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New highway, road signs change names to reflect joint base

By Denise Lew
Pentagram Reporter

Although traffic to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall has been a bit sparse due to the commonwealth’s shelter-in-place order, drivers may have noticed some big changes on highways and roads near the base.

In April, the Virginia Department of Transportation began to install new signs that read Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall replacing Fort Myer and Henderson Hall on nearby highways and roads.

The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall new signage project, estimated at a budget of \$50,000, will be completed by the end of July. Since late April, several ground-mounted signs have been replaced or removed on Arlington Boulevard eastbound, Washington Boulevard westbound and Route 110 southbound, and nine more new signs will be installed by July. Last week marked the most difficult part of the project — the installation of two overhead signs above Washington Boulevard’s westbound and eastbound lanes outside of Hatfield Gate.

“We believe the changes will allow visitors to more easily find Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall,” said Allison Richter, director of Fairfax and Arlington counties and assistant district administrator at the Virginia Department of Transportation.

“This is a very important milestone in getting the partnership between the Army and Marine Corps on the joint base recognized in the community. The joint base encompasses three installations — Fort McNair in southwest (Washington), D.C., along with Fort Myer and Henderson Hall here in northern Virginia. For years, these were all known in the community as single installations,” said Michael Howard, public affairs director at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

Last October marked Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall’s 10th-anniversary. In 2009, the Department of Defense’s Base Realignment and Closure decision, known as BRAC, helped establish Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall as one of the first 12 joint bases.

“At that time, the Virginia Department of Transportation was

approached about the possibility of changing the road signs to reflect the base’s name change, but leadership was advised that it would not be possible at the time due to a combination of issues, to include the length of the new name and the cost,” said Leah Rubalcaba, community relations officer at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall’s Public Affairs Office.

Finally, in March of last year, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall leadership convened with Virginia Department of Transportation representatives to request new signage. “

As we were planning to celebrate our 10-year anniversary as a joint base on the first of October 2019, Col. (Kimberly) Peebles, (the JBM-HH commander), and I wanted to do something special to mark the occasion,” said Marine Corps Lt. Col. Mark Paolicelli, the JBM-HH deputy commander. “The Virginia Department of Transportation has been great partners to help us fulfill this goal.”

This spring, the Virginia Department of Transportation commenced on the project after being stalled by higher priorities and weather conditions. Despite the delay, both parties have acknowledged making considerable progress and building a strong partnership.

“We feel that we built a great relationship through this effort and look forward to working together more in the future,” said Richter.

Paolicelli praised the successful cooperation among the community. “

From the joint base, our public affairs officer, Mike Howard, and our community relations officer, Leah Rubalcaba, have helped spearhead this effort,” he said. “(JBM-HH Police) Chief (William) Johnson has also been working hard to ensure that all GPS traffic is directed to our main gate.

“Our VDOT partners, specifically Allison Richter, Vladica Krstic and Donald Goolsby have put a lot of time and effort into the project and have been instrumental in our success. Finally, this project would never have been successful without the support of Mr. Robert ‘Bob’ Lazaro, the executive director for the Northern Virginia Regional Commission. Again, this was a true community partnership coming together to accomplish this project.”



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VDOT installs an overhead sign above Route 27/Washington Boulevard near Hatfield Gate.



PHOTO BY JEFFREY HEENEY

The new joint base sign on Highway 27.



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The new JBM-HH sign is shown on Highway 50.

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Chaplain's Corner

Even when they walk away

**By Retired Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Ray Bailey
Former Deputy Chief of Chaplains**

Two new Cub Scouts, whose younger brother had fallen into the lake, rushed home to mother with tears in their eyes. One of them sobbed, “We (tried) to give him artificial respiration, but he keeps getting up and walking away.”

Sometimes our well-intended good works are not appreciated like we think they should be. We offer a hand and it seems to get bitten. We offer a kind smile only to receive a scowl. We quietly do a favor to sometimes indifference. We wonder why try.

I’ve been there, and probably so have you. We try to give artificial respiration to those we think in need of fresh air of kindness, but they just keep walking away. The question I ask myself is why do I try? What is the real reason I reach out to others? Sure, I would like an immediate gratitude, but that can’t be counted on. Sure, I would like to see my good works having a positive effect, but that may not be the outcome for me to directly see.

I do good for goodness sake. I must remember that to try to do good, even in the face of indifference, it’s worth the risk because the outcome is bigger than me and my gesture. I must believe that my gestures will make a difference in

the long run where it counts ... changing people and circumstances one at a time. I do it because I believe I am a good person and that is what good people do. We try to give artificial respiration to people even when they do not think they need it.

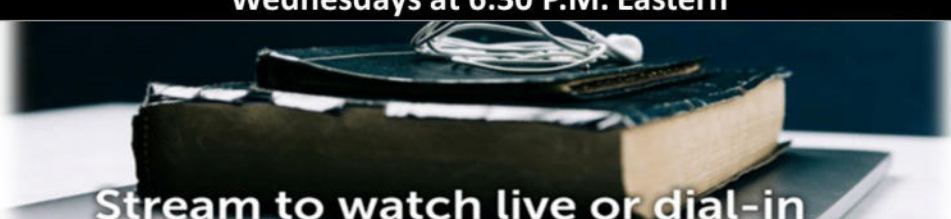
I recently read an article entitled, “Amid virus gloom, glimpses of human decency and good works.” The article goes on to say: “Since March 17, when a Norwegian mom tried to soften the blow of birthdays under quarantine for her two teens by asking via social media that people reach out to them, there have been 35 stories about the ways that everyday people have tried to make a positive difference in the lives of others. The gestures have been grand and small, some as simple as chalk-written messages on a sidewalk thanking health care workers at a New Orleans hospital for their efforts. In the month of stories about the goodness of others, it’s no surprise when we doubled back to the previous subjects of the coverage, AP journalists found the obvious — the givers’ giving has expanded.”

Doing good can be influential. It can give hope and extend hope by inspiring others to do good. So, you see, it’s not wasted. That is a major purpose why our Creator put us here ... together. We do good to others because we should and need to, even if they get up and walk away. The goodness lasts well past our eyesight.

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ACS Corner

Connect with Army Community Service

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To contact ACS, call (703) 696-3435 to reach someone who will get the service an individual is looking for.

Online resources such as Army One Source (myarmyonesource.com) and the Community Resource Guide linked to the JBM-HH homepage are available as well.


ACS classes, information

Please join the JBM-HH Army Community Service for classes and information anywhere, anytime on its YouTube Channel. To stay connected, click “Subscribe” and continue to receive resources available whenever individuals need it. New featured videos include stress management part two and the seven principles for making marriage work with much more to follow. To subscribe, visit <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnTcKDomPZeXm-vnYddOIQkg>.

ACS stress management

JBM-HH Army Community Service released a YouTube link to the ACS Family Advocacy programs stress management. Individuals can find it at <https://youtube/x8x9dc3MYOw>.





Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall

COVID-19 Resources for domestic abuse victims

Here for you 24/7

The Army is committed to the safety and well-being of Soldiers and Family members. With the stress, uncertainty, isolation, and financial strain of COVID 19, some relationships may experience increasing conflict or abusive behaviors.

Help is available. Army Community Service's Victim Advocacy Program provides 24/7 assistance to victims of abuse including crisis intervention, safety planning, locating safe shelter and assisting with identifying other needed resources and support services. Military Police are also available to respond 24/7.

For immediate assistance contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

For individuals

Resources for Victims of Abuse during COVID-19

Military One Source article: When Home isn't Safe <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/when-home-isn-t-safe-tips-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse?redirect=family-relationships/family-life/covid-19-resources>

National Domestic Violence Hotline article: Staying safe during COVID-19 <https://www.thehotline.org/2020/03/13/staying-safe-during-covid-19/>

For Army Families

Resources for Army Families to Support Healthy Coping

Military One Source: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/coronavirus>

Guidance from CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/index.html>

From Zero to Three: <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/3210-tips-for-families-coronavirus>

Resources for Families from Center for The Study of Traumatic Stress: <https://www.cstsonline.org/resources/resource-master-list/coronavirus-and-emerging-infectious-disease-outbreaks-response>

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U.S. Army Guidance: <https://www.army.mil/coronavirus/>



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Old Guard’s Drill Team honing skills



Soldiers assigned to The United States Army Drill Team, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment “The Old Guard,” practice their routine while following U.S. Department of Defense COVID-19 pre-cautionary measures. While most events have been cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic, the Drill Team maintains their skills, training to be ready to perform when called upon.

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Arlington National Cemetery remains open only to family pass holders during the Memorial Day weekend. There are no current plans to change the status prior to Memorial Day.

ANC open for family pass holders during Memorial Day weekend

By Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery remains open only to family pass holders during the Memorial Day weekend. There are no current plans to change the status prior to Memorial Day.

Charles “Ray” Alexander, Jr., superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, stated, “We are expecting several thousand family pass holders to visit their loved ones graves this Memorial Day weekend. Protecting the health of our employees, service members, contractors and our visitors is paramount.

“Arlington National Cemetery continues to monitor health and safety conditions and will promptly inform the public with any updates or changes to our operating status. Resuming more routine operations will be deliberate and conditions based as we abide by DOD regulations and CDC guidelines.”

All family pass holders who are visiting for Memorial Day weekend are reminded:

- At all cemetery entry points, security personnel will ask family pass holders for proof of having face coverings in their possession.
- Everyone who enters the cemetery must wear their face coverings in restrooms and at all other times while in the cemetery where they are unable to maintain a 6-foot social distance.
- Family pass holders are reminded that the family pass is not to be used to visit other historic locations throughout the cemetery.

“Memorial Day began at Arlington National Cemetery, known as Decoration Day, in May 1868,” said Karen Durham-Aguilera, the executive director at the Office of Army Cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery. “For 152 years, the American public has come to

know Arlington National Cemetery as the place to remember those who sacrificed many times before us and those who will make the sacrifice in the future. During this holiday and every day, Arlington National Cemetery represents the American people for past, present and future generations by laying to rest those few who have served our nation with dignity and honor, while immersing guests in the cemetery’s living history.”

Throughout the weekend, Arlington National Cemetery will be producing a multimedia virtual visitation feature which will be distributed on the cemetery website and social media.

ANC officials would like to remind family pass holders that passes are for visiting their loved ones’ grave only; there is no touring of the cemetery permitted during their visit.

The only gate open to family pass holders over the holiday weekend will be the Memorial Avenue gate at the main entrance of the cemetery, beginning at 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. All family pass holders must exit the cemetery no later than 5 p.m.

Individuals must be in possession of a face covering and a valid family pass to enter.

Questions may be directed to (877) 907-8585, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST.

For information regarding the National Memorial Day Observance, please contact the U.S. Army Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office by email at usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil or call (202) 685-4645. For more information, contact Arlington National Cemetery at www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.



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JBM-HH Memorial Day 2020

In honor of Memorial Day, a 21 gun-salute will take place at noon on Whipple Field. Due to social distancing measures, the salute is not open to the public. Please be aware that gunfire may be heard in the vicinity at this time.

All Army and Air Force Exchange Services including the Fort Myer Exchange will be closed Memorial Day with the exception of the Myer Express which will operate from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Marine Corps Exchange and Vineyard will be open on Memorial Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Fort Myer Commissary remains open on Memorial Day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Following local and Army social distancing guidance MWR services and public facilities including the Fort Myer Library, Bowling Center, post gyms, Patton Hall and the Patton Hall pools remain closed.

Services not listed are **closed**. Please call before visiting services not listed. Updates will be posted at facebook.com/jbmhh.

The JBM-HH Dining Facility runs at normal hours during the Memorial Day holiday. Due to COVID-19, food is grab-and-go only.

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Top Enlisted Leaders Answer Questions on Stop-Move Process

By Jim Garamone
DOD News

Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman Ramón “CZ” Colón-López and U.S. Transportation Command’s senior enlisted leader, Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Jason France, shed some light on moving in the time of COVID-19 during a virtual town hall meeting.

The SEAC hosted the meeting with France May 14, as the two enlisted leaders answered service members’ questions.

Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper froze movements soon after the pandemic hit U.S. shores. This stopped most military and civilian moves. Those deemed crucial required an exception to policy.

Each year, the Defense Department relocates more than 400,000 service members, DOD civilians and their Families. Traditionally, this would be the beginning of the prime move season. COVID-19 has changed that, and it will change again once the restrictions are lifted.

Service members asked when the order will lift. The current stop-movement order runs through June 30.

“Every 15 days, we’re conducting a review to make sure that the implementation of practices makes sense,” Colón-López said. “And we’re taking a common-sense approach to everything that we’re doing with regards to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19. Whether it’s going to be extended or stopped, it is yet to be determined.”

TRANSCOM has the responsibility for the moves, and France detailed some of the actions going on in anticipation of the go-ahead.

He said TRANSCOM officials are meeting with the services, the Joint Staff and industry groups to ensure proper communications. The command has also set parameters for moving in a COVID-19 environment.

Essentially, TRANSCOM mandates that the moving industry must adhere to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention protocols regarding health protection while working in service members’ homes.

“Those measures include face cov-



PHOTO BY DANIEL MAYBERRY

Household goods inspector Faata Leafa inspects a household goods pack-out in Honolulu, May 5.

erings, minimizing crew size to enable social distancing, the fact that crews must practice good hygiene and they also must routinely clean frequently touched surfaces in our service members’ homes,” France said.

This applies whether the move is from an on-base or off-base home, he said. The moving companies are also required to provide illness screening verification to service members.

The priority list for those moving was also a question to the SEAC and France, as each service grants exceptions to policy a bit differently. Involvement of the chain of command is crucial to the process, and France and Colón-López urged those affected to work through their leaders on the process.

Moving pets was another concern for service members. France said there were no real changes with the policy. But space for pets is at a premium, he said, and he recommended getting a reservation early in the process.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JACK SANDERS

Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman Ramón “CZ” Colón-López and Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Jason L. France, senior enlisted leader for the U.S. Transportation Command, provide an update on PCS moves and safety measures being taken to protect service members and Families in light of COVID-19 during a town hall for service members and their Families, May 14.

New emergency leave available to Army civilians affected by COVID-19

By Joseph Lacdan
Army News Service

Army employees affected by the coronavirus pandemic will have the option of taking up to two weeks of emergency paid sick leave in addition to other paid leave entitlements.

The new leave option, part of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, allows civilians to take the emergency leave from April 1 through Dec. 31, provided that they meet certain conditions. The emergency sick leave will be separate from the normal sick leave civilians accrue and can be taken without using accrued sick leave.

“This is a new leave category that is provided to employees that may need to use this option to be able to care for family members or themselves, which is critically important as we all navigate our way through COVID-19,” said Thomas Fore, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for civilian personnel.

The leave is available to civilians required to remain in quarantine by a federal, local or state quarantine order. It’s available to employees who have been advised by a health care professional to self-quarantine; and to employees who experience COVID-19 symptoms and receive a medical diagnosis. Employees in these categories will qualify to receive full-pay emergency leave at their normal pay rate. They must, however, provide documentation of the government agency that issued the quarantine order or the name of the health care provider who advised the self-quarantine.

Fore said employees who wish to take the emergency leave should carefully read the requirements.

“It is complicated,” he said. “I would highly encourage anyone or

supervisors of anyone who’s using the leave to familiarize themselves with the significant level of detail of the hours.”

Employees who provide care for individuals who have been subject to a federal or local stay-at-home order or have been advised by a doctor to remain home can qualify, but will be paid two-thirds of their normal pay rate. This includes parents who care for a child under the age of 18 whose school may be closed or had their place of care closed due to quarantine restrictions.

“It could be that you don’t have a leave bank and you don’t want to go into advanced leave status,” Fore said. “So this leave enables you to be compensated to be able to care for yourself or a family member.”

He said the civilian pay system has not yet been adjusted for those that care for others and employees who take sick leave for caregiving may receive their normal full pay for now. Those employees would subsequently be asked to repay one-third of the sum.

Fore said that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will take back the owed sum in future pay periods and increments. He added that DFAS has been working on updating the leave system so that employees will be paid the correct amount.

Fore reminds employees choosing to take the emergency leave option in the care provider categories that they should work closely with supervisors to develop a balanced schedule and closely monitor their pay stubs.

Part-time employees will also be eligible for additional sick leave, but the maximum amount of leave will be based on the average number of hours that employee works over a

two-week period.

Defense Department employees who fall under certain exemptions may not be eligible for the emergency paid leave. For instance, agencies can exclude essential health care providers from taking the leave.

Employees must have scheduled work hours in order to take the emergency leave, meaning that

civilians in furlough status, employees who have been suspended or employees who are in leave-without-pay status will not be eligible. Emergency paid leave may also not be used on holidays or in conjunction with other leave.

“Thus, an employee cannot receive two types of paid leave for the same hours,” the guidance stated.



Historic Old Post Chapel undergoes facelift

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Joint Base Myer
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The green, cloth-covered fencing that went up around the Old Post Chapel on the Fort Myer side of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in January has finally come down to reveal a refurbished parking lot and a newly installed fence and gate that separate the chapel from Arlington National Cemetery.

This visible change to one of Fort Myer's landmark was only a small part of a much larger construction project.

According to project engineer Robert Wilson with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Myer, "The purpose of this project was to provide Fort Myer and Henderson Hall with a protective ornamental barrier fence and associated access gates to secure the eastern perimeter along its boundary with the Arlington National Cemetery."

As Wilson explained, "There is approximately 9,600 (linear feet) of an 8-foot high, black metal fence."

The new fence separates Fort Myer and Henderson Hall from Arlington National Cemetery, beginning at Fort Myer's Wright Gate, continuing past the ANC Millennium site along McNair Road, behind the Old Post Chapel, along the back of the Tri-Service parking lot. The fence also extends behind Memorial Chapel, along Carpenter Road in front of the Cody Child Development Center and Radar Clinic and continues through Henderson Hall bordering the cemetery up to Gate 3 at Southgate Road.

According to Wilson, the fence is installed an average of 10 feet from the cemetery's existing red and gray stone wall on the joint base side of the property line. There are also four new sliding, vehicular gates on the JBM-HH side of the property line at the access points between the base and ANC —specifically the Millennium, Old Post Chapel, Selfridge and Memorial Chapel gates.

"The ornamental fence and gates will be aesthetically neutral as viewed from the ANC side," said Wilson.

As part of this project, the Old Post Chapel parking lot was updated with a new subdrain system, new pavement and decorative brick pavers.

"The fence project enhanced our force protection and provided a rare opportunity to enhance the beauty and significance of our Old Post chapel as well," said Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Commander Col. Kimberly Peebles.

OLD POST CHAPEL'S ORIGINS

The Old Post Chapel traces its origin to two of Fort Myer's and the U.S. Army's patriots — Maj. Gen. Kenyon A. Joyce and Gen. George S. Patton Jr.

From 1892 to 1932, the land where the Old Post Chapel now sits was the site of a train station for visitors taking the interurban light rail from Arlington Heights to Fort Myer and Arlington National Cemetery. Today's Old Post Chapel Gate was the cemetery's main entrance at the time.

Joyce served as garrison commander of Fort Myer from 1933 to 1936. Serving as his executive officer at the time was a young Maj. George S. Patton, Jr., who was stationed at Fort Myer four times during his military career — a time frame that spanned from 1911 to 1940. Patton was serving his third tour of duty at Fort Myer under Joyce.

It was during his command of Fort Myer that Joyce recognized the need for a formal place of worship since the wooden frame structure being used for that purpose was deemed a fire hazard. In October 1933, he sent Patton on a reconnaissance mission to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., to survey the chapels on the hospital grounds. In his report to Joyce, dated Oct. 21, 1933, Patton outlined the specifics of building one main chapel at Fort Myer and rejected the idea of a separate mortuary chapel like the one found on the Walter Reed complex. Plans to build the Fort Myer chapel soon followed.

Ground-breaking for construction took place Feb. 4, 1934, and the

building's cornerstone was placed soon afterward. Both events took place without much fanfare or ceremony. The Quartermaster Corps of the U.S. Army oversaw construction under Joyce's supervision. The construction company selected was the Charles H. Tompkins Company of the District of Columbia.

The chapel was built encompassing 6,780 square feet and was finished April 17, 1935, at a cost of \$79,435.07. The Old Post Chapel was officially dedicated Easter Sunday, April 21, 1935 — ushering in the advent of Fort Myer's first formal place of worship. The sermon and dedication were delivered by U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. A. J. Brasted.

In 1958, then Joyce, who was now a major general, returned to Fort Myer to dedicate a bronze plaque placed in his honor on the front outer wall of the Old Post Chapel. He was joined by his wife, Helen Elizabeth Jones and Mamie Eisenhower for the dedication ceremony.

The Old Post Chapel was also the site of Joyce's funeral service just two years later in January 1960. President Dwight D. Eisenhower and his wife attended the funeral service at the chapel. Eisenhower had served as Joyce's chief of staff when they were stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, prior to World War II. Joyce is buried in Section 30 of Arlington National Cemetery.

STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS

One of the Old Post Chapel's features is its stained-glass windows, installed in the summer of 1972. The windows were designed and created by the architectural glass company Willet Studios of Philadelphia. Willet Studios designed the stained-glass windows of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

The stained-glass windows on the south side of the chapel honor the branches of the armed forces and include scenes from the Old Testament. A small plaque is placed below each window with an inscription naming the organization that donated the window and the branch of military service being honored.

The Army service window portrays Joshua at the battle of Jericho. The plaque reads, "This window is donated by the members of the Class of 1940, United States Military Academy, in tribute to all those now and in the future who have or will have served their country in the United States Army."

The Marine Corps service window shows Gideon and his army. The plaque reads, "This window is donated by the United States Marine Corps and dedicated to the memory of all Marines who have died since the founding of the Corps on 19 November 1775."

The Navy service window depicts Solomon at the building of the Temple at Jerusalem. The plaque reads, "This window is donated by the



Contractors work on the ANC gate near the Old Post Chapel.

members of the United States Naval Academy Class of 1940 in tribute to all who have served in the United States Navy."

The Air Force service window illustrates the prophet Isaiah and the quotation, "they shall rise up with wings as an eagle." The plaque reads, "This window was contributed by the chapel congregations of the Air Force, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish, in memory of all Air-men, male and female, officer and enlisted, who gave their lives in the service of their country."

The Coast Guard service window portrays Noah's Ark. The plaque reads, "This window is donated by the United States Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association in memory of all those who willingly, bravely and faithfully served their country and perpetuated the proud traditions of our Nation's smallest Armed Force."

The stained-glass windows on the north side of the chapel were donated by service chiefs of chaplains.

The Army chief of chaplain's window depicts the healing of the Centurion's daughter. The plaque reads, "In creating and placing this window in the Fort Myer Post Chapel, the U.S. Army honors the ministers, priests and rabbis who, while serving their God and country, were summoned to the higher life of eternity. Theirs was a selfless service known most fully to God, but sufficiently revealed to the Soldiers they served to merit a more permanent remembrance. For here, etched in

glass, as in the minds of their countrymen for whom they faithfully labored, are the timeless symbols of justice, mercy and truth now entrusted to the care of this and future generations. May they rest in peace," This was written by Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Gerhardt W. Hyatt, the chief of chaplains.

The Navy chief of chaplain's window shows Jesus preaching from a boat. The plaque reads, "It is the wish of the donors of this Chaplains Memorial Window that all who see it may recall in prayerful reverence the many noble deeds of service performed in God's name by the chaplains in our Corps. Their courage is symbolized by the fact that two of them were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Their devotion to their holy calling is written large in the minds and spirits of those they served. Their service to both God and country is a legacy we must not fail to revere and preserve. It is our prayer that these noble men may enjoy forever the happiness of God's love and be for us a source of inspiration and strength." This was written by Chaplain (Navy Rear Adm.) Francis L. Garrett.

The Air Force chief of chaplain's window portrays the ascension of Christ into heaven. The plaque reads, "This window was contributed by the chapel congregations of the United States Air Force, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish, to honor those men who have given so much of themselves in serving as chief of chaplains, United States Air Force."

This included Chaplain (Maj. Gens.) Charles I. Carpenter, Terence P. Finnegan, Robert P. Taylor, Edwin R. Chess and Roy M. Terry.

CHAPEL'S ORGAN

The chapel's pipe organ is also of historical significance. The original organ was English in design and was installed by the M.P. Möller Company in 1935. A restoration in more recent years provided the organ a custom design console and new digital components to allow for a vast array of pipe, percussion and other sounds that add dimension to the existing instrument. The organ has more than 3,000 pipes.

The last major renovation of the chapel took place from January to September of 2013, when the Americans with Disability Act compliant ramps, entrances and bathrooms were added, along with a new lounge and closed-circuit video monitoring system for use by the honor guard service members assigned to work funerals at the chapel.

HONORING THE FALLEN

In addition to being the first formal place of worship at Fort Myer, the Old Post Chapel became site of final honors bestowed on fallen service members from all branches of the armed forces, veterans and heads of state whose funeral cortèges begin at the chapel and wind their way through the hallowed grounds of adjacent Arlington National Cemetery.

Over time, the chapel became the

iconic representation of Fort Myer. In 1993, when Fort Myer in Arlington, Virginia, and Fort McNair in southwest Washington, D.C., were joined to become the Fort Myer Military Community, the image of the chapel became the focal point that occupied the center of the Fort Myer Military Community's insignia, surrounded by five stars that symbolically form a pentagon. Fort Myer serves as a major support installation for the Pentagon, and the five gold stars are representative of the general officers who serve while residing at the base. The musket and drum major's baton behind the image of the chapel symbolized the installation's missions of security and ceremonial functions in the National Capital Region.

JOINT BASE

Then, on Oct. 1 2009, when the installation became Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, an Army and Marine Corps joint base per the Department of Defense's 2005 Base Realignment and Closure decision, the new joint base logo retained the chapel and gold star elements of the Fort Myer Military Community insignia to represent the Army side of the base. The new logo features the flag-raising on Iwo Jima during World War II to represent the Marine Corps side of the base. The musket and drum major's baton were also retained as part of the joint base insignia, representative of the continued security and ceremonial missions.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Army Service window portrays Joshua at the battle of Jericho.

Today, the Old Post Chapel continues its mission of honoring fallen service members, veterans and heads of state with funeral services held daily, Monday through Friday, supported by the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment's Caisson Platoon and the ceremonial units of The Old Guard

and the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own," as well as the ceremonial honor guards and bands of the other branches of the armed forces.

The Old Post Chapel is also the site of many weddings and special services annually.

When the green, cloth covered fencing went up around the chapel in January, all funeral and chapel services were moved to Fort Myer's Memorial Chapel. Now that the fence has come down, funeral services resumed at the Old Post Chapel Wednesday.

Wilson noted that the entire barrier project — that included the Old Post Chapel parking lot renovation, new parking lot construction at Henderson Hall, and the relocation of a walking trail along McNair Road — is due for completion by July 5, for a total of 545 days in duration and at a cost of \$11.2 million. "The (construction) company understood and did a great job meeting and adjusting to the critical needs and goals of the garrison," said Wilson referring to Sagres Construction of Alexandria, Virginia, the company selected for the job.

"There was a lot of coordination with all the stakeholders," said Wilson, "Fort Myer garrison personnel, (Marine Corps) staff at Henderson Hall, and especially ANC — with the disruption of the funeral operations."

"The Old Post Chapel is a beautiful and charming cornerstone on our base, steeped in the rich, historical legacy that make this 'America's Post,' said Peebles. "I am honored that we were able to add to its appeal to be enjoyed for years to come."



PHOTO BY MAJ. SHEENA RUBIN

The new look of the parking lot in front of Old Post Chapel.



COURTESY PHOTO

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Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Resources for you



Virtual COVID-19 coverage

Opportunity for the workforce

At the Public Affairs Office, we're offering our Facebook page as a way for directorate staff to communicate specific, focused information that explains to customers and other staff members how to access those services that are still available. We're looking for videos, shot on home computers or telephones, from home, explaining functionality through the telework lens.

Each staff section has a different take on what normal looks like, and a different message to send. For that reason we would like those of you who have a message to share to send us a brief (1-2 minutes maximum) video message directed at the public, with your professional advice and knowledge. Past videos can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/jbmhh/videos/>.

Those interested should contact Julia Simpkins at julia.f.simpkins.civ@mail.mil.

JBM-HH resources

Online wrap up of JBM-HH COVID-19 information updated daily
<https://home.army.mil/jbmhh/index.php/teamJBMHH/about/COVID-19>

Facebook updates and notices 24/7
<http://www.facebook.com/jbmhh>

Additional resources

U.S. Army guidance
<https://www.army.mil/coronavirus/>

U.S. Department of Defense
<https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.coronavirus.gov

Facebook Town Hall May 14 <https://www.facebook.com/368408587073/videos/670040730446108/>

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Facebook Virtual Town Hall April 2 <https://www.facebook.com/jbmhh/videos/669945413835094>

Article with photographs on the history of Easter Sunrise Service
<https://home.army.mil/jbmhh/index.php/teamJBMHH/about/Pentagram/pentagram-april-16-2020-bugle-sounds-small-team-comes-together-produce-special-easter-service>

Article Easter Sunrise Service <https://home.army.mil/jbmhh/index.php/teamJBMHH/about/Pentagram/pentagram-april-16-2020-he-risen>

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JBM-HH Spring/Summer 2020

Housing updates



Recycling day is Wednesday. **Trash pickup** is Monday and Thursdays.

To schedule bulk pick-up contact Keisha Gresham at the housing office at (703) 696-3559, or Keisha.m.gresham.civ@mail.mil. Items allowed: mattresses, furniture items, exercise equipment, washer/dryers, and grills (without propane tank).

Seasonal change over to air conditioning takes place after three consecutive days above 65 degrees. The process takes two days to complete per duplex. Air conditioning is turned on at the same time for both quarters . At McNair, it is turned on at same time for quarters 1 to 15.

Seasonal tree trimming is completed. Hedge trimming began May 18.

Outside pest prevention scheduling begins May 25. A housing maintenance contractor will contact residents to schedule.

Garden plot areas are cleaned up and ready to assign to families to start gardening. Families interested in a plot can contact Zahar Alshimmary at zahar.f.alshimmary.civ@mail.mil and (703) 696-3558.

Set fan coils as temperatures rise. Maintain a thermostat setting at 68 to 70 degrees. Temperatures below 68 degrees cause condensation, wipe off as needed. Keep doors and windows closed while unit is on. **Run the dehumidifier** to control moisture and humidity. This is important especially in the basement to control pipe condensation.

Playground inspections were completed in Dec. 2019. Minor repairs were made and mulch was replenished around fall zones. Playgrounds are safe to use once children are allowed back on the equipment.

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This family photo was taken just before Major Brent Taylor was killed in Afghanistan during his fourth tour of duty, leaving behind his wife, Jennie, and their seven young children.

This Memorial Day Will Be Bittersweet for the Taylor Family

It’s been more than a year, but the tears are still present in the Taylor family house. Jennie Taylor and her seven children mourn their beloved husband and father, National Guard Major Brent Taylor, U.S. Army, who was killed in Afghanistan on November 3, 2018.

But as this family heals, and remembers Major Taylor’s heroism, they have peace of mind knowing their family home is theirs forever.

That’s because the **Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation** was able to provide Jennie and her children with a mortgage-free home — and a much-needed sense of stability.

Major Taylor’s life was service. After 9/11, he knew he had to do something. He enlisted in the Utah National Guard. When not serving with the National Guard, Major Taylor served his community as Mayor of North Ogden.

In early 2018, Major Taylor told his constituents about his call to serve his country “whenever and however” he could, and that “service is really what leadership is all about.”

He was in Afghanistan, on his fourth and final tour of duty, only 39 years old, when he made the ultimate sacrifice. The loss for his family and community has been felt ever since. But as Jennie recently said about the help the family received from Tunnel to Towers, “it’s been very comforting to know that we’re not mourning alone.”

For every family like the Taylors, there are so many more in need.

The organization’s contract with military members and first responders is simple: When you leave home and risk your life, knowing you may not make it back, Tunnel to Towers takes care of your families with a mortgage-free home. The charity ensures that these families don’t have to worry about covering basic concerns as they struggle to overcome grief.

The organization also helps our nation’s most catastrophically injured veterans reclaim their day-to-day independence through mortgage-free, specially adapted smart homes, with features designed for their specific injuries.

Tunnel to Towers was started when the Siller family lost their little brother, Stephen, on 9/11. Stephen was a Fire Department of New York City (FDNY) firefighter, and he loved keeping people safe. The four brothers in the family all had plans that Tuesday to catch up and play a long overdue round of golf. But when Stephen heard that one of the Twin Towers had been struck, he rushed to do his duty.



Major Brent Taylor believed in serving his country “whenever and however” he could.

When his path was blocked because the then Brooklyn Battery Tunnel was closed to vehicles, Stephen strapped 60 pounds of gear onto his back and ran on foot through the tunnel to the Twin Towers, where he gave up his life while saving others.

Stephen never saw his wife and five kids again. The whole family was shaken and heartbroken. Starting the **Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation** was a way for the family to honor his sacrifice and pay homage to his brothers and sisters in service — first responders here in the U.S. and women and men protecting our country at home and abroad.

“When Tunnel to Towers paid off our mortgage, I felt such a sense of relief! We could stay in our home, where they’d made so many memories with their dad. Nothing can ever replace Brent in our lives, but their kindness has let us focus on healing instead of worrying about the future.”

Readers wishing to support the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation can help by using the envelope inserted in this publication, or by visiting www.tunnel2towers.org. Your gift will honor the sacrifices of our most catastrophically injured veterans, and our fallen U.S. military members and first responders with young children by assisting their families. Thank you for bringing help and hope to those who have sacrificed so much!

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News Notes

JBM-HH virtual town hall Thursday

JBM-HH hosts virtual town halls via Facebook once a week, with the next taking place Thursday. The town hall begins at 1 p.m. and will feature JBM-HH leaders and subject matter experts who will speak about what the installation is doing to mitigate the virus threat on base and among personnel.

Joining in this week’s town hall will be Jim Schwartz, deputy county manager for Arlington County.

Individuals may submit questions in advance on the JBM-HH Facebook page in the event discussion or via email to usarmy.jbmhh.asa.list.pao-all@mail.mil. On the day of the virtual town hall, the live feed can be viewed at the Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/593496428040170/>. Individuals do not need a Facebook account to view the town hall. Previous town halls can be viewed on the video section of the JBM-HH Facebook page.

Army Emergency Relief is here for Soldiers

AER support is available for Soldiers in need of support with over 30 categories of assistance. In response to COVID-19, AER has implemented an online application process, with electronic payment directly into the Soldier’s bank account. Soldiers may contact their chain of command, call (703) 696-3510 or visit <https://jbmhh.armymwr.com/programs/army-emergency-relief-aer> for more information.

Debts owed

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Col. Michael Wayne Sharp, Reserve Integration Office, DIA, must contact Capt. Adam Disney, the summary court-martial officer for the Soldier. Sharp recently passed away April 29. Contact Disney at (606) 521-1392.

Army Community Service YouTube channel

JBM-HH Army Community Service announces a newly created YouTube Channel that provides classes and information videos, all under 30 minutes, to assist participants on topics such as stress management and marriage enrichment. ACS will continue to post educational, prevention-based training and informational videos, so community members are encouraged to subscribe. Go to online to the following site at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnTcK-DomPZeXmynYddOIQkg>, click “Subscribe” and continue to receive resources available whenever they are needed.

Stress management refresher

Has “staying safe at home” been stressful? Check out the ACS Family Advocacy Program for stress management refresher. The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Family Advocacy Program has a new stress management video designed to help individuals with those very needs. Visit the video at the following link <https://youtu.be/x8x9dc3MYOw>.

Have questions or comments for the JBM-HH Family Advocacy Program? Feel free to contact the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program at (703) 696-3512.

‘Safety Checks’ with Henderson Hall

Henderson Hall has released the latest issue of “Safety Checks” digital magazine online at http://www.mccshh.com/pdf/Safety_Checks_202005.pdf. The issue includes information on how to stay safe outdoors during summertime activities. The recommendations include COVID-19 outdoor activity guidance for Marines and Families.

Free Red Cross course

The Red Cross is offering a free online course entitled “Mental Health First Aid for COVID-19.” The course is available online from

the Red Cross at <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/classes/mental-health-first-aid-for-covid-19-online/a6R3o0000014ZIg.html>.

Equal Employment Opportunity training

JBM-HH civilian employees are reminded that EEO Anti-Harassment and No Fear training is an annual requirement. Employees are allowed duty time to complete the training. EEO-203A Army EEO, Anti-Harassment and No Fear training (for nonsupervisors only) <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/selfdevctr/catalog/course.aspx>. EEO-203B EEO, Anti-Harassment and No Fear Training (for supervisors only) <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/selfdevctr/catalog/course.aspx>

Myer Exchange curbside pickup

The Fort Myer Exchange has four parking spaces designated for curbside pickup. Authorized patrons can place an order online at shopmyexchange.com and select to pick up their purchases in store. Once the store processes the order, the customer will receive a phone call alert that the order is ready for pick up. Designated spaces are provided for curbside pickup. When parked, a customer can either call or text the phone number on the sign, which is (703) 472-7342 to let the Exchange know which numbered space the vehicle is parked at. Exchange employees will be able to walk to the vehicle and deliver the purchased items. For more information, please visit https://www.facebook.com/pg/MyerExchange/posts/?ref=page_internal.

Myer Exchange extends refund policy

For military shoppers who need to make a return but are hesitant to visit the Fort Myer Exchange during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is extending its return policy. All purchases made since March 16, are eligible for returns through July 1. “While extensive preventive measures have been implemented at the Fort Myer Exchange to keep the military community safe, we understand that some shoppers may not feel comfortable going to a public place at this time,” said Exchange General Manager JoAnne Cahalan. “Extending the return window gives military shoppers peace of mind.”

The extended return policy applies only to items purchased in brick-and-mortar Exchanges. Since items ordered online can be mailed back, there is no extended return policy for online orders.

Capitol Deli curbside delivery, carry out

Capitol Deli has a new curbside delivery and carry-out option. Customers can now place and pay for orders over the phone. On the phone call, customers can indicate their desired curbside delivery or carry-out option. Customers can call (571) 483-1962 Monday to Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Warrant officer briefs

Virtual warrant officer briefs will be conducted on a weekly basis. Briefings will be conducted every first and third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. and the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. To access the brief, individuals must have CAC access. Visit <https://conference.apps.mil/webconf/gowarrantnowNCR> to sign in. For more information, please contact Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sara Sewall at sara.w.sewall@mail.mil or Staff Sgt. Nicolas Cassano at Nicolas.j.cassano@mail.mil.

Virtual master classes open to all ages

The United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own” is offering free virtual master classes. Classes are available to students of all ages and levels. To apply for a virtual master class, visit

<https://forms.gle/iXgm7vovYQnNosRj7>. There are limited spots available. Not all requests will be guaranteed a session, but the band will honor as many as personnel can support.

Connect with Arlington National Cemetery

While Arlington National Cemetery is closed to visitors, individuals can still experience its beauty and history from home. Tour Arlington National Cemetery virtually at <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Blog/Post/10739/Experience-Arlington-National-Cemetery-from-Home>. Highlights of the tour including the following:

- Take a virtual walk through the cemetery in springtime with the photo album “2020 Horticulture Highlights.” Learn more about the variety of plants and the work that goes into maintaining them.
- Learn about the cemetery’s origins and early history, as well as the people who previously called Arlington home.
- Check out the album “Gravesites of Interest” and explore how the variety of grave markers tell their own stories of the cemetery’s history.
- Learn about the services Arlington National Cemetery conducts for fallen service members and their Families by reading about the meaning behind the honors rendered at military funerals.
- If a person is interested in learning even more about the unique stories told at Arlington National Cemetery, check the blog post, “Nurses in the Spanish-American War,” which includes links to resources and lesson plans for students of all grade levels, as well as teachers, families and lifelong learners.

COVID Coach is here virtually

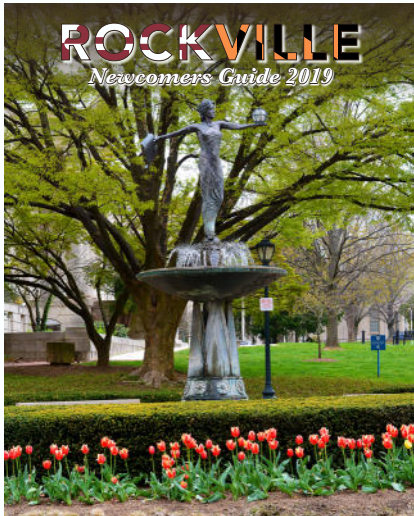
The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has created a free online app called COVID Coach. Information on obtaining the app can be found at https://www.ptsd.va.gov/appvid/mobile/COVID_coach_app.asp. COVID Coach was created for everyone, including veterans and service members, to support self-care and overall mental health during COVID-19. The free app is secure and helps connect individuals to important resources for coping and adapting during this time.

Civilian development opportunities

There are many opportunities for community members to grow as Army professionals. Catch this special video for Army civilians from workforce development specialist Kathy Feehan at <https://www.facebook.com/368408587073/videos/2845654492215496/>. The Army Management Staff College Civilian Education System courses provide quality instruction and fulfill prerequisite requirements for some other centrally funded training, education, and professional development. To register for virtual CES courses, visit <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas/student/logon.aspx>. The 2020 Senior Enterprise Talent Management and Enterprise Talent Management Programs are accepting applications for training opportunities in 2020. The application window closes May 30, but applicants are still advised to consult their command for internal deadlines. Log into the SETM automated system online at <https://www.cslsdo.army.mil/> to apply for these great opportunities for permanent Army Civilians in grades 12 to 15 and pay band equivalents.

Individuals are reminded to wear face coverings

Individuals should remember to always have a cloth face covering with them in case they are in a situation where they cannot keep a distance of 6 feet between themselves and others. Cloth face coverings are required on all military installations, properties and facilities (except residences).



A large, vibrant red poppy flower in full bloom, viewed from above. The petals are layered and ruffled, with a bright yellow center. The flower is set against a white background with faint, repeating text patterns.



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