

# Army Engineer Spouses' Club Castle Gram

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## The Gavel:

I was thinking about what to write to you this morning as I sat in our most comfy chair gazing out the window. My thoughts quickly shifted to shivering young buds in my flower bed as my eyes were amazed to see large fluffy snowflakes falling. In Virginia? – In APRIL!? How can that be?

The azaleas are starting to bloom, the woods are filled with beautifully brilliant flashes of white dogwoods, and, like most of you, I already put my boots away after pulling out sandals. I had to laugh a bit! A late spring show shower certainly reminded me that we not in charge of Mother Nature's timeline. Now, just a matter of hours later, the sun is shining and the sweet faces of my pansies are no longer covered in a fine white dust. I didn't even have time to sweep the sidewalk before our surprising snow was a memory. Sometimes things seem to change so quickly...

Our Engineer community also finds itself in the midst of great change. It has been a full four years since the Army Engineer Spouses' Club welcomed Renée Bostick as our Honorary Advisor and your board is busily planning a very special Farewell Tea in her honor. It is our hope that each of you will be able to attend! In an effort to make her event as personal as possible and give everyone the opportunity to participate, we are requesting your help. Please send your most fond memory of Renée to [conniesemonite@gmail.com](mailto:conniesemonite@gmail.com) so that we might incorporate it into the festivities. A simple one or two sentence summary of how she has touched you, our organization, your unit, the Regiment, or the Corps, etc., would be most appreciated!

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**“Keeping our worldwide Engineer family connected through the years and across the miles”**

# The Gavel

...Continued from page 1..... I hope you remember that April is the month we host our annual Knollwood Bake Sale. Priscilla Noah leads the effort in coordinating this annual event where every penny raised is donated to The Army Distaff Foundation's Benevolent Fund. Please consider supporting and donating to this very worthy cause. We would love for you to join us, cook a goodie or two, or just send along your monetary donation. More information can be found in this issue.



This past month has been one of great preparation for the upcoming Army Engineer Spouses' Club year. Nominations for the 2016-17 year are almost complete. Once again, amazingly talented volunteers have willingly stepped forward, ready to embrace elected position responsibilities. I am constantly awed by the unwavering commitment of service among our spouses and feel blessed to work among them.

Our current team has also been busy finalizing rankings of the Army Engineer Memorial Awards as well as planning the luncheon honoring the awardees. The selection process for our merit-based awards is the most fair, ethical, and transparent I have seen:

- ♥ Weighted scoring is placed on grade point averages, national testing, leadership roles, extra-curricular activities, sports, awards, and employment.
- ♥ Absolutely no points are given for sponsors' rank, position, time in service, etc.
- ♥ Required essays are sent to three separate educators outside of the club membership for scoring.
- ♥ All of the applicants and their household type remain anonymous throughout the ranking process
- ♥ Award amounts are graduated according to merit and change annually, based on that year's scoring.

Whew! ....the students receiving these awards honoring their high school achievements should be very proud! This process is quite lengthy, tedious and detailed, and we commend our AEMA Chair, Erica Shaw, for her commitment to 100% honorable excellence.

I hope to have the chance to visit with you at one of our special events in the coming weeks. Let's chat about spring, change and our shared love of everything Engineer!

Warmly,

*Connie*

# *Farewell Tea*



*The Army Engineer Spouses' Club  
requests the pleasure of your company at a*

## *Farewell Tea* *in honor of* *Renee Bostick*

*Sunday, April 24, 2016  
2:00 to 4:00 PM*

*At the home of Priscilla Noah  
820 Arcturus-on-Potomac, Alexandria, VA*

*Please RSVP by April 20th to:  
[hospitality@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:hospitality@armyengineerspouses.com)  
Or Hospitality Chair: 703-434-2119  
Dress: Informal*



# A&MA



Hello everyone, I am Erica Shaw and I am the Army Engineer Memorial Awards Chairman. On behalf of our Army Engineer Spouses' Club, I would like to thank each of you for reading the Castle Gram and joining us in anticipation as we get closer and closer to being able to announce our award recipients for the 2016 Army Engineer Memorial Awards.

In 1967 the Army Engineer Officers Wives Club (AEOWC) recognized high school seniors of Engineering Officers for their outstanding academic achievements. In 1973, the club established the Army Engineer Memorial Awards to honor the memory of Engineer officers who died in Vietnam. The award is now given annually to honor all Engineers who have died in the line of duty.

Throughout the years the nature of our club has continued to change to fit the needs of the time. We have changed our name to reflect the extension of our membership to all spouses of US Army Engineers and spouses of all civilian employees of USACE. Seven years ago, in 2007 our club received an endowment from LTG John Morris, II, our 44th Chief of Engineers, to establish a memorial award in honor of his wife, Geraldine K. Morris. In addition to being a remarkable Army wife, Mrs. Morris, was a former Army nurse. The recipients of this award receive \$1,000 each year for a total of 4 years as long as they continue to pursue their nursing degree and remain in good standing academically.

The awards are open to high school seniors of all U.S. Army Engineers (Active Duty, Retired, Deceased, National Guard U.S. Army Engineer, Reserve U.S. Army Engineer or current Department of the Army employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

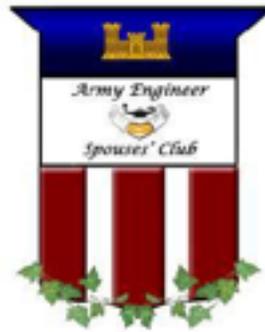
Applications were received from 14 of the 50 states as well as European overseas locations.

The Army Engineer Spouses Club will host an Army Engineer Memorial Award Scholarship Luncheon in honor of the Memorial Award recipients on Sunday, May 1st, 2016 at 1:00PM at The Fairfax at Belvoir Woods Community Center. The guest speaker will be MG Rick Stevens, Deputy Chief of Engineers of the United States Army and Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

We welcome ALL members of our U.S. Army Engineer family (past and present) to RSVP no later than April 29th at [events@armyengineerspousesclub.com](mailto:events@armyengineerspousesclub.com) or contact Maggie DeMello at 401-741-5495.

*Erica*

# *Awards Luncheon*



## *Army Engineer Memorial Award Scholarship Luncheon*

*Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016*

*1:00PM*

*The Fairfax at Belvoir Woods  
Community Center*

*9140 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060  
\$30 per person, no charge for residents of The Fairfax*

*Guest Speaker: MG Rick Stevens*

*Deputy Chief of Engineers of the United States Army and  
Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

*We welcome ALL members of our U.S. Army  
Engineer family (past and present)  
RSVP no later than April 29<sup>th</sup>*

*Maggie DeMello*

*401-741-5495*

*events@armyengineerspouses.com*

# Knollwood Bake Sale

The Army Distaff Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1959 by Mrs. Maxwell Taylor, wife of then Chief of Staff of the Army, and Mrs. Hoy Davis to provide affordable, secure retirement housing and health care services for Army officers' widows who, at the time, received minimal benefits from the government. With the help of thousands of Army wives around the world, the Foundation was able to open the Army Distaff Hall in 1962 following a groundbreaking ceremony by Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower.

The name of the community was changed to **Knollwood** in 1989 when admission was extended to all retired career military officers, male and female, and their female relatives. Knollwood is situated on 16 beautifully landscaped acres in Northwest Washington, D.C., graced by azaleas, dogwoods, and stately oaks on a knoll overlooking Rock Creek Park.

Since its inception, Knollwood has expanded to include four levels of care: independent living, assisted living, a skilled nursing facility, and the Special Care Center for individuals with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

The Army Distaff Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization for over 40 years, has managed this unique community offering a continuum of care to best fulfill the physical and emotional needs of each resident. Knollwood is able to fulfill its mission through its **Fellowship Assistance Fund**. This is a restrictive invested fund whose monies are solely used to give confidential assistance to those residents at Knollwood who need financial assistance. Through out the year, Knollwood hosts a variety of social functions and events to help raise money for the Fund. An annual gala is held yearly that honors an outstanding individual or their contributions to the military community. Other programs such as silent auctions, annual giving, and major gifts program also help bring in charitable contributions.

**Tuesday, April 26th**  
**6200 Oregon Ave NW**  
**Washington, DC 20015**  
**10:00 am**

We are delighted to have the opportunity to revisit Knollwood with baked goods, hors d'oeuvres, and special goodies for diabetics.

Our special treats are sold with all the revenue to return to Knollwood for the benefit of residents who need some financial assistance. We Engineers love to take care of our military families. We hope you will join us!

Please bring the goodies to Knollwood already priced:

Bar Cookies and Brownies - \$1.50  
 Cupcakes - \$1.50  
 Mini Loaves - \$ 3.50 each  
 Cheese, Sausage or Spinach Balls - 12 @ \$4.00  
 Mini Quiches - 4 @ \$3.00  
 Snack Mixes - \$2.00/bag  
 Appetizers/Cocktail-Hour Nibbles - 6 @ \$3.00  
 Cookies - 1/2 doz. @ \$2.00 - \$3.00 depending on  
 cookie size

We hope many of you will come join us for a fun day.

Please plan to stay for lunch in the dining area.

If you can't make it to Knollwood (6200 Oregon Ave. NW, Washington DC 20015) on the 26th of April but would like to donate baked goods, email Priscilla Noah at [general@crosslink.net](mailto:general@crosslink.net)

Also, you may make a donation to Knollwood. Please make check payable to AESC and mail to: AESC PO BOX 6332 Alexandria, VA 22306-6332

\*\*Make note on check that is for Knollwood

# 2015-2016 Volunteers

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Knollwood Bake Sale

Pricilla Noah

Nominations

Bette Meuleners

## *Welfare & Service*

Service to others is an Army tradition! Join us as we join out greater DC area community to honor our Veterans. Contact Launa Brown with any questions.

[service@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:service@armyengineerspouses.com).

**Thursday, April 7th**

Veterans from Lakeland, FL (NOT an Official Honor Flight)  
Approximate DCA Arrival: 8:00am American Airlines Charter (Terminal C) Approximate DCA  
Departure: 4:00pm departure, American Airlines Charter (Terminal C)

**Friday, April 8th**

36 veterans from HF Austin AUS (Overnight Trip)  
Approximate DCA Arrival: 4:50pm SWA #409 (Terminal A) Approximate DCA Departure: 04/09/16 Arrive at DCA at 2:30pm for a 4:05pm departure, SWA #181 (Terminal A)

**Knights of Columbus**

Join us to serve meals at the Knights of Columbus when our Honor Flight friends are there. No need to RSVP -- just show up 15-30 minutes before the Veterans, and try to stay a few minutes after to help clean up. KoC is located at 5115 Little Falls Road in Arlington.

**Saturday, April 16** -- Honor Flight Southeast Florida Veterans arrive at KoC: 11:20am; depart KoC at 12:35pm

**Saturday, April 23** -- HFHTVA Veterans arrive at KoC: 5:30pm; depart KoC at 6:30pm

**Friday, April 29** -- Buffalo County Heroes Flight Veterans arrive at KoC: 6:30pm; depart KoC at 8:00pm



## Local Events

**April 13th**

Thomas Jeffersons Birthday  
Wreath Laying @ Jefferson  
Memorial

**April 15-17**

Bethesda Literary Festival

**April 15-17**

Bay Bridge Boat Show

**April 16**

DC Craft Beer Festival

**April 16-17**

Leesburg Flower and Garden  
Festival

**April 21-24**

Smithsonian Craft Show

**April 22-24**

Annapolis Spring Sailboat  
Show

**April 22-May 1**

Shenandoah Apple Blossom  
Festival

**April 29-30**

Georgetown French Market

**May 1**

Cinco de Mayo Festival

## Around Town

This month's around town is a bit of a stretch for the DC metro area as it is about 160 miles away, but it is certainly a destination everyone should put on their list! Check out Raystown Lake in Hesston, PA. Raystown Lake is a 29,000 acre project with 12 public access areas, a 8,000 acre lake, picnic areas, beaches, boat launches, campgrounds, trails, hunting, fishing, marina concession stands and is operated and maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

It is the largest lake located entirely in Pennsylvania. Raystown is a multi purpose lake constructed and managed by the Corp's Baltimore District. It's primary use is for flood damage reduction.

The second use for Raystown is general recreation and there is plenty to choose from!

- five campgrounds managed or leased by the Corps with a total of 594 campsites
- 10 boat launches
- 2 full service marinas
- 68.5 miles of trails
- 10 picnic shelters and many, many, many other picnic areas and tables
- An amphitheater with sound, light, and video capabilities
- A resort complex with cabins, water park, miniature golf, and a brand new conference center- to name a few of the amenities
- And approximately 21,000 acres open to hunting and 8,300 surface acres open to fishing (except where posted as no hunting/fishing)

The third use for Raystown is Fisheries and Wildlife management. Part of fisheries management includes maintaining minimum flows downstream- which can have an effect on lake levels during drought conditions. Raystown also has an active natural resource program with a goal to maintain and enhance the quality of existing resources.

The fourth and final use for Raystown was added in 1988 when the William F. Matson generating plant was brought on line. The two generators at this plant can produce up to 21 mega-watts of power and release up to 1700 cubic feet of water per second, although it usually only operates at 500 cfs. Most of the releases are made through the hydro-plant with the spillway being used when the plant is not operating or when releases exceed the plant's capabilities.

# Nominations

## The 2016-2017 Slate of Officers for the Army Engineer Spouses' Club is as follows:

<b>President:</b>	Launa Klimowicz-Brown
<b>Vice President:</b>	Carolyn Hudson
<b>Secretary:</b>	Laurel-Lee States
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Jessica Gregris
<b>AEMA Chairperson:</b>	Erica Shaw

Members may still nominate additional individuals for each position. Mail in nominations must be post marked no later than April 28, 2016. If there are any new nominations for the elected positions, they will be listed with the nominees above in the May CastleGram (due out May 8th, 2016) and also in an email to the entire AESC membership.

To make a nomination from the floor, simply contact our Parliamentarian, Roz Riley at [info@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:info@armyengineerspouses.com) or by mail:

Army Engineer Spouses' Club  
Roz Riley  
P.O. Box 6332  
Alexandria, VA 22306-6332

You simply need to state, "I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of \_\_\_\_\_." You must be a member in good standing to nominate or vote in this process and you must have received permission from the nominee to be considered.

Voting will take place by email and mail beginning May 8, 2016. Mail in ballots (available in the May CastleGram and in an email to the membership) must be post marked no earlier than May 8th and no later than May 16th.

Results of the election will be included in the June 2016 CastleGram. In addition, an email with the results will be sent to the entire AESC Membership. Thanks for participating in AESC's election process.

*Bette Meuleners*  
AESC Nominations Chairperson, 2015-2016

*Roz Riley*  
AESC Parliamentarian, 2015-2016

## Summary of the Election Process:

Nominations from the floor: Now - April 28th  
Final Slate Presented in Castle Gram - May 8th  
Voting on Slate - May 8th - May 16th  
Election Results Presented in Castle Gram - June 5th

*Thank  
You!*

## Save the Date

**April 24th**  
Renee Bostick's Farewell

**April 26th**  
Knollwood Bake Sale

**May 1st**  
AEMA Luncheon

**May 4th**  
AESC Board Meeting

**May 19th**  
LTG Bostick Retirement  
Ceremony

**June 1st**  
Joint Board Meeting



## Do You Know.....

...April is the Month of the Military Child? This celebration was established in 1986 by former Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger to underscore the important role children play in the Armed Forces Community. Here are a few fun facts about this special month:



- Although no exact figures are available, the U.S. Department of Defense estimates that approximately 15 million Americans are former or current military children, including those who spent all or part of their childhood and/or adolescence in the lifestyle. The average military child moves every 1-3 years, attending 6-9 different schools from kindergarten to 12th grade.
- April 15th is Purple Day. Wear purple to show support for military and veteran children. This day was created by Operation Military Kids. Purple was chosen because it is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue.
- The official flower of the military child is the dandelion. The plant puts down roots almost anywhere, and it's almost impossible to destroy. It's an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It's a survivor in a broad range of climates. Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the military, planted swiftly and surely. They're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.

## Honorary Advisors

Renee Bostick - Spouse, Chief of Engineers

Jackie Caldwell - SES Spouse, Director of Military Programs

Joan Stockton - SES Spouse, Director of Civil Works



## *Tips for Tea*

- Do sign the guest book and go through the receiving line
- No need to bring a gift, your presence is your present!
- Do not put your pinky “up”, this is not correct.
- Since ancient Rome, a cultured person ate with 3 fingers, a commoner with 5. Thus, the birth of the raised pinkie as a sign of elitism. This 3 fingers etiquette rule is still correct when picking up food with the fingers and handling various pieces of flatware. This pinky “up” descended from a misinterpretation of the 3 fingers vs 5 fingers dining etiquette in the 11th century.
- A guest should look into the teacup when drinking — never over it.
- Dress up! Many invitations will use the word “Informal.” That means dressy. Women wear anything from a business suit to something you would wear to a wedding, nice restaurant or religious service. Men wear a business or dark suit.

## Protocol Points to Ponder

On Sunday, April 24, 2016, members and guests of AESC will gather to farewell our Engineer First Lady, Renee Bostick with a formal tea. This is a time honored tradition for military spouses and gives us cause to break out the silver, linen, and china; as well as dust off our etiquette books!

At a formal tea, a receiving line greets guests and the fare is dainty and light. Beverages are “ranked” - coffee, tea and punch in order of importance. Some say the the reason for this ranking order harkens back to the tea taxes levied by the British prior to the Revolutionary War making coffee more popular so more guests would approach the person pouring coffee than those serving tea or punch thus the honored or most senior guest would have the opportunity to visit with more guests while pouring the coffee.

Being asked to pour is an honor in American Society. Normally, pouring should be done according to the spouse’s rank and date of rank, keeping in mind the rank ordering of beverages. A pouring list can be compiled by considering either all the guests who will attend (although the Guest of Honor is never asked to pour) or only those from the hosting group. The pouring coordinator should ask spouses in advance if they would do the honor of pouring.

If you are asked to pour:

- Sit at the table in front of the tea service, place a napkin in your lap.
- If you are serving both coffee and tea, ask which the guest prefers.
- Pick up the cup and saucer before filling it.
- Ask if the guest would like cream or sugar (for coffee) or milk, sugar or lemon (for tea). Anything added is put in after pouring the coffee or tea. Sugar is put in before cream/milk or lemon. A lemon slice, if desired, is put in the cup, not on the saucer.
- As a rule, the pourer does not stir the coffee or tea (unless only one or two spoons have been provided).
- Hand the cup and saucer to the guest with the cup handle to the guest’s right. Spoons and napkins are usually arranged for the guests to help themselves. If not, put a spoon on the saucer (if milk or sugar has been added) and hand it to the guest along with a napkin.
- If no one else checks on the supply of coffee, tea, cream, cups, etc., the pourer should ask someone to see that they are replenished before they run out.
- Punch is served standing. Ladle the punch into a cup held over the punch bowl. If the outside of the cup gets wet as you fill it, blot it with a napkin. As you hand the cup and a napkin to the guest, turn the cup so that the handle is in a position for them to easily take it from you.

# Photo Gallery

Please enjoy these photos of our recent events!

These are some pictures of our  
March events

Want to see more? check out  
our web site

[www.armyengineerspouses.com](http://www.armyengineerspouses.com)

Or like us on FaceBook

[www.facebook.com/  
ArmyEngineerSpousesClub](http://www.facebook.com/ArmyEngineerSpousesClub)





# Keepers of the Castle

Connect with the Keeper's Of the Castle on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/KeepersOfTheCastle](http://www.facebook.com/KeepersOfTheCastle) or via email [FLWKeepers@gmail.com](mailto:FLWKeepers@gmail.com).



2016 Regimental Week - Fort Leonard Wood, MO

## Come out and participate in the Annual Engineer Spouses Day!

*“Engineer Spouses: The Strength of the Castle!”*

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Training Area 97, Fort Leonard Wood, MO

**Activities Include:**

- Thermal Breaching
- Confidence Course Obstacles
- Paintball
- Mine Detection
- Rappelling



Visit us at [www.wood.army.mil/usaes/ENFORCE.HTML](http://www.wood.army.mil/usaes/ENFORCE.HTML) for registration and event details.

**MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE.**

**\*Pre-Register/Pre-Pay by April 8th to guarantee t-shirt.**

# Engineers In Europe

If you or a friend are in Europe and you are NOT part of the Army Engineer Spouses' Group... You Are Missing Out! The Engineer Spouses host a monthly Lego League, socialize together at monthly coffees, and keep each other informed through their awesome Facebook group. Contact Michelle Tyler to catch up with this dynamic group! [mt Tyler1015@aol.com](mailto:mt Tyler1015@aol.com)

April means Spring Break and when you are in Europe, that means travel! But even with so many of their members touring Europe and beyond, these spouses still find time to host another Lego League, go to the movies together and hold their monthly coffee. Check out these pictures of their March Coffee, and outing to the Wiesbaden Easter market.



# *In Memory*

## *Major General Richard S. Kem*

Richard S. "Sam" Kem, a retired two-star general who served at top levels in the U.S. Army Europe and the Army Corps of Engineers, died of complications from hip surgery on April 1, 2016.

Gen. Kem was in the Army from 1956 to 1990, retiring as a two-star general. He then became Director of Public Works in Arlington County from 1990 to 2004. He and his wife, Ann, lived in Arlington, VA until 2014 when they moved to Washington DC. He died in Washington DC of complications from hip surgery on April 1st, 2016.

After graduation from West Point in 1956 he served in Germany with the 3d Armored Division's 23d Engineer Battalion. He also served in the 82d Airborne Division in the Dominican Republic and then at Fort Bragg, NC. He served two combat tours in Vietnam, first as an Advisor to Vietnamese combat engineers and then as Commander of the 577th Engineer battalion in 1968-69. In 1976 he was selected to command the 7th Engineer Brigade in Germany, part of 7th U.S. Corps.

Gen. Kem was Commander of the Engineer School at Ft Belvoir from 1984 to 1987. While there, he initiated and successfully won approval of a major reorganization that provided an engineer brigade of three combat engineer battalions in each heavy division. The success of that effort earned him recognition as the "father of E-Force", the modern engineer force.

Gen. Kem also served in significant positions in the Corps of engineers civil works mission area.

In 1964, while assigned to the engineer district in Chicago he was sent to Kodiak, Alaska, where he was part of the post-tsunami recovery. While serving as the Commanding General of the Army Corps of Engineer's Ohio River Division from 1981 to 1984 he was responsible for military construction and civil works in 14 states and 31 Army and Air Force installations. During this time he was a Presidential appointee to the Mississippi River Commission which oversaw flood control activities on the Mississippi and its major tributaries.

Gen. Kem was serving as Chief of Staff at the U.S. Army Europe headquarters in Heidelberg Germany in 1989 at the time of greater contact between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. He met with the Chief of Staff of the Group of Soviet forces in Germany in Potsdam as part of the opening and later participated in the meeting the two CINC's (Commander in Chiefs). He returned to Washington later that year and completed his nearly 34 ½ year Army career as Deputy Commander/Deputy Chief of Engineers of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, retiring in October 1990.

His decorations included two awards of the Distinguished Service Medal, two awards of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal. Gen. Kem was a fellow in the Society of American Military Engineers, a lifetime member of the Army Engineer association and also the American Society of Civil Engineers and served on the board of directors of the American Public Works Association and the Army Engineer Association

Following retirement from the Army, he joined Arlington County VA as the Director of Public Work. He retired from Arlington County in April 2004.

His first wife, Ann Callahan Kem, whom he married in 1960, died in 2003. He is survived by his wife, Adelaide (Ann) Mary Kem, whom he married in 2004; three children by his first wife, Michelle Kem of Falls Church, VA, Army Brigadier General John Kem and his wife Martha currently stationed at Fort Leavenworth, KS, and Steven Kem and his wife Gretchen of Ashland, OR; and step-daughters Deborah Brown of Minneapolis, MN, Suzanne Brown of Ocean Beach, Australia; four grandchildren Katy, Rob, James, and Kahlil, and three brothers, David of Edmond, OK, Jan of Portland, OR, and Bill of Gainesville, FL.

Services and burial at a future date at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his honor to: Food Pantry, Our Lady Queen of Peace, 2700 South 19th St., Arlington, VA 22204



# Chit Chat

## Get to know our members!

This section is all about you! We'd love to see what your Engineer unit or Coffee Group is doing. Send all pictures and submissions to Allison Chamberlayne [newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com).



1LT Scott Rutzer (L) and 1LT Ethan Dewart (R) of 4th Engineers won 1st place in the 4ID Best Sapper competition 24-25 Feb 2016 at Ft Carson. They will now advance to the Regimental Best Sapper Competition at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 17-22 April 2016

Allison Chamberlayne visited a friend and fellow Engineer Spouse, Tiffany Jones in Wiesbaden Germany. They are pictured here in the small town of Eltville. She enjoyed seeing some of her old stomping grounds, meeting up with old friends, and enjoying all the German beer, wine and cuisine. Her biggest regret is she missed attending the March AESG-Europe coffee! Next time, ladies!



**WANTED!** Send in pictures of your Coffee group or FRG!

**[newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com)**

# Fun & Games

## Let's Review!

How did you do on last month's Crossword? Here are the answers for you to check your work:

Across:

5. Burlin's Unit in WWII = WAVES
7. DCA Service Project = Honor Flight
9. Location of Pumpkins & latte's Event = Burke
12. Co-VP, former Secretary = DeMello
14. AESG-Europe's League = Lego
15. Cocktail party Month = October
17. Number of USACE Divisions = Nine
18. Buffalo District's new survey vessel = Buxbaum
20. Board member with new addition = Wilt
21. Engineer Song = Essayons
22. Outdated salute to the flag = Bellamy
24. Ponder these points = Protocol
25. Furniture donation family = Hains
26. Hubby retired, flip flops still active duty! = Groninger
27. Castle Boutique tumbler = Tervis
30. Newcomer's lunch location = Sine

Down:

1. Always stand, salute if it's yours = National Anthem
2. February event = bowling
3. Army Engineer Museum's rare find = button
4. 1983 Holiday band = MerryMakers
6. 3 sizes in the castle Boutique = cookie cutters
8. Holiday fundraiser = wreaths
10. AEMA Established year = seventy-three
11. Ladies' dinner started in 1977 = counterpart
13. Exchanged in December = Cookies
16. Castle Ball Host = AEA
19. Army Engineer Spouses in Ft Leonard Wood = KOTC
23. Army nurse we honor with award = Morris
29. AEA Stuffing Project = Envelopes
30. Board member who was sheriff's deputy = Stevenson



# Fun & Games

April is the Month of the Military Child. For this puzzle, find the words associated with the challenges our kids face. The answers in the puzzle are forward, backward, vertical, horizontal and diagonal.

T N E R A P Y O L P E D O O H D L I G C T M E R A P  
 O E S E R V T N E S D P M O R F N O I T A R A P E S  
 F O E Y T E S N E S D P M O R F N O I T A R A P E S  
 N T N E R A P Y O L P E D O O H D L I G C T M E R A P  
 A H S T O F U O P D O O H D L I G C T M E R A P  
 T E E U P P P U A E L O M C H I H D R N G N S S H E L F  
 I Y O D P A F N C P D P L I E I G N R N G N S S I P M E S  
 O S F E U T O G T L P O D E L C V S B G M S S S I S S S  
 N E P V S R E H I O L P E D E I T C O L O O S C S P L Y  
 U R A I R I S E V Y E O H E E A T O L O O S C S P L Y  
 N V T T U O N R E M Y O O T N S D A I E E X L E A Y  
 I F R C O T E O D E O T K D A B C U R T Y C O S U V A S E  
 Q A I A S I S E U D A F S N Y C U R T Y C O S U V A S E  
 U M O S E S E S H A Y D R E O B S E E H C H O O L T R V  
 E I T E V M F O Y L E O T E I W N S S C H H O I S S E V  
 C L I V R P M O O L P S O F R Q D S S C H H O I S S E V  
 H Y S R E E K Y L S F D T O E U G S C C H I I L D H C  
 A S M E S O A O W R F N O D O N E G A C H L O O D C E  
 N U H S E O Y O I F O L F A I N G N S C I V R E S E V  
 G P T E D M F E S C S A L G R E E N T E R Y D A E V  
 I P O D E E N X E A M A N O O T I I N M V I E V R R E  
 N O O N E D E U S I A A P V E W E T S E O O V E I E S  
 G R T T S E Q S L T H E Y S E R V E T S O O V E I E S  
 S T O O U I E Y R C V E S N V R E S S E Y R P A R T R  
 C T O O N S E N S E S E L F L E S S E P A R T R A V  
 H O N U L U N O I T A N E H T D E L E V A R T R A V

Active Duty Parent  
 Changing Schools  
 Deserves Our Support  
 Frequent Moves  
 Knows Sacrifice  
 Many Childhood Homes  
 Military Child

Miss Extended Family  
 New in School  
 Resilient  
 Saying Goodbye to Friends  
 Selflessly Serve  
 Sense of Patriotism

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PRINT NAME as you would like to be listed in the Castle Directory (The Redbook)

Last \_\_\_\_\_

First \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred contact phone:  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Birthday (month/day only) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  New member  Returning member  Rejoining member

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Is Spouse:  Active  Retired  Reserve/National Guard  Deceased

Spouse's title/rank/job assignment or firm:  
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By sending this application, you agree to have the above information listed in the Castle Directory.

Membership runs from July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2016.

Membership information received by Oct 31st, 2015 will be included in the 2015-2016 Castle Directory. Thank you!

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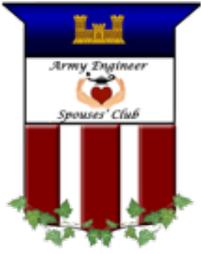
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