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## Hello All!

We have an exciting fall season coming up! Our VP, Lois Cooke, has planned 2 field trips each month. October, tour the [African American Museum](#) tomorrow, Oct 2nd at 10 am. Please reserve your spot through our evite at: <http://evite.me/mpKjWCGs5k> . ASEC is also going to be apple picking at [Mackintosh Fruit Farm](#) in Berryville, VA, Wednesday 10/24.

November, there is the [Old Town Alexandria Escape Room](#) on the 13th at 6:30 and a tour and tea at the [Washington National Cathedral](#) on Nov 7th at 1 pm. Cost is \$36 and tickets are required.

On tap for December, [Fords Theater's](#) showing of the Christmas Carol on 12/4, at 12 pm. Tickets sell fast so plan soon. Then there is a trip to the famous [Madam Tussaud's Wax Museum](#) on 12/17 at 10 am.

There are so many events for 2019 too. See flyers and the Activity Calendar further down this newsletter for details.

Be sure to check out our fundraiser affiliations with Yankee Candle and Lynch Farm. They make great holidays gifts. All proceeds go to our AEMA scholarships.

Also, there are updates on the Kastle Keepers Happenings in Fort Leonard Wood, MO, The European District in Wiesbaden and the Japan Engineer District. So much fun going on all around our Engineer world!

This membership year is our 65th anniversary. In celebration, There will be regular features about modern military protocol and etiquette. Things sure have changed since my husband and I were first married back in 1985. I know, the DARK ages! Computers, internet, cell phones and social media. It forever changed how we communicate with each other.

I remember our first duty station in Germany, phone calls to the states were so expensive, my mother and I had a "ring code". I would call, let it ring 2 times, hang up then repeat. My mother knew it was me and called me back.

The good ol' days!

Warmly,  
~ Susan  
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## More photos of last months' Noah tree planting

### AESC 2018-19 Executive Board

#### ELECTED BOARD:

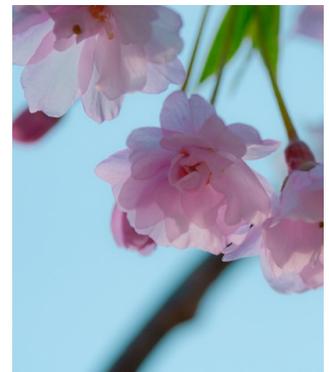
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The Fairfax Liaison: Kay Burlin

Webmaster Terri Stevens  
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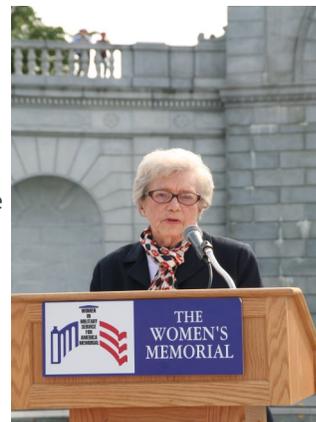
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## Happy 96th Birthday, Kay!

The members of AESC recently surprised our beloved friend and Engineer spouse, Kay Burlin, with a card shower, in celebration of her 96th birthday. Kay said it was one of the most "delightful" surprises she has ever had. Kay appreciated the fact that individuals, "took the time and effort to send lovely, thoughtful greetings to this old lady. It is something I will never forget." She spent her birthday with family and friends on Cape Cod enjoying the beautiful weather and scenery.



Kay has been a member of AESC for over 60 years, first joining in 1955. She has held various Board positions to include Reservations, Hospitality, Nominations, and Public Relations. She is our current liaison to The Fairfax, a senior living community established for retired Army officers and their spouses. A Fairfax resident herself, Kay has kept other Engineer residents informed on news and events within AESC and the Engineer community. Over the years, Kay has hosted a luncheon at the Fairfax for AESC board members and has been instrumental in coordinating the Fairfax venue for the AEMA Awards Luncheon.

Kay is an inspiration to us all, serving as an active member of WAVES during WWII. WAVES, (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) was established in 1942 as a World War II division of the U.S. Naval Reserve. The program continued for decades after the war and although the official name changed to "U.S. Naval Reserve (Women's Reserve)", the nickname WAVES, remained. 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 received the same pay and were subject to military discipline. At the end of WWII, there were well over 8,000 female officers and ten times as many enlisted WAVES. Kay's volunteer spirit continued after her service in WAVES as she has dedicated 45 years as a Red Cross Volunteer.

Kay is proud of the service her husband, Bob, contributed to the Engineers from 1943-1971. He commanded the Nuclear Power Division and his fascinating story can be found at <https://valor.militarytimes.com/hero/142131>.

But this is about Kay . . .

We thank Kay for her service to our country. As a WAVES pioneer, she helped pave the way for women in the military. In recognition of her service, on Memorial Day 2017, Kay was asked to deliver the Navy tribute at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery. We are so proud to have Kay as a member of our Engineer community and more importantly, we are happy to call her a friend.



Enlist in the WAVES poster showing parachute rigger, 1944.

**Elizabeth Ender and Betty St. Clair wrote WAVES of the Navy in 1943. It was written to harmonize with [Anchors Aweigh](#).**

### WAVES of the Navy

WAVES of the Navy,

There's a ship sailing down the bay

And she won't slip into port again  
Until that Victory Day.

Carry on for that gallant ship

And for every hero brave

Who will find ashore, his man-sized chore

Was done by a Navy WAVE





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## AESC Annual Cocktail Party

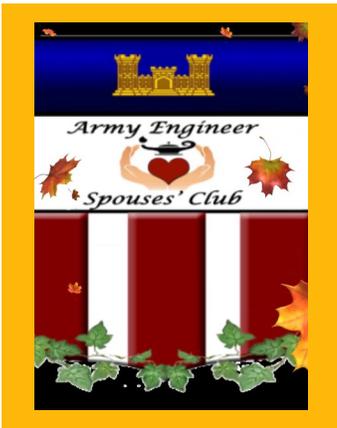
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*Fall Fundraiser*



The Army Engineer Spouses' Club's crest has a lamp in the center. The lamp reminds us of our commitment to education and the quest for knowledge. This commitment was on display at the AESC's Cocktail Party held on 15 September. While all attendees enjoyed camaraderie, great food, and even better conversations; the real purpose of the event was to raise money for the AEMA. We raised \$2,190 for the AEMA. Thank you for your support of the AESC and the AEMA.





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## AESC Newcomer's Luncheon



Fill a room with 25 friends, and you have a wonderful DC Area Engineer Newcomers' lunch!

**It was noisy.** I think we can't help but gush and gab when we gather!

**It was heartwarming.** Not only were friends there from our AESC club, but new friends dropped in to catch up on the latest USACE and regimental social news, family updates, and check out who else lives in the area. And this is what AESC hoped to accomplish with this lunch...making sure new to the area engineer family friends can link up with their nearby battle buddies.



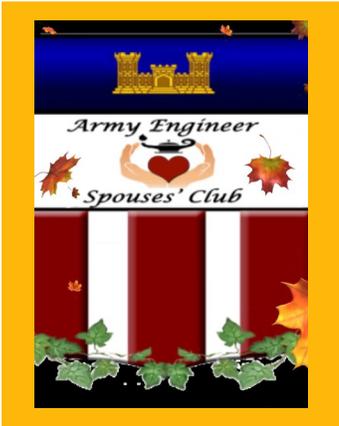
**It was delicious.** We were at [Sine](#), a fun spot down in [Pentagon City](#). Sine did a stellar job!

**It was delightfully fun.** There were handmade favors for everyone, and lucky few claimed the coveted door prizes. Surprisingly, they all had an engineer theme!



Special thanks to our President Christy Preston for kicking-off a great club year, and our special guests Kim and Connie for their warm comments that drew us all together as an Engineer Family.

Through the ages, and across the miles.....join us for our next event!



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## More Photo's of the AESC Newcomers' Lunch

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## The spouses of the AESC visited Chartreuse & Co.

Chartreuse & Co is an antique lovers paradise nestled in the countryside in Frederick, MD. Afterwards we enjoyed tapas at Isabella's in Frederick. It was a great time for all. Please join us on our next adventure.





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## YANKEE CANDLE® | FUNDRAISING

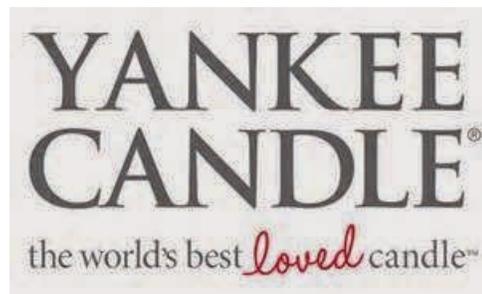
### The 2018—19 Yankee Candle Fundraiser for AESC is active!!



- Go to Yankee Candle® Fundraising - [Home](#)
- Our Group Number is 999972278
- Currently the sale ends January 10, 2019
- Thank you for your support. Our group will receive 40% profit for each item you purchase that will go towards AESC Scholarships.  
Please share our group information with friends and family.

*Thank you again for your support.*

*Cathy Hansen  
AESC Welfare*





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## Army Engineer Spouses Club 2018

\$67 earned of \$1,000 goal



Shop [Lynch Creek Farm](#) and our fundraiser will earn 20% cash back!

Funds raised support [AEMA](#), [The Fairfax](#), and [Knollwood](#)

[Click here](#)





# October 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p><b>1 International Coffee Day</b></p> 	<p><b>2 AESC African American History Museum Tour 10 am</b></p> 	<p><b>3 AESC Board Meeting 10 am</b></p> <p>Fairfax Retirement Community</p>	4	5	<p><b>6 Happy Mad Hatter Day!</b></p> 
7	<p><b>8 Columbus Day</b></p> 	9	10	11	12	<p><b>13 HAPPY BIRTHDAY NAVY!</b></p> 
14	15	16	<p><b>17 National Pasta Day</b></p> 	18	19	20
<p><b>21 National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day</b></p> 	22	23	<p><b>24 AESC Apple Picking at MacIntosh Farm</b></p> 	25	<p><b>26 Frankenstein Friday</b></p> 	27
<p><b>28 National Mother In-Law Day</b></p> 	<p><b>29 Castle Gram articles are due</b></p>	30	<p><b>31 HALLOWEEN</b></p> 			



## AESC Activity Calendar 2018-2019



Month	EVENT	Date
september	Newcomers' Lunch / Cocktail Party	9/5 & 9/15
october	Apple Picking at Mackintosh Farm	10/24
november	Alexandria Escape Room	11/13
december	Madam Tussaud's Wax Museum	12/17
january	Olive Oil Tasting	TBD
february	Distillery Tour & Tasting	PM Event
march	Annual Bake Sale / Alexandria Tour	TBD
april	Cherry Blossoms Tour with Lunch	TBD
may	Walking Tour of Georgetown	TBD
june	Boat Tour / Sailing	TBD

Month	EVENT	Date
september	Chartreuse & Co Fall Market	9/21 (10a)
october	African American History Museum	10/2 (10a)
november	National Cathedral Tour and Tea	11/7 (1p)
december	Fords Theater-Christmas Carol	12/4 (12p)
january	Mansion on O Street	1/10 (10a)
february	National Portrait Gallery	TBD
march	Museum of the Bible	TBD
april	Fredericksburg Battlefield	TBD
may	Hillwood Est. Museum & Garden	TBD
june	Union Market	TBD

A white silhouette of a teapot is centered on the page. The teapot's body is filled with a light pink rose. The background of the entire page is a pattern of larger, painterly roses in shades of orange, red, and pink, set against a light green and grey wood-grain texture. The text is arranged vertically within the teapot's body.

PLEASE GRACE US WITH  
YOUR PRESENCE



NOVEMBER 6TH AT  
1:30PM

*National  
Cathedral  
Tour & Tea*

Detailed invitations  
will be sent via Evite. For  
questions, please contact:  
[Events@ArmyEngineerSpouses.com](mailto:Events@ArmyEngineerSpouses.com)

Join Us For Some Fun

# Let's Solve The Clues

*Alexandria's Escape Room Live*

Together we will work together to unlock the mystery of the room. Bring your thinking hats and let's see how well we do in this live version of Clue!

**Nov. 13th 6:30PM**

Details will be sent via Evite. For questions, please contact:

**[Events@ArmyEngineerSpouses.com](mailto:Events@ArmyEngineerSpouses.com)**

Ford's Theater's

# *A Christmas Carol*

*December 4th at 12:00pm*

## **A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER**

**Wax Museum Scavenger Hunt at**

# *Madame Tussaud's*

December 17th - 10:00am

**Detailed Invitations will be sent via Evite.  
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## AESC Social Group



AESC members gathered on September 19<sup>th</sup> in the home of Allison Chamberlayne for the inaugural meeting of the AESC Social Group. They enjoyed dessert, wine and coffee while catching up and discussing how the new group will function. The theme was a Back to School Book Swap and several members brought a book to share and trade.



The Book Swap was a lot of fun. Ask Michelle about her connection to The Coronado Conspiracy by George Galdorisi! The most apropos title of the night was Shadows in the Vineyard: The True Story of the Plot to Poison the World's Greatest Wine by Maximillian Potter. If you are a reader, (or need the nudge to get back into the habit) consider one of these suggested titles:

The Girl With Seven Names by Hyeonseo Lee and David John - An extraordinary insight into life under one of the world's most ruthless and secretive dictatorships (North Korea) – and the story of one woman's terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom.

Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay - Julia Jarmond, an American journalist married to a Frenchman, is commissioned to write an article about the notorious Vel d'Hiv round up, which took place in Paris, in 1942. She stumbles upon a family secret which will link her forever to the destiny of a young Jewish girl, Sarah.

Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China by Jung Chang - An engrossing record of Mao's impact on China, an unusual window on the female experience in the modern world, and an inspiring tale of courage and love, Jung Chang describes the extraordinary lives and experiences of her family members: her grandmother, a warlord's concubine; her mother's struggles as a young idealistic Communist; and her parents' experience as members of the Communist elite and their ordeal during the Cultural Revolution





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## AESC Social Group



Next month, our group will venture out to Haymarket, Virginia to the home of Lois Cooke. Join us at 7:30 pm on October 25<sup>th</sup> (5901 Berryville Ct, Haymarket). In light of Halloween, indulge us as your favorite TV Show/Movie character and we will guess who that might be. Please do feel free to come as you are, dressing up is not required. Otherwise, you are encouraged to use items you may already have at home.

For the Favorite Things party, please bring one item (suggested at less than \$10) to give away that you consider a favorite thing. For example: If you love coffee, you might bring a \$5 Starbucks gift card or a  coffee mug . 

Maybe if you love reading, you'll bring a fun bookmark!  Perhaps you love makeup, how about your favorite lipstick?  The possibilities are endless.

The idea is to learn something new about each other in a fun way and by giving away your favorite thing, you will take home something new!

Please RSVP by going to the Evite link or emailing Allison at [vtth8a@gmail.com](mailto:vtth8a@gmail.com).

<http://evite.me/UmdMUzA9km>



# AESC Europe District Kastle Keepers Happenings



*First coffee of the season to welcome new spouses to the group. Complete with the tradition of the unit pin- in this case, the Europe District logo*

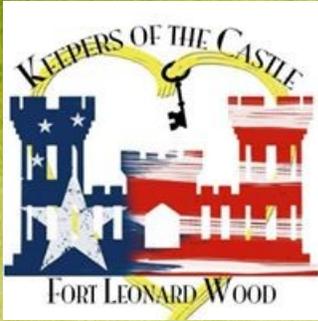


*Europe District's Kastle Keepers provide a hamburger lunch/picnic to raise funds*



*Europe District spouse's attend the first Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club luncheon of the 2018-2019*





# FLW Kastle Keepers Happenings



The Keepers of the Castle kicked off the 2018-19 season with an ice cream social. Great fun and lots of new members! We said farewell to Sara Murray (who is soon off to a new adventure) and welcome to Mary Pat Burch as our new Keepers President.



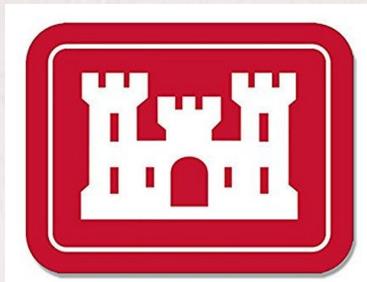
We said “see you later” to MG Kent and Mary Beth Savre as they began the next chapter in their story. It was amazing to be able to celebrate their incredible military career with their family and friends.



We welcomed Lori Korth and Mindy Ferguson to the team. Lori is the spouse of the new 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Commander and Mindy is the Spouse of their Command Sargent Major.



The end of August also saw the departure of Stacey and Trevor Walker. They are off to Fort Bragg to do big things!



# Japan Engineer District Kastle Keepers Happenings



Greetings from the Japan Engineer District! The Change of Command took place on 12 July and my husband, COL Thomas Verell Jr. took over from COL Pete Pazos. We spent the next two months getting settled and becoming familiar with Camp Zama. This is our second tour in Japan. Previously we were at U.S. Forces Japan on Yokota Air Base.



July and August were busy months with several hails and farewells and the annual Camp Zama *Bon Odori* festival. *Bon Odori* is a festival held in the summer around the *Obon* holiday to honor the spirits of one's ancestors. Camp Zama opens up its gates and thousands of local citizens come for entertainment, great food, dancing, and music. This year JED participated in the traditional Japanese dances and danced the *Don Pan Bushi*. We rehearsed for weeks prior to learn the movements taught to us by local volunteers. Civilians, military, and family members dressed in our finest *Yukatas* and shook our *obis* up on stage. Supposedly it was a dance competition between all the units, but I think the senior leaders "win" each year. The Bon Odori festival is also JED's biggest fundraising event of the year and the Japanese lined up for our famous hamburgers and hotdogs.

Over the summer, one of our JED couples started a group to bring Americans and Japanese together as a cultural exchange. The idea is that the Americans help the Japanese with their English (I manage to get a little Japanese practice too), and we learn about each other's cultures. September's event was *Saito-san's Super Sushi* where we got to watch him slice and prepare various sushi rolls for our tasting pleasure. It was very fascinating to watch Saito-san prepare everything so smoothly and efficiently, knowing that it took years of practice for him to make it look so effortless. Next month we are going to lip sync and karaoke, muwhahaha!! Stay tuned for those pictures, lol!

Until next time,

Cheers!

*Benef*



# Japan Engineer District Kastle Keepers Happenings



COL Thomas Verrell Jr  
BG Thomas Tickner,  
COL Pete Pazos



Kamron, Violette, Benef, and  
Thomas



Mr. John Peukert and COL  
Verrell cut the cake



The JED group at the *Bon Odori* festival



JED on stage dancing the *Don Pan Bushi*



Benef and Thomas in *yukatas*  
at the CG's *Bon Odori* recep-  
tion



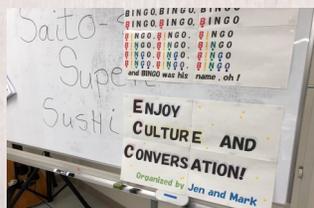
JED's booth at the festival, setting up



Saito-san prepares the su-



Thomas enjoying sushi



Enjoy Culture and Conversation  
group set up by JED couple Jen &  
Mark Jones



The ECC group



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## Protocol and Etiquette for the Modern Spouse

Protocol (proh-tuh-kawl, -kol, -kohl)    Etiquette (ětī-kět, -kīt)

### MILITARY CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS AND PROTOCOL



Protocol can be a very imposing word to many. In the strict sense it is formal rules of conduct at high level government ceremonies. For us as military spouse of the 21st century it can be defined as a combination of etiquette and good manners blended with the rich heritage of traditions and courtesies of military life. It is designed to let us know what to



expect in a given situation and can help us feel more comfortable and at ease.

### SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Military social life is one of the nicest traditions. Friendships and camaraderie grow out of this tradition. It is characterized by the exchange of visits, invitations and other courtesies. The thoughtful and conscientious military couple realizes that when they accept an invitation to a dinner, party or any social function, they have a responsibility to return the hospitality. Remember to be yourself, to do what is comfortable for you and to keep it within your budget



### TO GO OR NOT TO GO?



Frequently you may find a conflict of obligations and interests when it comes to deciding which functions to attend. Of course, your family is your top priority. Usually your unit Hail and Farewells and the spouses' coffees take precedence. These social occasions are opportunities to get to know the people with whom your spouse works and to discover new friendships. This will lead to unit "Esprit" which is a very special military tradition. As a part of his/her job as a professional soldier, your spouse must be loyal to their unit and to its commander. Your soldier must pull duty, go to the field and may someday fight a war. He/she has chosen to defend our nation, not an easy task. We use these things not to separate but rather to unite. Our love and support can offer a refuge in a tough job.



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## Protocol and Etiquette for the Modern Spouse

Protocol (proh-tuh-kawl, -kol, -kohl)      Etiquette (ětĭ-kět, -kĭt)

### MILITARY CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS, PROTOCOL and ETIQUETTE con't

#### INVITATIONS

There are a variety of invitations to choose from depending on the mood of the party and the hostess - informal notes, boxed invitations or hand made creations. On an invitation use only ONE of the following responses: 1) RSVP 2) Regrets Only. If using two or more telephone numbers include the corresponding name or names.



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#### THANK YOU

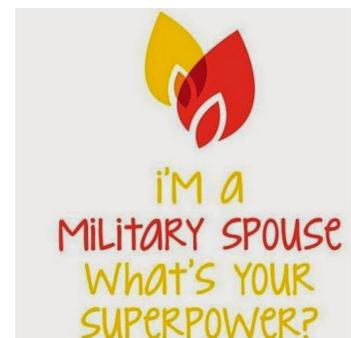
Thank you notes for hospitality and courtesies received are a must and a sigh of gracious manners. If your hostess is close friend, a phone call is sufficient. A handwritten thank you is appropriate for any occasion whether it be a meal, a gift received or simply a kind deed. When writing a note to a couple, address it to the wife and send it within 5 days.

#### SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

**COURTESY CALLS** - This is one of the oldest of Army traditions. A newly arrived officer would make a social call upon his commanding officer. Today it is rarely used in the traditional sense. However, some units still have some form of a courtesy call which enable the commanding officer or senior NCO to personally welcome a new soldier to the unit. In today's military, the unit's "Hail and Farewells" serve as the welcome for the new officers and NCOs. Most units encourage their officers and NCOs and their spouses to attend these functions.

**COFFEES** - Unit coffees are usually held monthly and provide a wonderful opportunity to greet new arrivals, to farewell departees, to get acquainted with the other spouses in the unit, and to find out what's happening in the unit and one's post/base. Coffees are part of the support network military spouses

**TEAS** — A tea is held in the afternoon and is the most formal of daytime functions. It is usually given in honor of a person or persons such as a departing or incoming commander's or senior NCO's spouse.





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## Understanding the Dress Code at Your Military Installation



*"As I moved to close the car door, I happened to look down. Uh-oh. I was wearing athleisure leggings. I did a quick mental calculation.*

*Color of the leggings + intended use (regular wear vs. athletic pursuit) + other clothing*

*This could determine whether I am asked to leave the exchange or whether they let me slide, for today. Luckily, I was wearing a normal shirt, the leggings were black and I had on flats. If I had been wearing a race finisher shirt, the story could be totally different!"*

Every military base has very clear guidelines about what you can and cannot wear in each building or location. Understanding the expectations at your base could make your time there much easier.

### Where to Find the Dress Code

Every military building has the dress code prominently displayed, usually near the front door. Typically, the dress code is a poster-sized color graphic that includes demonstrations of correct and incorrect attire. Following a dress code, for service members, civilians and dependents, shows a level of respect for the installation. It also promotes good order and discipline.

Each branch of service has slightly different expectations and dress codes.

Things that might pass muster on an Air Force base will not fly at a Marine Corps installation.

Clothing guidelines are often building or activity specific. The outfit that you wore to the gym is likely not going to be acceptable at the commissary, PX, post office, hospital, library, consolidated club or anywhere else on base. Generally, gym clothes or workout gear is limited to the fitness center. While there is more latitude at the gym in terms of attire, most dress codes require that outfits remain modest without revealing undergarments.

Athleisure wear is becoming the norm for many, but it is still considered unacceptable attire for many on-base buildings and businesses



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## *Understanding the Dress Code at Your Military Installation*

### Base to Base Differences

Just like each service might have slightly different dress code expectations, each individual duty station interprets the rules too. While the general dress code is the same service-wide, some bases are more strict and others more relaxed.

Military bases that are on the West Coast and in Hawaii are notoriously more relaxed. Flip flops and athleisure wear are more standard there and seem to be allowed without comment at installation buildings. Some overseas locations, like Okinawa, also seem to follow a more relaxed dress code.

However, the closer you get to the service headquarters and to Washington, D.C., the more strictly the dress code is enforced. Things that were allowed in southern California might not be considered acceptable in northern Virginia.

As you are PCSing, connect with a local spouses' Facebook group and ask about dress code enforcement. You'll want to know in advance whether your leather flip flops could cause a scene.

### General Guidelines

Across all services and installations, there are some general rules to follow.

Ripped, torn or otherwise overly distressed clothing is not considered acceptable. Those distressed jeans might be OK, but clothing that has clearly been through the wringer should be left at home.

Hats and ball caps need to be removed inside all buildings. This includes other hat-like head coverings too. The exception would be items worn for religious reasons. However, this rule seems to be relaxing at many locations.

Revealing items, for men and women, are a faux pas at military installations. For women, this includes clothing that shows too much cleavage, skinny tank top straps, midriff-baring tops and short skirts or shorts. Men should avoid overly baggy pants that reveal underwear and must wear a shirt. Most military installations also have language in the dress code, for men, about properly fitting shirts.





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## Understanding the Dress Code at Your Military Installation

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Bathing suits and swimwear should be covered when not at the actual beach or pool. This includes using the beach-side stores and restaurants. Remember to bring a cover-up or a change of clothing with you.

Athleisure wear is becoming the norm for many, but it is still considered unacceptable attire on military installations. There may be wiggle room depending on your location or the specific outfit.

Flip flops and sandals could violate the dress code, based on the specific installation's interpretation of the rules. Generally, shoes with a back strap or closed toe are considered appropriate.

### If You're Asked to Leave

First, don't make a scene. This will only draw more attention to you and could escalate the situation. Instead, calmly ask to speak privately with the store manager or another person in authority.

Next, when you are in a quiet spot, ask for a brief explanation of why you are being asked to leave. If their explanation makes sense, based on the dress code, it is better to comply. You could let the store manager know that you are new to the base or the military in general. Including an apology along with your explanation could help soften things. They might be willing to let it slide today, with a reminder for future visits.

On your next visit, remember to follow the rules more carefully.

March 5, 2018 by Meg Flanagan  
<http://militaryshoppers.com/dress-code-military-installation/>





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1. Native Americans grew pumpkins hundreds of years before the settlers first arrived. What did the Indians use pumpkins for?
  - A. Food
  - B. Fertilizer
  - C. Medicine
  - D. All of the above

🎃 Food for themselves and their horses
2. Pumpkin seeds sprout in how many days?
  - A. 3 to 5
  - B. 5 to 7
  - C. 8 to 10
  - D. 11 to 14

🎃 8 to 10 days
3. In North and South America, what did archaeologists find to show that pumpkins had been around for hundreds of years?
  - A. Pottery with pumpkin designs and shapes
  - B. Seeds in old pots
  - C. Mosaic art on walls
  - D. Paintings on Caves

🎃 Potter that represented many varieties of pumpkins and squash
4. In the nursery rhyme, "Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater" what did he put in his pumpkin shell?
  - A. Gold coins
  - B. His knife and fork
  - C. His wife
  - D. Nothing. He ate the pumpkin.

🎃 His wife
5. In ancient times, the Jack O'Lantern's purpose was what?
  - A. To provide light in the darkness
  - B. To signal a courting male that he was welcome to visit (by putting it in the window).
  - C. To ward off evil spirits
  - D. To frighten animals away from the crops.

🎃 Ward off evil spirits
6. In colonial times, pumpkins were put on a person's head for what reason?
  - A. As a guide for cutting their hair
  - B. To relieve headaches
  - C. To prevent baldness
  - D. To show they were stupid = like dunce caps

🎃 A Guide for Haircuts



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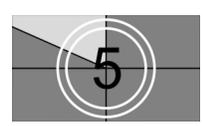
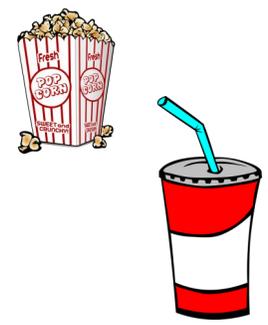
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## 15 Inspiring and Clean Movies on Netflix



- THE GREAT GILLY HOPKINS
- QUEEN OF THE KATWE
- THE YOUNT VICTORIA
- EVAN ALMIGHTY
- WALT BEFORE MICKEY
- VICEROY'S HOUSE
- MARTIAN CHILD
- WAFFLE STREET
- HIGH STRUNG
- AUGUST RUSH
- HEART OF THE COUNTRY
- A BOY CALLED PO
- STORM RIDER
- A LITTLE GAME





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## Happy Birthday to our October Ladies!



Ginger Hopkins OCT 5

Michelle Tyler OCT 15

Michelle Funkhouser OCT 17

Laura Putnam OCT 18



**ACROSS**

- 1 Like the backwoods  
 6 Science class, for short  
 10 "Arrivederci \_\_\_\_"  
 14 Make reparations  
 15 In Tip-Top shape  
 16 Sign at a drive-thru  
 17 Command after "cut"  
 18 Lena of "Havana"  
 19 Simmons of KISS  
 20 Where to Order sticky rice  
 23 Knock The socks Off  
 24 Ziering of "Sharknado" movies  
 25 Price for a plug  
 29 Doesn't sit by  
 31 Domino dot  
 34 Factors in club selection  
 35 Place To moor  
 36 Portfolio part, briefly  
 37 Korean martial art expert  
 41 "Go on . . ."  
 42 Paid a penny, perhaps  
 43 Prom night woe  
 44 Blu-\_\_\_\_ disc format  
 45 Some Toothpastes  
 46 Shaver's faceful  
 48 Spider-Man creation  
 49 Director's workplace  
 50 Garb for many dead heads  
 58 Two-Thumbs-up re view  
 59 Haunting woodwind  
 60 Hoops great Shaq  
 61 Slathered frosting on  
 62 Dog Tag datum  
 63 \_\_\_\_ Cristo sandwich  
 64 Florist's arrangement  
 65 Watched warily  
 66 Ground to a halt

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**Down**

- 1 Totally absorbed  
 2 State that was once Mexican Territory  
 3 Sub \_\_\_\_ (in confidence)  
 4 Prefix with tank or trust  
 5 Look over lustily  
 6 Voted for  
 7 Sentry's command  
 8 London Magazine essayist  
 9 Entree or appetizer, e.g.  
 10 A sister of Cordelia  
 11 Team in a rice paddy  
 12 Toothpaste flavor  
 13 Wolfed down  
 21 Farmyard female  
 22 Dreads wearer, perhaps  
 25 Place to exchange vows  
 26 Rigg of "Game of Thrones"  
 27 Like 59-Across' sound

- 28 "Funny you should \_\_\_\_"  
 29 "Backbone" of South America  
 30 Clumsy Oaf  
 31 Knuckler or slider  
 32 Name meaning "peace"  
 33 Potato-peeling tool  
 35 Like JFK airport  
 38 Carried on, as war  
 39 In single file  
 40 Collected splinters, so to speak  
 46 Guitar pioneer Paul  
 47 In one's digs  
 48 Like a neglected lawn  
 49 Knight's mount  
 50 Snack in a shell  
 51 Currier's partner  
 52 "Buy It Now" site  
 53 Taj Mahal topper  
 54 Involved with, as a crime  
 55 Tear to bits  
 56 \_\_\_\_ Modern (London gallery)  
 57 Iditarod vehicle  
 58 Headstone letters



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## October Crossword Solution

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**This year, 2018-2019, we celebrate our 65th year as an official organization**

### AESC Welcome Membership

The Army Engineer Spouses' Club welcomes membership from spouses of all U.S. Army Engineers and civilian employees of USACE and, with approval of the Executive Board, other persons who are associated with the Corps of Engineers.

#### 2018-2019 AESC MEMBERSHIP

There are two options for submitting 2018-2019 membership forms and dues:

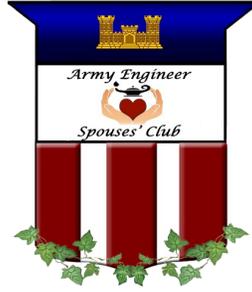
- An electronic membership form with PayPal on the [AESC website](#)
- Our traditional mail-in membership form

If you would like to be included in the AESC's Red Book, please ensure that we receive your membership form and dues before 31 October 2018.

### 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, AEA... 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
- The children of our members are invited to apply for the Army Engineer Memorial Awards.





## AESC 2018-2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please 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  USACE DA Civilian  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, 2018 until June 30, 2019. Membership information received by Oct 31st, 2018 will be included in the 2018-2019 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:

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