

Army Engineer Spouses' Club Castle Gram

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A Note from your Newsletter Co-Chairs:

It's your AESC Newsletter Co-Chair's, Jessica Gregris and Michelle Funkhouser. We've been quite the jet setters these past few weeks. I spent a week in Belize with the family for spring break and Michelle spent some time over in Germany. Thanks to the wonders (okay, and sometimes challenges) of technology, we continued to work hard so we could bring you another great issue of the Castle Gram.

Please send submissions and comments to newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com.



AESC Friends,

Finally winter has passed and the first signs of spring are starting to appear. Here in D.C. we are excited that the famous Cherry Blossoms are currently making their seasonal debut! According to the National Park Service, this local splendor of springtime is now! I'm hopeful that wherever you are, signs of spring are making their way into your neighborhoods as well!

AESC has reached an impressive milestone recently: Thanks to each of you, we now have over 200 members! We are simply delighted that our Engineer Families are staying connected and continuing to build a strong sense of community within the Corps! The years go by, but thankfully our connections remain strong!

As many of you know, Engineer Regimental Week is a few short weeks away at Ft. Leonard Wood (April 16th - 20th). For details go to: www.wood.army.mil. Spouse's day is Tuesday, the 17th!

**AESC Executive Board,
2017-2018:**

Elected Officers

President	Launa Brown
VP	Rosemary Davis
Secretary	Christy Cramer Preston
Treasurer	Kimberly Oborski
AEMA Chair	Kara Anderson

Appointed Board Members

Circulation	Sheila Kelly
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Hospitality	Terri Stevens
Knollwood	Priscilla Noah
Bake Sale	
Knollwood	Ann Kem
Liaison	
Membership	Jackie Caldwell
Newsletter	Michelle Funkhouser & Jessica Gregris
Nominations	Bette Meuleners
Parliament.	Roz Riley
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Scholarship	Marguerite Theisen
Ways & Means	Kendra Lewis
Webmaster	Laura Putnam
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Hon. Pres.	Connie Semonite
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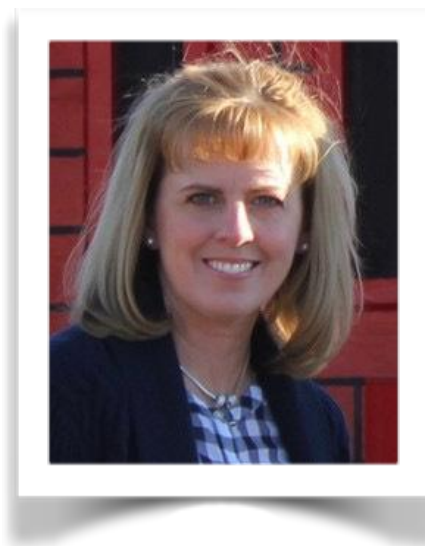
AESC Friends continued.

We hope to have some pictures in our May newsletter of our brave Engineer Spouses conquering various obstacles and learning more of what our Engineer Soldiers do each and every day! The week concludes with the Regimental Ball! The evening is highlighted by the presentation of some prestigious awards for our extremely talented and hard working Engineers!

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Castle Gram; we strive to keep you informed, inspired, and most importantly connected to all Engineer Families stationed across the globe! We thank you for the continuous work you do in support of your Engineer and all Engineer Families!

Warmly,

~Kim Houston~
Honorary Vice President, AESC



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

Engineer Trivia

March Castle Gram Trivia Answer



Previously only authorized to be worn by officers, in what year were enlisted Engineers allowed to wear the Essayon button? **Answer: 2016**

You may have visited Google to find out the answer is “2016”, but did you find where the answer was hidden in the March Castle Gram? It was added to the calendar clipart in the bottom left corner of page 9 at the end of the “AESC Save the Date” column (see below).

The Corps of Engineers oldest and most time honored insignia is the Essayons Button. Designed by Colonel Jonathan Williams, a former Chief of Engineers and the first Superintendent of the US Military Academy, the button has not changed in basic design since the War of 1812. Until a few years ago the Essayons Button was only authorized for officers to wear. As of April 25, 2016 the recommended change to Department of the Army Pamphlet (DA PAM) 670-1, *Guide to the Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia*, for enlisted Engineer Soldiers to be authorized to wear Essayons Buttons on the Service/dress and mess uniform jackets, as optional porches item, was approved. It was to be incorporated in the next publication of DA PAM 670-1 which was later updated and published on May 25, 2017.



Match the Engineer Position to its Military Occupational

Specialty (MOS) Designation (*see the next Castle Gram for the answers)

Combat Engineer	_____				
Plumber	_____				
Interior Electrician	_____				
Firefighter	_____				
Concrete & Asphalt Equipment Operator	_____	12D	12T	12Q	12K
Power Line Distribution Specialist	_____	12R	12V	12B	12Y
Bridge Crewmember	_____				
Diver	_____	12G	12M	12N	12C
Geospatial Engineer	_____	12W			
Quarrying Specialist	_____				
Technical Engineer	_____				
Carpentry and Masonry Specialist	_____				
Horizontal Construction Engineer	_____				

Upcoming AESC Events



Cherry Blossoms are at their Peak Bloom!

AESC members are meeting today, April 6th, at Fort McNair for an impromptu walk around the tidal basin to view the beautiful blooming cherry blossom trees. According to the National Park Service, the cherry blossoms reached their peak bloom yesterday, April 5th. Although today is overcast it is projected to be in the high 60's. There were concerns about temperatures plummeting and many inches of snow arriving on Saturday, but the forecast drastically changed so other than being a bit chilly all should be okay for the blossoms this weekend.

After enjoying the flowering spectacle they are stopping along the DC Wharf for a bite to eat. All this, and back home before the school bus arrives.

Look in next month's Castle Gram to see pictures from their walk!



Upcoming A&S&C Events

The Army Officers' Spouses' Club of the Greater Washington Area (AOSCGWA) is hosting a Spring Tour of the Historic Homes at Fort McNair. We are fortunate that we get the privilege to enjoy the beautiful home of our Chief and Connie on many occasions. If you have ever wanted the opportunity to see some of the other quarters on Fort McNair this is your chance. The tour is open to all military ID card holders (you do not have to be a member of AOSCGWA to attend).

The Army Spouses' Club
SPRING
Tour of Historic Homes
on Fort McNair, Washington DC
APRIL 26, 2018
10:00 am-1:00 pm \$20
For more information visit www.aoscgwa.org.

Upcoming AESC Events



Join the AESC Group at the 15th Annual Georgetown French Market

European Open Air Market and Sidewalk Sale

Friday, April 27th, at 10:30 am



Dust off your berets for the 15th Annual Georgetown French Market, presented by the Georgetown Business Improvement District, where the charming Book Hill neighborhood of Georgetown transforms into a Parisian-inspired open-air market!

More than 40 locally-owned boutiques, cafes, salons and galleries will offer designer goods, art, home furnishings, French fare and more. Some items up to 75% off! Whimsical street performers, face-painters, and live French and gypsy jazz will offer fun and entertainment for all ages!



We'll meet in front of Cafe Bonaparte, 1522 Wisconsin Avenue NW, at 10:30

Let us know if you can join us! - hospitality@armyengineerspouses.com

Past AESC Events

AESC members gathered to have lunch with Kay Burlin at The Fairfax at Belvoir Woods, a military retirement community.



L to R: Jackie Caldwell, Lisa Stevenson, Kay Burlin, Connie Semonite, Launa Brown, Roz Riley, Terri Stevens and Sheila Kelly



Noteworthy Women Engineers

All-Female Command Makes History for the Engineer Corps

From left, Maj. Gen, Miyako Shanely, commander of the 416th TEC, Col. Michelle Link, 372nd Engineer Brigade commander, Lt. Col. Abigail Cathelineaud, 397th Engineer Battalion commander, Cpt. Tashima McMurray, commander of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 372nd Engineer Brigade, and 1st Sgt. Connie Cavanaugh first sergeant of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 372nd Engineer Brigade pose at the headquarters building of the 372nd Engineer Brigade. All five of these Soldiers are members of the leadership of the 416th Theater Engineer Command, and make up the first all female engineer chain of command from division to battalion and brigade headquarters. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kaitlin Feyma/364th PCH)




Source: <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/4251732/all-female-command-makes-history-engineer-corps>

Look Who Made Atlanta's 2018 Women Making A Mark


South Atlantic Division

Guess who is in the SPOTLIGHT


Atlanta MAGAZINE 2018 Women Making A Mark Honoree




US Army Corps of Engineers



The South Atlantic Division is pleased to announce that our very own Commanding General, Brigadier General Diana M. Holland has been nominated and selected as one of the 2018 Women Making A Mark honorees of Atlanta Magazine. BG Holland will be featured in the magazine's June issue in a commemorative profile section. In its ninth year, Atlanta Magazine's Women Making A Mark program strives to recognize women in Atlanta who are doing extraordinary work in the Atlanta community. Women Making A Mark honorees represent a diverse group of women from corporate, legal, medical, educational, and nonprofit sectors across the great city of Atlanta.



Army Strong! Building Strong! USACE Strong! SAD Strong! Atlanta Strong!



Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall has a new Commander

Effective today, April 6th, Colonel Kimberly Peeples, an Engineer Officer, is the new Joint Base Commander at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.



Col. Kimberly A. Peeples

Items of Interest

Operation Purple Camps - Registrations Now Open!

What's Operation Purple(r) Camp, and why is it Purple? At OPC, we offer military kids a FREE WEEK of camp where they connect with other kids, just like them. And purple happens to be the perfect mix of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine Corps red, and Navy blue. In the military world, purple symbolizes all who serve, and at our Association, we know families serve, too!

Does your family have a service member returning from a deployment, gearing up to deploy, or finding a new normal after an injury? Let us help your child prepare and cope. When your military kid attends Operation Purple Camp (OPC), they'll thrive in an environment with fully trained counselors and camp staff experienced in helping children adapt and overcome the stressors of military life.

OPC has served nearly 60,000 military kids since its inception in 2004, and the memories made last a lifetime. You'll never forget the pride on their face when they return home from camp, and they'll never forget this amazing experience. Use this link to view camp locations and register: <http://www.militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/camps/>.

<https://ameriforcemedia.com/mf/sweepstakes/>

Month of the Military Child

AMERIFORCE MEDIA

ENTER TO WIN A \$250 BASS PRO SHOPS GIFT CARD

AMERIFORCE MEDIA

Washington Nationals Baseball Military Appreciation Day

The Washington Nationals are providing two complimentary tickets to their upcoming Military Appreciation Day scheduled for April 12, while tickets last. Tickets are for military, civilians and retirees (must have CAC/retiree card). Those interested would need go to any ticket window on Potomac Ave, starting at 1pm on game day.

AESC History



AEOWC Brunch in 1979:

It's almost time to recognize our new awardees at our annual brunch so it seemed appropriate to feature a brunch from the past. In 1979 there were 4 awardees that received \$500 each.

THEN---THE ANNUAL AEMA BRUNCH - Sunday, 20 May



UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 1979

AEOWC holds Brunch, awards Scholarships

The Engineer Officer's Wives Club (AEOWC) held their 1979 Army Engineer Memorial Award Brunch on 20 May at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

The Army Engineer Memorial Award was established in 1973 to honor Corps of Engineers' officers who died in Vietnam.

The purpose of this program is to encourage and give recognition to dependents of active, retired or deceased engineer officers. These awards will be used for expenses at college, or technical and vocational schools.

Funds for the award are raised annually by AEOWC through proceeds from the Castle Ball, tax-deductible contributions by members and friends, and the sales efforts of the Service Chairwoman.

Lt. Gen. J.W. Morris presented the Army Engineer Memorial Awards of \$500 each to the recipients. They were given to Robert John Carpenter, Margaret Lynn Case, James Hunter Gilland, and Thomas W. Stumm.

Carpenter, 17, is the son of Marly Carpenter and Col. Robert D. Carpenter. The recipient resides in Springfield, Va., and plans to attend William and Mary College in Virginia.

Case, 17, an Alexandria resident, plans to attend the University of Virginia. She is the daughter of Patricia and Ralph W. Case, Jr. (Ret.).

Gilland, 17, resides in Atlanta, Ga. and is the son of Claire H. Gilland and James W. Gilland. The recipient has applied to Vanderbilt and Duke University.

Stumm, who is 18, lives in Alexandria, Va., and has been accepted at the University of Virginia. His parents are Gloria Stumm and Lt. Col. Thomas A. Stumm (Ret.).



Gen. Morris
 awardees: Robert J. Carpenter, Margaret L. Case, Thomas W. Stumm
 aw. present: James H. Gilland, Mrs. McGinnis

Membership

The hard copy of the Castle Directory (Red Book) is out, but keep in mind that you can still access the digital version of the current Member Directory (includes members that joined after the hard copy of the Castle Directory was published) in the Members Only area on the AESC website.

Membership is still available, and we will ensure your information gets included in the online version in the Members Only area of the AESC website. Remember, the Club year runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. For just \$25 Membership includes:

- One copy of the Castle Directory (The Red Book)
- E-mailed copy of the monthly newsletter, "The Castle Gram"
- Access to the Members Only page on the AESC website which includes member only specials for the Castle Boutique, archived files from past Castle Grams and meeting notes, and the current digital version of the Castle Directory (The Red Book)
- Invitations to our monthly programs, luncheons and special events
- Children of our members are invited to apply for the Army Engineer Memorial Awards

ONLINE membership application and payment can be done at <http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/online-membership-form.html>

Or

Fill out the 2017-2018 membership form included in this edition of the Castle Gram, include a check payable to AESC, and mail it in.

Need an extra copy of the Castle Directory (Red Book)? For an extra \$5 each, you can order as many as you need with your membership.

Not sure if your membership is current? Verify the status of your membership with our membership chair, Jackie Caldwell, by emailing membership@armyengineerspouses.com.

CORRECTIONS TO THE HARD COPY OF THE CASTLE DIRECTORY (RED BOOK):

The following member addresses were incorrect: Estelle Gibson and Willie Berwick. You can find the correct addresses under the AESC (member's only) section of the AESC website.

Additionally, please note that CSM Michael (Mike) Buxbaum was the 10th CSM at USACE and CSM Karl Groninger was the 11th CSM at USACE.

We apologize for any inconvenience these errors may have caused. If there are further corrections needed please let us know.

AESC Save the Date

April 3

Fisher House Meal
Fort Belvoir, VA

April 4

AESC Board Meeting &
Knollwood Bake Sale
Washington, DC

April 24

Fisher House Meal
Fort Belvoir, VA

April 27

French Market Event
Washington, DC

April 29

AEMA Luncheon
Fort Belvoir, VA

May 2

AESC Board Meeting
Noah's Home
Alexandria, VA

June 6

AESC Board Meeting
Quarters 7



Celebrate With Us



Army Engineer Memorial Awards Luncheon

Sunday, April 29th, 2018
11:15 AM

Fort Belvoir Officers' Club
Valley Forge Room

Guest Speaker: *LTG Todd Semonite*

*Chief of Engineers of the U.S. Army and
Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

We welcome all members of our Army Engineer family

Attire: Sunday Dress

Please RSVP by April 23rd to:

reservations@armyengineerspouses.com

\$35 per person collected at event

AESC Board Meetings

The next board meeting will be accessible via Zoom if you can't attend in person. Board meetings are always open to the general membership, and prior coordination of attendance is not required. If you are curious or think you might want to assist please come join us.

The next AESC Board Meeting will be on May 2, 10am, at Priscilla Noah's Home, 820 Arcturus-on-Potomac, Alexandria, Virginia 22308.

AESC Board Nominations

To all Members of the Army Engineer Spouses' Club:

The AESC Executive Board (2017-2018) has approved the following slate of nominees for the Elected AESC 2018-2019 Board:

President — Christy Cramer Preston
Vice-President — Lois Cook
Secretary — We need a volunteer!
Treasurer — Kimberly Oborski
AEMA Chairperson — Kara Anderson

Additional nominations for these elected positions will be accepted through **Saturday, 28 April**.

If you are nominating a member for a position, you must check with that member to make certain you have their permission!

Please send any nominations to:

Bette Meuleners, AESC 2017-2018 Nominations Chairperson
Either by email to [**nominations@engineerspouses.com**](mailto:nominations@engineerspouses.com)
OR leave a message on my cell phone: **571-235-3566**.

We will send out another message to our entire membership and "virtual" voting will take place from **Sunday, May 13th - Saturday, May 19, 2018**. This will enable all members to have a vote.

Thank you in advance for sharing in our election process.

Bette Meuleners

AESC Nominations Chairperson, 2017-2018
[**nominations@engineerspouses.com**](mailto:nominations@engineerspouses.com)
571-235-3566

Observances & Birthdays

2018
APRIL OBSERVANCES

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 April Fools' Day	2 Peanut Butter and Jelly Day	3 Find a Rainbow Day	4 Walking Day	5 Read a Road Map Day	6 Caramel Popcorn Day	7 No Housework Day
8 Zoo Lovers Day	9 Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day	10 Siblings Day	11 Eight Track Tape Day	12 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day	13 Scrabble Day	14 Pecan Day
15 Tax Day	16 Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day	17 Haiku Poetry Day	18 Animal Crackers Day	19 Oklahoma City Bombing Commemoration Day	20 Pineapple Upside Down Cake Day	21 Record Store Day
22 Girl Scout Leader's Day	23 Picnic Day	24 Teach Children to Save Day	25 Administrative Professionals Day	26 Take Our Sons and Daughters to Work Day	27 Arbor Day	28 Superhero Day
29 Shrimp Scampi Day	30 Military Brats Day	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	Month observances include Month of the Military Child, Canine Fitness Month, Autism Awareness Month, Keep America Beautiful Month, Poetry Month, Volunteer Month and more.				

The month of April's name is derived from the latin word 'aperit', which means to open. April is considered the month of the growing season and when trees and flowers begin to open. It is also believed that the month's name is named after the Greek goddess, Aphrodite. People born in the month of April have the birthstone of Diamond. The month's birth flower is the Daisy or Sweet Pea.

Visit <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/march/> to learn more about any of these and more observances

If you see any of the following AESC members please wish them a Happy Birthday!

Missy DiCiro 1-Apr
 Sally Ball 2-Apr
 Melonie Quander 4-Apr
 Patricia Stevens 5-Apr
 Michelle Salajcik 8-Apr



Jackie Danielson 12-Apr
 Mary Scott 15-Apr
 Theresa Esquivel 17-Apr
 Anneliese (Lee) Boutin 18-Apr
 Danielle Jones 23-Apr

Volunteer Spotlight



AESC presents another great volunteer:

Kendra Lewis



The Kooky Life of Kendra Lewis...

Kendra Lewis is a native of Mississippi. She lived there for 23 years with her sister, parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts, and uncles who all encouraged her creativity. Kendra enjoys dancing, loud music, daring adventures, traveling, eating, laughing, sleeping, and most of all creating.

Kendra Lewis attended Jackson State University where she met the love of her life, Kevin R. Lewis, during her freshman year of college. Kevin played the tuba and French Horn in the marching band. In 2002 she earned a bachelors degree in Biology. Unsure if she wanted to go to physical therapy school or graduate school, Kendra decided to turn to teaching.

Kevin asked Kendra's hand in marriage in 2003. The two eloped and told no one for a full year. Soon after, Kendra moved to Killeen, TX where she got a job as a paraprofessional and then certified as a teacher. In 2006 she gave birth to Kendrick J. In 2007, she was accepted to Walden University to start her masters in Mathematics: Elementary Education. Not long after, the Lewis family was expecting their second bundle of joy, Kendall Landon, and after his birth the family PCS'd to Fort Polk, LA where Kendra taught Special Ed for 3 years. She also joined a wonderful group of ladies called National Association of University Women. The next move took her to Camp Shelby in Mississippi. Kendra joined a non-profit organization called Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. With several moves from Kansas to Okinawa, the Lewis family settled in the DMV. In 2014, Kendra and Kevin started their mom and pop business Twists and Ties, so at this point Kendra stopped teaching and committed herself to her entrepreneur adventures. She is a member of the Alfred Street Baptist Church. Here is where she joined the Army Engineer Spouses Club, and one year into joining the spouses club, Kendra was handed the Castle Boutique where she has brought us amazing new Engineer bling and keepsakes to purchase.



Welfare & Service

PLEASE SUPPORT

Army Engineer Spouse 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 décor items at a very wide range of prices. But the most important thing to know is that **40% 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 its 40% profit on each and every sale. **This promotion is good through July 11, 2018.**

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 Shopping Page](#)

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** 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.

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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.**

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Welfare & Service

OPERATION: *Deploy Your Dress*

Operation Deploy Your Dress (ODYD) was founded in late 2015 by four military spouses at Ft. Bliss, TX who organized a dress exchange among their units' spouses as a way to try to help defray the costs of purchasing formalwear for holiday balls.

ODYD is a 100% donation based, volunteer run, military spouse founded nonprofit. It collects and distributes gently used and new formal attire to military and dependent ID cardholders in an attempt to offset the cost of attending military balls and other formal events. ODYD "shops" are currently located at Fort Bliss, TX; Fort Eustis, VA; and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

ODYD is hosting its second annual pop up shop in our area. Please see the flyer for details on the time and location. If you have any formalwear (to include men's formal attire) that you would like to donate to ODYD please message the main Operation Deploy Your Dress [Facebook](#) page.

In Partnership with the
Association of the United States Army

OPERATION:
Deploy Your Dress
is coming BACK to the
Washington D.C. area

Join Us
April 28, 2018
10am-5pm

AUSA Headquarters
2425 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201

Military ID holders are eligible to receive
one free dress. *proof of ID required*

Parking is available on site. The
closest metro stop is
courthouse.

Follow us on social media!

Facebook: @Operation Deploy Your Dress
Instagram: @ODYD1
Snapchat: @ODYD1

Volunteer to help "take care of our own"



The [USO](#) on Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall (JBMHH) is looking for volunteers to staff their center, located within the Community Center (Bldg 405), adjacent to the Bowling Alley on McNair Rd. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and either have, or be qualified to obtain installation access.

Once training is complete, volunteers sign up for specified four hour duty shifts of their own choice during USO Lounge hours of 0800-2000 (M-F); 1200-2000 (Sat-Sun) — 2 hour shifts available 1600-2000 on week nights. Other support opportunities for special events/activities on and off post would also be available. Volunteers are only required to support two volunteer shifts a month, although most find it easy to volunteer additional support.

USO Lounge duties during the week days primarily involve interaction with active duty military Honor Guards (from various Services) seeking support between Honors Burial Services at Old Post/ANC. During the evenings and weekends, focus shifts more to support our Soldiers/Marines living in garrison on post (most from the Old Guard), as well as local military with families and retirees. If interested and/or for additional information, please contact Alex Stephen at astephen@usometro.org.

Welfare & Service

AESC SPONSORED BAKE SALE AT KNOLLWOOD

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 10 a.m.

We are delighted to visit Knollwood with baked goods, hors d'oeuvres, and special goodies for diabetics. Knollwood is the home for retired military and their spouses. Our special treats are sold with all revenue returning to Knollwood for the benefit of the residents who need some financial assistance. We Engineers love to take care of our military families. We hope you will join us! Please plan to join us for lunch in the dining area.

*Please bring the goodies to Knollwood already priced

Bar Cookies & Brownies \$1.50

Cupcakes \$1.50

Mini

Although this event already occurred prior to the Castle Gram being published, please consider making a donation to AESC to support Knollwood.

COOK MIXES \$2.00 a bag

Appetizers & Other Cocktail Hour Nibbles 6 for \$3.00

Cookies, 1/2 dozen \$2.00 - \$3.00 (depending on cookie size)

If you can't make it to Knollwood but would like to donate baked good, email Priscilla Noah at general@crosslink.net.

Also, you can make a donation to Knollwood. Make the check payable to AESC and mail to AESC, PO Box 6332, Alexandria, VA 22306-6332. Please note on the check that it is for Knollwood.



Knollwood Retirement Community

6200 Oregon Ave NW | Washington, DC 20015

Welfare & Service



**ARMY DISTAFF
FOUNDATION**



Knollwood Military Retirement Community

The Knollwood Bake Sale will be on 4 April. Stay tuned for more information on this great event. All proceeds from the bake sale will be given to the Army Distaff Foundation in support of the Knollwood Military Retirement Community.

AESC Support to Fisher House

AESC continues to provide monthly meals to the families (usually approximately 8-10 guests) staying at the **Fort Belvoir Fisher House**. The following dates are available:

- April 3
- April 24
- May 22



If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about how you can support the Fisher house, please contact our Welfare Services Chair, Vanessa Joly at service@armyengineerspouses.com



Don't forget! When shopping online use Amazon Smile! Go to www.smile.amazon.com and select Army Engineer Memorial Award as your charity. It costs you nothing and a portion of your purchase goes to AEMA.

Around Town

White House Garden Tour, April 14-15. The Spring White House Garden Tour will be offered April 14 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm and April 15 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Free, timed tickets will be distributed at a National Park Service tent located near the corner of Constitution Avenue and 15th Street NW beginning at 8:30 am on each tour day. Tickets are first-come first-served. Only one ticket per person, so everyone in your group (including small children) needs to be present in line to receive a ticket. The Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, Rose Garden, White House Kitchen Garden, and South Lawn of the White House are included on the tour.

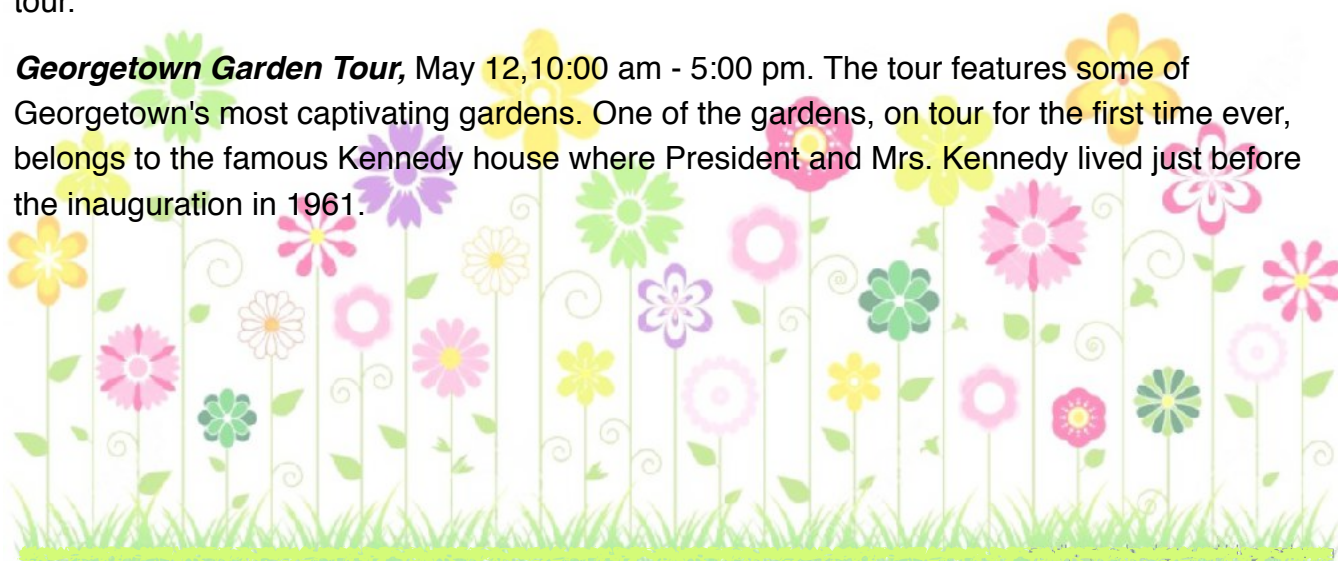
Virginia Historic Garden Tour, April 21-28. The Garden Club of Virginia presents the 85th Historic Garden Week. Each spring visitors are welcomed to tour beautiful homes and gardens across Virginia. Tour proceeds fund the restoration and preservation of more than 40 of Virginia's historic public gardens and landscapes, a research fellowship program, and a Garden Club of Virginia Centennial project with Virginia State Parks. Old Town Alexandria will kick off the Garden Club of Virginia's Historic Garden Week on Saturday, April 21, from 10:00 am–4:00 pm.

Leesburg Flower and Garden Tour, April 21-22. The festival features plant vendors, a landscape design competition, craft and garden exhibits, and children's activities.

A Garden Party with Chef Patrick O'Connell, May 10, 6:00-8:00 pm. A one night only event at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Chef O'Connell, founder of the Inn at Little Washington and author of the book *A Magnificent Obsession*, will share stories about his experience in the culinary field in Mount Vernon's Upper Garden.

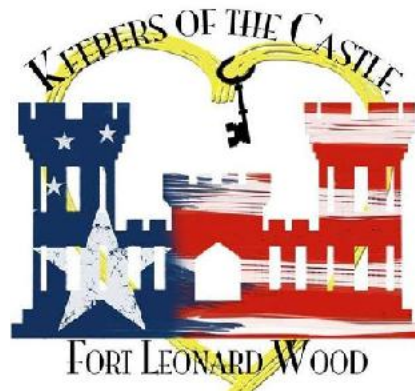
Around the World Embassy Tour, May 5. Participating embassies are open from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Admission is free. Visit the website for a list of countries participating on the tour.

Georgetown Garden Tour, May 12, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. The tour features some of Georgetown's most captivating gardens. One of the gardens, on tour for the first time ever, belongs to the famous Kennedy house where President and Mrs. Kennedy lived just before the inauguration in 1961.



Keepers of the Castle Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Keeper's of the Castle is an Engineer Spouses' Club located in Fort Leonard Wood Missouri. They welcome members from Active Duty Army, National Guard, Reserve, Retired, allies and sister services. They aim to instill pride in Engineer spouses through camaraderie by educating, sharing, and embracing our roles – past, present, and future. Connect with the Keeper's Of the Castle on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KeepersOfTheCastle or via email FLWKeepers@gmail.com.



Annual Engineer Spouse's Day and Bunco!

Spouse's Day is Open to all Spouses
Tuesday, April 17th, 2018
Late Registration 8:00 – 8:30am
Event 8:30am – 3:30pm



ENGINEER SPOUSE'S CLEAR THE WAY!



17 APRIL 2018 0800-1530

Rappel Tower at Training Area 136/137, Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Engineer HISTORY
Mine Detecting
Picket Pounding
Breaching

Paint Ball/Urban Terrain
Rappelling Warrior Tower

Prizes given for BEST team!

Name: _____
Cell: _____
Email: _____
Emergency contact: _____

\$25 FOR LUNCH, AWESOME T-SHIRT, PRICELESS MEMORIES WITH FRIENDS!

Makes checks payable to Joseph Dial
Drop registration off at:
35th ENG BN HQ, 6100 Indiana Ave
OR
4 Essayons Drive, FLW



**BUNCO
NIGHT**

**Regimental Week Spouses
Bunco**

Monday, April 16 from 6:00 PM
to 9:00 PM

Castlekeeper Group
254-423-1638

Regimental Room
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473

The Army Engineer Association AEA store has agreed to offer SPECIAL pricing for t-shirt orders for all of you who expressed interest in getting just a t-shirt. If you want the cutest Engineer t-shirt ever created call the AEA store 573-329-3203 and mention *Keepers* and the price of either style will be \$27 for the women's shirt and \$30 for the unisex shirt with an extra \$2 charge for XXL. Order your Holiday presents now!

Army Engineer Spouses Group - Europe District

Europe District's Kastle Keepers



This month's coffee theme was March Madness to celebrate each person's alma mater and enjoy game day food. Bonus points were given if someone incorporated green for St Patrick's Day. The event was complete with their very own Europe District Mascot!



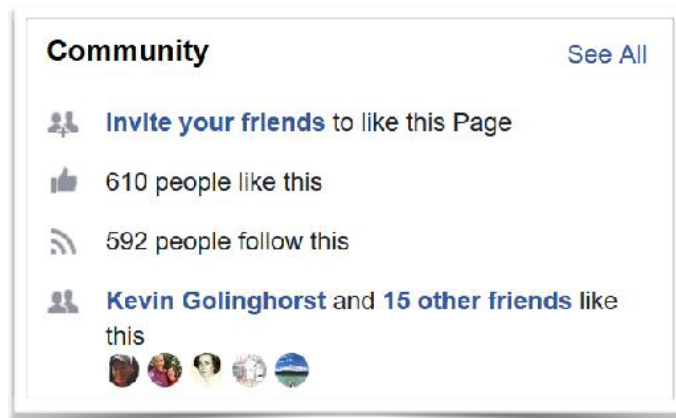
Castle Boutique & Facebook

Item of the month! Castle aprons, \$12



Don't Miss Out! Follow us on Facebook!

Kendra occasionally sneaks in specials that she only announces on our Facebook site so make sure you follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/ArmyEngineerSpousesClub/>. We also occasionally post video clips of some of our events and have even been "Live". Although we have a good amount of people that like and follow our site we have set an initial goal to get to 1,000!



Membership

Join online at
www.armyengineerspouses.com/membership.html

Questions?

Contact our
 Membership Chair

Jackie Caldwell

membership@armyengineerspouses.com



AESC 2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PRINT NAME as you would like to be listed in the Castle Directory (The Redbook)

Last _____

First _____

Mailing Address:

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Preferred contact phone:

E-mail:

Your Birthday (month/day only) _____

Check one: New member Returning member Rejoining member

Spouse's Name: _____

Check one: Is Spouse: Active Retired Reserve/National Guard Deceased

Spouse's title/rank/job assignment or firm:

By sending this application, you agree to have the above information listed in the Castle Directory.

Membership runs from July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018.

Membership information received by Oct 31st, 2017 will be included in the 2017-2018 Castle Directory (hard copy). Thank you!

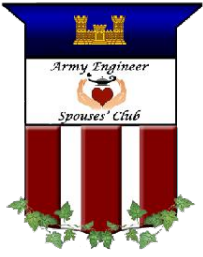
Annual dues + 1 copy of the Castle Directory \$25 _____

Additional Castle Directory: Each \$5 _____

Total: _____

Please make check payable to AESC and mail to:

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



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