

Army Engineer Spouses' Club Castle Gram

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*The Army Engineer Spouses' Club
cordially invites you and your spouse/guest
to join us at our annual*

Welcome Cocktail Party

Saturday, October 17, 2015

5:00 to 7:00 PM

at the home of

*LTG and Mrs. Tom Bostick
Quarters 7 Fort McNair
Washington, DC*

Coat and Tie

*Please RSVP by October 11th to:
rsvp@armyengineerspouses.com*

*Voluntary donations to Army Engineer Memorial
Award Fund will be accepted.*

*Suggested: \$20 per person
(This donation is tax deductible)*

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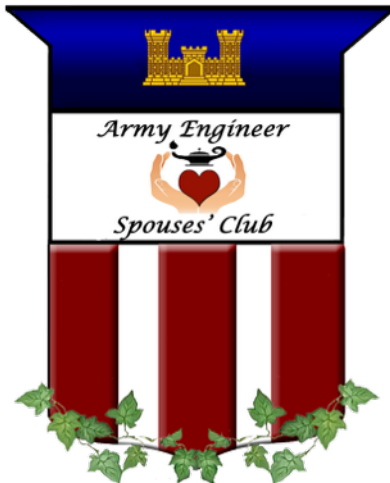
The Gavel



Hello Friends!

Crisp apples, the first day of school and cooler weather all come to mind when we think of September.....and the beginning of another wonderful club year for the Army Engineer Spouses' Club! Do you love an Engineer? We want you to join us! We have meetings in the D.C. area, but our members get together all over the world. We will be reporting on groups from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Europe this year and would love to include you as well. Send us photos and a short little summary – all of us are interested in what is happening in your Engineer world!

If you are in the Washington D.C. area on September 10th, please join us for lunch to welcome Engineer newcomers - you'll find the details in this edition. You don't have to be a member of the club to attend, you don't even have to live in the area. We just want to provide an opportunity to meet others and reconnect with friends who all decorate with red and gold castles. Come join us!



The Army Engineer Spouses' Club is your network to Engineer friends everywhere. Please share this newsletter with a neighbor, tell a family member about us, or share our website on Facebook – our true membership requirement is to love an Engineer!

Warmly,
Connie



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September Board Meeting

Join Us!



Members are always welcome at our monthly board meetings. Contact any board member for details or just show up! We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Fairfax Community Center on Ft Belvoir. See you next month?

Membership

It is time to renew your AESC membership! Don't risk missing any events or newsletters, join today! We have been offering online membership applications for only a few years now, but it has quickly become our members' preferred method of joining/renewing. Simply go to www.armyengineerspouses.com and click on the membership tab. If you prefer, you can fill out the form at the end of this Castle Gram and mail it back to us. Either way...don't delay!



This is one of my favorite pictures of our August Board Meeting. We have our webmaster, Laura Putnam dialing in from Fort Benning using Google Hangout. That's her on the laptop screen! She is talking to our treasurer, Jessica Gregris who has called in from her desk at work. Jessica is an Active Duty Army Officer. Connie is holding the phone close to the laptop speakers so they can hear each other. I'm sure there are sexier ways to do this, but it worked for us! Still think you can't volunteer? Our Welfare/Services position is still open!



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

Award Recipient Update

We LOVE hearing from our award winners! Joseph Roberts is a 2015 AEMA Award Recipient attending Clemson University in South Carolina. Joseph scored the highest number of points in our scoring rubric and was awarded \$4000. His award was given in memory of CSM Michael Buxbaum and in honor of AESC member, Bobby Buxbaum.



Dear AEMA,
I am truly honored to receive this scholarship. I regret not being able to attend the banquet, as I am sure it was a wonderful event. This award will greatly aid me and my family as I attend Clemson, something I am eternally grateful for. Again, thank you for all you have given me.
Regards,
Joseph Ethan Roberts



Joseph Ethan Roberts

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Save the Date:

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

November 4
AESC Board Meeting

Events & Programs

Back to School Celebration!

The kids are back in school, so now the parents can celebrate! Please join us for a night of food, drinks, mingling, and of course, GOLF:

- September 25, 2015
- 7-9pm
- Top Golf, Alexandria
6625 S. Van Dorn Street
- RSVP to rsvp@armyengineerspouses.com or by clicking here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/top-golf-back-to-school-night-tickets-18441552179>

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

A&A Envelope Stuffing

Each year, the Army Engineer Spouses Club sends volunteers to the Humphrey's Building to assist with the Army Engineer Association's annual fund drive. While AEA always sends a generous donation in appreciation of our support to the Army Engineer Memorial Awards, our true motivation for supporting this wonderful non-profit lies in our shared love of Engineers. AEA's motto is "your Army Engineer network for life". We are happy to help out each year and AEA is always a fabulous host to our volunteers.



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!



September Local Events

September 5&6

Virginia Scottish Games &
Festival, Great Meadow, Plains,
VA

<http://www.vascottishgames.org>

September 10-13

Prince George's County Fair,
Upper Marlboro, MD

<http://www.countyfair.org>

September 12-13

Virginia Wine Festival,
Centerville, VA

<http://www.virginiawinefest.com>

September 18-26

Great Frederick Fair, Frederick,
MD

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

September 20

ZooFiesta at the National Zoo

[https://nationalzoo.si.edu/
ActivitiesAndEvents/
Celebrations/ZooFiesta/
zoofiesta.cfm](https://nationalzoo.si.edu/ActivitiesAndEvents/Celebrations/ZooFiesta/zoofiesta.cfm)

September 27-27

Landmark Music Festival for the
National Mall

<http://www.landmarkfestival.org>

September 30- October 4

Calvert County Fair, Prince
Frederick, MD

<http://calvertcountyfair.com>

Around Town

Fall is my favorite time of year! The temperature is mild, the leaves start turning their brilliant shades of orange and maroon (Go Hokies!!). Here are a few great places for you to get outside and enjoy all the season has to offer!

- U.S. National Arboretum - 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington DC - This 450 acre park contains an amazing variety of plant, tree, and flower collections. The old National Capitol columns stand in middle of the Ellipse Meadow. And the Grove of State Trees, a collection of trees from all 50 states, is an eating area with wooden tables and flat spots to spread out a blanket for a picnic.
- The Yards Park - 355 Water St SE, Washington DC - The centerpiece of the still-developing Capitol Riverfront neighborhood has many elements that make it a gem; open grassy spaces, lots of artistic benches and seating areas, a boardwalk along the Anacostia, the sculptural Pedestrian Bridge, and a fantastic view of the river.
- Watkins Regional Park - 301 Watkins Park Dr, Upper Marlboro, MD - Visit bunnies, chickens, peacocks, ducks, llamas, cows, ponies and sheep at Old Maryland Farm. The nature center has even more critters for guests to see. Kids will also love the playground and in the warmer months there is an antique carousel, train and mini golf to enjoy.
- Huntley Meadows - 3701 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria, VA - There are trails, wildlife sightings, and plenty of nature to explore on the 1,425 acres of woods and wetlands throughout this park in Alexandria. Hike along the paved, dirt, and boardwalk trails, and you're practically guaranteed to spot turtles of all sizes, frogs, great blue herons, cardinals, and a variety of other birds.
- Roosevelt Island - Drivers can only reach the island from the northbound lanes of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. After Memorial Bridge, follow the sign to turn right into the parking lot. You cross a long wooden footbridge onto the island where you will find a 17 foot statue of Teddy.



Did anyone else get the sweats when you sat down at the Castle Ball in August? Which glass is mine and where do I put my roll?! Is my coffee cup by my knife or my fork? My family has a quick trick to help us through!

When you sit down, give yourself two thumbs up! Your left hand has formed the letter “b” and your right hand has formed the letter “d”. So, your **B**read is on your left and your **D**rinks are on your right.



Protocol Points to Ponder:

Whether you are setting a table for a family dinner or a formal dining out, it is important to know what goes where and what utensils should be used for which foods. I turn to Emily Post to help us dine in style! <http://www.emilypost.com/everyday-manners/table-manners/372>

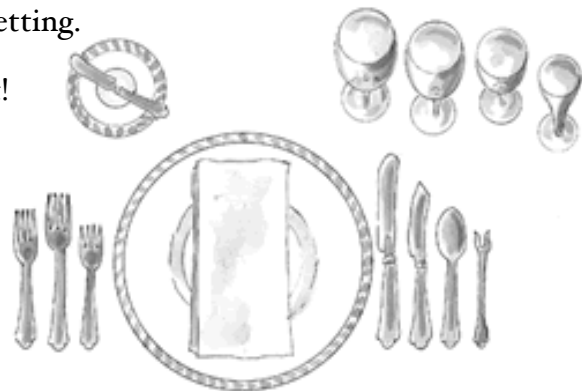
The first rule of thumb for a formal table setting is to set a geometrically pleasing table! The centerpiece is at the exact center and the place settings equally placed around the table. The utensils should also be balanced, with the charger at the center of the place setting.

The second rule of thumb is to work from the outside in. The hostess should examine his or her menu and set accordingly; only placing needed implements. The diagram below is of a formal place setting. You would need to customize it for your menu. From left to right, we have a fish fork, dinner fork, then salad fork. If the salad is to be served at the same time as the entree, the salad fork goes to the right of the dinner fork. If the salad is served first, the fork goes to the left of the dinner fork.

From right to left, we have an oyster fork, soup/fruit spoon, fish knife, and dinner knife. There is no salad knife in this illustration, but the same rule applies for the salad knife as does the salad fork. When salad is served first, the knife goes to the right of the dinner knife. When salad is served with the meal, it goes to the left of the dinner knife.

Finally some tidbits to remember: Knife blades are always placed with the cutting edge toward the plate. The bread knife goes diagonally across the bread plate, handle on the right, blade down. The napkin is not placed under the forks. You should be able to put your napkin on your lap without disrupting the rest of the place setting.

Bon Apetit!



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

Lisa Stevenson

Secretary

As Secretary, Lisa is in charge of accurately recording and distributing the minutes of our monthly board meetings. She organizes and maintains our volunteer roster and handles our correspondence. She checks our P.O. Box and makes sure each officer gets the mail she finds in there. Basically, she keeps the board in line and organized!

Here are some things you might not know about Lisa:

- Her hometown is Spartanburg, SC but her heart's in Ft Thomas, Ky where the Stevensons have their forever home....
- Her family consists of 2 kids.. Joshua 20 attends NOVA and Shelby 18 (a 2015 AEMA Award Recipient) will be attending Marymount University in Arlington this fall.
- The furry members of the Stevenson household are Dori, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever and Riggs, a rescued Chocolate Lab.
- When I asked Lisa what she liked best about her least favorite duty station, she said, "I met that friend for life who I can call no matter what!" The duty station will remain nameless!
- AESC volunteers have the greatest stories! I learned that Lisa was a sheriff's deputy for 8 years.

Thank you for your service, Lisa!



Castle Boutique

Upcoming Live Events

Come see the
Castle Boutique
in person...

October 17th

AESC Welcome
Cocktail Party

November

Humphreys Bldg, date
TBD, most, likely the
second week of
November

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



New jewelry added to the Castle Boutique. Choose from a neutral wood pendant to match any outfit or opt for the signature red to add a pop of color. Questions about the Castle Boutique or to place an order, visit our website armyengineerspouses.com



Honorary Advisors

Renee Bostick - Spouse, Chief of Engineers

Jackie Caldwell - SES Spouse, Director of Military Programs

Joan Stockton - SES Spouse, Director of Civil Works

Do you know...

...that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers treats the drinking water for our all of the executive offices in D.C. and the Pentagon? It is the only place in the world where the Corps operates a water treatment plant.

The Washington Aqueduct produces drinking water for approximately one million citizens living, working, or visiting in the District of Columbia and in Northern Virginia (Arlington County, the City of Falls Church, and most of Fairfax County).

The Aqueduct is a division of the Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and is a federally owned and operated public water supply agency that produces an average of 155 million gallons of water per day at two treatment plants located in the District of Columbia. All funding for operations, maintenance, and capital improvements comes from revenue generated by selling drinking water to the three jurisdictions.

The Corps of Engineers designed, built, and, in 1859, began operating the Aqueduct. Since then, the Corps has substantially expanded and improved the capacity and function of the Aqueduct from its original mission of supplying raw river water to a sparsely populated District of Columbia to today's mission of providing safe drinking water to a much larger and more populous service area.



The Castle Ball

Since receiving the invitation for this year's Castle Ball, I have been fascinated with the idea of this being the **147th Engineer Ball**. It is hard to believe that this event has been going on since 1868. I reached out to USACE and was put in contact with Dr. John Lonnquest (USACE Historian) and Doug Wilson (Technical Writer/Editor). They provided me with the information for the article prior to 1955. Post 1955, my source is the AESC archives.

The following is an excerpt from the program of the 130th Annual Engineer Dinner held on March 4, 1997 at the Fort Myer Officer's Club: "At the end of the Civil War most of the Engineer Battalion moved to Willets Point, New York, which became an Engineer Post. In 1866 Brigadier General Andrew A. Humphreys, Chief of Engineers, visited the post and told the battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Henry L. Abbot, that he should devise a program of professional development for the Engineer officers at the post.

As part of this professional development, Colonel Abbot establishes a voluntary seminar called the Essayons Club. The members of the club prepared papers, which were discussed at club meetings. The Essayons Club held its first meeting in early 1868. In his memoir on the early years of the Engineer School, Colonel Abbot called the Essayons Club "the gem of the School of Application", which was formally recognized by the Army as the Engineer School of Application in 1885.

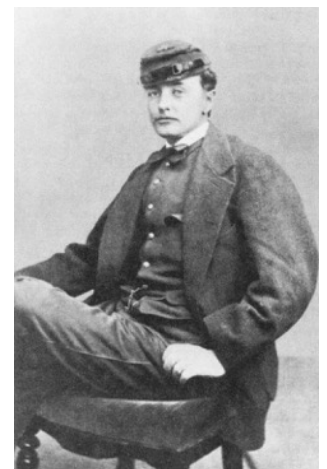
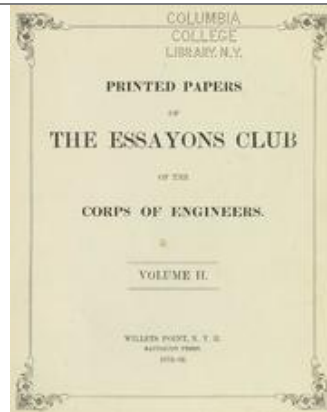
Almost a century later, when he was commandant of the Engineer School from 1963 to 1965, Major General William F Cassidy suspended the numbering system for the traditional engineer dinner pending research on its origins. At the annual engineer dinner on 5 May 1967, Lieutenant General Cassidy, now Chief of Engineers, announced that he was satisfied that the occasion represented the 100th anniversary of the engineer dinner, General Cassidy described the events which had occurred a century earlier. "Concerned about continued professional development of the 109 officers of the Corps of Engineers, General Humphreys saw to the establishment of the Essayons Club where technical papers would be presented and discussed. Our Engineer Dinner dates from the first meeting of the Club in 1868. And from this club sprang the old School of Application and its successor, the Engineer School of today."

Continued....



Brigadier General Andrew A. Humphreys, Chief of Engineers 1866-1879, directed LTC Abbott to found the Essayons Club

This is the cover of the "Printed papers of the Essayons Club, Volume II".



Henry L. Abbott, founder of the Essayons Club

The Castle Ball

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AESC and the Castle Ball have an long history together. Our club records of the Castle Ball go back to 1955 when the Fort Belvoir Officer's Wife's Club hosted an evening to "Dine, wine and dance from twilight till midnight." And while I bet the evening was spectacular, I've been told the real fun was the planning lunches and after action dinners. back in the 50s, the ball was held at Fort McNair.

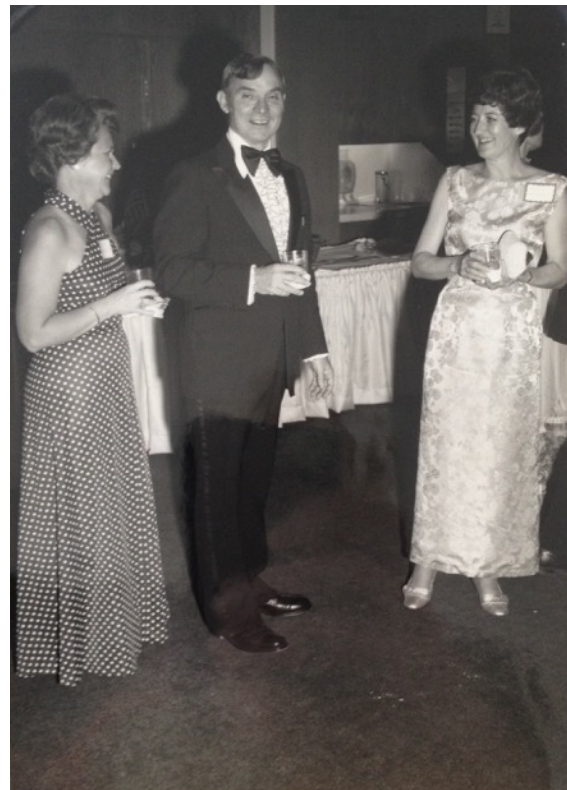
As the 60s rolled around, the Ball is moved to Specker Field House on Fort Belvoir. At this time, invitations to the ball are coming from The Army Engineer Officer's Wife's Club. The ticket price in 1963 was \$3.50 for a couple and \$2.00 for stag. Using the field house did present a few issues to overcome! The high unattractive ceiling was masked with parachutes and guests were bused to the location from the parking lot. Each year, the ball had a theme. In 1967, it was "Spring Time in the Castle Courtyard", and in 1969, it was "Around the World with the Corps of Engineers".

Moving on to the 70s, our club records indicate that the 107th Corps of Engineers Dinner was held on April 30, 1971. This year's theme was "Engineer Scene". This editor wishes she had been around for the "Gathering of the Clans" on April 27, 1974. Sounds very "Outlander" to me! (Outlander is a tv series where a WWII nurse is thrust back in time to the Scottish Highlands, but I digress!)

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Party goes at the Castle Ball in 1974



June Ramady, Ed Gibson and Estelle Gibson at the Castle Ball in 1976



Is that CPT Bob & Lynda Flowers entering the Castle ball in 1976?

The Castle Ball

...Continued

As we approach the 80s a new feature is added to the Castle Ball...The Ladies Counterpart Dinner. In 1977, the first counterpart dinner was held at the Ft Belvoir NCO Club on May 6th. The Gentlemen's Engineer Dinner was held on the 6th as well and the Ball was held on the 7th. At the Counterpart Dinner, you might find strolling vocalist singing standards such as "Fly Me to the Moon" or other Frank Sinatra hits. From the dinner, around 10:30pm, buses would take the ladies to the Belvoir Officer's Club where they would find their prince and dance the night away. Many West Point classes would have rooms upstairs in the Officer's Club and signs directed people where to go ("Class of 1960 - Potomac Room").

The Counterpart dinner came to an end as the number of women serving in the Corps of Engineers increased. In 1985, the dinner was shared and the event was more akin to a cocktail party, with stand-up buffet of hors d'oeuvres. The AEOWC also presented the AEMA awards at the ball. As the Home of the Engineers moved to Ft. Leonard Wood and the Engineer footprint expands across the globe, the ball was held here in DC as well as versions in Missouri and Heidelberg.

1991, AEOWC was unable to find a chairperson to organize the ball and an era came to an end. The Chief's office stepped in and picked up the responsibility for hosting the ball. As the ball grew over the years the Army Engineer Association stepped in as a sponsor. Our current event is held in conjunction with the Executive Governance Meeting., just a modern day version of the Essayons Club! AEA contributes to the ball in an effort to reduce ticket prices and make this event accessible to all ranks and grades. Left unsponsored, this year's ticket price could have been as high as \$125. So we take this opportunity to reflect on our past and appreciate this special event. Thanks to all of the volunteers and voluntolds who make this happen every year...for 147 years.



^^This picture was in the Northern Virginia Sun on Friday May 15, 1964. The caption read, "GREETING GUESTS - In the receiving line at the annual Castle Ball at Fort Belvoir are from left, Mrs Walter K. Wilson Jr., her husband Lt. General Wilson, Chief of he Engineers, Mrs. William F. Cassidy, her husband, Maj General Cassidy, commanding general Fort Belvoir, and Mrs. William C. Gribble, who was chairman of the ball. The gala event took place May 9 at Mackenzie Hall at the Fort.

The Army Engineer Officers Wives Club
of Washington, D.C.
cordially invites you to

THE CASTLE BALL

Friday, 11 May 1984
2200 to 0100 Hours
Fort Belvoir Officers' Club

Dress Uniform or Black Tie R.S.V.P. Officers are encouraged to wear name tags. Others will be provided name tags.

8th Annual Counterpart Dinner

Friday, 11 May 1984
1830 Cocktails — 1930 Dinner
Main Club (NCO)
Chicken Cordon Bleu
White Wine

At 2130 buses will be available for transport to the Ball.

RESERVATIONS

A-L	M-Z
Mrs. William Brown (Vickie) 7332 Wickford Drive Alexandria, VA 22310 (703) 971-0823	Mrs. Ralph Rundle (Marie) 7 Belvoir Drive Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060 (703) 781-7230

Counterpart Dinner: \$13.00 Per Person
Castle Ball: \$10.00 Per Couple
\$ 5.00 Per Person

Reservations/Cancellations: 5 May 1984. Reservations by mail only.
Tickets will be mailed to you. Please make checks payable to AEOWC.
Mail with the attached reservation form to the address listed on the form.

Photo Gallery

Please enjoy these photos of our recent events!

These are some pictures of the 147th Castle Ball.

Want to see more?
check out our web site

www.armyengineerspouses.com

Or like us on
FaceBook

www.facebook.com/ArmyEngineerSpousesClub



^^These lovely ladies are getting flowers from their deployed spouses.



^^There's our beautiful VP, Dominique. A rose between two thorns!



<<Looks like someone out of frame had better join our AEMA chair on the dance floor!



<<Lynne & Ed Jackson, looking fabulous!



^^Launa and her husband, check out her Castle Boutique bling!

Loved the chocolate favors on the tables this year!
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<<Bo & Nancy Temple enjoying a beautiful evening!

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.



CPT Jared DeMello started ACS at Virginia Tech at the Center of Public Administration and Policy working towards a PhD in Public Administration.

Ed and Allison Chamberlayne (also Hokies!) were invited to sail on the U.S. Coast Guard Barque EAGLE from Annapolis to the Inner Harbor of Baltimore. Built at the Blohm + Voss Shipyard in Hamburg, Germany in 1936, and commissioned as *Horst Wessel*, *Eagle* is one of three sail-training ships operated by the pre-World War II German navy. At the close of the war, the ship was taken as a war reparation by the U.S., re-commissioned as the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Eagle* and sailed to New London, Connecticut, which has been its homeport ever since. *Eagle* has offered generations of Coast Guard Academy cadets, and more recently officer candidates, an unparalleled leadership experience at sea



Drew and Sheila Kelly attended the frocking ceremony of BG Diana Holland. BG Holland is the first female to serve as a 10th Mountain Division deputy commander for support (Light Infantry). In fact, she was the the first woman to serve as deputy commanding general in any Army light infantry division. Pictured left are her husband, Jim, BG Holland and Sheila Kelly.

Chit Chat



Wedding Days: Todd Semonite and daughter, Charlee, moments before walking down the aisle this summer.

What did you do this summer? What's on tap for fall? Send us a picture or a few lines and we'll share it with our Engineer Family. Send submissions to newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com

Kara Anderson enjoying the Zac Brown concert with her daughter, Kelsey!



Laurel-Lee States found a friend on a recent morning run. She feels truly blessed by the scenery that comes with the beautiful trails in the DC area.



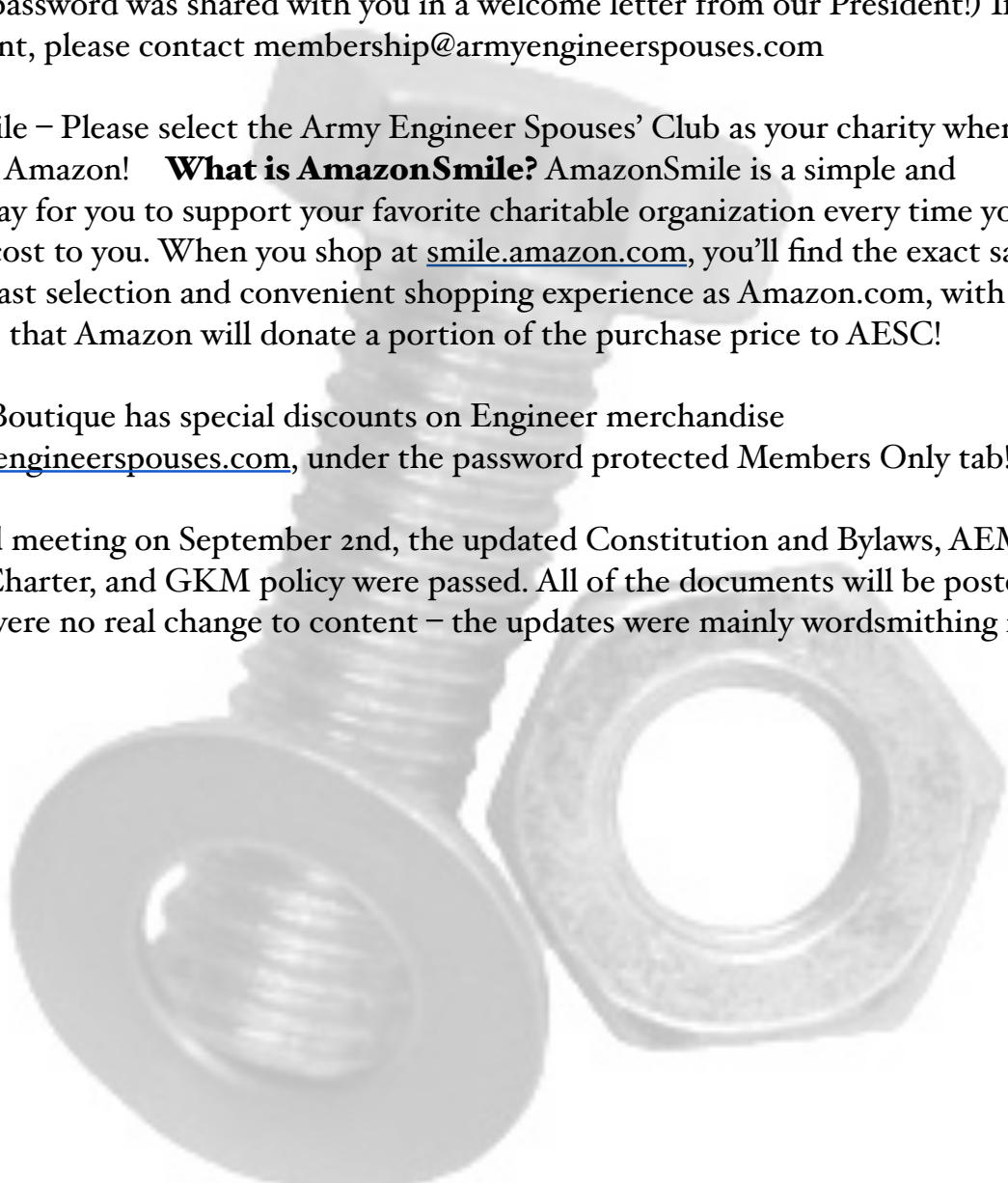
Nuts & Bolts

All AESC members can always go on-line to www.armyengineerspouses.com to find Board Meeting Minutes and Financial information under the password protected Members Only tab. (The password was shared with you in a welcome letter from our President!) If you need it re-sent, please contact membership@armyengineerspouses.com

Amazon Smile – Please select the Army Engineer Spouses’ Club as your charity when shopping on Amazon! **What is AmazonSmile?** AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to AESC!

The Castle Boutique has special discounts on Engineer merchandise @www.armyengineerspouses.com, under the password protected Members Only tab!

At the board meeting on September 2nd, the updated Constitution and Bylaws, AEMA Articles of Charter, and GKM policy were passed. All of the documents will be posted on-line. There were no real change to content – the updates were mainly wordsmithing issues.



Fun & Games

Get out your unit pin collection and test your knowledge of Engineer Battalion Crests! Draw a line from the crest to the unit.



1st BEB - Ft Riley, KS



2nd EN BN - Vilseck, Germany



10th BEB - Ft Stewart, GA



11th EN BN - Ft Benning, GA



16th BEB, Ft Bliss, TX



21st BEB - Ft Campbell, KY

27th BEB - Ft Bragg, NC



35th EN BN - Ft Leonard Wood, MO



52nd BEB - Ft Carson, CO

70th BEB - Ft Wainwright, AK

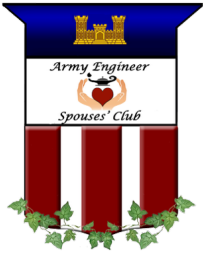


84th EN BN - Schofield Barracks, HI



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