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# Rules to buy, sell, register ensure safety, security, proper possession



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## Capt. Greg Miller

151st Legal Operations Detachment

Those interested in purchasing a firearm should first visit the Virginia State Police website – [www.vsp.state.va.us/Firearms\\_PurchaseEligibility.shtm](http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Firearms_PurchaseEligibility.shtm) – and answer the eligibility test questions to determine if they are lawfully allowed to do so.

While most people know convicted felons are not permitted to purchase firearms, the test enumerates other, lesser-known disqualifiers. For instance, individuals may not be eligible to purchase a firearm if they have been convicted of certain misdemeanors, including domestic violence; have been

involuntarily committed to a mental health facility; or are the subject of certain outstanding restraining orders.

Those deemed eligible for purchasing a firearm after going through the test must then complete the necessary paperwork and pass a background check. Please remember that providing any materially false information during the application process will likely result in criminal prosecution.

Even though Virginia does not require registration for most firearms, it is recommended that individuals do so, particularly if the wish to sell any weapons at a later time. Anytime a firearm is sold, it is a good idea to use a Virginia firearms

dealer on a consignment basis. This is the best assurance of legal protection since the dealer will only sell to eligible individuals, and will properly document the sale, shielding the previous owner from potential liability if the weapon is associated with a crime in the future.

It is important to note that Virginia law regarding firearms is not applicable on a federal installation. Firearms brought onto Fort Lee must be properly registered. There also are specific rules regarding storage and transportation of firearms while on the installation. Additional details are provided on the following webpage: [www.lee.army.mil/pmo/flp-weapon.registration.aspx](http://www.lee.army.mil/pmo/flp-weapon.registration.aspx).

# Virginians should be cautious about knock-off DMV websites

RICHMOND – There is only one place to access Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles products and services securely, conveniently and without extra processing fees, advised Commissioner David Holcomb. The appropriate site is [www.dmvNOW.com](http://www.dmvNOW.com). All others are “third-party pretenders,” he said.

“We are aware of sites like [dmv.org](http://dmv.org) that pop up during internet searches and try to pull in customers who may think they are dealing directly with DMV,” Holcomb

added. “Unlike these unauthorized sites, the real DMV would never charge extra for simply performing a transaction. In fact, some of our products and services, like decal renewals, come at a *discount* when you conduct your business with us online.”

More than 40 transactions can be performed at [www.dmvNOW.com](http://www.dmvNOW.com), a convenient shortcut address that directs people to the official DMV website, [www.dmv.virginia.gov](http://www.dmv.virginia.gov). The agency urges customers to make sure “virginia.gov” appears in the address

bar before they proceed with a transaction. Additionally, the official homepage has “Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles” and “DMV Now” in the top left banner.

Websites not affiliated with Virginia DMV usually have discreet disclaimers indicating they are not affiliated with official government sites.

“We have worked hard to build a mobile-friendly website that offers security and quality customer service,” Holcomb noted. “It troubles me that these third-party sites

would use our good name to offer an inferior experience. Customers at [dmvNOW.com](http://dmvNOW.com) can expect timely service, official DMV products, and top-of-the-line security, which the pretenders can’t promise.”

Millions of customers who use DMV’s official website also enjoy advantages like the myDMV account, which provides a dashboard-style interface unique to each user, electronic renewal notifications via text or email, free study guides, interactive traffic safety data, and much more.



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ON THE COVER



T. Anthony Bell

Garrison Commander Col. Hollie J. Martin works the controls of an excavator under the guidance of construction personnel as a ceremonial gesture to begin the demolition of 34 homes in Jefferson Terrace Aug. 15. An equal number of replacement structures will be built over the next year. See page 3.

# Some Jefferson Terrace units to be demolished, replaced with 34 upgraded duplex, stand-alones

**T. Anthony Bell**

Senior Writer/Special Projects

The Army's long-time investment in privatized housing here is about to bear some new fruit with the planned demolition of a cluster of outdated family quarters in Jefferson Terrace to make room for 34 modern replacement units.

Stage-one teardown for the \$15 million project began a few weeks ago and the rebuild is expected to be completed by September 2019, said Albert Williams, Housing Division chief in the Directorate of Public Works. He also noted there is a celebratory aspect to the project's approval.

"This is a very good end to a long process," said Williams. "We started the discussion about this rebuild-reconstruction of Jefferson Terrace in 2012 ... Through perseverance and a lot of legal issues, we finally got the approval at the beginning of this year to move forward. In my opinion, it's a culmination of good teamwork on the Army side, the privatized partner side and the staff here in not giving up just because they heard 'No' the first time."

The new units – 12 single homes designated for field-grade officers and 11 duplexes – will be built on Ardennes, St. Lo and Normandy roads near Battle Drive. They will replace quarters constructed between the late 1950s to early 1960s and increase officer housing by roughly 25 percent; necessary to accommodate changes in assigned personnel, said Williams.

"Fort Lee Family Housing has 126 designated officer quarters (out of 1474 units)," he said. "When we made plans back in 2007, we had the 49th (Quartermaster Group) here, which was a large enlisted contingency. It made sense to have more enlisted homes than those for officers. Once the 49th deactivated in 2012, the demographics changed significantly, so now we have a larger contingency of officers."

Eight of the new units will be designated



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Garrison staff members, contractors and housing officials watch as Col. Hollie J. Martin, garrison commander, takes a ceremonial turn at demolishing a housing unit using an excavator in the Jefferson Terrace neighborhood Aug. 15. Thirty-four housing units will be demolished to make room for 34 new quarters designated for officers. The construction is scheduled to be completed by September of 2019.

for senior enlisted military members, Williams elaborated.

The homes – to be built by Eagle Construction of Va., out of Glen Allen – will feature open floor plans, luxury vinyl tile flooring and two-car garages. They will be similar in appearance and size to those located on Trenton and New York drives in the Washington Grove neighborhood sitting adjacent to the A Avenue gate, said Williams.

"The plan is to make the new residents feel the same as those who are living in Washington Grove," he said, "because what we are doing is developing an officer enclave within Jefferson Terrace."

The homes scheduled for demolition are the oldest on the installation. There are 182 newer homes in the neighborhood that were completed in 2007-'08, said Wendy Hunter, the installation's Residential Communities

Initiative property management liaison.

Some of the newer homes in Jefferson Terrace were funded under RCI – the Army's public-private partnership formed to improve housing and its availability. It was established in 1998 at Fort Carson, Colo., and is now divided into 34 projects at 44 installations.

Fort Lee began its RCI program in 2007 with the demolition and replacement housing in the Madison Park neighborhood located near the Child and Youth Services complex.

Among RCI's most distinguishing features is the means by which new housing and renovation and maintenance costs are funded. The bankroll for such projects is not generated by external sources but through RCI's reinvestment account.

"The bottom line is the Soldier's basic allowance for housing is what funded the

Jefferson Terrace rebuild," said Williams. "There are no military construction dollars or private loans funding these projects. We have amassed enough money in the reinvestment accounts over the last 11 years to fund the current redesign."

Prior to RCI, military members living in installation housing were not paid BAH and upkeep needs were met through a somewhat unreliable funding process that delayed required maintenance and was slow to support new requirements. RCI was meant to remedy those problems.

"The model for most RCI projects is to get everything right during the initial development periods, save our money for about 25-30 years, then go in and do renovations," said Williams. "We're in year 11, and we're doing a whole-home reconstruction. In year 13, we're looking to do whole-community renovations. We are almost 20 years ahead of the curve of most other projects."

The availability of funds for construction this early in the process can be attributed to Fort Lee's high occupancy rates and housing management efficiencies, said Williams.

When the Jefferson Terrace structures are demolished, the Jackson Circle quarters will be the oldest on the installation at 22 years, and the remaining balance of homes were mostly built within the past 15 years. That solidifies Fort Lee's housing portfolio as one that is contemporary and attractive, said Hunter.

"The homes here are comfortable and spacious, especially the newer ones," she boasted.

RCI is the best means to ensure military members are afforded the best housing options, said Hunter. It has revolutionized family housing because, unlike in the past, the funding stream is dedicated and cannot be directed elsewhere. This ultimately benefits families and positively impacts their quality of life, she added.

# Lee Hispanic observance set for Sept. 20 at theater

Fort Lee's annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration is set for Sept. 20, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the Lee Theater. Admission is free and open to the public.

The 2018 observance theme is "Hispanics: One Endless Voice to Enhance our Traditions." It is a message that invites all Americans to reflect on the traditions, history and culture of the Hispanic people, and honor their many contributions to this nation.

The installation event will be hosted by the 59th Ordnance Brigade. Organizers outlined two primary goals of the observance – the emphasis of diversity and educating attendees about Hispanic culture.

Selection of a guest speaker was still a discussion in progress at press time. That information will be announced in a future issue of the *Traveller* (print and online) and through social media channels.

Confirmed items on the agenda include dances by children of Echo Company, 16th Ord. Battalion Soldiers; a performance by a local Hispanic cultural group; food tastings; and music from the 392nd Army Band.

The national Hispanic Heritage Month observance runs from Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. When it started in 1968, it was only a week-long event launched by then-President Lyndon Johnson. It was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on Aug. 17, 1988, with the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The observance recognizes the important contributions made by Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrates their heritage and culture. Sept. 15 is a significant date because it's the anniversary of independence for several Latin American countries such as Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days



File Photo

Members of the Latin Ballet of Virginia perform during a previous Hispanic Heritage observance at the Lee Theater. This year's event is set for Sept. 20 at the same location, and will feature similar music and dance entertainment. Admission is free and open to the public.

on Sept. 16 and 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day, or Día de la Raza, which is Oct. 12, falls within this 30-day period.

Those from the local community who would like to attend the program are reminded that a valid government-issued picture ID card, or a post pass with accompanying driver's license, is required for access to the installation. Additional details can be found at [www.lee.army.mil/pmo/access.aspx](http://www.lee.army.mil/pmo/access.aspx).

For more information about the Sept. 20 observance, call Sgt. 1st Class Kevin J. Rainey, 59th Ord. Brigade equal opportunity advisor, at 804-734-6497.

– Staff Reports

## NEWS BRIEFS

### POW/MIA Observance

Fort Lee's annual POW/MIA Recognition Day observance and luncheon is set for Sept. 13, 11:30 a.m., in the Lee Club main ballroom.

The event will feature music by the 392nd Army Band, an honor guard and a missing man ceremony in which troops place commemorative items on a table dedicated to POWs and MIAs. Sgt. Maj. Darrick Brown, the senior enlisted leader for the Quartermaster School's Joint Mortuary Affairs Center here, will be the featured speaker. The cost of the luncheon is \$15.

Tickets can be purchased through any agency sergeant major or by calling 804-765-2668.

### Kenner Lab and Radiology Renovation

Kenner Army Health Clinic's laboratory and radiology departments are being renovated and will close at noon Aug. 23 to move to a temporary location. They are scheduled to reopen Aug. 27 across the street from KAHC, in building 8202, on the corner of 25th Street and B Avenue. Staff members in both departments expect to operate in the temporary location for 6-9 months with no loss of services.

For details, call 804-734-9000.

### SJA Client Services Closure

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division, will be closed Aug. 30-31. No legal assistance or claims services will be available during that time.

Customers are reminded that routine assistance such as preparation of powers of attorney or notary services are provided anytime during normal operating hours.

Customers seeking an appointment for attorney consultation should contact the office at 804-765-1500.

### Workforce Discussion on Resiliency

A workforce resiliency discussion is scheduled for Sept. 5, 2:30-3:20 p.m., at Liberty Chapel, C Avenue. The event will focus on the experience of Louis Zamperini, the Olympic athlete and World War II Army Air Corps officer who endured two years of torture as a P.O.W.

To RSVP, visit [einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=413604&k=0660410F7B53](http://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=413604&k=0660410F7B53). For other details, call 804-734-0165.

### Ticket Deadline Sept. 14 for Retiree Ball

Tickets will be available for the 2018 Military Retiree Appreciation Ball until Sept. 14. The event is set for Sept. 29, 5 p.m., at the Lee Club.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Tracey E. Anbiya is the scheduled guest speaker. The cost for single admission is \$37 and \$74 for couples.

For registration and details, call 804-734-0005 or 765-8675.

### Annual CIF Inventory

The Central Issue Facility and Supply Support Activity will be closed to conduct a 100-percent inventory Sept. 24-28.

Customers are asked to complete all immediate-need transactions prior to the closure. Normal operations will resume Oct. 1. Emergencies will be handled on a case-by-case basis by contacting Cedric Capers at 804-734-3575 or [cedric.j.capers.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:cedric.j.capers.ctr@mail.mil) or Darius Nicholson at 734-3062 or [darius.l.nicholson.civ@mail.mil](mailto:darius.l.nicholson.civ@mail.mil). There will be an individual stationed at the south "exit only" door of building 1603 for emergency assistance.

For details, call 804-734-3062 or 734-4675.



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Capt. Jose Ramirez, with the help of 1st Sgt. La'Tangie Dumas (wearing beret) and Sgt. 1st Class John Doody (wearing campaign hat), unfurls the Lima Company guidon during the unit's reactivation ceremony Aug. 15 outside the company headquarters. Nicknamed Lima Lions, the unit was deactivated April 25, 2016.

# QM battalion gets breathing room with Lima Company reactivation

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The lion roars ... again.

Lima Company, 244th Quartermaster Battalion, was reactivated during a ceremony Aug. 15 on the unit grounds. Among those present for the formalities were Col. Gregory

Townsend and Command Sgt. Maj. Lisa Haney, the 23rd QM Brigade commander and CSM, respectively. Also present were battalion leaders Lt. Col. Daniel L. Horn and CSM DuJuan D. Warren.

The "Lima Lions" had been hibernating in a deactivated status since 2016. Called forth to duty once again, it will be responsible

for the health and welfare of advanced individual training students attending the 92Y Unit Supply Specialist and 92A Automated Logistical Specialist courses. It presently has a balance of 160 Soldiers.

Horn, who presented remarks for the event, said the reactivation was necessary to relieve other battalion companies of

carrying the burden of housing and caring for an increasing number of troops.

"This is a great thing for the Guardian Battalion," he said. "Lima is providing us with the ability to reduce our cadre-to-student ratio, which is going to enhance our readiness from day one," he said.

Prior to the reactivation, said Horn, the cadre-to-student ratio was 1-60. It is now 1-40.

"We also have a lot more drill sergeants than we've had in the past," he added with the acknowledgement that Lima Co. will need them. Its personnel rolls are due swell to roughly 250 within a week.

Capt. Jose Ramirez, who along with 1st Sgt. La'Tangie Dumas forms the Lima leadership duo, said he is honored to take on his new duties.

"I am privileged to lead American sons and daughters and make a positive impact on their lives," said the native of Rincon, Puerto Rico. "It means a lot to me, and I'm going to do my best. I know there will be some tough days, but with the first sergeant by my side, and the professionalism of the drill sergeants and instructors, I'm going to be fine."

Lima Co. includes 13 drill sergeants and 16 instructors on its personnel rolls. The Guardian Battalion is now comprised of five student companies and it maintains administrative control of the QM School's Logistics Training Department, which supports all 92A and 92Y training.



Amy Perry

## Training session features counterterrorism speaker

Adam Ramos, the northeast representative for domestic terrorism at the National Counterterrorism Center in McClean - a business and commerce district near Washington, D.C. - briefs a diverse group of Fort Lee military and civilian workers on domestic and international terrorism trends and anticipated threats. A large portion of the Aug. 14 discussion focused on homegrown violent extremists, a threat that has increased in frequency over the past several years. Most of the audience consisted of garrison employees involved in security or emergency services across the installation. The training session was arranged by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security as part of the ongoing Antiterrorism Awareness Month campaign.

# Spc. Jesse Tardieu

**Unit:** Headquarters and Headquarters Company, CASCOM

**MOS:** 42A – human resources specialist

**Age:** 30

**Time in service:** three years

**Marital status:** single

**Hometown:** Tampa, Fla.

**Personal strengths:** “I’m really not easily bothered. I always try to stay on the positive side, and I always look for ways not to fail.”

**Pastimes:** “I’m part of the CASCOM softball team and just joined the BOSS Strong competition.”

**Editor’s note:** the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Strong competition is an event that awards installation teams points for physical fitness and leisure and community support activities.

**Worst fear:** “Failing.”

**Favorite book(s):** “The Harry Potter series.”

**Favorite quote:** “If you know yourself



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and know your enemy, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.” (Attributed to Sun Tzu in the “Art of War.”)

**One person you admire:** “My mom – she’s a go-getter. She’s the one I learned from; my mentor who always came through no matter how difficult things got.”

**One famous person you would like to meet:** “Muhammad Ali – he was the greatest

at a time when he shouldn’t have been (during the turmoil of the 1960s). He overcame all of it and became one of the greatest boxers in history.”

**What you believe in:** “Putting in 100 percent every day to better myself.”

**If you could do anything anywhere right now, what and where would that be?** “Home with my family. My mom just bought a new house, and she’s moving, so I would’ve liked to have been there to help her.”

**Something no one would guess about you:** “Outside of the Army, no one would guess I’m actually in the Army. People assume I’m probably not in the military because I’m a really friendly person.”

**When you’ve been most satisfied:** “After basic training when I officially became a Soldier. From that point on, it felt like my life had direction, and I was doing something worthwhile.”

**One life-changing moment:** “When my nephew was born. I was not there (when it happened), but actually meeting him and spending time with him, I was like, ‘I think I need to do this one day.’ He’s a blessing.”

**Talk about your upbringing:** “My mom moved here from Trinidad before I was born. My dad followed shortly after. They separated seven years after I was born. It was basically just her and I when I grew up, so I would take care of my little brother while she went to work. I learned responsibility quickly, but seeing her come to this country with no education and becoming a dental assistant showed me you can do anything. I know I have it easier than she did, but I’m going to work 10 times as hard.”

**How you crossed paths with the Army:** “I was working in a warehouse moving boxes from trucks. It was horrible. When I came home, I didn’t want to do anything because I was exhausted. There was a recruiter’s office I drove by every day, and one day I thought, ‘I should do that.’ So, one day, I just got tired and did it. I took the ASVAB and, two weeks later, I was shipped (to basic training). Looking back, I wasn’t proud to say I worked in a warehouse. I needed fulfillment. I needed something bigger.”

**Your expectations after joining:** “I

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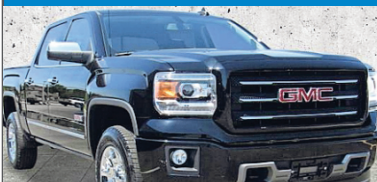
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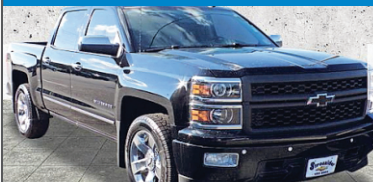
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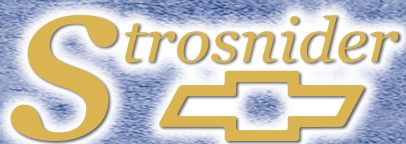
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# Lee observance highlights women's equality struggle

The installation's annual Women's Equality Day observance took place Aug. 26 at the Lee Theater. Organized by the Staff and Faculty Company, Army Logistics University Support Battalion, the event included a dramatic reading of Maya Angelou's poem "Phenomenal Woman," featuring Staff Sgt. Iliya Y. Berrioscruz, an ALU instructor (pictured left).



Col. Beth Behn, commander of the 7th Transportation Brigade (Expeditionary) at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, provided remarks (pictured below). "Women receiving the right to vote opened the door to other achievements in years to come," said the 1994 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point where she later served as an assistant professor in the History Department. "These observances are an important reminder of the persistent pursuit of equality by generations of women. ... The ratification of the 19th amendment was a beginning, not an end. It served as a stepping stone for women. We are still on that journey. The struggle for full equality is not yet complete." America's military is one profession where women have made "significant progress," Behn further observed. In each conflict since World War I, they proudly stepped forward to serve their nation. Today, women make up approximately 14 percent of active duty military. "It is a mark of success to be proud of, for sure, but there is still a long road ahead to reach full equality," she concluded. The installation event marked the 98th anniversary of the enacted law that gave women the right to vote. The observance – with a theme of "Nevertheless She Persisted" – also included a video "15 Things Women Couldn't Do in 1916" and posters highlighting leading women in the Suffrage Movement.



Photos by Ray Kozakewicz

## Vipers review maneuver tactics

From left, Pvt. Tyrique Bryan, Pvt. Keontae Barr, Pfc. Christopher Dimanche and Spc. Serrano Patino – all assigned to Victor Company, 262nd Quartermaster Battalion – perform a battle damage assessment after a simulated enemy engagement during the 23rd Quartermaster Brigade field training exercise Aug. 10. The FTX is a culmination exercise that reinforces the technical and tactical skills Soldiers learned throughout their initial entry and advanced individual training programs.



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Lesley Atkinson, Kenner Army Health Clinic PAO

(ABOVE LEFT) Kenner Army Health Clinic physician Dennis Petrocelli speaks to Joe Mazza from John Randolph Medical Center, Hopewell, during the Aug. 16 Provider Collaboration Meeting at the Army Quartermaster Museum. The event was an opportunity for Kenner staffers to build closer relationships with off-post providers who are part of the local military health care network. (ABOVE RIGHT) Dr. Prabha Ugalat Gupta, a Family Medicine physician at Kenner Army Health Clinic, interacts with local medical care network representatives during the meeting. Over 75 off-post health facility representatives attended the relationship-building event hosted by KAHC.

# Clinic collaboration meeting promotes partnerships with network providers

## Lesley Atkinson

KAHC Public Affairs Officer

Over 75 local community health network partners attended an Aug. 16 Provider Collaboration Meeting at the Army Quartermaster Museum.

Kenner Army Health Clinic organized the relationship-building event with the goal of ensuring its beneficiaries receive top-quality care no matter where they are being examined or treated on- or off-post.

Lt. Col. David Glad opened the meeting with remarks, first noting how Kenner largely relies on the community network

providers. He thanked the visiting attendees for helping the Army meet the medical needs of the “strongest force the nation has ever known.”

Aaron Couch, representing Bon Secours Business Development Marketing, said he came to meet the providers, see what services are available and to let them know what her facility can offer and how they can continue to build relationships.

A similar goal was expressed by Sasa Espino, a breast surgeon from Southside Regional Medical Center. She came to the Provider Collaboration meeting to ensure

others are aware of SRMC services and to assure providers they will offer good care to beneficiaries. Her main focus was to let them know they can get their care here locally and not have to travel long distances.

Dr. Jancy Pottanat found the event to be important for Kenner. “It is nice to put a face with the name of those who are taking care of my patients,” the clinic staffer said. “When you know them personally, it makes it so much better. It’s beneficial, also, to understand how they run their practice and the factors that influence our

ability to get beneficiaries in their clinics. All in all, I am focused today on patient care to make sure (our military community is) being taken care of.”

The event revolved around Kenner’s mission statement, which specifies the facility’s commitment to the delivery of exceptional and compassionate patient-centered care.

“The Fort Lee community deserves the best possible care,” said Lt. Col. Paul J. Kassebaum, KAHC commander. “This was a great event where Kenner and network providers got to know one another better and exchange ideas for improving patient care. Today’s winner is the Kenner patient. This is one piece of the clinic’s commitment to provide exceptional and compassionate patient-centered care.”

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wanted to go out there, see the world and make a difference. It all fell into place. As a 42A, I meet Soldiers from privates to colonels every day and help them with their

records. On top of that, I went to one of the best places in South Korea on my first duty assignment. I could walk inside my barracks and see the Seoul skyline ... oh! I made the right choice.”

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**Where you see yourself in five years:** “Having my own house and becoming a staff sergeant.”

- Compiled by T. Anthony Bell

# Sept. activities bring focus to suicide awareness, prevention

**Amy Perry**

Production/News Assistant Editor

All Fort Lee community members are invited to participate in a wide-ranging list of activities during September's observance of Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month.

"This is a time when the Army joins the nation and the other services in re-energizing year-round suicide prevention efforts," said Katina Oates, the installation's Suicide Prevention Program manager. "Army suicide prevention efforts promote available resources, increase suicide prevention awareness, and educate Soldiers on how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm. During September, the Army will amplify its Ready and Resilient messaging, with emphasis on minimizing risky behaviors and negative outcomes, achieving and sustaining personal readiness, optimizing human performance and underscoring the

importance of engaged leadership."

Post activities of note include the suicide prevention talks set for Sept. 12, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., at the Lee Theater. The guest speaker is Kevin Hines, a Golden Gate Bridge suicide attempt survivor. He is one of 36 to survive the fall – out of more than 2,000 – and now actively spreads the message of living mentally healthy.

"One of the instrumental gains from the Kevin Hines presentation will be insight into building hope," said Oates. "This also is the central theme of the Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month Campaign. Research indicates hope-building in conjunction with resiliency skill-building are essential components in suicide prevention."

The month will be introduced with a Kickoff Breakfast and Proclamation Signing Aug. 30, 7-8 a.m., at the Memorial Chapel Family Life Center.

Other events set for the September observance include the following:

- Background discussion about the movie "Unbroken" set for Sept. 5, 2:30-3:30 p.m., at Liberty Chapel.
- ACE (Ask, Care, Escort) talks planned for Sept. 12 at Liberty and Memorial chapels during the Protestant Women and Catholic Women of the Chapel meetings.
- Movie viewing of "Unbroken" set for Sept. 14, 6 p.m., Liberty Chapel.
- Choose Life Prayer Vigil and Fasting scheduled for Sept. 17 at the Memorial Chapel Family Life Center. Participants can attend any time between 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- A second suicide prevention presentation is set for Sept. 26, 9 a.m., at the Lee Theater. The speaker has yet to be determined.
- A suicide prevention golf tournament taking place Sept. 27, 8 a.m. - noon, at Cardinal Golf Course. Details for signing up will be released soon.
- Suicide prevention information booths are planned for Sept. 6, 7, 11, 13, 17, 20, 24 and 25 at the Main Exchange.

## Suicide Prevention RESOURCES

- The **Military Crisis Hotline** is the No. 1 resource serving as a Suicide Lifeline: **1-800-273-TALK (8255), press "1."**
- The **Fort Lee duty chaplain** may be reached anytime at **804-586-0924**.
- **Fort Lee's Community Resource Guide** is accessible via the web and mobile devices at [www.lee.army.mil/crg](http://www.lee.army.mil/crg). It provides quick access to the resources that personnel and families need in times of crisis.
- The **CASCOM "We Care" mobile app** is available to download for free from the Apple and Android markets. It includes up-to-date information and links addressing suicide prevention and resiliency.
- Comprehensive information on suicide prevention is available from the Army at [www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide](http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide).



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## Lee troops help Army secure second place

Members of the All-Army Women's Softball team pose for a team photo. This year, the team's 5-4 record was good enough for second place at the Armed Forces Softball Championship played Aug. 14-17 at NAS Pensacola, Fla. The Air Force won the event with a 6-3 record. The Army softball squad included two Soldiers from Fort Lee: 1st Lt. Khristen Murdock, 23rd Quartermaster Brigade (back row, third from left); and Sgt. Tiffany Schroeder, Army Logistics University (back row, third from right). Murdock also made last year's team. Schroeder is a newcomer to Army softball. Fort Stewart, Ga., was the only other installation with two players on the team.



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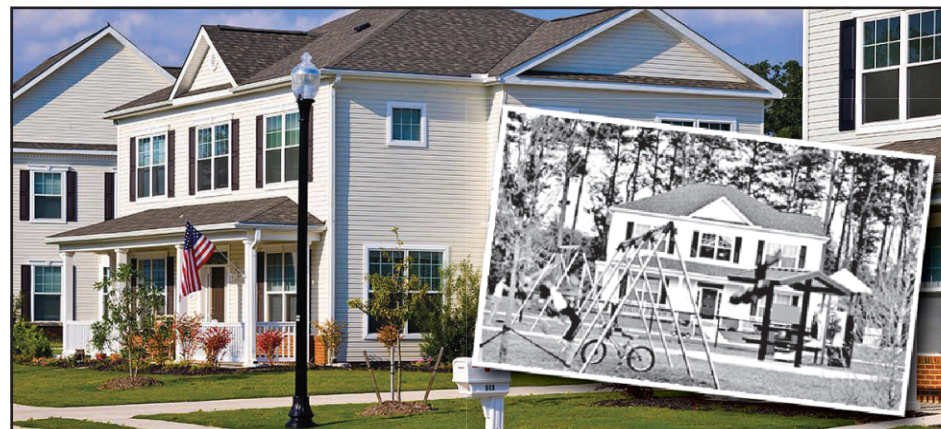
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# Automated meal entitlement system, food trucks to improve Soldier dining experience

Joe Lacdan

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The Army is phasing out its manual meal card system after decades of use. Full transition to a new automated meal entitlement code system is expected to be completed by the end of September.

What it means to authorized Army dining facility patrons is that instead of presenting a meal card, they will simply swipe their common access card containing an authorization code for the service. The new system, developed by the Army's Software Engineering Center, allows for the reading of a meal entitlement code that is installed on the CAC by a military personnel office.

Some installations have been testing the new system since January, but the deadline for all posts worldwide to transition to the new system is Oct. 1.

The automated system will make it easier for Soldiers to enter a DFAC, officials said, particularly those in large units.

“(The new system) will ultimately speed them through the line at the dining facility,” said Jack Skelly, chief of the Food and Field Services Branch, Army G-4, at the Pentagon.

The Army actually began its pilot program in the fall of 2017 at three locations, including Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall; Fort Gordon, Georgia; and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In January, the Army began implementing the program at other installations as well.

The new automated meal entitlement management system will not just impact Soldiers living in the barracks and eating at the dining facility. Even Soldiers receiving basic allowance for subsistence who are on temporary duty, special missions, institutional training or deployments will have a code for meals placed on their CAC.

“It will impact every Soldier,” said Larry Lock, chief of Military Compensation and Entitlements. “What we’re trying to do ... is give commanders an efficient, effective

system to account for a member’s meal entitlements.”

The Army’s meal card system dates back to the World War II era, though tweaks have been made over the years, Skelly said.

The old system often caused delays in DFAC lines and presented an obstacle for Soldiers participating in large training exercises. Soldiers would have to manually sign into a written log after entering a DFAC or get checked into a log upon leaving.

“That’s a very antiquated and labor-intensive program,” Skelly said.

A smoother dining experience will help Soldiers focus on missions and training, he said, adding it falls in line with guidance set by Secretary of the Army Mark Esper.

The automated meal system is part of a larger push to remove manual mandatory tasks to headquarters-and-below elements of the Army so units can focus on readiness and training, Skelly added.

When National Guard and Army Reserve units are mobilized, Soldiers from those units will benefit from the convenience as well, Lock said. Commanders also will be able to track whether Soldiers are receiving their due entitlements.

## Mobile DFACs

In addition to the automation of dining facilities, the Army will soon roll out a “culinary outpost” for Soldiers. Food trucks with menu items prepared at Army dining facilities will service some troops in larger garrisons.

“Soldiers can’t always get back to their dining facility,” Skelly said. “So, we’re taking (the dining facility) to them.”

With the food trucks, Soldiers will enjoy a menu of healthy options – an “Asian bowl” with white or brown rice, for instance. Skelly said the menus also will feature sandwiches, wraps, salads, fruit and lean beef burgers.

“All menus are designed to be healthier,” Skelly said. “It’s extending our feeding  
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U.S. Army photo by Joe Lacdan

Spc. Mary Calkin, a member of the Washington State National Guard, takes a plate of food at the Freedom Inn Dining Facility, Fort Meade, Md. The Army will transition from issuing old paper meal cards to an automated meal entitlement code system by Oct. 1.



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# Partnering, information-sharing key to counterterrorism success

There is an Army antiterrorism axiom that “awareness and vigilance are our most certain defense.” Essentially, it’s the longer and less catchy version of “See Something, Say Something,” which has become the well-known jingle of the iWATCH campaign.

The point that’s being conveyed in both statements is the critical importance of every Army community member’s involvement in antiterrorism awareness and prevention, and the urgency of sharing suspicious activity reports with civilian law enforcement and investigatory agencies as well as Army security professionals.

No report is considered trivial or immediately dismissed as the proverbial “wild goose chase.” Fort Lee Suspicious Activity Reports are initially investigated by the military police to determine whether there is any connection to actual or suspected terrorist activity. If so, it is promptly reported to national civilian and military investigatory and intelligence agencies through the FBI’s eGuardian system. From there, it is analyzed and reported to both civilian and military protection agencies for awareness.

Conversely, Fort Lee-related SAR reports received from local, state and federal agencies are evaluated by the Threat Working Group to determine whether the installation is vulnerable to the potential threat and whether anything needs to be done to protect personnel and critical assets from the reported activity. This is only possible because civilian agencies keep the post informed via the eGuardian system. That also is why the Provost Marshal and DPTMS Protection ATOs maintain an ongoing dialog and partnership with the Richmond office of the FBI and the Richmond Joint Terrorism Task Force, which is where any “hot” threat information that impacts Fort Lee would likely emanate from.

**Counterterrorism is a key role for every member of the U.S. military.** It is an obligation necessitated by reputation as the most formidable ground, air and sea combat force on earth.

America’s Army has convincingly demonstrated its competence and effectiveness

in carrying out diverse missions overseas and in the homeland. Today’s range of engagements include fighting terrorists around the world; training Afghan and Iraqi Army forces; peacekeeping in the Sinai Peninsula and Kosovo; missile defense in the Persian Gulf; security assistance in Africa and South America; deterrence in Europe, the Republic



of Korea and Kuwait; rapid deployment global contingency forces; and response forces for homeland security.

Furthermore, standalone recruiting stations and regional Reserve and National Guard centers demonstrate the Army’s integration within local communities and why the counterterrorism partnership with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies is vital.

The Army family and the civilian law enforcement community share a common mission: the prevention of terrorism. While the Army is fighting terrorists around the globe, it also partners with U.S. authorities to protect communities and minimize, or hopefully eliminate, threats. There is an overwhelming need for cooperation among Army, inter-agency and local civilian law enforcement to counter terrorist activities.

One of the Army’s premier capabilities for preventing terrorism is the Army Threat Integration Center, a 24/7 joint law enforcement and intelligence fusion center responsible for global information sharing focused on internal and external threats.

The ARTIC integrates, analyzes and disseminates all-source threat information for

commanders, law enforcement and force protection officials at all levels. It is an asset that enhances the Army’s situational awareness, improves its ability to make effective risk-based decisions, and promotes the protection of Army personnel, infrastructure and information worldwide.

In 2017, the ARTIC generated more than

300 terrorist threat reports to support Army senior leaders and subordinate commands; more than 150 suspicious activity and situational awareness products of force protection interest in support of multi-service and law enforcement partners; and processed reports of non-imminent threats that affected more than 2,200 Soldiers, Army Civilians, contractors, retirees, dependents and family members. The ARTIC is linked directly to the Homeland Security Information Network, a shared system used by federal law enforcement and local law enforcement partners and agencies that enables communication with 78 fusion centers.

**One current Army objective is to improve fusion of information and intelligence.** This objective could not be met without formal and informal links with civilian law enforcement agencies. There are numerous examples where alert citizens and active policing have thwarted potential terrorist attacks, including the 2011 arrest in Killeen, Texas, of Naser Jason Abdo, who planned to attack Soldiers at a restaurant outside Fort Hood.

Another example is the 2016 arrest of Lionel Williams, who favored “hard targets” such

as military personnel or police in an alleged plan to conduct a San Bernardinostyle attack. In a more recent example, police in Ithaca, N.Y., foiled a potential attack in March 2018 thanks to a report from a Walmart employee. Sharing information of this kind has long-term implications for protection and partnerships across a broad local area.

The antiterrorism community is currently seeking ways to address threats posed by small unmanned aircraft systems, and improving detection and defenses against insider threats. The Army has gathered critical information from civilian law enforcement case studies of the Mumbai swarm attack in 2008, the Washington Navy Yard insider attack in 2013, and the Las Vegas mass shooting in 2017. In fact, the Army iWATCH campaign itself was developed from the Los Angeles Police Department’s identically named initiative.

At the recent Army Worldwide Antiterrorism Training Seminar, a gathering of more than 350 subject matter experts reinforced the significance of partnerships between civilian law enforcement and the military antiterrorism community. Cooperation and community involvement were viewed as indispensable components to the long-term goal of preventing terrorist attacks.

Encouraging sustained and expanded relationships between the Army and local, state, federal and international law enforcement partners is vital and will undoubtedly remain a critical aspect of success for the future. Baseball player Yogi Berra is rumored to have once said, “You’ve got to be very careful if you don’t know where you’re going because you might not get there.”

Yogi’s homespun wisdom serves to remind all those involved in protecting people and critical assets to focus on preventing terrorist attacks. The counterterrorism community knows where it is going. “Getting there” requires a strong partnership between community members, civilian law enforcement and military antiterrorism officers at all levels.

– Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

# CALENDAR

## LOCAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE FORT LEE COMMUNITY

### Science Museum PrepareAthon | Aug. 25

PrepareAthon, a free festival encouraging community emergency planning, will be held Aug. 25, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 West Broad St., Richmond.

The event will feature local experts, hands-on workshops and life-saving information. The museum will offer free admission from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For details, call 804-864-1400.

### Monument City Music Auditions | Aug. 26-28

Monument City Music is seeking singers to join the Richmond Men's Chorus, Richmond Women's Chorus or a cappella group, The Noteables. An audition for The Noteables will be held Aug. 26, 4-6 p.m., at the Imperial Plaza Virginia Room, 1717 Bellevue Ave., Richmond. An orientation is set for the men's chorus Aug. 27, 7 p.m., and for the women's group Aug. 28, 7 p.m., also at Imperial Plaza.

For details, call 804-537-0094.

### Resume Writing Workshop | Aug. 28

The Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program will host a free resume-writing workshop August 28, 1-4 p.m., at the Soldier Support Center, building 3400, Room 126, 1401 B Ave.

Participants will receive tips on fine-tuning objectives, crafting work history, showcasing skills and more.

For registration, call 804-734-6612 or email [army.lee.sftap@mail.mil](mailto:army.lee.sftap@mail.mil).

### Franchising Workshop | Aug. 29

A free Franchising and Financing Seminar is set for Aug. 29, 9 a.m. - noon, at the Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program Center, building 3400, 1401 B Ave.

Participants will learn the process of starting a business including a number of free support services available. Spouses of participating individuals are welcome to attend.

For registration, call 804-734-6612.

### SRMC Blood Drive | Aug. 30

Southside Regional Medical Center will partner with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive Aug. 30, noon - 6 p.m., at 200 Medical Park Blvd., Petersburg. Donors of all types are needed.

To make an appointment or learn more about this and other blood drives in the area, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767.

### Pre-Retirement Seminar | Aug. 31

A pre-retirement seminar for military members who are within 12-24 months of separation from service will be held Aug. 31, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the Soldier Support Center auditorium, building 3400, 1401 B Ave.

The free program will cover a variety of post-military-career topics including veteran benefits, entitlements, health care and more. Spouses of separating military members are welcome. For details, call 804-734-6555 or 734-6973.

### Family Housing Pet Photo Day | Sept. 6

Residents of Fort Lee Family Housing can have free pet photos taken Sept. 6, 4-6 p.m., at the Sisisky Welcome Center. A photo with a frame will be complimentary for each resident.

The event is in recognition of Pet Appreciation Month.

For other details, call 804-733-1558.

### FLASC Sign-Up Event | Sept. 6

Prize raffles, shopping booths, travel and family support information tables, free refreshments and more are among the advertised offerings of the Fort Lee Area Spouses' Club Super Sign-Up event set for Sept. 6, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Memorial Chapel.

All spouses of service members (active, reserve, retired or deceased), as well as government civilians and contractors are welcome. The free family friendly event is open to children.

For updates, visit [www.facebook.com/fortleearaspousesclub](http://www.facebook.com/fortleearaspousesclub).



Deborah Beaudet

Volunteer Lee Playhouse actors rehearse a scene from "Godspell" in preparation for the upcoming performance in September. The show opens Sept. 7 at the Lee Theater and continues each weekend through Sept. 23.

## 'Godspell' 3-weekend run starts Sept. 7, Lee Theater

Opening night for "Godspell" – the first production of the Lee Playhouse 2018-2019 main stage season – is set for Sept. 7, 8 p.m., at the Lee Theater, 1100 Mahone Ave. Additional performances are Sept. 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m., and Sept. 9, 16 and 23 at 3 p.m. All shows are open to the public.

This legendary pop-rock musical written by Stephen Schwartz (also a contributor to "Wicked," "Hair" and "Jesus Christ Superstar") and John-Michael Tebelak has been a featured offering by theater companies across the nation and overseas for more than 40 years. A Broadway revival of the production in 2011 garnered an all-new fan base that appreciated its contemporary nod to the gospel and message-heavy songs ranging from "Day by Day" to "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord."

"Godspell" invites theater-goers to join a quirky group of misfits as they encounter a young, mysterious traveler who is adept at making them look within themselves for the answers to life. Through a series of

songs and storytelling, he guides them on a journey through the heart of the human spirit to discover their individual enlightenment. The story loosely parallels the New Testament Gospels using the parables and the Passion story of Jesus. Parental guidance is suggested for children under 12

The production features Trevor Worden, Dylan Tipton, Lyndsey Brown, Anthony Cardella, Kamaron Carter, Missey France, Greta Gingrich, Beth Jarratt, Lee Jarratt, Michael McClain, TeDarryl Perry and Suzi Redling. It is directed by Julie Fulcher-Davis with musical direction by Alisa Erway and choreography by Ann Easterling.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for youth. For reservations or more information, call the box office at 804-734-6629. Off-post visitors who do not have a government-issued ID card or valid post pass are encourage to visit [www.lee.army.mil/pmo/access.aspx](http://www.lee.army.mil/pmo/access.aspx) for installation entry requirements.

– Theater Company at Fort Lee

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options.”

The food trucks will be manned by three to four Soldiers and will feature a standardized menu, Skelly said. The location of food trucks and their status will be updated on an installation’s social media pages, and unit commanders will have the option to specially request mobilization of a food truck.

Skelly said the program is currently in the pilot stage. The Army has been testing food trucks at Fort Stewart, Georgia and Fort Carson, Colorado.

Also this month, food kiosks are scheduled to open at Fort Stewart’s Marne reception station and at Fort Carson. According to Skelly, more of the kiosks are expected to open in indoor areas that have high concentrations of troops. These could include headquarters buildings, reception stations and locations that formerly housed dining facilities.

The kiosks will be manned by one to two Soldiers who will serve hot food and frozen entrees. The kiosks also will include a beverage station.

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\*Because our Emergency Department staff must treat patients based on severity of illness or injury, your time is not guaranteed. We will see you as close to your designated time as possible. TRICARE Accepted If you believe you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Department as soon as possible.