. **Website:** [militaryscholar.org](http://militaryscholar.org)

### Corvias Foundation Scholarship

**Eligibility:** High school seniors with a 3.0 GPA or higher, and children of active-duty service members stationed at Fort Meade, Aberdeen Proving Ground and other installations eligible to apply. This is a four-year, up to \$50,000 award for students attending an accredited four-year institution.

**Deadline:** Now accepting applications online until May 4. **Website:** [corviasfoundation.com](http://corviasfoundation.com)

For more information, contact: Ft. Meade School Liaison Officer (301) 677-1227



# Upgrade of roads slated through 2020

BY LARRY WHITLEY

Fort Meade Public Affairs Office

Inquiring minds:

*"Well, they FINALLY paid some attention to Mapes Road. Great! Wonder if they're thinking about addressing other road travel challenges?"*

The answer from Fort Meade leadership is: Yes!

The resurfacing of Mapes Road, completed over the past two weeks, addresses one of the glaring, long-standing travel challenges, said Lt. Col. Jay Birmingham, deputy garrison commander for transformation.

Dan Spicer, director of the Fort Meade Directorate of Public Works, said that plans to address road infrastructure on post have been in the works for several years as evidenced by the upgrading of entrances to installation access points, the widening and fortifying of existing road networks, and the modernizing of the traffic signaling systems.

"We are in the midst of a large scale effort to prepare our existing road infrastructure to accommodate the changing traffic patterns and loads brought on by the additional workforce we have," Spicer said. "And, we will continue to see that impact over the next few years."

"We have the forecast for the number of commands and tenant organizations that are currently slated to remain or be located at Fort Meade, and the associated additions to the workforce, and we have

taken that into account in developing our transformation plan."

Fort Meade officials note that none of the plans put together are done without coordinating with other agencies such as the various commands where work is to be done, as well as with the Maryland Department of Transportation, which owns the road network immediately outside the access points.

"We are very much involved with the Maryland Department of Transportation regarding its plans for Route 175 and other road improvements that are designed to address throughput, or traffic flow issues onto and off of the installation," Birmingham said. "They have plans to widen Route 175 to six lanes between Routes 32 and 295, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway."

These road infrastructure improvements are scheduled to be accomplished between now and 2020, said Birmingham.

Officials said that the Rockenbach Road access point is scheduled to be completed by early spring when work will be started on the Reece Road entry point.

In addition, the Mapes Road and Route 175 entrance point is due for expansion and completion during the next 18 months.

"Our Fort Meade workforce maintains a clear mission as the nation's 'center for information, intelligence and cyber warfare operations,'" Birmingham said. "We will continue transforming this critical military site into the 21st-century platform for cyber operations."



PHOTO BY BRYAN SPANN

**Mapes Road was resurfaced over the past two weeks. The work was the first of several projects to improve roads on Fort Meade.**

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# Family Child Care director, former officer retires after 31-year career on Fort Meade

STORY AND PHOTO  
BY LISA R. RHODES  
Staff Writer

Jeannette “Jan” Sumi has no regrets. After working 31 years at Child, Youth and School Services, including two years as director of Fort Meade’s Family Child Care Program, Sumi retired Oct. 31.

She is replaced by Mary Sue Rainey. “They’re in good hands,” Sumi said of the program’s staff.

On Dec. 2, CYSS will hold a retirement luncheon at Club Meade for Sumi, who was recognized in February for 35 years of federal service.

“I really feel like the luckiest person in the world,” Sumi said. “I fell into a job I truly loved. Working with a great staff of teachers, trainers and care givers and serving the military families at Fort Meade was a joy.”

Sumi began her career in 1985 as a preschool teacher at the Child Development Center known as “the little red school house” on Ernie Pyle Street. She then worked as the chief of the Central Registration Office and as a Programs Operations specialist.

## To Honor A Brother

Her commitment to the military and its families began in 1968 when Sumi lost a younger brother in the Vietnam war.

Sumi left a career as a school teacher in Vermont and enlisted in the Army in 1969. She completed her basic officer training at the former Fort McClellan, Ala. A second lieutenant, Sumi was assigned to her first active-duty station at the former Fort MacArthur, Calif.

Sumi became the executive officer of the Women’s Army Corps Detachment. After nine months, she was the installation’s deputy adjutant general and oversaw its nascent Army Community Service office.

In 1971, Sumi left active duty and became a federal civilian employee, working as a maintenance clerk and managing the Army Emergency Relief Fund Program at Fort MacArthur. She also joined the Army Reserve and began a long career in the active Reserve and numerous assignments with the Army National Guard.

In January 1972, Sumi left the U.S. to work again as a grade school teacher in the



PHOTO BY LISA R. RHODES

**Jeannette Sumi, a former officer in the Army and Army Reserve, started working at Child, Youth and School Services in 1985. Her retirement luncheon is Dec. 2.**

Department of Defense Schools System at schools at Kaiserslautern Army Base, Prum Air Station and Bitburg Air Base in West Germany.

Sumi has been married to retired Maj. Eugene Sumi for 42 years. They met while serving together in their first duty assignments at Fort MacArthur.

After the couple married in 1974, Sumi joined her husband in his assignment as a company commander in the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii.

## First Female Officer

While in Hawaii, Sumi joined the Hawaii Army National Guard and learned — to her surprise — that she would be the first female officer ever assigned to the Hawaii National Guard.

When her husband was sent to the Signal Corps Officer Advanced Course at Fort Gordon, Ga., in 1975, Sumi joined the Georgia Army National Guard’s 48th Infantry Brigade. She was again surprised to learn that she was the only female officer assigned to this brigade, a combat

***“I feel like the luckiest person in the world. I fell into a job I truly loved.”***

*Jeannette Sumi, retired director of Fort Meade Family Child Care program.*

unit.

“I was very fortunate in those early years that I had no problems,” Sumi said of her experience working primarily with men. “I was always treated with respect. I grew up with four brothers so I was used to being around them.”

Sumi went on to serve with the Washington Army National Guard near Tacoma, Wash., and the Texas Army National Guard. While in Washington, Sumi enrolled in a public affairs officers course at the Defense Information School, which was then located at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

In 1981, the couple moved to Mannheim,

***“The team work I found in CYSS is what I enjoyed most.”***

*Jeannette Sumi*

West Germany. Three years and two children later, the family transferred to Fort Meade, where Eugene Sumi was assigned to Headquarters, First Army.

Both Sumi and her husband retired as majors — he from the Army in 1989 and she from the Army Reserve in 1982.

## Team Work At CYSS

When the family moved to Fort Meade, Sumi worked as a substitute preschool teacher and then a full-time civilian teacher with CYSS in 1985.

“I loved being around children,” Sumi said. “I love their spirit; it’s in their eyes. I see it in my grandchildren. They’re so full of awe.”

In 1990, Sumi became director of Parent Central Services. A decade later, she became the Program Operations specialist working with Martha McClary, now director of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Lida Payne, the former youth administrator.

“Ms. Sumi always displayed a love and dedication for CYSS,” McClary said. “Given her years of experience, Ms. Sumi had the historical knowledge of the program, which assisted new CYSS managers and FMWR leaders.”

Sumi called McClary and Payne “two highly experienced, very motivated individuals who made it all work,” she said. “The team work I found in CYSS is what I enjoyed most.”

In 2015, Sumi was named director of the Family Child Care Center. Sumi, who is turning 71, said she feels comfortable retiring.

“It’s time,” she said.

Sumi plans to spend time with her husband and two adult daughters, Michele and Anne, and their four grandchildren.

Reflecting on her years at CYSS, Sumi is grateful.

“I met some of the nicest people — people I can look up to and people I’m proud to know,” she said. “I wouldn’t trade [that for] anything.”



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# Heartfelt gratitude

Luncheon, musical tribute honor veterans

By LISA R. RHODES

Staff Writer

PHOTOS BY PHIL GROUT

In an inspirational and personally revealing speech, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes thanked veterans for their sacrifice and service to the nation at Fort Meade's 15th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day Luncheon.

In his remarks, Forbes said veterans have "a heart of gold" and that they continue to serve the community and the nation in a way that "will have an impact on people's lives that can never be erased."

The luncheon, held Saturday at Club Meade, was hosted by the Retired Officers' Wives' Club and co-sponsored by the Francis Scott Key chapter of the Association of the United States Army; the Fort Meade chapter of the Military Officers' Association of America; the General George G. Meade Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars; the Fort Meade and Baltimore chapters of The Retired Enlisted Association; Fort Meade's Enlisted Spouses' Club; and Fort Meade's Officers' Spouses' Club.

"[The event] always comes together and has a life of its own," said Lianne Roberts, ROWC president.

Roberts said the organizations have joined together for more than a decade to honor Fort Meade and the nation's veterans.

"We agreed to join forces to have one celebration," she said. "This is the first year that our guest speaker is a non-commissioned officer."

Retired Col. Ed Cramer, a member of the Fort Meade chapter of the MOAA, served as emcee.

More than 175 people attended the nearly three-hour event, which featured a somber ceremony dedicated to fallen comrades and paid tribute to the prisoners of war and service members who are still missing in action.

Baron 52, an Air Force choral group from the 94th Intelligence Squadron,



At age 97, World War II veteran and Buffalo Soldier William M. Decatur was one of the two oldest at the event.

performed patriotic music.

"I think [the event is] important," said William B. Holmes, 86, a veteran of the Korean War and a former POW who is a recipient of three Purple Hearts. "It's a good thing to be recognized for what we did and why we served."

Retired Master Sgt. Stephanie Dale, a lifetime member of the Fort Meade chapter of TREA, said she wouldn't miss the luncheon.

"It's important to me to be here, to remember all those who paved the way for our freedom today," she said.

## Recognizing Sacrifice

The luncheon began with an invocation by Garrison Chaplain (Col.) Warren Kirby and the posting of the colors by the National Security Agency Color Guard.

ESC member Laura O'Leary led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Baron 52 performed the national anthem.

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**Retired Sgt. 1st Class Michael Gales Sr. (left) and Retired Sgt. 1st Class Art Cooper light the candle at the fallen comrades table.**

Garrison Commander Col. Tom Rickard welcomed the audience of veterans, service members, spouses and family members. He also thanked the event's organizers for their leadership in sponsoring the tribute.

Rickard said that today's veterans need the support of their communities.

"As we recognize our veterans and their sacrifices today, we are mindful of our obligation to help veterans as they leave the service and try to find their traction in our community," he said.

Veterans, Rickard said, must reply upon "the brotherhood and sisterhood of veterans" to help them find meaningful employment.

"Do what you can to help those veterans find their place," he said.

Cramer noted there are 21.8 million veterans in the U.S. including 2 million women.

Naming each of the country's wars and conflicts, starting with World War II, Cramer asked the veterans in the audience who served during those times to stand to be acknowledged.

Two WW II veterans — William M. Decatur, 97, who served as a corporal and was drafted before the attack on Pearl Harbor, and retired Lt. Col. Alfred A. Shehab, 97, whose platoon fought in the Battle of the Bulge — were among the oldest veterans to attend the event.

## Strength of Families

After the acknowledgment, Forbes took



**Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes looks to the fallen comrades table during his keynote speech honoring the nation's veterans.**

the podium and in a 15-minute speech, shared his thoughts on the service of veterans, active-duty service members and their families. He began by reciting the lyrics to "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

"Freedom isn't free; it's been bought with a price — by the blood and the sweat of those who have come forth to serve before us," he said.

Forbes also acknowledged Military Family Appreciation Month.

"We salute the families who are proudly a part of our nation's unbroken chain of patriots," he said. "Our military would not be the greatest in the world without the strength and support of the family."

Forbes also thanked his wife, Patricia,

and her support throughout their 22-year marriage.

To lighten the mood, Forbes asked the audience to join him in singing "Celebration," the hit song by Kool and The Gang. The audience responded with song and laughter.

Forbes said Veterans Day is a time to celebrate the commitment of the veterans from all the nation's wars and conflicts.

America's veterans "all share the same blood, the same sacrifice," he said.

"Whenever America or its interests have been threatened, the men and women of this great nation have risen to its defense. Whenever our freedoms have been under assault, we've responded with

strength, purpose, resilience and resolve."

Forbes also acknowledged the service members who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan during the past 15 years.

"They all have done so much for our nation's cause," he said.

## Heroes of the Nation

Forbes spoke of the veterans who have come home from combat with lingering physical and psychological wounds.

"Veterans also understand combat and its impact in ways that others do not," he said. "... We all process and experience combat differently, but we must join one another in that experience. We must be there for one another. That shared knowledge is a bond that we live with not only on Veterans Day, but each and every day."

Forbes said that for him, the meaning of the word "veteran" is best exemplified by its spelling: V - People of virtue; E - Empathy for one another; T - Team work; E - Encouraging each other; R - Being a role model; A - Having the country's appreciation; and N - Never forgetting the sacrifice of those who came before.

Forbes shared that not too long ago, a Vietnam veteran encouraged him to use the Army's resources for behavioral health assistance. Forbes said he has since been diagnosed with chronic post-traumatic stress disorder and borderline bipolar disorder.

"I learned how to compartmentalize myself for the benefit of everyone else," he said. "But I'm here to tell you that I'm coming out."

Forbes encouraged other veterans to come forward and take advantage of services and resources that can help them lead a better life.

In closing, Forbes said the heroes of the nation are not NBA or NFL players or famous musicians.

"It's you — the veteran," he said.

After his speech, Forbes met with veterans and gave his personal thanks.

As the luncheon drew to a close, the sponsoring organizations gave a \$1,250 donation to Michael Ybarra, manager of the Fisher House at Walter Reed National Medical Center in Bethesda. The ESC donated \$1,000 to the total donation.

Retired Sgt. Maj. Raymond Moran, 86, known as Fort Meade's "Old Soldier," said he attends the luncheon each year.

"It means that we're not forgotten and that we're very much appreciated," said Moran, a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam wars.

"I thought [Forbes'] comments were very patriotic and inspirational. He speaks from the heart."





Navy head coach D.J. Wright presents the winners' trophy to his team after defeating Army 25-8 at Fort Meade's 17th annual Army-Navy Flag Football Game.

# Pumped Up!

Fans turn out in support of Army-Navy game

By **MADDIE ECKER**  
Staff Writer  
PHOTOS BY **STEVE RUARK**

The festive gathering of devoted fans and abundance of free food is a hallmark of one of Fort Meade's most popular community events.

The 17th annual Army-Navy Flag Football Game brings the national college rivalry between the West Point Cadets and Naval Academy Midshipmen to home base, rallying support for both teams from the local community — both inside and outside the gate.

"We wanted to come out and support everyone," said Daniella Anderson, wife of Army player Nicolas Anderson.

The Glen Burnie resident watched the game with the couple's 17-month-old daughter Isabella.

"We loved it last year, we had a good experience," she said. "[My daughter] loves football."

Although Anderson rooted for another Army victory, Navy quickly proved that a win

for Army was not in the cards. At half-time, Navy was ahead 17-8 and made sure Army didn't score the rest of the game.

Navy defeated Army, 25-8.

Roughly 200 service members, families and friends gathered at Mullins Field to cheer on their respective teams. A tailgate featuring free food, giveaways, a DJ and moon bounce started at 3 p.m. Kickoff began 40 minutes later.

"We had a good turnout, beautiful weather and a great game," said Beth Downs, sports specialist for Fort Meade's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Fans enjoyed grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, chili and macaroni salad at the tailgate and during the 40-minute game.

The Hideaway restaurant in Odenton provided pulled pork sandwiches and coleslaw. Dessert included cookies from Costco, and tea and coffee from the Baltimore Coffee and Tea Company.

The highlight was a raffle for a 40-inch, flat-screen TV that was won by Laila Jones, wife of Public Affairs Director Chad Jones.

On the way to the field, fans picked up "Go



Official Harlan Bizzell of Glen Burnie signals after Navy wide receiver Russ Newborn scored a touchdown.

Army" and "Go Navy" cowbells and cup holders from a nearby booth.

The game was organized and sponsored by FMWR and the West Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce.

The Joint Service Color Guard of the Defense Information School posted the colors. Sgt. 1st Class Randy Wight of the U.S. Army Field Band sang the national anthem.

Poe, the Baltimore Ravens mascot, made a guest appearance during the game, high-fiving children and posing for pictures with service members.

## 10 Years of Support

For the past decade, Claire Louder, president and CEO of the West Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, has supported local businesses and the Fort Meade community. With Louder's help, the WAACC first brought the tailgate to the annual flag football game in 2008.

"This is one of our biggest events," she said. "Everything we do goes into making military families and service members feel welcome in the community and know where to find resources. Local businesses want to participate in events like this to give back and say thank you to the military."

After the event, Garrison Commander Col. Tom Rickard thanked Louder for her years of dedication to the community and presented her with a plaque of appreciation.

"Thank you for everything you've done for the military," Rickard said. "We're very



Onlookers watch Army wide receiver Sam Sutton catch a pass, despite Navy's attempt to defend against it. Before halftime, Sutton scored Army's only touchdown. About 200 people attended the game and tailgate on Tuesday at Mullins Field.

grateful."

As fans cheered, Rickard presented the winning team with a trophy.

"Unfortunately, it goes to Navy, who did an awesome job," Rickard said to great laughter.

Navy's head coach, Petty Officer 2nd Class D.J. Wright, named wide receiver Joshua Moody the MVP.

Moody received a football provided by the WAACC that was signed by Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco.

Throughout the game, Wright coached from the sidelines and pumped up his team.

"It was a great win," he said after the event. "We've been trying to get this trophy for the past two years. It feels good."

Navy Cmdr. Robert Cadena of Navy Information Operations Command Maryland joined other service members in cheering for their team.

"The last time I came to an [Army-Navy] game was 10 years ago when I played," Cadena said. "I love the Army-Navy game. Instead of playing, I now support from the sidelines."

The Army-Navy game is more than just a



The Joint Service Color Guard of the Defense Information School posts the colors before kickoff. The friendly rivalry draws support from the local community.

sporting event; it is a way to bring service members together.

"We have this rivalry among ourselves," Cadena said. "But I think it's a healthy experience for Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines. Deep down we know that we're one team with one mission."

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Paul Cottman was one of the referees for the annual game.

"The Army tried but they couldn't execute," he said. "Navy came out hard, and while Army had the opportunity to get back in the game, they couldn't finish."

Cottman has been a referee for the Fort Meade game for a dozen years.

"It's like spending time with your family," he said. "No matter what walk of life you come from, you're with family members here."



(From left:) Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodwell L. Forbes and Garrison Commander Col. Tom Rickard present a plaque of appreciation to Claire Louder, president and CEO of the West Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, for her continuous support of Fort Meade's military community. Lynn Nichols, chairperson of the chamber's Military Affairs Committee, and the Ravens mascot stand nearby.



Baltimore Ravens mascot Poe greets Navy Petty Officer Karla Reeves of Upper Marlboro and her 2-year-old son Andre Marshall at the tailgate.





PHOTO BY STEVE RUARK

Jason Meyer (left) and Derron Bennett (far right) of Navy stop Army wide receiver Sam Sutton at Fort Meade's Army-Navy Flag Football Game on Tuesday at Mullins Field.

## NAVY 25, ARMY 8

# Navy torpedoes Army in rivalry football game

BY MADDIE ECKER  
Staff Writer

After a two-year losing streak, Navy walked off Mullins Field with a 25-8 victory Tuesday night at Fort Meade's 17th annual Army-Navy Flag Football Game.

"The team was fantastic," said Navy's head coach, Petty Officer 2nd Class D.J. Wright. "The execution on field was flawless."

Navy won the coin toss conducted by Garrison Commander Col. Tom Rickard before kickoff.

Navy started on defense and immediately put pressure on Army, which fumbled most of its passes.

Army failed to move the ball up the field, handing it over to Navy. Immediately, Navy put points on the board.

Navy quarterback Joel Ward passed to wide receiver Russ Newborn, who ran into the end zone for the first touchdown of the game with 11 minutes on the clock.

Navy didn't let the score get in the way of its defense. The team pressed Army at its 20-yard line, but Army quarterback Armond Veazie was able to move the team up the field.

Navy linebacker Alex Trotter broke

the Army offense with an interception. He ran the ball 60 yards to bring Navy back into its 20-yard mark.

With four minutes and 30 seconds left on the clock, wide receiver Joshua Moody caught a pass and ran it into the end zone.

Determined to score points before the half, Army quickly moved the ball down the field. Wide receiver Sam Sutton scored the only touchdown for the team.

The half-time score was 17-8 Navy.

In the second half, Ward found an opening to wide receiver John Tully for Navy's third touchdown of the night.

Navy passed and ran the ball in for the 2-point conversion. The ball bounced off one teammate into the hands of another — offensive lineman John Heer — to ensure a Navy victory.

Army never rebounded.

But for Mark Williams, the camaraderie took precedence over his team's defeat.

This was Williams' first year representing Army on the field and he was pleased with how the team played.

"We just want to have fun," he said. "That's what matters in the end."

## JIBBER JABBER - OPINION

# Come together, right now

A lot of people woke up Wednesday looking for someone to blame. I'd suggest looking in the mirror.

And Team Meade — yes I'm talking to all 140K service and family members, retirees and veterans who depend on the fort for services, plus the surrounding communities — when you do look in the mirror, don't blame anyone!

Don't sulk! Don't feel sorry for yourself and certainly not the country.

Instead, focus on what you have done to help America be the "land of the free" (or at least freer) and Fort Meade, the "Nation's Center for Information, Intelligence and Cyber Operations."

Then, remember tomorrow is Veterans Day, and remember your loved ones. Go all the way back to people you don't even know. I'm talking generations of your family who suffered through the worst humankind — and this country — could offer.

Think back to your great-great-grandparents who came to America — by force or by choice — and sacrificed every day to make this country a better place.

Think about your family who gave all they could in defense of the country. Think about the Gold Star Mothers and spouses.



**Chad T. Jones**

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Think about the valor shown by men and women of every gender, color, race and religion.

Think about those who fought for the promise of this land, even though that promise oftentimes went largely unfulfilled.

Do that and be grateful.

Then, take some time to remember what you are grateful for: Family, friends, take-out pizza, a beautiful fall drive, baseball.

Allow yourself to smile and admit, "There are a lot of good

things going on."

Then, be honest and realize there is a lot more to be done. Our Union will always need to be "more perfect." So, figure out the things you want to make better, and make them better.

If after all of that, you still want someone to blame, I'd suggest looking back in the mirror and go through the process again: That is what WE do. That is how WE honor all who have sacrificed before us. That is how WE maintained through all the hardships and how WE will push forward.

Thank you for your service, Team Meade.

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

## Volunteer Coaches Needed



Volunteer Youth Sport coaches are needed in the various sports programs offered throughout the year. All volunteers will receive free training and will be certified through the National Alliance of Youth Sport. All volunteers must complete a background check.

To submit an application, visit the CYSS Youth, Sport & Fitness Office at 1900 Reece Road. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 301-677-1179 or 301-677 1329.



## SPORTS SHORTS

## 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 Wednesday.

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.

## 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 free contest is open to the 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).

## Turkey Torcher Aerobathaon

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

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

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

## Fort Meade Run Series

The 2016 Fort Meade Run Series offers themed races through December.

Each race, sponsored by Fort Meade's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, includes a 1-mile walk.

All runs start at 8 a.m. and are open to the public.

• Turkey Trot 5K: Nov. 19, Murphy Field House

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

• Reindeer Run 5K: Dec. 10, Murphy

Field House

Preregistration fee is \$15 for individuals; \$60 per family of three to six; and \$85 for groups of seven to 10.

All preregistered runners will receive a T-shirt.

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

For more information, call 301-677-7916.

## Dollar Day

Dollar Day is offered at The Lanes every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bowling, shoe rental and food specials each cost \$1.

For more information, call 301-677-5541.

## Youth Sports registration

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

Sports include futsal 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.

## Tae Kwon Do

Youth Services offers a Tae Kwon Do class Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Youth Center.

Classes for ages 4 to 6 cost \$45 per month. Classes for ages 7-17 cost \$85 per month.

For more information, call 301-677-1149.

## Gaffney fitness classes

Gaffney Fitness center offers a variety of fitness classes.

Classes are open to authorized users ages 18 and older.

Cost is \$3 per drop-in class; \$20 for a 10-class pass; and \$40 for a 20-class pass.

- Spin and Hip-Hop Spin
- Virtual Wellbeat
- Vinyasa yoga

Class emphasizes breathing techniques, flowing poses, increased balance, stretching and relaxation.

- Pilates
- Body Tone
- Belly Dancing
- Metabolic Effect
- Strength and Core
- Rip and Roll Cyle + Abs
- Zumba

The class incorporates Latin dance.

- Zumba Gold for seniors

For more information, call 301-677-2349 or 301-677-3716.

## NEWS &amp; 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 &amp; EVENTS

## 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).

## STEM Fest

The National Cryptologic Association on Seven Colony Road is sponsoring a STEM Fest tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The free event will feature activities and challenges for ages 10 and older.

Mathematicians will challenge your skills to solve a mystery.

Engineers will make computer chips. Data scientists will find patterns in chaos and analyze test messages.

Analysts will challenge participants with a cryptic puzzle to stop a "terrorist" attack, analyze websites with Wireshark, and show how to find "bad guys" in radio communications.

Engineers will demonstrate ciphers, error-correcting and detection codes, and encrypt messages on an Enigma and construct bar codes.

Other activities will include cryptologic puzzles, prizes, guided tours and information on cryptologic careers.

For more information, call Jen Wilcox or Lou Leto at 301-688-5849.

## Data Destruction Event

The Fort Meade Environmental Division's Electron Recycling Data Destruction Event for personal equipment will be held Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the commissary.

The event is open to all Fort Meade residents, civilians and service members.

The following items will be accepted at no charge:

Desktop computers, laptops, tablets and servers; cellphones, iPods, and MP3 players; printers and fax machines; audio and video equipment; radios, receivers, amplifiers, tuners, equalizers and tape decks; phones, phone systems and telephone answering machines; AC adapters and wiring; electronic gaming systems;



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<b>Nov. 29-30</b>	<b>Accessing Higher Education</b> Tuesday, Wednesday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Classroom 1
<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>Dress for Success</b> Tuesday 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. Classroom 1
<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>Disability Claims Information</b> Wednesday 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. HHC Conference Room 8501 Simonds Street

**To register, call: 301-677-9871**

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Disposal fees will be charged for the following:

- ◆ CRT monitors and TVs: \$15
- ◆ Backup batteries: Small - \$5I Large - \$10
- ◆ Hard drives: \$10
- ◆ CDs, floppies, tapes shredded and recycled: \$1 per pound

For more information, call DPW Environmental Division at 301-677-9170 or 301-677-9648.

## RAB Meeting

The next Fort Meade Environmental Restoration Advisory Board meeting is Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott, 2700 Hercules Road, Annapolis Junction.

Community members are invited.

RAB meetings are held to keep the public informed of Fort Meade's environmental cleanup and restoration program and to provide opportunities for public involvement and open discussion.

Members of the public who would like to learn more about the restoration program or to become a RAB member are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 301-677-7999 or visit [www.ftmeade.army.mil/directories/dpw/environment](http://www.ftmeade.army.mil/directories/dpw/environment). Click on RAB link.

## Trip to American Indian Museum

The Fort Meade Equal Opportunity Office is sponsoring a guided tour Wednesday of the American Indian Museum in Washington, D.C.

Reservations are required by Friday. Only 55 seats are available.

The tour is open to the Fort Meade military community.

Participants will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the commissary parking lot. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, email Staff Sgt. Blake C. Lansford at [blake.c.lansford@mail.mil](mailto:blake.c.lansford@mail.mil) or or Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Chambers at [derrick.l.chambers2@mail.mil](mailto:derrick.l.chambers2@mail.mil); or call 301-8796, 301-677-8697 or 301-677-6687.

## EFMP Holiday Party



PHOTO BY PHIL GROUT

**A POW-MIA flag was part of the tribute at the Veterans Appreciation Day Luncheon on Saturday. See story on page 8.**

The Exceptional Family Members Program Holiday Party will be held Dec. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Potomac Place Community Center.

Registration is required by Sunday.

The event is for EFMP youths, ages 18 and younger, and their families.

For more information, call 301-677-4779.

## Thanksgiving at Club Meade

Celebrate Thanksgiving with a Thanksgiving Day Buffet on Nov. 24 at Club Meade.

Two seating times: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost is \$24.95 for members, \$28.95 for nonmembers, and half-price for children ages 10 and younger. Buffet is free for children ages 3 and younger.

Reservations are required.

For reservations or more information, call 301-677-6969.

## Tax Center seeks volunteers

The Fort Meade Office of the Staff Judge Advocate seeks full-time and part-time volunteers to work as tax preparers or administrative personnel at the Joint Installation Tax Center from January through April.

No tax experience is necessary. All required training will be provided and conducted on Fort Meade in January.

This is an opportunity to build your resume, gain experience in tax preparation, and develop customer service skills.

This is also an opportunity to support the community by providing free, electronic filing of federal and state income tax returns for service members, retirees and family members from all military services.

For more information, contact the Tax Center attorney in charge, Yosefi Seltzer, at [yosefi.m.seltzer.civ@mail.mil](mailto:yosefi.m.seltzer.civ@mail.mil) or 301-677-5038.

## Brass Lounge

The Brass Lounge is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Club Meade.

An assortment of beverages and appetizers are available.

Music and television entertainment will be provided.

The Brass Lounge is open to all military ranks and services, and civilians.

Lunch service and lunch buffets are no longer available at Club Meade.

For more information, go to [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com) for more details.

## Thrift Shop hours

The Post Thrift Shop, located at 392 Llewellyn Ave., is open 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.

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For more information, call 410-672-3575.

## Vehicle Resale Lot

Sell or buy all types of vehicles at the resale lot on Rock Avenue.

To place a vehicle on the lot, stop by Outdoor Recreation at 2300 Wilson St.

For more information, call 301-677-3810.

## Freedom Inn open to post employees

The Freedom Inn Dining Facility, located at 8502 Simonds St., is open to all active-duty service members, military retirees, DoD civilians, contractors, and Department of the Army security guards and firefighters on Monday through Friday.

Active-duty service members on Basic Allowance for Subsistence are also authorized for meals on the weekend. Family members of military personnel may purchase meals on weekdays if they are accompanied by the service member.

All other categories of customers may purchase meals as the garrison commander deems appropriate. These categories include youth groups, MEPS candidates, civilian dignitaries, guests and other visitors.

Service members with a meal card will continue to have priority over cash-paying customers.

For more information, call 301-677-5503.

## Open Mic Night

Show off your talents at Open Mic Night every Saturday from 6-11 p.m. at The Lounge at The Lanes.

Sing your favorite song or perform music, stand-up comedy, poetry or magic.

Youths under the age of 18 are permitted in The Lounge until 9 p.m. All youths must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

For more information, call 301-677-5541.

## EDUCATION

### 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

• **TGPS Five-Day Workshops** (Transition, Goals, Plans, Success): Monday to Nov. 18 and Dec. 5-9: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., FFSC

• **Pre-Separation Brief:** Nov. 10 and Dec. 1, 9-11:30 a.m., FFSC

• **Pre-Deployment Brief:** Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, 10-11:30 a.m., FFSC

#### Financial

• **Car Buying:** Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., ACS

• **Planning for the Holidays:** Nov. 22, 9-11 a.m., ACS

• **Planning to Reduce Taxes:** Nov. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ACS

#### Employment

• **How To Work A Job Fair:** Today, 9 a.m. to noon, FFSC

• **Job Search Strategies:** Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, FFSC

#### Life Skills

• **Stress Management:** Today and Dec. 1, 9-11 a.m., FFSC

• **Healthy Relationships:** Nov. 22 and Dec. 16, 9-11 a.m., FFSC

To register, call FFSC at 301-677-9017 or ACS at 301-677-5590, or visit [fortmeadeacs.checkappointments.com](http://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](http://facebook.com/groups/FortMeadeHomeschoolGroup).

## YOUTH

### Baby Sitter's Certification

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 Friday. Space is limited.

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

## RECREATION

### Out & About

• **Holiday Shopping Trip** is offered by Leisure Travel Services on Nov. 19 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to the Cowtown Farmers

Market and Flea Market, and Christiana Shopping Mall. Bus leaves at 7 a.m. Cost is \$40 and includes transportation. For more information, call 301-677-7354.

• **BOSS National Aquarium trip**, sponsored by Better Opportunities for Single Service Members, is Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Cost is \$15. Only 15 spaces are available.

For reservations or more information, see your BOSS representative or visit [meade.armymwr.com](http://meade.armymwr.com).

• **Toby's Dinner Theatre** presents "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.

• **Christmas Spectacular** featuring the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall in New York City on Dec. 8. Bus leaves at 7 a.m. Purchase tickets at Leisure Travel Services. For more information, call 301-677-7354.

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

## 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](http://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.

• **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.

• **The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA)** Fort Meade chapter meets the

third Tuesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Potomac Place Neighborhood Center, 4998 2nd Corps Blvd. The next meeting is Tuesday.

For more information, visit [trear.org](http://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, 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, email Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Barfield, club vice president, at [aaron.a.barfield.mil@mail.mil](mailto:aaron.a.barfield.mil@mail.mil).

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

• **Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda on the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting is Nov. 17 from 1-2 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the America Building, River Conference Room, 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](mailto: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 at Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

For child care during ESC functions, email [membership@FtMeadeESC](mailto:membership@FtMeadeESC).

For more information, call 301-908-3773.

• **Meade Area Garden Club** will meet Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. at the Jessup Community Hall located at the corner of Route 175 and Wigley Avenue.

Patty Hankins of Fine Art Floral Photography will present the program "How to Take Great Flower Photos with Your Smart Phone."

Refreshments will be served.

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

For more information, call 443-949-8348.

## 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 Nov. 19



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**Friday: "The Birth of a Nation" (R).** Nat Turner, a literate slave and preacher in the antebellum South, orchestrates an uprising. With Nate Parker, Armie Hammer, Penelope Ann Miller.

**Saturday: "The Accountant" (R).** As a math savant uncooks the books for a new client, the Treasury Department closes in on his activities and the body count starts to rise. With Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons.

**Sunday: "Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life" (PG).** Tired of his middle school's obsession with the rules at the expense of any and all creativity, a teen and his best friends decide to break every single rule in the school and let the students run wild. With Griffin Gluck, Lauren Graham, Alexa Nisenson.

**Nov. 18: "Boo! A Madea Halloween" (PG-13).** Madea winds up in the middle of mayhem when she spends a haunted Halloween fending off killers, paranormal poltergeists, ghosts, ghouls and zombies while keeping a watchful eye on a group of misbehaving teens. With Tyler Perry, Cassi Davis, Patrice Lovely.

**Nov. 19: "Kevin Hart: What Now?" (R).** Comedian Kevin Hart performs in front of a crowd of 50,000 people at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field. With Kevin Hart, Don Cheadle, Halle Berry.