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From the Gavel



We had a marvelous AEMA luncheon on May 7th. It was wonderful to see the awardees in person and online and learn of their aspirations.

We were able to give \$20,500 in awards this year thanks to the hard work of the AESC board and the support of our members. Thank you to Kara Anderson, Kerri Chase and Julie Handura for putting on a fabulous luncheon to honor our awardees. A big thank you to LTG Spellmon for being our guest speaker at the AEMA Luncheon.

We have some great events coming up:

5/22 Knife making class

6/2 Helmsetter Hotshot Rail Biking Tour

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Warmly,
Mary Alice Jakso
AESC President



SUMMARY OF AESC ELECTION PROCESS

The membership of AESC, as you know, is varied - not only by the eligibility requirements, but also by the geographic locations of the membership. We truly do span the globe.

As your membership with its privileges is important to the Executive Board, we developed a virtual voting system to assure that all members were included in the decisions made for the organization. Roberts Rules of Order for Voting was the guiding framework for our virtual voting procedure.

A summary of the procedure for election of your Executive Board is as follows: Nominations Chairman surveys membership for volunteers/recommendations to fill the Executive Board Positions.

Nominations Chairman presents PROJECTED SLATE to the serving AESC Board for their approval of slate by April meeting.

Nominations Chairman calls for further nominations from the floor in April after publishing the PROJECTED SLATE FINAL SLATE is presented in ballot form in May CastleGram for general membership voting**

If a MAJORITY of the membership responds NAY, the ballot is reworked and the successive vote will be on each position with the ballots collected and tallied. If a MAJORITY of the membership responds and casts an AYE vote, the ballot is approved by the general membership as submitted. Election Results Presented in June Castle Gram.

**Consensus voting is used in this general membership voting. While a ballot is published (in print and/or email), only a NAY vote need be returned.

AESC 2023-2024 Executive Board Ballot

To All Members of the Army Engineer Spouses' Club:

The nomination process for the 2023-2024 Executive Board has concluded.

This is your complete ballot. The vote is for the board of officers in total.

Voting will be open from Sunday, May 14th, to Sunday, May 21st.

Only NAY responses need reply.

You may vote as outlined below.

I vote AYE in favor of the nominees for the AESC 2023-2024 Executive Board:

President	Rosemary Davis
Vice-President	Julie Handura
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Bailey Wilson
AEMA Chairperson	Tamar Walleser

If you are voting AYE, you do not need to reply.

I vote NAY in favor of the nominees for the AESC 2023-2024 Executive Board:

President	Rosemary Davis
Vice-President	Julie Handura
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Bailey Wilson
AEMA Chairperson	Tamar Walleser

If you are voting NAY:

Email only to Michelle Funkhouser (Parliamentarian) at vote@armyengineerspouses.org.

Subject Line of email: AESC: Ballot-Voting - Executive Board 2023-2024

You may also mail in your ballot. Instructions for MAIL IN Ballots:

Only NAY votes need to be mailed. Place the ballot in an envelope with your name and return address on the upper left. Cast your vote on this form. Your name must appear on the envelope to identify AESC membership.

Mail in ballots must be postmarked by May 21, 2023. Ballots postmarked after that date will not be counted.

Mail to: AESC Ballot
c/o Parliamentarian
P. O. Box 6332
Alexandria, VA 22306-6332

Thank you for your participation in this process. Announcement of the voting results will be sent via email and published in the June Castle Gram.

AESC Nominations

AESC – President Bio for Rosemary Davis

My name is Rosemary Davis and I have volunteered for the President position for the AESC for this coming year. I have served in different positions on the board throughout the years and am looking forward to what we can accomplish this year.

I am married to a retired Prime Power soldier; I have a 32-year-old son and four fur babies. I am now partially retired and am really enjoying it. I enjoy reading, kayaking, volunteering, hanging out with good friends and making great memories.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at all our upcoming events.



Vice President - Julie Handura

My name is Julie Handura and I have volunteered to serve as your Vice President again this year. I am looking forward to working with everyone on the the upcoming board, creating a close knit team alongside our new president, and seeing each of you at the events in the upcoming year. Jim and I live in Alexandria, with our German shedder, Amilia. We have two daughters: Rachel, who is 28 and a licensed clinical social worker, and Ani, who is 21 and a history major and soon-to-be graduate of University of Central Florida. In my free time I enjoy crafting, camping in cool weather, and traveling, but most of all spending time with loved ones.



My name is Bailey Wilson and I have volunteered to serve as your Treasurer this year. My husband, James (JD) Hala, and I currently live in the Navy Yard area of DC where we have been the last four years. I am originally from Memphis, TN and moved to the DC area 12 years ago to work for Turner Construction after graduating from UVA with a degree in Civil Engineering. After 10+ years in the construction industry, I decided it was time for change and I now work at Walmart Global Tech as the Chief of Staff for the Information Security Strategy and Architecture Team. I am also finishing up my MBA at George Mason and will be graduating this summer.

JD and I are both avid runners and are members of the Capital Area Running team. We also love spending time together out in the countryside of Virginia where we keep our horse, Faith. I compete with Faith a few times a year in three-day events, but our favorite thing to do is to go for hacks on the hunt trails with Faith's favorite human, JD, who hikes alongside us.



AESC Nominations Continued

Army Engineer Memorial Awards Chairperson – Tamar Walleser

Tamar Walleser was born and raised in the Chicagoland area. As the 7th of 9 children, she wears the badge of the “extroverted sibling” proudly.

Tamar attended Illinois College where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology/Exercise Science with a concentration in Sport

Psychology. She competed in Tennis, Soccer, Basketball, and

Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field and participated in the Music and

Theatre departments, per her Vocal Scholarship. She earned her Master of Arts in Performance Psychology from National University and is

currently pursuing her credentials to be a Certified Mental Performance Consultant. Tamar is the recipient of the Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service from the 19th Engineer Battalion for her work as a Soldier and Family Readiness Group Leader. She was also a 2020

Armed Forces Insurance (AFI) Fort Knox Spouse of the Year Nominee.

Tamar is a Master Resilience Trainer (MRT) that has a passion for educating and training soldiers and their families in resilience and mental performance enhancement, specifically through the phases of deployment. As a psychology professional, she is looking forward to

using her skillset to serve and support the AESC in keeping the worldwide engineer family connection Army Strong. Tamar is also a

member of the first Greek-letter international service organization that was established by African American college-educated women: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Tamar met her husband MAJ John Walleser at the wedding of her college friend and his West Point classmate. They are currently stationed at the USACE St. Paul District HQ. Tamar has her heart (and hands) full with her two toddlers, two dogs, and cat.



WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for a volunteer to serve on our 2023-2024 AESC Board as our Secretary.

Please contact Brenda or Bette at the information below if you are interested in serving on our board or if you know of someone you think would be a great addition to our board.

Brenda Schultze - 478-342-1642 - bschultze@gmail.com
Bette Meuleners - 571-235-3566 - bmeuleners@gmail.com

Allison Chamberlayne - 2
Lisa Stevenson - 3
Basia Kent - 6
Kerri Chase - 7
Claire Strand - 7
Katharine Candido - 9
Robert Fraser - 10
Lynda Flowers - 13
Valeria Walker - 16
Lauren Castro - 17
Michelle Gwin - 17
Carolyn Hudson - 17
Veronica Burbo - 19
Bailey Wilson - 21
Kelly Hearn - 22
Kathleen Moakler - 22
Marla Sigman - 24
Bette Meuleners - 28
Alison Ryscavage - 29

May Birthdays!



Psyansky Egg Decorating April 2023





May Events

Mary Alice 904-814-9599

MUSEUM OF ILLUSION

Friday, May 12 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM ET

Museum of Illusions Washington DC 927 H Street Northwest Washington, DC 20001

BLACKSMITH REBAR KNIFE CLASS

Mary Alice 904-814-9599

Monday, May 22 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM ET

Lawless Forge
44827 Old Ox Road
Sterling, VA 20166

Helmsetter Hotshot Railbiking Tour

Mary Alice

904-814-9599

Friday, June 2 from 2:15 PM to 4:30 PM ET

Tracks and Yaks

19 Depot Street, Frostburg, MD 21532

”Hop onto a tandem or quad railbike as you pedal along the railroad tracks that run alongside the iconic Great Allegheny Passage cycling and hiking trail. Pass idyllic mountain scenes and finish the trip with a fun shuttle bus ride home. A special way to explore and appreciate the stunning local scenery.”

The cost is \$37 a person. I am putting this out early as I have to provide the number of people and payment early to him to hold our spots. As their season is limited, they fill up quickly.



2023 Army Engineer Memorial Awards







Meet Your Board



We would love to have you on the board!

ELECTED BOARD:

President	Mary Alice Jakso
Vice President	Julie Handura
Secretary	Erin Caswell
Treasurer	Basia Kent
AEMA Chairperson	Kerri Chase

APPOINTED BOARD:

Castle Boutique - Chairperson	Missy Diciro
Castle Boutique Fulfilment	Sara Bailey & Missy DiCiro
Castle Gram	Ashley Hilty
Circulation	Basia Kent
Corresponding Secretary	Kara Anderson
Fairfax Liaison	Isabel Stevens
Historian	Jennifer Kolouch
Hospitality / Reservations	Carrie Young
Knollwood Liaison	Ann Kem
Membership	Jackie Caldwell
Membership	Jennifer Broderick
Nominations	Brenda Schultze
Nominations Emeritus	Bette Meuleners
Parliamentarian	Michelle Funkhouser
Publicity/Facebook	Vanessa Joly
AEMA Merit Award Coordinator	IN NEED
Service/Welfare	Jennifer Broderick
Webmaster	Terri Stevens

HONARARY ADVISORS:

Honorary President	Sharise Spellmon
Honorary Vice President	Tanya Toussaint
SES Spouse Advisor	Jackie Caldwell



We want you for the AESC Board!

The following volunteer opportunity is available on the AESC Board: AEMA Merit Award Coordinator.

If you would like additional information, or are interested in joining our fantastic board, please contact nominations@armyengineerspouses.org



AESC Members,

Are you moving to the DC area this summer? Do you want to get more involved with AESC? Being involved is a great way to make new friends, learn more about the area, provide a service to our Engineer community, and learn more about the wonderful things our Engineers and their spouses are doing around the world.

Even though 2023 has just begun, it is not too early to start thinking about our next club year. We are looking for members to serve on the AESC 2023-2024 Board. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and AEMA Chairperson are elected through a vote of our membership. This election normally is held in May. Appointed Board positions are filled by volunteers in consultation with the incoming President. You do not need to live in the DC area to be a part of our board! Our current board members live all over the country; our Circulation Chair is stationed in Germany. The following board positions, due to their responsibilities, do need to reside in the local area: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Castle Boutique, Historian, Hospitality & Reservations, Membership, and Parliamentarian. The duties of all the board positions are listed in the Bylaws included in your Red Book. If you are interested in serving on the AESC board for 2023-2024 or would like additional information about a position, please email Brenda Schultze or Bette Meuleners at nominations@armyengineerspouses.org

Thank you!!

Brenda Schultze

