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Trick or Treat!

Gabrielle Freeman and her sister Kemah trick or treat in Midway Commons on Saturday night. Several Halloween activities and related events were held across the post during the week. For more, see Pages 10-11.

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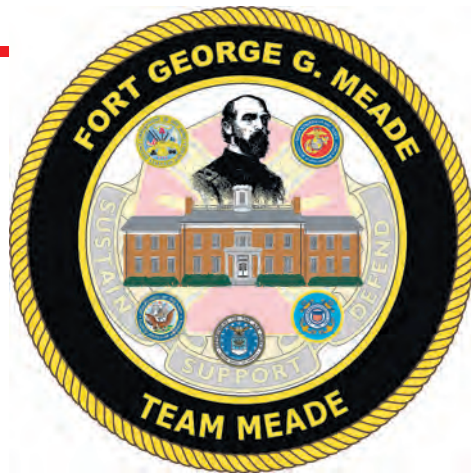
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Connecting through caring

During Military Family Appreciation Week, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight what is happening in Fort Meade's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

For those of you who don't know me, I have the privilege of being the director of Family and MWR.

I work in one of the greatest organizations on post, with a wonderful group of talented, caring, dedicated staff, volunteers and contractors.

Within the directorate, which is the largest in the garrison, we have five diverse divisions employing more than 500 employees.

The divisions include: Army Community Service; Business Operations; Child, Youth and School Services; Community Recreation; and Non-Appropriated Fund Support Services.

Family and MWR is a network of support and leisure services designed to serve the needs, interests and responsibilities of each individual in the community, as well as enhance the quality of their lives.

From family, child and youth programs to recreation, sports, entertainment, and travel and leisure activities, Family and MWR employees worldwide strive to deliver the highest quality programs and services at each installation.

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Many of the Family and MWR services and activities are featured in *Soundoff!* each week, along with the Fort Meade website and the newly revised Family and MWR website at meade.armymwr.com.

Whether you are looking for information on employment in Family and MWR, how to become a private organization, current classes at ACS, registering your child at CYSS, meeting times for Better Opportuni-



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ties for Single Service Members or fitness classes offered at Gaffney Fitness Center, you will find it all there.

Thanks to the garrison Public Affairs Office and our Family and MWR marketing team led by Candace Godfrey, the public is kept informed of upcoming programs and events through a variety of means.

Information is accessible 24 hours a day via our Family and MWR website, Facebook page, electronic signs, monthly bulletins

(located inside *Soundoff!*), banners and fliers. You also can keep up-to-date with Family and MWR events by signing up for our weekly highlights at trumpia.com/onlineSignup/ftmeademwr/newsletter.

We invite all community members to participate in the events happening this week and our upcoming events such as the opening of the Brass Station Lounge for dinner every Thursday through Saturday starting this week from 5-8 p.m.; the Army-Navy Flag Football tailgate at 3 p.m. and game at 4 p.m. on Nov. 17 at Mullins Field; and the Veterans Job Fair on Nov. 18 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Club Meade.

If you are looking for employment opportunities and would like to join our Family and MWR team, call NAF Human Resources at 301-677-6660. Community members also can search for job openings at usajobs.gov or speak with any of our managers. We are planning additional hiring events in the near future.

Lastly, don't forget to tell us how we are doing by visiting the Interactive Customer Evaluation website at ice.disa.mil. We value your feedback and see it as a vital way to continue to improve our programs and services.

It is also a way to thank and recognize the hard-working Family and MWR staff.

Don't forget: Connect to Family and MWR!

Commander's Open Door

Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley has an open door policy.

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

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

For more information, call 301-677-4844.

'A blessing beyond measure'

Retired Master Sgt. Cedric King speaks about adversity, success

BY LISA R. RHODES
Staff Writer

Although retired Master Sgt. Cedric King lost both of his legs after stepping on an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan three years ago, he called the tragedy “a blessing — a blessing beyond measure.”

King shared how he has learned to turn adversity into triumph as guest speaker for the garrison’s observance of National Disability Employment Month on Oct. 28.

The 50-minute event, held at Club Meade, was sponsored by the Fort Meade Equal Employment Office.

“I thought he gave really powerful remarks that were relatable to everyday life,” said Capt. Michelle Hines, company commander, headquarters garrison. “Everyone can apply these challenges to their own lives. I really appreciate it. He was really genuine.”

In brief remarks, Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley said that as a society, people must “judge each person by their ability, not their disability.”

“King is the living persona of why we should do this. ... [He] is one of the most resilient Soldiers to ever serve in our Army.”

Seated before an audience of 100 service members and civilians, King informally shared how, during his third tour in Afghanistan as a platoon sergeant on July 25, 2012, he stepped on an IED while patrolling a village to gather evidence against a terrorist group.

Eight days later, King awoke from a coma at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. His wife and mother were at his side.

It was then that King learned that both of his legs were amputated — one above the knee, one below — and his right arm had to be surgically repaired. King said he suffered internal injuries as well.

“It was the absolute worse news in my entire life,” he said. “I could not come to grips with what [my wife] was telling me. It was just too much.”

A former Army Ranger, King said he immediately thought of all the things he thought he could no longer do because of the loss of his legs. He also thought of the injustice of his situation.

“I did all the right things,” said King, 37. “Why am I laying here? It’s not fair. It’s just not fair.”



Retired Master Sgt. Cedric King describes how he lost his legs to an improvised explosive device while deployed in Afghanistan three years ago. King went on to race in the Boston Marathon and the half-Ironman, wearing prosthetic legs.

But King said he was not defeated. After some soul searching, he began to look forward.

“It takes time to understand that the bad is actually a friend that is coming to aid us in this journey,” he said.

King said that the adversities in life — the missed promotion, the difficult marriage, the negative medical prognosis — can all be a stepping stone to personal growth and success in life.

“We have to become masters at turning things that look like the worst and turning them into something that is beautiful,” he said.

King said that, in time, he learned to come to terms with his life circumstances.

“In spite of it seeming life wasn’t fair, it was totally fair,” he said. “It was more than fair. ... As bad as it looks, it actually was a turn for the best.”

King said he later went on to achieve two personal goals.

In April 2014, he became the first bilateral amputee to complete the Boston Marathon. A few months later, he competed in the half-Ironman in Augusta, Ga., a triathlon race that includes a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride and 13.1 run.

In his closing, King encouraged the



PHOTOS BY PHIL GROUT

Retired Master Sgt. Cedric King (left) greets childhood friend Charlie Fields, a computer specialist at the Defense Information Systems Agency, at the garrison’s observance of National Disability Employment Month on Oct. 28 at Club Meade. A double amputee, King gave a motivational speech on overcoming obstacles.

audience to follow their bliss.

“Find something you love in life and stop loving the money that you earn,” he said. “That’s what this injury taught me — stop loving the rewards. ...

“Life gives you this thing called love and it’s the most beautiful thing — something and someone to love.”

After the presentation, Foley presented King with plaques of appreciation from both the garrison and U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

King then chatted with members of the

audience and posed for photographs.

“It was absolutely profound. It hit me in the heart,” said Sgt. 1st Class Tommy Robinson of the 780th Military Intelligence Brigade of King’s speech.

Robinson said King reminded the audience of what is important in life.

“It’s not about the goal,” Robinson said. “It’s about the journey.”

Editor’s Note: For more information about Fort Meade’s Equal Employment Office, contact Jose Flores, Fort Meade’s disability program manager, at 301- 677-3660.

New time policy supports garrison supervisors

BY LISA R. RHODES
Staff Writer

The garrison has instituted a new administrative time policy for garrison supervisors.

“Supervisor’s Time,” implemented Sept. 25 by Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley, allows Department of the Army civilian employees who are supervisors and managers to set aside Friday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. to work on administrative tasks.

The policy is in effect unless or until it is rescinded by the next garrison commander.

Deputy Garrison Commander John Moeller, who supervises the garrison’s supervisors, came up with the idea for the policy and suggested it to Foley.

“It’s a time we set aside for supervisors to perform duties directly related to their supervisory responsibilities,” Moeller said. “We try not to schedule any other meetings or activities so that supervisors have the entire afternoon to perform supervisory tasks such as counseling their employees, preparing support forms and annual appraisals, writing award recommendations, preparing hiring actions, conducting interviews, etc.”

Moeller is responsible for preparing support forms and annual appraisals for garrison directors, conducting hiring panels for all director positions, and providing recommendations for selections to the commander.

Moeller said his most important role, however, is to serve as a mentor to



PHOTO BY LISA R. RHODES

Deputy Garrison Commander John Moeller talks to Wendy Messick, director of the Directorate of Human Resources, about career development opportunities in his office on Oct. 27. Moeller helped to implement “Supervisor’s Time,” a new garrison policy that allows supervisors to devote Friday afternoons to handling administrative matters.

directors, which includes “helping [them] to reach their career goals.”

There are 15 garrison directors and about 30 division chiefs at Fort Meade.

“Before the policy, supervisors just had

to find the time during the week,” Moeller said. “My concern was that some of these supervisory tasks were not being done on time — as evidenced by appraisals being late, awards not being submitted

on time or not submitted at all — and supervisors taking an excessive amount of time to make a selection when filling a vacancy.”

Dan Spicer, director of the Directorate of Public Works, said he — as well as his division chiefs — have taken advantage of the policy.

“Having a dedicated block of time has allowed us to focus on clearing a backlog of personnel and administrative actions,” Spicer said. “Administrative matters were usually done at the last minute, or off the clock during nonworking hours.”

Spicer said the policy should be helpful to supervisors as long as the policy dictates that certain hours should be used for administrative tasks.

“It is refreshing to have garrison leadership acknowledge the need to block off time so supervisors can take care of administrative matters to support our staffs,” he said.

Moeller said that a supervisor’s role is very demanding and time-consuming.

“You have your assigned mission to accomplish, but you also have to take care of your employees,” he said. “Employees need to be counseled, appraisals need to be turned in on time and deserving employees need to be recognized.”

“If an employee leaves their job and doesn’t receive an award, it shouldn’t be because the supervisor couldn’t find the time to write the award recommendation. What we’re trying to accomplish with this new policy is to ensure supervisors are being given the time they need to properly supervise.”

The truth about the ‘10/10 Rule’ for divorce

BY TANESHA MATTHEWS PETTY
Attorney Advisor, Legal Assistance Division

Widespread misconception surrounds what is informally referred to as the “10/10 Rule” concerning divorce.

Many clients whom I advise — civilian spouses and service members alike — believe that upon divorce, the nonmilitary spouse is automatically entitled to 50 percent of the service member’s retirement pay if the parties have been married 10 years or more.

This is simply not true. No federal law automatically entitles a former spouse to a portion of a service member’s military retirement pay.

The confusion stems from language contained in the Uniformed Services

Former Spouse Protection Act, Title 10, United States Code, Section 1408.

Passed by Congress in 1981, USFSPA permits state courts to treat military retirement pay as marital property that can be divided between the spouses during a divorce proceeding, no matter the length of marriage or the period of military service.

Thus, a spouse could ask the state court judge for a portion of the service member’s military retirement pay, even if the couple had only been married for a few months.

The confusion centers around the provision of the USFSPA, which further allows Defense Finance and Accounting Service to make direct payments of retirement pay to former spouses if

specific requirements are met.

More specifically, if the parties were married for at least 10 years and during that time the service member performed 10 years of creditable military service, a state court could (but is not required to) award the nonmilitary spouse a portion of the service member’s retirement pay.

In addition, the former spouse could receive payments directly from DFAS instead of having to go through the retired service member for payments.

State courts will look to state law to determine how to divide retirement pay and other property between the parties.

For personalized advice and assistance, call the Fort Meade Legal Assistance Office to schedule an appointment with an attorney at 301-677-9504 or 301-677-9536.

COMMUNITY CRIME WATCH

FORT MEADE DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Oct. 28, Shoplifting: Loss prevention personnel at the Exchange reported that the subject concealed two items from the office supply section and exited the store without rendering payment.

For week of Oct. 26-Nov. 1

Moving violations: 29
Nonmoving violations: 0
Verbal warnings for traffic stops: 54
Traffic accidents: 7
Driving on suspended license: 0
Driving on suspended registration: 0
Driving without a license: 1



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ATTENTION MILITARY-CONNECTED MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 5 YEARS

We are inviting mothers to participate in a research study exploring challenges for Military Parents of Young Children during Deployment

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Mothers with children birth to age of 5 years, with child's father or legal guardian in the military.

WHAT WILL BE INVOLVED?

- Parenting a young child while your spouse or partner is deployed can be a challenge. We want to learn more about your experience when your military sponsor is away.
- Participants will be interviewed about your experience raising a young child while your military sponsor is or was deployed. The interview will last approximately 60 minutes.

COMPENSATION:

- You will receive a gift card.

BENEFIT: This is a minimal risk research study. You will help us better understand the challenges of parenting young children with a military sponsor before, during or after deployment.

CONTACT: Dr. Deborah Gross or Dr. Jennifer Trautmann at 443-287-8739 or jhusonstudy@jhu.edu if any questions or interested in joining the research study.

Principal Investigator: Deborah Gross, DNSc, RN, FAAN. Protocol #IRB00080995

Influenza: Just the facts

KIMBROUGH PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Flu season is here. Kimbrough Preventive Medicine offers the following facts on influenza and guidance on how to protect yourself and others from falling ill.

What is seasonal influenza disease?

Influenza, more commonly known as the flu, is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. In the U.S., influenza results in more than 25 million reported cases, over 150,000 hospitalizations due to serious complications and over 30,000 deaths annually.

Vaccination remains the primary method for preventing influenza and its complications.

Influenza is caused by influenza types A or B viruses. Influenza viruses are easily spread by airborne respiratory droplets from person to person, often by sneezing or coughing.

Symptoms of infection include fever, muscle aches, headache, malaise (a general feeling of sickness), nonproductive cough, sore throat and runny nose.

The flu causes mild illness in most people, the majority of whom will not need medical care or antiviral drugs, and usually recover in less than two weeks. Some people, however, can suffer flu complications that result in hospitalization. Sometimes, influenza infection results in death.

Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections and ear infections are examples of severe, flu-related complications. The flu also can make chronic health problems worse. For example, people with asthma may experience more frequent asthma attacks while they have the flu.

The flu may also worsen congestive heart failure in people with this condition.

How soon will I get sick after exposure to the influenza virus?

Most adults can start infecting others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to five to seven days after becoming sick. Children may pass the virus for longer than seven days.

Symptoms start one to four days after the virus enters the body. That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

Some people can be infected with the flu virus but have no symptoms. However, they may still spread the virus to others.

How does influenza spread?

Influenza spreads from person to person through airborne respiratory droplets released when a person coughs, sneezes or breathes.

People may also become infected by touching something contaminated with the virus and then touching their mouth, nose or eyes.

What should I do if I am infected with the influenza virus?

Get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids, and avoid alcohol and tobacco.

Support your body's fight against the virus. Over-the-counter medications may help relieve symptoms, but they do not speed up recovery. It is important to follow the manufacturer's instructions.

If you are basically healthy and aren't pregnant, there is little a prescription medicine can do to help you recover faster.

Protect others by covering your mouth with the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze, wash your hands frequently, and stay home if you are feeling ill.

Who is at high risk for developing flu-related complications?

Children younger than 5 but especially younger than 2, adults 65 years and older, pregnant women and individuals with various chronic medical conditions are at greatest risk for hospitalization and possibly death related to infection.

A full list of high-risk conditions can be found at: www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/high_risk.htm.

Why do I need to be immunized against influenza every year?

Circulating influenza virus strains change from year to year. Protection that develops after a person is infected or immunized against the circulating viruses of one season does not provide adequate cross-protection when a new influenza strain develops.

As of now, the 2015-2016 blend closely matches circulating virus strains.

What is the best way to protect myself and my family from getting influenza if we are not vaccinated?

Vaccination is your best protection against influenza infection.

If you are unable to receive the vaccine, avoid close contact with people sick with the flu. Wash your hands often with soap and water. If that is unavailable, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

To prevent the spread of germs, avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, and cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.

When should I get vaccinated?

It is recommended that people get vaccinated against influenza as soon as vaccine becomes available in your community.

Upcoming dates for Fort Meade DoD civilian employees and eligible TRICARE beneficiaries who are not enrolled with Johns Hopkins or contractors are today and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at McGill Training Center.

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A Moment in Time ...

When Fort Meade went all Hollywood

BY ALAN H. FEILER
Staff Writer

"Gort! Klaatu barada nikto!"

That immortal phrase from "The Day The Earth Stood Still," which presumably prevented a global calamity, was likely never uttered at Fort Meade. But the installation did enjoy a starring role in that classic 1951 science-fiction thriller, which starred Michael Rennie, Patricia Neal and Sam Jaffe.

While the movie was filmed largely on sound stages at 20th Century Fox in Century City, Calif., and in downtown Washington, D.C., some scenes depicting the rapid mobilization of Soldiers and military equipment were filmed on post.

The entire filming took place from April 3 to May 23, 1951. The 92-minute movie was released that fall.

Troopers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment — then posted to Fort Meade, now stationed at Fort Hood, Texas — served as extras. The unit also supplied equipment and vehicles for segments of the film, which was directed by Robert Wise. Wise, who died in 2005, later directed "West Side Story" and "The Sound of Music."

In a DVD commentary track, Wise indicated that the U.S. Department of War initially refused to participate in the production after reviewing the script. Nonetheless, the military equipment depicted in the film reportedly came from Fort Meade and the Virginia Army National Guard.

Fort Myer in Arlington County, Va., is referenced in the film as the primary military base of operations to counter an alien invasion. Meanwhile, one of the Chaffee tanks in

the film bears the "Brave Rifles" insignia of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Based on a 1940 short story by science-fiction writer Harry Bates titled "Farewell to the Master," "The Day The Earth Stood Still" tells the story of Klaatu, an alien who travels 250 million miles and lands his spaceship smack dab in the middle of the National Mall in D.C.

His mission is to alert the nations of the world that they must learn to co-exist or the Earth will be obliterated by his unidentified neighboring planet as a danger to the universe. That Utopian message resonated with movie-going audiences living at the outset of the Cold War.

Along for the ride with the likable humanoid visitor is Gort, a menacing, 8-foot-tall metal robot reportedly capable of unlimited destruction, including liquidating the Earth at a mere command from Klaatu.

Critically acclaimed and a box-office smash, the black-and-white movie was chosen for preservation in 1995 by the U.S. National Film Registry and deemed "culturally, historically and aesthetically significant." Nine years later, it was hailed by *The New York Times* as among "The Best 1,000 Movies Ever Made."

In 2008, "The Day The Earth Stood Still" was named the fifth best science-fiction film of all time by the American Film Institute.

Barbara Taylor, the Fort Meade Museum's exhibits specialist, is a huge fan of the movie. She and her husband, Forrest Taylor, own two different DVD versions of "The Day The Earth Stood Still."

"I love sci-fi B-movies," she said. "They're a time capsule. You can put your finger on a nation and its era just



The late Academy Award-winning actress Patricia Neal, who portrayed widow Helen Benson in "The Day The Earth Stood Still," poses with Fort Meade Soldiers during the making of the classic 1951 film.

by watching them. With this film, we were in a Cold War facing an enemy [the former Soviet Union] we didn't understand. We didn't even really know the capacity of the enemy at that point."

Taylor believes the Fort Meade scenes in the movie were filmed near the post's Remount Station where horses were kept, off O'Brien Road, and does not exist anymore.

She said Fort Meade was most likely chosen over other military installations due to its proximity to D.C., and because armored vehicles were based on post.

"All of the scenes with equipment and guys in uniform were from here," Taylor said. "Most of them were active duty, and it was a nice benefit that they got to be in the movie."

Taylor noted that the only other movie she knows of being filmed at Fort Meade was "War and Remembrance," the 1988-89 TV miniseries and sequel to "The Winds of War." Both "The Winds of War" and "War and Remembrance" were based on World War II-era historical novels by Herman Wouk.

The scenes for "War and Remembrance" — which starred Robert Mitchum, Jane Seymour, Hart Bochner and Victoria Tennant — took place on a one-day shoot on Aug. 18, 1987, at Tipton Army Airfield, now known as Tipton Airport.

Located off Route 32, Tipton is a small public airport operated by the Tipton Airport Authority.

According to a *Soundoff!* article published Aug. 27, 1987, approximately 100 spectators from Fort Meade stood behind yellow police tape in 90-degree heat just to catch a glimpse of Mitchum, Tennant and Bochner.

Shortly before the filming at Tipton, production took place at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.

The article reported that Tipton — Hanger 84, to be precise — was chosen for filming because of its resemblance to Andrews Air Force Base circa 1942.

In addition to Fort Meade, filming for "War and Remembrance" took place at locations in the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Switzerland, West Germany, Poland, Austria, Yugoslavia, Canada and Hawaii.

Among the extras in the Fort Meade scenes were Soldiers from the U.S. Army Reserve in Georgia, who were on post for their annual training exercises with the now-deactivated 11th Special Forces Group (Airborne).



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Soldiers and equipment from Fort Meade were featured in certain key scenes of the sci-fi thriller "The Day The Earth Stood Still."

A Wickedly Fun Time

Costumed cuties, candy and creative décor took center stage last week in a variety of Halloween and related activities on post.

For two hours on Halloween night, children dressed in frightening and fun costumes and went trick-or-treating with their parents and friends.

The Hallelujah Festival, a religious alternative to Halloween, was held Saturday night at the Pavilion. The two-hour event, sponsored by the Religious Support Office, featured games, crafts and refreshments. No monster, witch, ghost or scary costumes were allowed.

On Oct. 29, residents enjoyed refreshments, filled treat bags and took home a holiday craft at the Fallapalooza, a Halloween open house sponsored by Corvias Military Housing at its neighborhood centers.

Residents also expressed their spooky side by decorating their yards with just the right amount of spider webs and tombstones. Six homes won first place for their respective neighborhoods in Corvias' Halloween decorating contest judged Oct. 26.

The Heritage Park home of Navy Petty Officer 2 Austin Jennings and his wife, Keli, took honors as overall winner.

For more photos of all the events, including the winning houses in the decorations contest, go to flickr.com/ftmeade/photos.



PHOTO BY NOAH SCIALOM
Dressed in his shark costume, Christopher Flores takes candy during a game with his parents Michael and Nancy Flores at the annual Hallelujah Festival held Saturday night at the Pavilion.



PHOTO BY PHIL GROUT
Children pack treats at Potomac Place Community Center during Fallapalooza, a Halloween open house for post residents sponsored Oct. 29 by Corvias Military Housing at its neighborhood centers.



PHOTO BY NOAH SCIALOM
Four-year-old Jayden Rodriguez plays a game with his father Staff Sgt. Victor Rodriguez and mother Anita at the Hallelujah Festival, an alternative to Halloween sponsored by the Religious Support Office.



PHOTO BY NOAH SCIALOM
Navy Petty Officer 2 Austin Jennings of Heritage Park puts the finishing touches on his home's Halloween decorations on Saturday. The Heritage Park home was the overall winner in Corvias Military Housing's Halloween decorating contest.



PHOTO BY NOAH SCIALOM
Irene Buckley (left) dresses as a giraffe with Jessica, Robert and Blaise Metcalf at the Hallelujah Festival.



PHOTO BY NOAH SCIALOM
Eight-year-old Luke Buckley floats through Heritage Park to trick or treat Halloween night.



PHOTO BY PHIL GROUT
Three-year-old Vivianne Locher of Potomac Place gets ready to fill her treat bag during Fallapalooza. Residents also were given a holiday craft.

SPORTS SHORTS

Free cosmic bowling, hot dogs

All military families are invited to free cosmic bowling Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lanes.

The free event is open to all active-duty service members, military retirees and their family. Unlimited free bowling and shoe rental are available with valid military I.D.

Patrons also can enjoy one free hot dog per person while supplies last.

For more information, call 301-677-5541.



Post Army-Navy game

The Fort Meade Army-Navy Flag Football Game will be played Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. at Mullins Field.

The free event is open to all.

A free tailgate party at 3 p.m. will feature food, entertainment and a door prize.

For more information, call 301-677-3318.

Yoga for service members, vets

Crofton Yoga is offering yoga classes for military veterans, service members and their families at 2411 Crofton Lane, Suite 11, Crofton.

Sessions will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on the following Saturdays: Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. 27 and March 19.

The donations-based sessions led by Pamela Stokes Eggleston, who is trained with the Pranakriya Yoga School for the Healing Arts, will focus on the specific needs and challenges of the military and

veteran communities.

Suggested donation ranges from \$10 to \$20 per session.

For more information, call 410-451-1625 or go to www.croftonyoga.com.

Volunteer coaches needed

Volunteer youth coaches are needed for the winter season sports of basketball, wrestling and futsal.

All volunteers will receive free training and will be certified through the National Youth Sports Coaches Association.

All volunteers must complete a background check.

To apply, go to the Youth Sports and Fitness Office, 1900 Reece Road.

For more information, call 301-677-1179/1329.

Basketball coaches meeting

A coaches meeting for the Fort Meade Basketball League will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Murphy Field House.

A representative must be present to submit a team's roster. All active-duty service members are eligible to participate in the league.

Play is from the end of January through mid-March.

For more information, call 301-677-3318 or email beth.d.downs.naf@mail.mil.

Line dance classes

Gaffney Fitness Center offers line dance classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-2 p.m.

This class will teach line dancing for beginners using a variety of music and simple choreography.

Cost is \$5.

Classes are open to all authorized users ages 18 and older. For more information, call 310-677-2349.

Sunday football

The Lounge at the Lanes features football every Sunday on its big screens for the 1 and 4 p.m. games.

Enjoy food and beverage specials.

For more information, call 301-677-5541.

NEWS & NOTES

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

NEWS & EVENTS

New way to submit announcements

Community members can advertise their upcoming event, meeting or class on the *Soundoff!* community announcements page by visiting ftmeade.army.mil and clicking on the Press Center tab.

Once you are in the Fort Meade Press Center, click on PA services, story or promotion request and electronic inquiry form.

Inquiry forms should be submitted at least two weeks before the date of the event, meeting or class.



Veterans Day ceremony

Fort Meade's annual Veterans Day ceremony will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Fort Meade Museum Plaza.

The guest speaker is Michael G. Knapp, chief of Historical Services at the American Battle Monuments Commission in Virginia.

Veterans Recognition Service

A Veterans Recognition Service will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Main Post Chapel, 4419 Llewellyn Ave.

The service will be held before the 10:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant Service.

Pershing memorial

General of the Armies John J. "Black Jack" Pershing Memorial Service will be held Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. at Section 34 of Arlington National Cemetery.

The service will feature a wreath-laying

ceremony.

Community members are welcome to attend.

New Family and MWR website

The Fort Meade Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation has a new website: meade.armymwr.com.

NCO Induction Ceremony

Headquarters Command Battalion will host a garrison NCO Induction Ceremony on Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. at McGill Training Center.

The event is open to all military and civilian community members and will feature a guest speaker and military display.

Army personnel who would like to have their Soldiers inducted during the ceremony should submit the Soldier's name and information by Nov. 10 to Staff Sgt. Lynell Whitted at lynell.k.whitted.mil@mail.mil.

For more information, call 301-677-5153.

Free professional attire

The Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program and the Suiting Warrior Foundation will provide transitioning active-duty Soldiers with professional attire needed to enter the civilian workforce on Nov. 20 at McGill Training Center.

The SWF provides free professional business attire, including concierge treatment, to honorably discharged or soon to be honorably discharged women and men who are transitioning service members.

Soldiers must preregister online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/suiting-warriors-suit-gifting-event-for-veteran-registration-18691861862> and provide discharge papers or military ID.

Service members will receive an appointment time when they register.

For more information, call 301-677-9871.

Tax Center needs volunteers

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

No tax experience is necessary.

All required training will be provided and conducted on Fort Meade from Jan. 5-8.

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

For more information, contact the Tax

Jibber-less

Jibber Jabber will return next week.

Until then, if you have comments on anything to do with sports, contact Chad T.

Jones at chad.t.jones.civ@mail.mil, or hit him up on Twitter @CTJibber.

Center officer-in-charge, Capt. Benjamin L. Zeskind, at benjamin.l.zeskind.mil@mail.mil or 301-677-9755.

Flu shots

Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center's mobile vaccination team will be vaccinating eligible beneficiaries including DoD civilian employees today and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at McGill Training Center.

Contractors and Johns Hopkins enrollees are not eligible.

For more information, call 301-677-8661.

Bike gate pass

To obtain a bike gate pass for the Pepper Road gate, call Joseph R. Shinskie, chief of physical security at the Directorate of Emergency Services, at 301-677-6618 to schedule a date to pick up the pass.

Passes will be available for pickup within the next two days.

LTS moved

The Leisure Travel Services office has moved to the Arts and Crafts Center, 6530 B York Ave.

New hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 301-677-7354.

MOAA luncheon

The Fort Meade Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America's next luncheon is today at 11:30 a.m. at Club Meade.

The event is open to the community.

The guest speaker is *New York Times* best-selling author John Crawford, who will speak about his experiences in Iraq in 2005 and his book, "The Last True Story I Will Ever Tell."

Cost of luncheon is \$15.

For reservations, call Wayne Hobbs at 410-799-8331.

Free dog treats

In honor of Military Family Appreciation Week, the Family Pet Care Center is offering free dog treats on Friday, while supplies last.

Patrons also can enter to win one of two free Vetco vaccination packages.

For more information, call 301-677-4059.

Brass Lounge grand opening

A grand opening for the Brass Lounge at Club Meade will be held today from 5-8 p.m.

The event is open to all ranks and services and DoD civilian employees, and will feature beverages and appetizers.

Music and television entertainment will be provided.

The Brass Lounge will be open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5-8 p.m.

For more information, go to ftmea-

demwr.com.

Harvest for the Hungry

Harvest for the Hungry is preparing Thanksgiving food baskets to assist Fort Meade's service members and their families in need.

Last year, more than 170 military families received support. This year's goal is to help 190 families.

To submit the name of a military family in need, contact Pamela Dudley at 301-275-7263 or psdudley007@yahoo.com, or Paula Henry at 410-707-6333 or plhenry63@yahoo.com.

Include the family's name, unit and telephone number.

Submissions will be accepted through Sunday or until 190 submissions are received.

Packaged food baskets are available for pickup Nov. 23 from 12:30-3 p.m. at Argonne Hills Chapel Center, 7100 Rockenbach Road and Grandea Avenue.

Food baskets that are not picked up by Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. will be donated to a local food pantry.

Volunteers are needed to assist in assembling food baskets on Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free barbecue

Mission BBQ restaurants will provide free barbecue sandwiches and cake to active-duty service members and veterans only, on Wednesday in honor of Veterans Day.

The free food will be available at all Mission BBQ restaurants as long as supplies last.

Destroy your electronic data

The Fort Meade Directorate of Public Works-Environmental Division will host an electronic recycling, data-destruction event on Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the upper parking lot area of the commissary.

Community members can dispose of their personal electronic items such as laptops, tablets, printers, LCD monitors, computer parts and more — at no cost.

However, there will be a fee to recycle CRT monitors, hard drives, CDs, floppy disks, tapes and backup batteries.

For more information, call 301-677-9170 or 301-677-9648.

Veterans Day Dedication

A Veterans Day Dedication will be held Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. at O'Malley Senior Activity Center, 1270 Odenton Road, Odenton.

The keynote speaker is Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley.

The guest speaker is Byron Morris, immediate past president of the East Coast Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen.

The program will include a music presen-

tation by the Bowie Senior Choraleers and a video of the "Candy Bomber Story" featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and narration by Tom Brokaw.

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 410-222-0140.

Sensory-friendly films

AMC Columbia Mall 14 Theater will offer showings of sensory-friendly films for local Exceptional Family Member Program families on Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. (Arrive early.)

The theater is located at 10300 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia.

For more information on prices and a listing of upcoming movies, visit <https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>.

Veterans Job Fair

The Fort Meade Veterans Job Fair will be held Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Club Meade, 6600 Mapes Road.

The free event is open to all job-seekers.

More than 60 employers are expected to attend.

Bring plenty of resumes. A "resume doctor" will provide free resume evaluation and preparation assistance.

A free shuttle bus from Smallwood Hall parking lot to Club Meade is available.

To schedule reasonable accommodations with an American Sign language interpreter, email jerome.duncan@maryland.gov.

For a complete list of employers, go to ftmeademwr.com.

Gospel Harvest Festival

The Argonne Hills Chapel Center Gospel Congregation will celebrate its Harvest Festival from Nov. 18-20 from 7-9 p.m. at Argonne Hills Chapel Center, 7100 Rockenbach Road and Grandea Ave.

For more information, call 301-677-6703.

RAB meeting

The next Fort Meade environmental Restoration Advisory Board meeting will be held Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott, 2700 Hercules Road, Annapolis Junction.

Community members are invited.

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

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

For more information, call 301-677-7999 or visit www.ftmeade.army.mil/directories/dpw/environment. Click on the RAB link.

Worship and music concert

The Religious Support Office will host a worship and music concert Nov. 22 at 3 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel.

For more information, call 301-677-6703.

Thanksgiving buffet

Club Meade will serve a Thanksgiving Day Buffet in two shifts on Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m.

The event is open to all ranks and services, military and civilians. Membership is not required.

Reservations are suggested.

Cost for members is \$21.95 for adults and \$11 for children ages 10 and younger. Cost for nonmembers is \$26.95 for adults and \$13 for ages 10 and younger.

There is no cost for children ages 3 and younger.

For reservations or more information, call 301-677-6969 or go to ftmeademwr.com.

Advent Luncheon

The Protestant Traditional Service is sponsoring an Advent Luncheon on Nov. 29 at noon at Club Meade.

For more information, call 301-677-6703.

OSC Holiday Bazaar

The Officers' Spouses' Club of Fort Meade is sponsoring a Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Dec. 6 from noon to 5 p.m. at Meade Middle School.

The annual event will feature more than 100 artisans and craft vendors offering all kinds of holiday gift items as well as a Toys for Tots Campaign sponsored by Volvo.

The bazaar also will include a visit from Santa, a book reading by Mrs. Claus, and a Sweet Shop with home-baked goods manned by volunteers from the Retired Officers' Wives' Club.

For more information, please go to the OSC website at fortmeadeosc.org.

EDUCATION

New NCOER system

The effective date for implementation of the new Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report is Jan. 1.

The secretary of the Army has directed that all E-4s and above and civilians who are in an NCO rating chain attend training on the new system.

The following training sessions will be held at McGill Training Center.

- Information briefing: Nov. 18, 9 a.m.
- Information briefing: Dec. 11, 9 a.m.

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NEWS & NOTES, From page 13**ASIST training**

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training is offering a free workshop on suicide "first aid" Nov. 19 and 20; and Dec. 17 and 18 at Argonne Hills Chapel Center, 7100 Rock-enbach Road.

The program is open to service members, civilians and family members ages 18 and older.

Attendance on both days is required. No uniforms.

To register, contact Sgt. 1st Class Erick Sowell at erick.sowell@me.com or Capt. Paul Kunnas at 419-709-5194 or email paul.e.kunnas.mil@mail.mil.

For more information, call Torrie Osterholm, Suicide Prevention Program manager, at 301-677-6541.

Federal job workshop

The Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program is offering "Apply for a Federal Job Workshop" on Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 1 of McGill Training Center, 8452 Zimborksi Ave.

For more information, call the SFL-TAP Center at 301-677-9871.

Financial, Employment Readiness

Army Community Service offers Financial Readiness and Employment Readiness classes to all ranks and services and to DoD civilian employees at the Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave.

Registration is required for each class.

Financial classes

- Holiday Planning: Today, 9-11 a.m.
- Banking Basics: Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.
- Reducing Taxes: Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to noon
- Car-Buying: Nov. 17, 9-11 a.m.
- Credit Management: Nov. 24, 9-11 a.m.
- Financial Readiness: Nov. 24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To register, call 301-677-5590 or go to fortmeadeacs.checkappointments.com.

Free classes

The Navy Fleet and Family Support Center offers a variety of classes at its facility at 2212 Chisholm Ave.

The free classes are open to DoD ID cardholders including active-duty service members, retirees and their family members, DoD civilian employees and contractors.

Registration is required for each class.

- Stress Management: Friday, 9-11 a.m.
- Anger Management: Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.
- Meet and Greet: Nov. 12, 5-7 p.m.
- Common-Sense Parenting: Nov. 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Topic: "Handling Emotionally Intense Situations"

- Men's Focus Group: Tuesday, 1:30-2:30

p.m.

Session covers sexual assault prevention-related topics. This group is open to men with a military or DoD ID card.

For more information, call 301-677-9040.

- Women's Focus Group: Nov. 17, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Sessions cover topics related to sexual assault prevention. For more information, call 301-677-9040.

- Young Women's Enrichment: Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m.

The group is designed to help empower, promote and support female, active-duty service members under age 22.

- Sponsorship Training: Nov. 24, 2-3:30 p.m.

Employment

- Social Media for Job-Seekers: Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to noon

- Job Search Strategies: Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to noon

Military retirement

- TGPS (Transition, Goals, Plans and Success) Workshop: Nov. 16-20, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Retirement Brief (within two years of retirement): Monday, 8-11:30 a.m.

- DTAP Brief: Monday, 1-2:30 p.m.

- Pre-Separation Brief: Nov. 12, 9-11:30 a.m.

- Deployment Brief: Nov. 19, 10-11:30 a.m.

- Medical Records Review: Appointment required

To register or for more information, call 301-677-9017 or 301-677-9018.

YOUTH**Storytime**

The Children's Library offers pre-kindergarten Storytime on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Kuhn Hall, 4415 Llewellyn Ave.

- Today: "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

- stories about sports

- Nov. 12: "Bears, Bears, and More Bears"

- books, songs and finger play about bears

- Nov. 19: "Feed your Mind at the Library"

- stories about foods

For more information, call 301-677-5677.

RECREATION**Out & About**

- **Maryland Irish Festival** will be held today from 6-11 p.m., Saturday from noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium. The 42nd annual event features traditional Irish food, Celtic music, Irish step-dancing lessons and children's activities.

Admission costs \$20 for adults; \$15 for seniors age 62 and older; free for ages 17

and younger; and free for active-duty service members with ID.

For more information, go to Irishfestival.com or call 443-955-4513.

- **Greek Food and Cultural Festival** will be held Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, 24 W. Preston St. Admission is free.

The 44th annual event features home-cooked Greek foods and pastries; music and dancing; a European marketplace for holiday gifts; and a Greek grocery with imported products.

For more information, call 410-727-1831 or go to baltimoregreekfestival.com.

- **The Crafts Spectacular**, showcasing the work of artisans, gourmet chefs, jewelers and doll makers, will be held Friday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship.

Santa Claus will be at the event each day from 1-4 p.m.

Admission costs \$5 to \$7. For more information, go to atozcrafs.net.

- **Pumpkin Chucking** will be held Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Clark's Elioak Farm, 10500 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City. Last admission is 4 p.m.

Place the pumpkin in the farm's catapult and watch it soar.

Farm admission costs \$6. For more information, go to clarkland-farm.com.

- **The 2nd Saturday Café Series** begins Nov. 14 from 8-11 p.m. with a performance by jazz artist Carl Filipiak at Oliver's Carriage House, 5410 Leaf Treader Way, Columbia.

Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$25. For more information, go to 2ndsaturdaycafe.com.

- **The 23rd Annual Chesapeake Bay Fall Classic**, the area's largest rockfish tournament, will be held Nov. 21-22.

Fishing starts at 6:30 a.m. Weigh-ins close at 4 p.m.

Registration costs \$225-\$275. For more information, go to mssa.net/fallclassic.

- **BOSS Medieval Times Trip** will be Nov. 20 from 7-11 p.m. The event is open to all single service members. Cost is \$15.

For more information, email boss.ftmeade@gmail.com.

- **Leisure Travel Services** is offering its next monthly bus trip to New York City on Nov. 21, with discounts to attractions. Bus cost is \$60. For more information, call 301-677-7354 or visit ftmeademwr.com.

MEETINGS

- **Monthly Prayer Breakfast**, hosted by the Garrison Chaplain's Office, is held the first Thursday of every month at 7 a.m. at Club Meade. The next prayer breakfast is today. There is no cost for the buffet. Dona-

tions are optional.

Menu features eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, grits, Danish, fruit, coffee and ice water.

All Fort Meade employees, family members, and civilian and military personnel are invited. For more information, call 301-677-6703.

- **Meade Rod and Gun Club** meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Perry's Restaurant and Odie's Pub at 1210 Annapolis Road, Odenton, in the banquet hall in back of the building. The next meeting is tonight. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. For more information, call Charisma Wooten at 240-568-6055.

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness of Anne Arundel County** offers a free support group for families with a loved one suffering from mental illness on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Odenton (West County) Library, 1325 Annapolis Road. The next meeting is tonight. For more information, visit namiaac.org.

- **Exceptional Family Member Program** hosts "Sip and Share" on the first Thursday of every month from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Exchange coffee shop in the food court. The next get-together is today. The event is designed to allow participants to share their stories to encourage and inform one another about resources available in the local community. For more information or to register, call 301-677-4779.

- **Marriage Enrichment Group**, sponsored by Army Community Service, meets the second and fourth Monday of every month from 3-4 p.m. at the Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave. The next meeting is Monday. For more information, call Celena Flowers or Jessica Hobgood at 301-677-5590.

- **Fort Meade TOP III Association** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Conference Center. The next meeting is Wednesday. The association is open to all Air Force active-duty and retired senior noncommissioned officers. For more information, call Master Sgt. Jonathan Jacob at 443-479-0616 or email jajacob@nsa.gov.

- **Fort Meade E9 Association** meets the second Friday of every month at 7 a.m. in the Pin Deck Cafe at the Lanes. The next meeting is Nov. 13.

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

- **Meade Branch 212 of the Fleet Reserve Association** meets the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie. The next meeting is Nov. 14. Active-duty, Reserve and retired members of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are invited. For more information, call 443-

604-2474 or 410-768-6288.

• **Families Dealing with Deployment** meets the first and third Monday of every month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Family Advocacy Program, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave. Children welcome. The next meeting is Nov. 16.

The group is for families experiencing an upcoming or current deployment, or the service members who has recently returned from deployment. For more information, call 301-677-5590 or email colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil.

• **Calling All Dads**, for expecting fathers and fathers with children of all ages, meets the first and third Monday of every month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Family Advocacy Program Center, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave.

The next meeting is Nov. 16. Children are welcome. Registration is required. For more information, call 301-677-4118.

• **The Retired Enlisted Association** meets the third Tuesday of the month from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Perry's Restaurant, 1210 Annapolis Road, Odenton. The next meeting is Nov. 17. For more information, visit trea.org or call Elliott Phillips, local president, at 443-790-3805; Charles M. Green, local president at 443-610-4252; or Arthur R. Cooper, past national president, at 443-336-1230.

For more information about becoming a TREA member, go to trea.org or call Charles Green, the local chapter president, at 443-610-4252 or email Cgreen151@verizon.net.

• **Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 254** meets the third Wednesday of every month from 3-4 p.m. in the auditorium of the Airman Leadership School, 8470 Zimborski Ave. The next meeting is Nov. 18. For more information, call 831-521-9251 or go to AFSA254.org.

• **Military District of Washington Sergeant Audie Murphy Club** meets the third Wednesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Dining Facility in Virginia. The next meeting is Nov. 18.

All members and those interested in joining the club are welcome. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Erica Lehmkuhl at erica.lehmkuhl@us.army.mil or 301-833-8415.

• **Moms Support Group** meets Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Potomac Place Neighborhood Center. The group is for mothers of young children up to age 3. Meet other moms with young children and share tips. Children are welcome. Registration is required. For more information, call 301-677-5590.

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

MOVIES

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

Movies start Fridays and Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

PRICES: Tickets are \$6 for adults (12 and older) and \$3.50 for children. 3D Movies: \$8 adults, \$5.50 children.

Today through Nov. 15

Friday: "Hotel Transylvania 2" (PG). Dracula and his friends try to bring out the monster in his half-human, half-vampire grandson in order to keep Mavis from leaving the hotel. With the voices of Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg, Selena Gomez.



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Saturday: "No Escape" (R). In their new overseas home, an American family soon finds themselves caught in the middle of a coup, and they frantically look for a safe escape in an environment where foreigners are being immediately executed. With Lake Bell, Pierce Brosnan, Owen Wilson.

Sunday: "The Visit" (PG-13). A single mother finds that things in her family's life go very wrong after her two young children visit their grandparents. With Olivia DeJong, Ed Oxenbould, Deanna Dunagan.

Nov. 13: "Sicario" (R). An idealistic FBI agent is enlisted by an elected government task force to aid in the escalating war against drugs at the border area between the U.S. and Mexico. With Emily Blunt, Josh Brolin, Benicio Del Toro.

Nov. 14-15: "Pan" (PG). Twelve-year-old orphan Peter is spirited away to the magical world of Neverland, where he finds both fun and danger, and ultimately discovers his destiny -- to become the hero who will be forever known as Peter Pan. With Levi Miller, Hugh Jackman, Garrett Hedlund.

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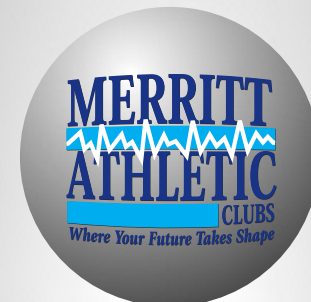
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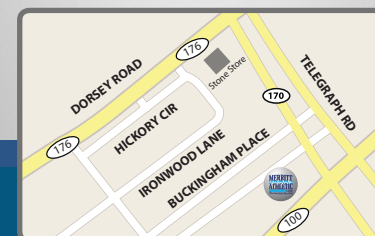


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