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From the Gavel



Happy Fall Dear Members!!!! I'm so excited to start seeing the first signs of fall....but just when I think it is really here we have a day that feels like JULY in N VA!!! Like it will be when you get this Castle Gram and it is 86° or on Oct 2nd and we are having our monthly board meeting and it is 96° in N VA!!!! This is OCTOBER, what's happening!!! Instead of waiting for cooler temperatures in Virginia I'm headed to Vermont with several cousins on a camping trip. I understand the temperatures will be more Fall like there.

On September 14th, LTG Todd and Connie Semonite graciously offered their beautiful home on Ft. McNair for us to hold our 20th Annual Cocktail Party. You will see some pictures on our Facebook page and here in the CG. We hosted over 100 people; I believe it was the most attended Cocktail Party ever! The weather cooperated and the Castle Boutique was set up on the patio and we received many donations...it may have been a record! We'll know for sure after our next board meeting. All our board members worked really hard to make the Cocktail party a success, a great big Thank You goes out to each and every one. Also, a big Thank You must go out to all who donated (near and far) and made purchases from the Castle Boutique which benefits our Army Engineer Memorial Awards. Plus, we are sooo happy to welcome our new Castle Boutique Chair Betsy Rayfield. I know she is hard at work getting the Boutique ready for the holidays.

Also, in September our Vice President Mary Alice coordinated a visit to the Marine Corps museum. If you have not been put it on your list! The Marine Corps Museum is so full of interesting displays and information, the tour guides are extremely knowledgeable and have many stories. Please check your email and the CG for all the exciting tours and events Mary Alice has planned. There is a lot going on, hopefully you will be able to join in on the fun!!!

I am excited for our October board meeting. Susan Wright, our Castle Gram editor, has graciously offered her home for the meeting. I hope her air conditioning is working!!! Our meetings are open to all members and we also offer Zoom. Check your email for the Zoom invitation, we love seeing our members on video.

Our new Welfare and Services Chair, Brenda Schultze just started our annual Lynch Creek Wreath and Yankee Candle fundraisers. I am looking forward to seeing pictures of the Wreaths you purchase, please share them on Facebook or with the CG. Please forward the links to all your friends as Yankee Candle donates 40% back to our club and Lynch Creek 15%.

I also want to Welcome Lucy Fratello and Ria Etheridge as our Hospitality/Reservations Co Chairs. They are a great addition to complete our board.

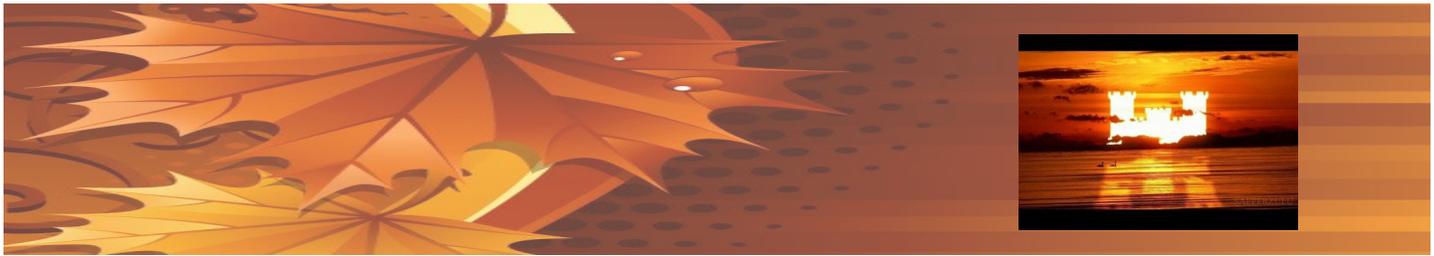
AUSA is going to bring some of you to DC this month, see their info in this Castle Gram. If you are ever in the DC Area please join us with whatever is going on, see our calendar in the Castle Gram... even if it is last minute. We love to see you.

We truly appreciate all our members and contributors, thank you for sending in your pictures and articles, this is what keeps our Engineer Family connected through the years and across the miles.

Affectionately,
Launa
AESC President
2019-20



*"Keeping our worldwide Engineer Family connected
- through the years and across the miles"*



**AESC 2019-2020
Executive Board**

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Cold and Flu Season is coming!

And if you're anything like me I like to be prepared for the usual sniffles and sneezes. I *really* like to prevent the cough, aches and fevers way before they start.

In the August issue, I wrote an article about Fire Cider. If you don't have it, this is a link to one of many varieties you can make with the basic ingredients, Raw Apple Cider Vinegar, Horseradish, Onions, Garlic, Citrus, herbs and Turmeric. And of course, honey to taste. I buy raw honey in bulk at Costco. I love it in my tea.

<https://blog.mountainroseherbs.com/fire-cider>



I have my family take a shot of it as soon as they are feeling a little under the weather. Then keep taking it 2-3 times a day until they are feeling better and then a few days more. Just in case! I do get the moaning and groaning but they take it and stop complaining when they feel better!

This month, I am contributing our favorite tasting cough and sore throat natural remedy. Even my mother loves it!

Classic Elderberry Syrup Recipe

<https://blog.mountainroseherbs.com/elderberry-syrup-recipe>



Makes about 3 cups of syrup without alcohol, 4 cups with alcohol.

Active Time: 1 hour

Ingredients

2 cups dried organic elderberries

4 cups cold water (distilled, purified, or spring water works best)

2-3 tsp. organic dried ginger root

1 organic sweet cinnamon stick

1 cup raw, local honey (or organic maple syrup or agave for a vegan/infant-friendly recipe); double the amount of sweetener to increase shelf life

1 cup vodka or brandy (optional to increase shelf life)

Directions

Combine berries and herbs with cold water in pot and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and allow herbs to simmer 30 to 40 minutes.

Remove from heat and let steep 1 hour.

Strain berries and herbs using a funnel overlaid with doubled cheesecloth or undyed cotton muslin bag and squeeze out liquid (careful, liquid will likely still be hot!). Discard used herbs in compost.

Once liquid has cooled to just above room temperature, add honey and stir to incorporate.

If using vodka or brandy, add here and stir until well combined.

Bottle in sterilized glass. I use these...[8.5 Ounce Pocket Flask](#)



Pro tip: This recipe is easy to multiply if you'd like to make a big batch to store or give as gifts (glass pantry jars and amber bottles are great choices!). My family enjoys a teaspoon or two of this syrup, right out of the fridge, just about every day during the sniffle season.

Stay Healthy the Natural Way!

Susan

Castle Gram editor

The information presented in this is for informational, reference and educational purposes only and should not be interpreted as a substitute for diagnosis and treatment by a health care professional.



AESC Board Volunteer Spotlight



Hello my name is Luz Selenia Fratello (Lucy). I will be one of the AESC co-chairs for Hospitality. My husband Russ and I have been married for 23 years. We are from Buffalo and Niagara Falls, New York. We have two children, Timothy and Angelica. Timothy is married, has two girls and is also active duty in the Army. He is currently stationed at Fort Lewis, WA. Angelica just graduated in June of this year.

We have been doing the military life since August 1996. Russ was stationed as a Tank Mechanic at Fort Knox, KY where Angelica was born. In 2003 he put in a packet for Prime Power School and was accepted. Also that year I became an Engineer Spouse and have met some amazing families. In December 2007, Russ graduated from WOCS. Besides Fort Knox, KY, we have been stationed at the following places; Fort Bragg, NC, Fort Belvoir, VA, and Fort Lewis, WA. He is currently assigned to the 249th EN BN in the headquarters. He was promoted in July to CW4.

I enjoy arts and crafts. I love to travel and so far my favorite place was the Riverwalk in San Antonio, TX. We also enjoy spending time with our families in New York, so being stationed here is awesome because we can visit more often.



Hi! I'm Ria Etheridge and I am one of the co-chairs for Hospitality this year. I'm originally from the Chicago-land area.

My husband Rob and I have three children and live on Fort Belvoir. When Rob first enlisted in the Army, he was an Infantryman, but became an Engineer officer in 2007.

I am proud to be an Army Engineer spouse! We have been stationed all over the world. Some of our favorite duty stations include: Fort Richardson, Alaska; Monterey, California; and Bamberg, Germany (where two of our children were born).

I enjoy spending time with my fellow Engineer spouses, making (and drinking) lattes, running, and yoga. As a family, we love going to the beach, watching college football, and visiting our extended family.

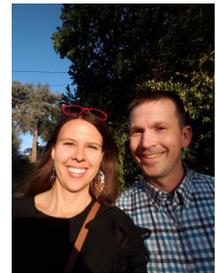


Betsy Rayfield— Castle Boutique Manager

I never knew that a blind date 20 years ago would lead to over 16 years as an engineer spouse! We have lived in all four corners of the US with a stop in the middle (Ft. Riley.) This summer we trekked across the country from California to the DC area and moved into my tenth home as an Army spouse! Lessons I've learned along the way include leaving the curtains because they will never work at the new house, I can live anywhere just give me at least 6 months and Google maps is a lifesaver!

I have two kids in Elementary school and I keep busy volunteering at their school. I also love working with the elderly by volunteering at nursing homes. Our family loves exploring each place we live, taking hikes and playing tourists. I also enjoy making digital scrapbooks of all our adventures.

I'm excited to get involved and help with the Castle Boutique!



Hello, I'm Brenda Schultze and I am the new AESC Welfare and Services Chair for this year. I am excited to be a part of the board this year.

My dad was in the Air Force, so I have been moving around my whole life. So, where am I from? Good question! My family roots are in Texas though. I did head back to Texas upon graduating from Woodbridge Sr High in Woodbridge, VA to attend college at Texas A&M. I graduated with a degree in Biomedical Science and headed to Physical Therapy School at UT Southwestern in Dallas.

But, on the first day of my college career at A&M I met my Aggie Engineer, Brooks. He was a cadet in the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. We were married after I finished PT school and he was already an active duty Army Engineer by then. So, I joined him at his first duty station, Ft. Hood. We were also married near there as Belton, TX is the closest thing I have to a home town.

The Army has sent us on adventure after adventure: Ft. Hood; Ft. Leonard Wood; Korea; Ft. Stewart (twice); Ft. Irwin; Toronto, Canada; Ft. Leavenworth; Galveston, TX; Schweinfurt, Grafenwoehr, and Wiesbaden, Germany; Carlisle Barracks; Ft. McCoy; and VA with several deployments thrown in there.

We love to travel and learn more about wherever the Army sends us.

I enjoy photography, reading, birding, being at the beach and whatever else I can find to get into. We have two boys. Matt just started college at Texas A&M. Michael is a sophomore in high school. We have a sweet dog named Millie.





AUSA

2019 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPOSITION

14-16 OCTOBER 2019
Walter E. Washington Convention Center | Washington, DC



REGISTER NOW!



AUSA ANNUAL MEETING

MILITARY FAMILY FORUMS

14-16 October 2019
Washington, D.C.

2019

ARMY SENIOR LEADERS' TOWN HALL

Tuesday, 15 October
3:00PM - 4:30PM
Room 207 AB

MILITARY FAMILY FORUM I

Today's Army Spouse:
Addressing Life's Challenges

Monday, 14 October
2:00PM - 4:30PM
Room 207 AB

MILITARY FAMILY FORUM II

Military Spouse Employment

Tuesday, 15 October
9:00AM - 10:15AM
Room 207 AB

MILITARY FAMILY FORUM III

Army Housing and PCS Moves

Tuesday, 15 October
10:30AM - 11:45AM
Room 207 AB

NETWORKING EVENT I

Family Readiness Networking Breakfast

Monday, 14 October
7:30AM - 9:00AM

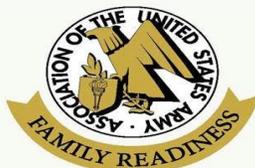
Join us for a buffet-style networking breakfast before the Annual Meeting opening ceremony. Military family members and supporters of military families are welcome. **Seating is limited, purchase your tickets early!**

NETWORKING EVENT II

Family Readiness "Munch and Mingle"

Tuesday, 15 October
12:15PM - 1:30PM

Join us for a "Munch and Mingle" with colleagues and old friends. Box lunch **available for purchase** prior to event, but not necessary for entrance.



REGISTER AT WWW.AUSA.ORG/AM

To purchase tickets for Networking Events visit www.ausa.org/tickets

Can't attend in person? Go to  @AUSAFamily to view us online!



UPCOMING TOURS

9/18 - Marine Museum Tour

10/11 - Kayak Trip
Paddle the Potomac

October- Trip to Winchester, VA
Visit Blandy Farm & Arboretum, Patsy Cline House,
Winchester Ciderworks, &
Farmers Market & Bakery

11/1 - National Building Museum Tour
with Ghost Stories &
Law Enforcement Museum

12/6 - ICE at Gaylord/National Harbor

CRAFT NIGHT
OCTOBER 7, 2019 AT 6:30PM

Want to do something **FUN** and
USEFUL with all your unit
pins, souvenir pins, old rank
charms, and other “metal” trinkets?

We've got
just the thing! Join us for our
bracelet making craft night! We
will have all the
supplies and expertise, just bring
your pins/charms and \$5!

RSVP by 1 Oct at
<http://evite.me/VRJVFTS79a>

CLICK HERE: <http://evite.me/VRJVFTS79a>



PADDLE THE POTOMAC

Friday, October 11th, 2019 09:30am - 1:00pm

We will discover the Potomac on a 3 hour tour with a certified guide from Potomac Paddle Sports .

*A paddle lesson and safety briefing will happen before heading out onto the water. All equipment will be provided.

Cost - \$75

Follow the link below to reserve your spot now before the tour fills up.

<https://shop.potomacpaddlesports.com/products/group-event>

CLICK HERE: <https://shop.potomacpaddlesports.com/products/group-event>



Road Trip to Winchester, VA

October 23rd
at 10:00am

We will visit the following places.

Blandy Farm & State Arboretum

Patsy Cline's Historic House

Winchester Cider Works

Market-Miller Orchards Market & Bakery

and anywhere else that tickles our fancy this fall!

<http://evite.me/3bzyZSADRR>

CLICK HERE: <http://evite.me/3bzyZSADRR>



STEVEN F UDVAR-HAZY

AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM TOUR

Get ready to learn, be amazed, and explore!

OCTOBER 16, 2019 AT 10:30AM
14390 AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM
CHANTILLY, VA 20151

<http://evite.me/e8UBxVRGwS>

Use this link to RSVP

<http://evite.me/e8UBxVRGwS>



ICE!

at Gaylord

National Harbor

201 Water Front St., National Harbor, MD



<http://evite.me/59y9gwJqr5>



Buy your tickets on-line &
Make sure to look for the
military Discount price on their
tickets page.



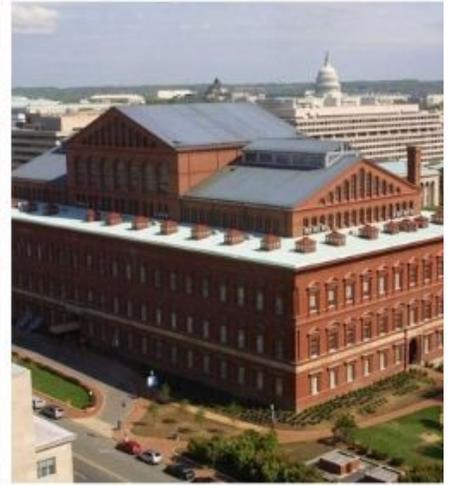
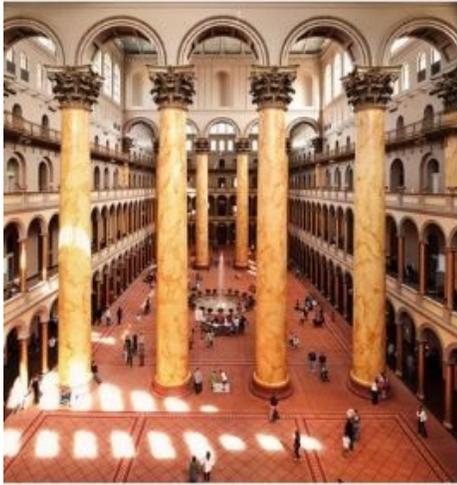
<https://christmas.gaylordhotels.com/ice/#>



DECEMBER 6TH, 2019 @
7:00PM



CLICK HERE TO RSVP: <http://evite.me/59y9gwJqr5>



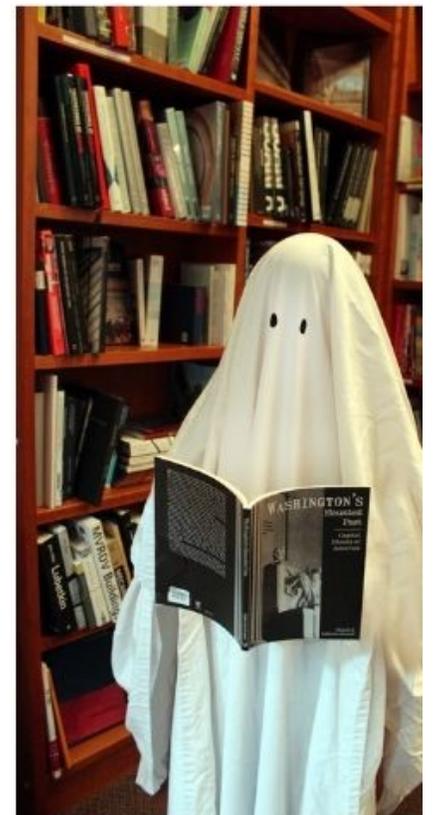
NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM, GHOST STORIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM

TOUR THE MUSEUM EXHIBITS AND THEN STAY TO HEAR HISTORIC AREA GHOST STORIES OF DC.

Friday, Nov 1st, 2019 from 10am-1pm

401 F St NW, Washington, DC 20001

The historic home of the National Building Museum was built between 1882 and 1887. Constructed of more than 15 million bricks and inspired in part by Roman palaces, the National Building Museum contains some of the largest Corinthian columns in the world and has been the site of 17 presidential inaugural balls since that of Grover Cleveland in 1885. The majestic Great Hall measures 316 feet by 116 feet, and is 159 feet tall at its highest point.





Fundraising



The 2019 Lynch Creek Farm Fundraiser is active!!

Currently the sale ends Dec 15, 2019

Here is the link:

www.lynychcreekfundraising.com/c/204557

Our Campaign ID is: 204557

We will receive 15% cash back on each purchase.

Please share with friends and family.

Thank you for your support,

Brenda Schultze

AESC Welfare

Army Engineer Spouses' Club 2019



WE EARN 15%

Supporting our fundraiser is easy...
Simply decorate your home or send an elegant evergreen gift!



SUPPORT OUR CAUSE

- 1 Visit www.LynchCreekFundraising.com/c/204557
- 2 Click on any product category or Shop Now
- 3 Choose a Team Member to support (if applicable)
- 4 Shop and we earn 15% of your purchase!

ENTIRE PRODUCT AVAILABILITY ONLINE
PREFER TO ORDER BY PHONE? CALL 1-888-426-0781 AND REFERENCE CAMPAIGN # 204557



AESC Yankee Candle Fundraiser 2019

Fall is in the air!

What better way to celebrate than with a fall-inspired Yankee Candle?

Our fundraiser ends on Jan 8, 2020

AESC will receive 40% profit for each item you purchase and that goes to the AEMA Awards

Thank you for your support!

www.yankeecandlefundraising.com

& enter group number 999972278

Brenda Schultze
AESC Welfare
service@armyengineerspouses.com



PLEASE SUPPORT

Army Engineer Spouses Club

Group # 999972278

We're partnering with Yankee Candle® Fundraising to help achieve our goal this year. They are the world's #1 candle brand and they offer a wide range of premium candles, fragrances, and decor items at a very wide range of prices. But the most important thing to know is that a percentage of every sale goes to us!

To help support us, click on the link below and order items online. Your purchases ship directly to your home and our group receives profit on each and every sale. This promotion is good through Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

READY TO START SHOPPING NOW?

Click on the link below and you are on your way to helping our organization reach its fundraising goals:

[Army Engineer Spouses Club Yankee Candle Shopping Site](#)

If this link fails to take you to the shopping site, don't worry. Simply type in www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter your Group Number 999972278 in the "Start Shopping" box there. Then you can shop for the same Yankee Candle Fundraising items and your purchases will still benefit our organization.

NOW OVER 500 ITEMS ONLINE!

You can also enlist friends and family from out of town to help your organization reach its goals. Simply visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and click on the "Seller Login" button and fill out the "Sign up to be a seller" form; use your Group Number (above) to register. Their purchases will be delivered directly to them and your organization earns additional profits!

Sell across the country with our **Mobile App** - It's an easy way to invite phone and social contacts to shop online! **Sales tax and shipping charges may apply to online orders.**

Download Yankee Fundraising at:

Shop our fundraising website for Exclusive Online Products!



Remember, our organization receives profit on all orders!

YANKEE CANDLE®
FUNDRAISING



America's Best Loved Candle™
is your perfect fundraising solution.
yankeecandlefundraising.com

AEMA Scholarship Thank You's from our Winners!



To the Army Engineers Spouses Club,

Thank you for choosing me to be one of the recipients of the Army Engineer Memorial Award. I am honored that you have seen my potential and I am thankful that you have decided to invest in my future. Though my college tuition and room & board will be paid for through my Army ROTC scholarship, know that your generous check of \$1,000 will be put towards return trips home, mandatory cadet uniform charges, and school supply purchases. Thank you again for this honor.

Sincerely,

Andrew Luzzatto
Andrew Luzzatto



A slightly more formal thank you -

My last thank you note was written on a sheet of lined paper. This seems a touch more appropriate. So thank you so incredibly much for the scholarship. It shall be put towards good use in procuring the summer textbooks for the honors college extension. Once again, thank you!

Cordially,
Lillianne Cade



Dear Ms. Anderson and Committee members,

thank you very much for selecting me as a recipient for the Army Engineer Memorial Award. I am truly grateful in your assistance for me to attend college next year. Words cannot express how kind you all are. I wish you all the best and again thank you.

Elizabeth Bert



Dear AESC,

Thank you so much for the Army Engineer Memorial Award. The scholarship will most definitely help in my pursuit of a higher education. The ceremony was very nice and I had a good time meeting everyone.

Thank you,
Jordan Monson



Dear Army Engineer Spouses Club,

Thank you for the honor of being selected for the Army Engineer Memorial Award! I really enjoyed the luncheon and awards ceremony, and it was a pleasure to meet everybody. I will continue to work hard throughout my college career, and I will apply this scholarship towards my expenses.

Sincerely and with gratitude,
Anna Fenn



Dear AESC,

I was thrilled to learn that I have been awarded an AEMA Scholarship! I want to thank you and let you know I plan to use these funds to purchase a computer for my studies at West Point. I am grateful for this financial assistance. I was happy to accept the award in person and meet some of you but I have a conflict on my schedule. I assure you that I will work hard in Football and Academics when I go to USMA. I hope to make you all proud. Go ARMY!

Sincerely,

Grady Chapman #51
Grady Chapman



OCTOBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 International Coffee Day 	2 AESC Board Mtg. 10 am @ Susan Wright's house	3	4	5
6 	7 Craft Night @ 6:30 RSVP w/Evite 	8	9	10	11 AESC Paddle Trip on the Poto- mac 9:30-1	12 Old Farmer's Day 
13	14 Columbus Day 	15	16 TOUR - Air and Space Muse- um @ 10:30	17	18	19
AUSA Military Family Forum						
20	21 National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day 	22	23 Road Trip to Winchester @ 10a	24	25  WORLD PASTA DAY	26
27	28	29	30 Mischief Night 	31 		

Save the Date

October 7th— (AEA) stuff envelopes 9:30am - 3:30pm @ Humphreys Engineer Center
 1 November - National Bldg Museum Tour w/ Ghost Stories & Law Enforcement Museum
 28 November—Thanksgiving 

6 December—ICE at Gaylord/National Harbor
 December—White House Tour
 National Christmas Tree Lighting—tickets needed
 14 December—[Wreaths Across America](#)

Around Town in DC



Fort Belvoir Oktoberfest -

Fort Belvoir, VA - Oct 3 to Oct 6, 2019



This annual Oktoberfest is a four day festival of German food, beer, music and dancing. Includes 10K walk and 5K challenge, carnival, kinder korner kids activity area, 21+ beer tent, Mr. & Mrs. Oktoberfest contest and more.

[Fall Virginia Festivals in 2019](#)

[Fall Maryland Festivals in 2019](#)



It's Apple Picking Time!!

[Click here for Apple Picking Near Washington DC, Baltimore, and NOVA](#)



BOO AT THE ZOO

National Zoo

10/19/2018 to 10/21/2018

The spooky season is almost here! Kids can go trick-or-treating at the wildest spot in town during Boo at the Zoo. Celebrate Halloween early with more than 40 treat stations, a dance party and kids' karaoke. This frightfully fun evening is a magical time for the whole family.



The 2019 Army 10-Miler

Race Day - October 13, 2019 - Pentagon, Washington, D.C.



Started in 1985, the Army Ten-Miler (ATM) takes place each October in Washington, D.C. to promote the Army, build esprit de corps, support Army fitness goals, and enhance community relations. All race proceeds benefit Soldier MWR programs.

<https://www.armytenmiler.com/>

Calendar of Events



[Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Family and MWR](#)

Virginia Corn Mazes

Maryland Corn Mazes



11 Scary Ghost Stories, Legends, and Haunted Military Bases

The military profession can be downright scary at times, and that element has given rise to some of the best ghost stories and urban legends out there. Here are few of the most enduring classics from around the services:

1. F.E. Warren's native tribes

Cheyenne, Wyoming is the home of F.E. Warren AFB, part of the USAF's Global Strike Command and command of all U.S. ICBMs. But before Wyoming had the power to eradicate mankind, it had the power to eradicate Crow Creek Indians. Fort D.A. Russell was built to help protect railroad workers from the local native tribes.

They were undeniably good at it, massacring many of the Crow Creek, and for the last 100 years, people reported seeing uniformed cavalry troops patrolling the base at night to keep the natives at bay. The fun doesn't end there. Warren is supposedly one of the most haunted places in Wyoming – maybe even America. The ghost of "Gus Quarters" is doomed to live on Warren AFB. Legend has it a man named Gus was caught in bed with an officer's wife. To escape the angry husband, "Gus" jumped out of a second-story window, accidentally hanging himself on a clothesline – and becoming Jody for all eternity.



"The chow has definitely improved in the last 100 years."

3. Fort Leavenworth's dozens of haunted houses

Widely considered the most paranormally active site in the U.S. Army, Leavenworth has upward of 36 haunted buildings. One guardhouse, Tower 8 of the Old Disciplinary Barracks that was torn down in 2004, still stands. A [soldier who committed suicide with his service shotgun](#) inside Tower 8 will sometimes call the guard control room. Maybe for an aspirin. After a prisoner uprising during WWII, guards executed one of 14 prisoners every hour but ran out of room on the gallows. So they used the elevator shaft in the administration building as an extension. Now soldiers report hearing screams from the elevator when no one else is around.

As novel as the idea of a centuries-old, haunted, and abandoned prison might be for ghosts, the most haunted area is called the Rookery. The building was once the base commander's quarters but was turned into family housing – and people still live there.

The rookery is said to house a number of ghosts. "The Lady in White" was supposedly tortured and killed by local tribes while the soldiers were off-post. She screams and chases people she sees in the night. You don't have to chase us, lady. The screaming was enough.

Also in the Rookery are Maj. Edmund Ogden, who is presumably in command of all the ghosts in the building (and died in 1855), a young girl named Rose, her nanny, and a young man called Robert. Rose whistles around the house while Ogden seems to just walk around all day in spurred boots. It said that Maj. Ogden once asked a team of ghost hunters to leave his house.

2. Kadena Air Base's haunted house

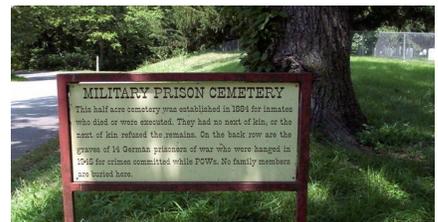
Building 2283 on Kadena is a single family home for field-grade officers that currently sits vacant, not because there aren't enough O-5s at Kadena, but – legend has it – because the spectral samurai warrior that occasionally rides through the house.

Other sightings at 2283 have included a woman washing her hair in the sink, a curtain opening in front of a tour group, a phone ringing despite there not being a phone line connected to the house, and lights and faucets turning on by themselves (which would surely drive the samurai ghost father of the house insane thinking about the water bill).

Residents of the house have reported bloodstains on the carpet and curtains, as well as an unearthly chill in one of the rooms, the room where a real teenage girl was stabbed to death by her stepfather. Another account alleges a Marine Corps officer bludgeoned his wife in the house. Conveniently, there's a day care center next door, and both are across the street from an Okinawan Samurai Warrior's tomb.



"Close the door, were you born in a barn? So was I."



This is pretty much begging to be haunted.

4. March Air Reserve Base's hospital-turned-dental clinic

What is today a dental clinic once housed a children's tuberculosis clinic – and in the basement below was a morgue. Some of the staff reported seeing apparitions of small children playing in the building at night or hiding objects.

One ghost is less than playful: A teenage girl has been reportedly seen walking around the hospital, her face sliced open, talking to herself and searching for the person who cut her.



I can literally use any old photo of children because they're all creepy.

11 Scary Ghost Stories, Legends, and Haunted Military Bases

5. The Kadena Chicken

The 18th Wing at Kadena sports a yellow patch with a chicken prominently featured with its wings in the air, seemingly surrendering. This urban legend has it that during the Korean War, the 18th Wing's pilots abandoned their crew chiefs as the base was being overrun. The maintainers were then hung with safety wire by the enemy. The safety wire is still supposedly hanging in Osan.

This is a very old Air Force urban legend. Why would the Air Force keep the wire hanging? Aside from questionable decorations, a better reason not to believe this myth is that the patch has been around since 1931, when the 18th Wing was the 18th Pursuit Squadron.



Yellow background. Chicken. Surrender pose. Seems fishy, unless the chicken is also a freemason.

6. Edgar Allen Poe on Fort Monroe

The famous poet died in Baltimore of a mysterious illness whose symptoms match those of rabies. While he was alive, however, he was stationed at Monroe as an artilleryman. Other ghosts said to reside at Fort Monroe include Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Ulysses S. Grant, and Chief Black Hawk.

Abraham Lincoln gets around in his after-life. It's good to stay active when when you're 208 years old.

7. Bitburg Middle School's ghost Nazis

The Bitburg School is run by DoD Dependents Schools-Europe. Bitburg Middle School was constructed in Bitburg Air Base's housing in 1956, supposedly on the site of a Nazi airbase. It's also consistently rated as one of the most haunted places in Germany, sharing that list with a pagan ritual altar and the Dachau concentration camp.

As if it weren't enough to be full of ghosts, they're also Nazi ghosts, which is way more frightening. Lights constantly flash on and off throughout the night, windows move on their own, and oh yeah: people are heard screaming at the top of their lungs throughout the building. Only at night.



"I scream, you scream, we all scream because Hitler."

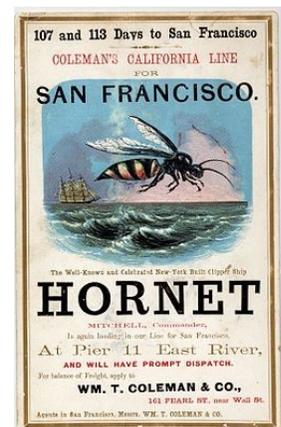
8. The USS Hornet's 50-member ghost crew

The Hornet is the most haunted ship in the Navy. In 27 years, the ship lost 300 of her men to accidents and suicides. Tourists and sailors alike report strange voices and apparitions of sailors in (outdated) uniforms, roaming the halls of the ship. Radios and other equipment on the vessel are said to turn on and off on their own.

If any reader is interested in seeing the ghost crew of the *Hornet*, you can now pay to sleep aboard the WWII-era ship was decommissioned in 1970. Now moored in San Francisco, people can tour its most paranormally active areas.



"More like, 'Doolittle about the morale problem around here,' amirite?"



9. Kadena's (yes, again) Ghostly Gate Guards

The old Gate 3 at Kadena was said to be frequented by a WWII-era soldier covered in blood, asking for a light for his cigarette. That gate was eventually closed and a new one is being built in its place. Which is crazy, because he could easily solve a manpower issue. Would you approach a gate manned by ghosts? Me neither.

He might be looking for any number of Japanese soldiers who were once said to approach the gate in the 1990s. They approached so many times, it was recorded in the 2000 book "Ghosts of Okinawa." The gate was closed because I can only assume it's terrifying.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9S8pAqAWZko>



10. Guantanamo Bay's Eternal Officer's Club

The Bayview complex at Gitmo was originally built in 1943 as the base officer's club. Now there are four spirits who are there for eternity to occupy the upstairs Terrace Room.



She has a decent view, though.

A "woman in white" is an old woman with long hair and a long white dress. She sits in a chair and looks out into the parking lot. She also switches lights on and off when no one is in the club. It is said the woman lived in an apartment in the club until she was found dead in a bathtub there.

11. Helmand Province's cursed Russian graveyard

The 2/8 Marines in Helmand reported figures speaking Russian at Observation Point Rock. They found graves at the site, a place in Helmand considered cursed by the locals because of the unending amount of bones that are constantly dug up there.



The Marines' story is now an episode of Syfy's "Paranormal Witness."

"The Rock," as it came to be known, was the reported site of Afghan mujahideen executing Russian soldiers during the Russian occupation. Because of the bones and the strange sightings, it soon became known as the "Haunted OP." But it wasn't just the Marines seeing or hearing things. The UK's Welsh Guards who came to the OP before the Marines [reported strange noises](#) and unexplainable lights in their night vision.

A Rundown of Rumors:

- The ghost of an airman suicide from the 1970s haunts the RAPCON. Occasionally crying is heard by airmen, and never civilians.
- A USAF Security Forces airman at Ramstein AB locked himself in his closet and committed suicide. Now, his ghost locks unsuspecting airmen in their closets.
- Warren AFB's ICBM Museum also houses a ghost named Jefferey.
- U.S. military bases have golf courses so they can be used as mass graves in the event of high casualties.
- The clinic at Spangdahlem Air Base houses a ghost named Erich.





DC Happenings



September's AESC Board meeting at Starbucks, Pentagon City Mall. Followed by our Newcomers Luncheon at Sine in Crystal City, VA



Sine Irish Pub



Army Spouse Kickoff at Fort Myer, VA



Pat O'Neill and Bette Meuleners



Marine Corp Museum, Quantico, VA



Bette Meuleners, Mary Alice Jasko, Ria Etheridge, Launa Brown, and 2 other members



Launa Brown, Brenda Schultz, Bette Meuleners, Mary Alice Jasko



Combat Dog Exhibit



DC Happenings



AESC Annual Cocktail Party



Pre-Cocktail Preparations



Quarters 7, Fort McNair, DC



Castle Boutique table



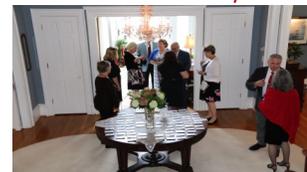
Lisa Stevenson, Jessica Gregris, Michelle Tyler, Kim Gibbs



Connie Semonite, Bob Wallace, LTG Todd Semonite



Launa Brown, Betsy Rayfield, Sheila Kelly



Castle Boutique Table



COL (Ret) Greg Wright, MG Tony Funkhouser

Martha Kem & MG John Kem, COL Jeff & Tish Anderson, COL (Ret) Dave Anderson



Exclusive Engineer Handmade Soap



Laura Putnam AMEA Chair



Susan Wright & Kara Anderson



Europe District Happenings



As everyone knows, Year End is a crazy, busy, exciting time. Europe District's Kastle Keepers wanted to relieve some of the pressure by offering a weekly, free, Year End Activity. The first week was popcorn and drinks, second was a two taco lunch that saw a line out the door. Next it was breakfast in the lobby, followed up by root beer floats the last week for the win.



September began the coffee season for the spouses of Europe District. This month's theme was "Getting to know you". Spouses were asked to bring a dish that described them. We saw everything from funeral potatoes to a unicorn popcorn mix.



Europe District Spouses gathered for the Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club, Inc. luncheon. This year, multiple Europe District Spouses are serving on the Board of Governors to include running the local Thrift Shop. We also have Spouses serving on local school PTO boards, running adult sport leagues, heading programs for the playhouse, coaching youth sports, and so much more. The amount of volunteerism and giving back to the community from Europe District Spouses is incredible, inspiring, and making a difference.





JAPAN ENGINEER DISTRICT



The JED Okinawa Area Office held their annual Organizational Day at Camp Foster Marine Corps Base. It was HOT! The Engineering Division won the kickball tournament and beat the Commander's team. Here you can see the JED Commander winding up for a kick.



JED Spouses gathered at the golf course for lunch to celebrate September birthdays. We had laughter and fun and a couple of hours to chat and catch up after the summer



Some JED employees and families volunteered to help two Boy Scouts from Camp Zama's Troop 34 with their Eagle Projects. The two Scouts worked with DPW to restore a pond and park on Sagami Depot Shrine Park. It was lots of hard work, but rewarding in knowing that we were helping two young men accomplish a long sought after goal.



Schofield Barracks Happenings



The Senior Engineer spouses had a lei making class hosted by the Commanding General's wife both flower and yarn leis which was awesome this month.



Engineer Red & White Lei



Engineer Spouses: Marie Blansett & Erica Van Epps (130th Eng. Brigade)



Fresh flowers to use in a traditional Hawaiian lei



Learned which fresh flowers make the best leis!



Supplies to assemble eye-lash yarns leis

"Sappers In" The 130th Engineer Brigade celebrated its 50 year Shoulder Sleeve Insignia (SSI) Patch Anniversary Thursday. Engineers from all over the island of Oahu came to celebrate with 130th EN BDE Ohana at the Tropics on Schofield Barracks. The "We Work Weekends" patch storied history was shared with all those in attendance.





KOREAN DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

East Gate
Edition

[Stars and Stripes Welcome to Pacific—Korea](#)

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NEW EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE TARGETS
FAR EAST REGION MILITARY SPOUSES



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If you are a member of AESC and would like to update this page with local events, happenings, coffees groups and tours...

Please email castlegram@armyengineerspouses.org

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October Meaning & Symbolism

In the Northern Hemisphere, we find ourselves entering the month of October in the middle of autumn. By contrast, people of the South find themselves in full-fledged spring at this time.

Like all months in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, October gets its name from the Romans. Originally the eighth month of the ten month year, October comes from the Latin octo, meaning “eight”. As we can see, this symbol retained this name even after January and February were added to the calendar year.

October Numerology Symbolism

Like the number “three”, “eight” is also symbol of an prosperity, wealth, peace and fertility. October is typically the time of the year when farmers reap their harvest, hoping that their crop will prove to be abundant. For many, their entire financial year will be based on this time, which further accents its importance.

October plays host to two Zodiac signs:

Libra and Scorpio



Dennis G Beeler	4-Oct
Willie Berwick	4-Oct
Ginger Hopkins	5-Oct
Martha Kem	9-Oct
Hope Bales	10-Oct
AnnMarie Burnett	11-Oct
Jehna Hart	12-Oct
Margret Machado	13-Oct
Jenae Young	14-Oct
Michelle Tyler	15-Oct
Michelle Funkhouser	17-Oct
Lynn McCallister	17-Oct
Laura Putnam	18-Oct
Renee Bostick	20-Oct
Judy Castro	21-Oct
Sheri Tickner	22-Oct
Mary Scott	28-Oct

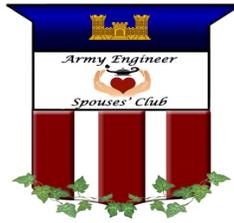
Did You Know?



Some of our favorite historical figures—including six U.S. presidents—were born in the month of October. We couldn't possibly name them all, but here are just a handful whose lives we'll be celebrating.

Here are a few notable birthdays in October:

1. BUSTER KEATON: OCTOBER 4, 1895
2. JOHN LENNON: OCTOBER 9, 1940
3. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: OCTOBER 11, 1884
4. MOLLY PITCHER: OCTOBER 13, 1754
5. BELA LUGOSI: OCTOBER 20, 1882
6. PABLO PICASSO: OCTOBER 25, 1881
7. MAHALIA JACKSON: OCTOBER 26, 1911
8. TEDDY ROOSEVELT: OCTOBER 27, 1858
9. SYLVIA PLATH: OCTOBER 27, 1932
10. EMILY POST: OCTOBER 27, 1872



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.

2019 - 2020 AESC MEMBERSHIP

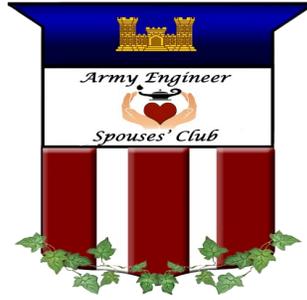
There are two options for submitting 2019-2020 membership forms and dues:

- 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 2019.

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



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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, 2019 until June 30, 2020. Membership information received by Oct 31st, 2019 will be included in the 2019 -2020 Castle Directory. Thank you!

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