



Army Engineer Spouses' Club Castle Gram

VOLUME LXII ISSUE 1 | August 2015

Inside the Issue:

Welcome to AESC
AEMA
Events & Programs
Protocol
Our Volunteers
Photos & History
Engineers in Europe
Survey Vessel Buxbaum
Chit Chat
Nuts & Bolts
Membership
Fun & Games

Our Executive Board:

President

Connie Semonite

Vice President

Maggie DeMello
Dominique Wilt

Treasurer

Jessica Gregris

Secretary

Lisa Stevenson

AEMA Chairperson

Erica Shaw

The Gavel:

Your 2015-16 AESC Board certainly reflects the weather of August! We are “hot” with fiery new ideas for the club year, “full of sunshine” and happily learning our positions, and embracing those sudden “summer squalls” by brainstorming unique ways to reach out to our membership. The group that represents you is having a great time planning a wonderful year and is definitely not taking part in the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer ... well, maybe a bit of the crazy - in the most fun way, of course!



In a continued effort to expand our membership across the Army and Corps of Engineers, we are considering the role of AESC Liaisons throughout our Engineer communities. These goodwill ambassadors would represent our organization at the local level, share Engineer spouse news, assist in networking opportunities, ensure local schools are aware of our annual awards, and electronically participate in our board meetings. We are in the process of creating marketing materials to share and will possibly(!) offer special discounts or opportunities for these members. Interested in representing your community? We need your feedback on pros and cons of the position, defining the liaison role, as well as developing both the individual and club responsibilities. Please feel free to contact us via the web-site www.armyengineerspouses.com or send me a note at president@armyengineerspouses.com with your ideas.

Just a reminder to renew your AESC membership for the 2015-16 club year. Consider sharing a printed copy of this Castle Gram with a friend and encourage them to join our ranks. We don't want anyone to miss a single minute of the fun!

Warmly,
Connie

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

Join Us!

Each month, the board meets as described in the article to the right.

We try very hard to wrap up by 12pm so that we can enjoy lunch together. This month, we went to the Officer's Club just down the road from our meeting place. For \$8.95 you can enjoy the all you can eat soup and salad bar. For \$10.95, you can add the hot buffet. Each day of the week, there is a different hot buffet featuring items like BBQ Spare Ribs, Spaghetti, Chicken Teriyaki, or even Fried Chicken.

If the idea of a board meeting makes you yawn, please come out and join us for lunch! please contact Terri Stevens at hospitality@armyengineerspouses.com if you are ever interested in joining us.

AESC Board Meetings

The Army Engineer Spouses Club Board meets the first Wednesday of the Month at 10am in the Fairfax Village Neighborhood Center on Ft. Belvoir (10265 Fairfax Drive, Fort Belvoir). Members are invited to join us either in person or via Google Hangout. Please contact Connie Semonite if you would like to attend. (president@armyengineerspouses.com)

The minutes from these meetings can be found under the members only tab of our website armyengineerspouses.com. If you need the password, please contact Jackie Caldwell at membership@armyengineerspouses.com.

Please see the Nuts & Bolts Section of this Castle Gram for important information about decisions made during these meetings or matters we need your input on.

Benefits of Membership

- The Castle Gram - This monthly newsletter will attempt to keep you informed, entertained, and connected to your Engineer Family
- The Redbook - This annual publication includes our coveted membership directory. Many members order an extra copy for their Engineer Spouse! Consider it an annual update to where your engineer friends have landed!
- The Castle Boutique - Our boutique is available both online and at live events throughout the year. You may find us at HQ, the annual cocktail party, SAME... you never know where we will pop up or what new goodies we will be offering. Each month we feature certain items available to members only.
- Monthly events and programs in the DC area. The first Wednesday of every month, the board members meet at the Fairfax Village neighborhood center on Ft Belvoir at 10am. All members are welcome to attend. In addition, we host several activities such as museum visits, lunches, bowling, you name it! We also look forward to our annual events such as AEA Envelope Stuffing, Welcome Cocktail Party, Knollwood Bake Sale, Wine Tasting and the AEMA Awards Lunch.
- AEMA Awards for qualified high school seniors. In 2015, AEMA awarded \$12,000 to the children of our members.

AEMA History

The picture below shows the AEOWC Scholarship award winners from 1971. The woman on the far left was the chapter president, Eleanor Denz. The award recipients were chosen by the Director of the Adult Education Center at Fort Belvoir. Each recipient received two \$50 U.S. Treasury Bonds. This editor is just making a “google educated guess”, but if those bonds were cashed in today, these lucky recipients would have a whopping \$506.40! Also, of note, the average annual cost of tuition at a 4 year public college in 1971 was \$2,505 (in current dollars). Last year, this cost reached \$9,139.



Army Engineer Memorial Awards

Pictured below are the recipients of the Army Engineer Officers' Wives' Club of Washington D.C. annual awards in 1971. The awards were handout by LTG Carroll H. Dunn, Deputy Chief of Engineers and his wife, Letha. Also pictured among the recipients (standing next to Mrs. Dunn on the far right) is Ann Burlin, daughter of our own Kay Burlin (see Volunteer Spotlight). Seven years later, the awards process was made a permanent part of our mission by the founding of the Army Engineer Memorial Awards.

AEMA was founded to honor the lives of fallen Engineers as well as support the value of scholarship held dear by the Army Engineer Spouses' Club. We strive to support the academic endeavors of the children of our members while creating a link to the Engineers of the past.

AEMA is a 501(c)3 organization and accepts tax deductible donations at anytime. (Please see our website for online donations <http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/please-donate.html>) Our main fundraiser is a cocktail party held in the home of the Chief of Engineers. This year, the party will be held on October 17th in Quarters 7.

Traditionally the cocktail party is held to welcome new engineer families to the DC area. We rely on the staff at USACE, members of 249th and 111th to help us locate these new families, but you can help us to! If you are aware of an Engineer family in the DC area and would like to be sure they receive an invitation to this event, please contact Terri Steven, our hospitality chair, at hospitality@armyengineerspouses.com



Award Recipient Update

We LOVE hearing from our past award winners! Ellen Hendricks is a Geraldine K Morris Award Recipient attending Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and will be receiving her last \$1000 check from the Army Engineer Memorial Awards. The GKM Award goes to a qualified High School Senior who is entering a nursing program. The recipients receive \$1000 per year for a total of 4 years. Ellen wrote us a long beautiful note and we are sharing some excerpts here:

My junior year is over and I have only one more year to go! A lot has happened this past year. My father retired from the army last summer and my family moved to Fairbanks Alaska...

This was my third year on the (tennis) team, and I was named one of the captains. It was defiantly a building year for our team, as we had a lot of freshman and no seniors, but I am really looking forward to our upcoming season and think that we will do really well....

My nursing classes have continued to increase in difficulty, but I am still enjoying them and doing well. My favorite class was maternity, and I actually got to see a C-section during clinical....

This summer I have been working at a local greenhouse as a sales associate and have really enjoyed it. Everyone here is so nice and the weather is really pleasant, except for when the forest fires are too close and the air gets all smoky. Spending four weeks over winter break and now the summer has only increased my desire to live here. My five year plan is to graduate, work over the summer while preparing for the NCLEX and then get a job at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, hopefully in either a labor and deliver, NICU, or pediatrics....

I want to thank you once again for your support of my educational goal, It really means a lot to me and my family. I wish you the best of luck on your endeavors for the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Ellen Hendricks



Save the Date:

September 2
AESC Board Meeting

September 10
Newcomer's Lunch


September 25
Back to School
Celebration @ Top
Golf

September 30
White House Tour
RSVP Deadline

October 7
AESC Board Meeting

October 17
Annual Cocktail Party

October 24th
Pumpkin Patch &
Lattes Family Event
at Burke Nursery &
Garden Center



Army Engineer Spouses' Club

NEW TO THE DC AREA?

"LET'S DO LUNCH"

JOIN US AT
~ SINE IRISH RESTAURANT ~
(SINEIRISHPUB.COM)
PENTAGON CITY MALL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015
11:30

*CHANCES ARE, YOU'LL SEE A FAMILIAR FACE
FROM A PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT*

OPEN TO ALL ENGINEER SPOUSES OF ACTIVE DUTY,
RETIRED, RESERVE, NATIONAL GUARD, AND SES

PLEASE RSVP BY SEPT. 7
HOSPITALITY@ARMYENGINEERSPOUSES.COM

Back to School Celebration!

Right now, we still have a good portion of summer left to enjoy, but come September, we are all glad to see the kids back in school and routines returned to normal (whatever that means!) Come out and celebrate back to school with AESC at Top Golf in Alexandria:

- September 25, 2015
- 7-9pm
- Top Golf, Alexandria
6625 S. Van Dorn Street
- RSVP to events@armyengineerspouses.com

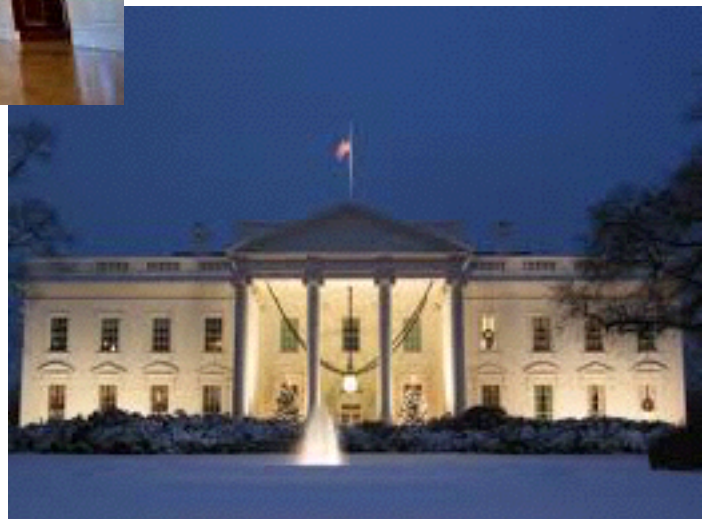
AESC Tours the White House

Maggie and Dominique have made plans for AESC members to tour the White House! As I'm sure you all know, this feat requires a lot of planning and organization! The tour will take place sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will not be allowed to choose our date, but the White House should be fully decorated for the holidays!

The way it will work is that our VPs will send out the invitation and you will RSVP for yourself and any guests you would like to bring. They will then contact you by phone to get your social security number to give to White House Security. We will not know the date at this time. Once our list has been vetted they will assign us a tour date and time. We have not been given a maximum or minimum number for our group but we have been told it is extremely flexible. We just need to know in advance exactly who is coming. So, if you think you would like to go, please RSVP as soon as you see the invitation! Our deadline with the White House is September 30th. **NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPT 30th.** You can drop off the list, but you can not be added!

As I mentioned, we are opening this invitation to our members and their guests. However, should we reach tour capacity, we will have to prioritize our members first. We will also be using a first come first served policy if we get pushed up against a limit. So, again... as soon as the invitation goes out, RSVP!!

We thank Maggie & Dominique in advance for all of their hard work putting this together!



Planning Workshop

The AESC board met on Wednesday, July 15th for an all day workshop. Connie was our hostess and provided us with some yummy treats to get us through the morning until our pizza lunch arrived. We discussed many topics to include:

- AESC Chapters - How do we best meet the needs and desires of Engineers around the globe? From the Castle Keepers at Ft. Leonard Wood to our Engineers overseas, how do we best stay connected across those miles?
- Budget - We went over the club's budget line by line. We defined each line and its purpose. This budget will be voted on at the August Board Meeting. For more information on this topic, please see "Nuts & Bolts" in this Castle Gram or the Members Only section of the web site.
- Castle Boutique - What items do we want to see added to our inventory? How much are we willing to spend? Are we charging the right price? What are people telling us they are looking for? How can we become THE place for Engineer accessories and jewelry?
- Membership - Are we providing the information and services to our members that they expect? How can we reach more potential members both in the DC area and around the world?
- Club History & Publicity - How can we best preserve the scrapbooks? Do we have an accurate club history and timeline? Is AESC and AEMA reaching our entire engineer family?
- AESC Calendar - What events do we want to sponsor?

The board is excited about beginning this club year! Workshops like these always provide a boost as we see what great plans and ideas our board members have come up with! As always, we welcome your feedback on any of these topics or whatever comments you may have about AESC's vision. Please contact any board member with your ideas.



August Local Events

**August 7 - Annual Rotary
Club of Annapolis Crab
Feast**

[www.annapolisrotary.org/
crabfeast](http://www.annapolisrotary.org/crabfeast)

**August 8-15 - Howard
County Fair**

www.howardcountyfair.com

**August 9-16 - D.C. Beer
Week**

www.dcbeerweek.net

**August 21-23 - Civil War
Weekend**

www.visitpwc.com

**August 22 - Virginia
Craft Brewers Festival**

www.vacraftbrewersfest.com

**Sundays through 9/27 -
Movies on the Potomac,
National Harbor**

[www.nationalharbor.com/
movies-on-the-potomac/](http://www.nationalharbor.com/movies-on-the-potomac/)

Around Town

If you live the the DC Metro Area, here are a few events and places you might like to visit. I highly recommend a subscription to Northern Virginia Magazine, which is the source of this article. Check out their August edition for: **67 Adventures Every Northern Virginian Must Take.**

- Historic Brews Tour with Garrett Peck - a 2.5 mile tour of beer history in Old Town Alexandria. Also available at the Alexandria Visitors' Center is a brochure, "Alexandria's Historic Breweries: A Walking Tour & Pub Guide". www.garettpeck.com
- Take the Kids to Clemyjontri Park - This is a unique playground where children of all abilities can play side by side. Find the park at 6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/clemyjontri/>
- Visit Meadowlark Botanical gardens - Take a guided tour with the roving naturalist program or stroll through the Korean Bell Garden. You can find the garden at 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna, VA. http://www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens
- Take the pooch to Jackson 20's Yappy Hour. This event occurs every Tuesday from 5pm to 8pm, April through October. Named for Andrew Jackson, the notoriously sociable President who insisted on inviting the public to his inaugural ball, you'll find Jackson 20 perfectly located in Old Town Alexandria and serving up the legendary comfort food of the region. 480 King Street, Alexandria, VA
- Autobahn Speedway - Opening in October, the speedway will be the premier venue for go-karting in the region. Try your hand behind the wheel of an Italian-made Formula One inspired kart that reaches speeds of up to 50 miles per hour.

The Pledge Of Allegiance

1892

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

1892-1922

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the republic for which it stands: one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

1923

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

1924-1954

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

1954-Present

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



Protocol Points to Ponder:

Prior to 1942, Americans saluted the flag with the "Bellamy Salute" or "Flag Salute". (pictured right) During the 1920s and 30s, Italian



Facists and Nazis adopted a similar salute which resulted in controversy over its use in the United States. So, Congress amended the Flag Code on December 22, 1942 and replaced this salute with the hand over the heart salute (pictured lower left). Here is what that code has to say about saluting our flag today:

- Those in uniform give the appropriate formal salute.
- Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute.
- Citizens not in uniform salute by placing their right hand over the heart and those with head cover should remove it and hold it to left shoulder, hand over the heart.
- Citizens who are not veterans or members of the armed services should not render the military salute.
- Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention
- When reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, all present should stand at attention facing the flag with their right hand over their heart, with the exception of those in uniform who shall salute.
- The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag
- The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, allows the military salute for the flag during the national anthem by members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and by veterans.

2015-2016 Volunteers

Parliamentarian

Roz Riley

Membership

Jackie Caldwell

Hospitality

Terri Stevens

Historian

Laurel-Lee States

Castle-Gram

Allison Chamberlayne

Webmaster

Laura Putnam

Circulation

Kara Anderson

Castle Boutique

Sheila Kelly

Welfare Services

Open

Retirement Residences

Liaison

Kay Burlin

Knollwood Bake Sale

Pricilla Noah

Nominations

Bette Meuleners



Get to know our volunteers!

Introducing

Kay Burlin

Retirement Residences Liaison

The Army Engineer Spouses' Club has a long history of working with the area retirement residences. In 1959, the club began fund-raising to aid the Army Distaff Foundation in support of the construction of the Army Distaff Hall, a residence for the widows of Army Officers. In 1962, the Army Distaff Hall opened its doors. Although the Hall was originally only for ladies, in 1989 admission was extended to all retired career military officers, male and female, and their female relatives. The name was changed at that time to Knollwood.

In addition to Knollwood, many retired Army Engineers reside at The Fairfax at Fort Belvoir. Due to our many active members at both locations, we recruit the assistance of a liaison to help coordinate events such as the Knollwood Bake Sale (coordinated by Priscilla Noah), and the AEMA Awards Brunch; as well as inform our members residing in these locations about AESC events. Kay lives at the Fairfax and has even hosted one of our board meetings there to include a lovely lunch served to us during the meeting. This editor enjoyed learning a little bit more about Kay, I hope you do too!

- Kay has been an Army Engineer Spouse for 64 years and a member of AESC for 60 years. (she first joined in 1955) Kay was invited to join the club while living with her mother and caring for her two children, then 18 months and newborn. The voice on the line said "Oh, I knew your husband long before you did". The caller's husband had been a 2nd Lt. in Panama when Kay's husband's family had been there. She told her that she knew that Kay had young children, but that she wanted her to join the reservations committee so she would meet many of the engineer wives.
- If you count her childhood moves, college years, years in the Navy (I'll get to that in a bit!), Airline years, and Army Wife years, she has lived in 35 different places.
- Kay enjoys playing Bridge and eating seafood. Even though Ft Campbell was not her favorite duty station, she loved her time there as she and Bob were newlyweds!

Continued...

Castle Boutique



Distinctive in its styling and outstanding in its workmanship, this pendant features the Engineer Castle and honors the tradition and legacy of United States Army Corps of Engineers. See our website for pricing and options.

Questions about the Castle Boutique or to place an order, visit our website:

www.armyengineerspouses.com

or contact our Castle Boutique Chair, Sheila Kelly:

castleboutique@armyengineerspouses.com

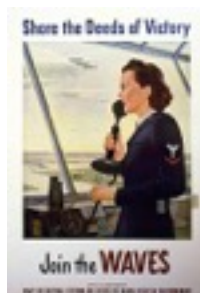
Kay Burlin continued...

The next thing Kay told me was so interesting, I thought I deserved its own article! Kay was in WAVES in WWII.

WAVES was established on July 30, 1942 as a World War II division of the U.S. Naval Reserve, that consisted entirely of women. The name was an acronym for “**Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service**”. The word “emergency” implied that the acceptance of women was due to the unusual circumstances of World War II and at the end of the war the women would not be allowed to continue in Navy careers. However, the program continued for decades after the war and even though the official name changed to “U.S. Naval Reserve (Women’s Reserve)”, the nickname WAVES stuck.

From the beginning, the WAVES were an official part of the Navy, and its members held the same rank and ratings as male personnel. They also received the same pay and were subject to military discipline. WAVES could not serve aboard combat ships or aircraft, and were initially restricted to duty in the continental United States. At the end of WWII, there were well over 8,000 female officers and some ten times that many enlisted WAVES (about 2.5% of the navy’s total strength)

We join together to thank Kay and the WAVES pioneers for paving the way for women in the military! Thank you for your service to our country!



Honorary Advisors

Renee Bostick - Spouse, Chief of Engineers

Jackie Caldwell - SES Spouse, Director of Military Programs

Joan Stockton - SES Spouse, Director of Civil Works

Photo Gallery

Please enjoy these photos of our recent events!

These are some pictures of our Farewell Picnic for Vicky and Castle Boutique Sale at USACE HQ.

If you'd like to see more pictures, please log on to the website at www.armyengineerspouses.com

or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ArmyEngineerSpousesClub



A&S History



Pictured above are Kay Burlin, her husband COL Robert Burlin, COL JJ. Schmidt and his wife gathering to discuss final floral and food arrangements for the Castle Ball in May of 1964. The Castle Ball is now sponsored by the Army Engineer Association with over 500 attendees.

We are currently working on a special Castle Ball article, so please send in your memories, pictures or knowledge of the event to Allison Chamberlayne newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com

Do you know...

One of the Engineer Units located right here in the D.C. area is one of a kind! The 249th Engineer Battalion is the only Engineer Battalion that reports directly to the Corps of Engineers. That may be due to its unique mission. The 249th provides commercial level power to military units and federal relief organizations during full spectrum operations. Additionally, the Commander (LTC Julie Balten) serves as the Commandant of the U.S. Army Prime Power School, the institution responsible for the development of Army and Navy power generation specialists.

In addition to Electrical Engineers (I2P), Prime Power is also supported by crane operators (2IF), chaplain assistants (56M), supply, personal logistics, clerical (92A/7IL), signal/communications (25U), and light wheeled mechanics (63B)

The spouses of this battalion are an active bunch! They recently gathered at Genghis Grill in Alexandria to farewell the outgoing XO's spouse, Marna Rockwell, and welcome the incoming commander's spouse, Michael Vantzelfden. Other gatherings have included crafting, Pakistani Food and get togethers in each other's home for food and fellowship.

All of the spouses in the 249th are welcome to join AESC. Please contact Erica Shaw (aema@armyengineerspouses.com), Michael Vantzelfden, or Alicia Hite if you would like more information about the 249th Family Readiness Group or the 249th Coffee Group. Alicia and Mike can be reached through the unit email at 249-DL-Battalion-EOC@usace.army.mil.



Engineers In Europe

Traditions and Transitions

For active duty families, "summertime" means "moving-time," so much so, it can be considered a tradition in of itself. But this summer, the large number of transitions for engineer families in Europe is being made by civilian families. Since May, USACE's Europe District has welcomed **over sixty** new civilian employees and their families, with more on their way in the coming months. The enthusiasm and energy throughout our engineer community in Europe is amazing, and I am so excited to be a part of it!

It is during the times of transition that I find the *traditions* to be most important and somewhat comforting; no other move was this more evident than in our move to Germany. The feelings of joy and excitement for our next "adventure" were tied in knots with the emotions of nervousness and sadness resulting in the vast number of "See you later!" hugs to family and friends. How did I adjust to a *new* country, learning a *new* language, and attempting to understand dozens of *new* road signs at the blink of an eye? Two amazing engineer spouses of course! The first greeted us at the Lodge with fruit, chocolate, and Sekt; the second came to the Lodge to pick us up, and our families had an unforgettable dinner together on the Markt Platz in beautiful downtown Wiesbaden. While it may have been an hour or two out of their days, it meant the world to me to know that with all the *newness* around me, I had engineer spouses close by.

For many of the civilian families I've had the pleasure to meet, this isn't just a move to a *new* country, this is their first move! While joining a spouses' club or squeezing in another coffee to an already packed calendar sounds daunting to those of us that have done it for years, it is important to remember these traditions serve as an opportunity for us to meet each other in a casual, social setting and they offer a place for all spouses to fit in.

If you or someone you know is an Army Engineer spouse living in Europe or Israel, please feel free to reach-out to me if you have questions or would like to connect with other spouses in your area. By the end of 2016, Europe District will have 34 offices located in over a dozen countries, and U.S. Army-Europe has engineers stationed throughout Europe as well... You are not alone! There are so many exciting *new* things to see and do with *new* friends, and together, we can continue the Army Engineer traditions we hold near and dear while creating a few *new* ones!

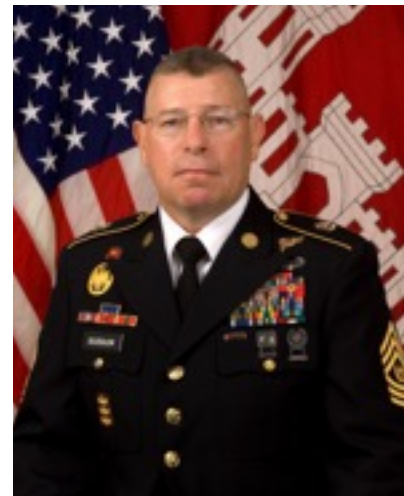
Essayons!
Michelle S. Tyler
MTyler1015@aol.com

Pictured far right is the Mardi Gras theme coffee held in February 2015. To the left is the Europe District's Castle Ball on January 2015.



Survey Vessel **BUXBAUM**

On June 23, 2015, the U.S. Army Corps Buffalo District named a survey vessel after Command Sergeant Major (ret) Michael L Buxbaum. in a ceremony at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park. Buxbaum passed away in his sleep on November 9, 2013 while in Afghanistan, where he was working as a contractor supporting deployed soldiers, a calling that spanned his 33 year career. CSM Buxbaum's widow, Bobby and their daughters Katie and Christina were present. Bobby has been a long time member and volunteer of the Army Engineer Spouses' Club. The BUXBAUM is the latest addition to the Buffalo District's high-tech hydrographic survey fleet. Please click here to read the full story by Andrew Kornacki. <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Media/NewsReleases/tabid/6147/Article/601450/corps-of-engineers-to-name-high-tech-hydrographic-survey-boat-in-honor-of-comma.aspx>



Survey Vessel BUXBAUM Specifications

Hull - Catamaran

Length - 25'11"

Breadth - 9'6"

Draft - 22"

Cabin - 74 sq ft

Light Ship - 11,300 pounds

Max Speed - 30 Knots (35 MPH)

Fuel Capacity - 160 gallons

Chit Chat

Get to know our members!

This section is all about you! Give us the gossip about where you are, where you are heading and what you are doing. Send all pictures and submissions to Allison Chamberlayne
newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com.

Bette Meuleners welcomed her 9th grandchild, Luke, in July. The proud parents are her son Scott and his wife Melissa and his big brother, Michael. Congratulations to the Meuleners Family!



Karen Anderson and family have landed in Hattiesburg, Mississippi! So in addition to mom, army wife, teacher (both professionally and home schooler), and AESC Volunteer, Karen can now add “Property manager” to her resume! The Anderson's own homes in Mississippi, Tennessee & Virginia!



Vicky Groninger let us know that Karl accepted a position as Vice-President, Facility Services, and will be working at a company called Melwood. He will be working in Upper Marlboro, MD, just outside of Andrews Air Force Base. Melwood is a non-profit organization that advocates for and empowers individuals of differing abilities to transform their own lives through unique opportunities to work and play in the community. So, they have been very busy house-hunting for the past few weeks and think that they may have a lead on a house-YAY!! They will be so happy once they have a contract on a house and will be able to schedule pick-ups and delivery of household property. Congratulations, Vicky & Karl!

To learn more about Melwood, click www.melwood.org.



Nuts & Bolts

This is the section where we report to you, the members about what's going on with Club Business. As a general rule, most "members only" information will be kept on the Member's Only tab of the web site.

Dollars & Sense

From the Treasurer, Jessica Gregris

In my short time as the newly elected Treasurer I have discovered I find the position very rewarding, but time consuming. It has been bumpy and we've struggled a bit to meet timelines, but I was fortunate to readily be able to tap into the bountiful knowledge of the previous two Treasurers, Kathy Moalker and Debbie Rapp. They have both graciously answered all my questions whether over email, the phone, or in person when I showed up on the doorstep. I've also appreciated the friendly welcome and ready assistance of all my fellow board members.

July and the first part of August were largely spent transitioning with the outgoing Treasurer, having the books reviewed, crafting the budget, and just figuring things out. We are very thankful to Bette Meuleners and Isabel Stevens for graciously donating their time conducting the Financial Review of last year's books. They found everything to be in order, the books balanced and maintained. We have definitely learned to start the search early for volunteers to conduct the Financial Review and our plan next year is to find people from outside the organization. Please let me know if you know of someone who may fit the bill for next year's review! Kathy Moalker led the Budget Committee in crafting the proposed 2015-2016 budget which I presented at the summer workshop, and I am proud to say it was approved at the board meeting on August 5th.. I've been getting my books setup, attempting to automate things as much as possible, and attempting to find solutions to concerns raised to me. It's truly been challenging, but I've enjoyed it and look forward to the rest of the year.

Parliamentarian News

Roz Riley has been diligently reviewing our club documents and is approaching the time to present them to the membership for review. There are three major documents that she has been working on to ensure they accurately reflect our organization as well as consistently convey the same message across documents. They are as follows:

- The AEMA Articles of Charter
- AESC Constitution & By-laws
- Geraldine K Morris Award Criteria

The plan is to present revised document to the board on September 2nd then ask the general membership for approval. Part of this process will also be to examine procedures for electronic voting. Stay tuned for details and feel free to contact Roz or Connie with any questions. (president@armyengineerspouses.com)

Membership

Join online at
[www.armyengineerspouses.com/
membership.html](http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/membership.html)

Questions?

Contact our
Membership Chair

Jackie Caldwell

membership@armyengineerspouses.com



AESC 2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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:

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!

Annual dues + 1 copy of the Castle Directory \$25 _____

Additional Castle Directory: Each \$5 _____

Total: _____

Please make check payable to AESC and mail to:

AESC MEMBERSHIP
P.O. Box 6332
Alexandria, VA 22306-6332

Fun & Games

Across

1. Most Welcoming = Stevens
3. AEMA Chair = Shaw
5. Emailer Extraordinaire = Anderson
6. 205th Home = Louisiana
7. Dues Collector = Caldwell
8. Regimental CDR = Funkhouser
9. Position Filler = Meuleners
11. Die Hard Assignment = Fort Riley
12. 53rd Chief = Bostick
14. Vices = DeMello & Wilt
15. Liaison Lady = Burlin
16. Lone Star State Brigade = Thirty Sixth
20. Triple Nickel State = Washington
21. Web Home = ArmyEngineerSpousesCom
24. FLW NG = Thirty Fifth
27. Bake Sale Queen = Priscilla Noah
29. Kellys' For Sale = Castle Boutique
31. CastleGram Editor = Chamberlayne
32. Essayons = Let Us Try
33. 130th Home = Hawaii

Here are the answers to the crossword puzzle in the Summer Edition of the Castle Gram. How did you do?

Down

1. Keystone Positions = Senior Executive Service
2. 11th Mascot = Jungle Cat
3. Allison was Don Drapers', AESC's is Stevenson = Secretary
4. Law & Order = Riley
10. Army Distaff Community = Knollwood
13. SPD CDR = Toy
16. Corps CSM = Jones
17. Prime Power = Two Forty Ninth
19. 58th EN Company Home = Irwin
22. Ft Carson Unit = Fourth
23. Bragg Brigade = Twentieth
25. Presides = Semonite
26. Five Side Headache = Pentagon
28. World Wide Webber = Putnam

Fun & Games *continued..*

Engineer Fun

Can you find these words? They will appear Forward and backward, diagonal, and up & down.

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

ENGINEER

CORPS

BRIGADE

LEONARDWOOD

ARMY

KNOLLWOOD

NATIONALGUARD

BUILDINGSTRONG

SAPPER

USACE

BATTALION

HEADQUARTERS

CASTLE

THEFAIRFAX

RESERVE

DEFLEURY

REGIMENT

DIVISION

BELVOIR

SPOUSE

CHIEF

AEMA

DISTRICT

AESC



AESC
P.O. Box 6332
Alexandria, VA 22306-6332

