

Army Engineer Spouses' Club

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Engineer History

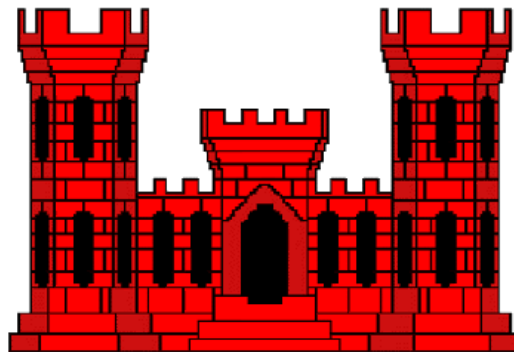
Army Engineers and Fort Lesley J. McNair

Home of the Engineer School for 19 years, Fort McNair has been a continually -operated Army post for over 200 years, making it the third-oldest Army post in the Nation. Major Pierre C. Le Enfant included the reservation on his original 1791 plans for Washington, D.C. on what was then called Greenleaf Point. Referred to as Washington Arsenal, the first defenses for the new capital city were built in 1794 near the southernmost point.

Much of the arsenal was destroyed during the British invasion of 1814 but was rebuilt after the war. In 1826, the area near the present-day tennis courts became the first federal penitentiary. The Lincoln conspirators were the most infamous inmates of the prison and the site where four of them were hanged after being convicted of participating in the assassination.

Renamed Washington Barracks, it became the home of the Engineer School in 1901 when the school moved from Willets Point, New York. Then Engineer Captain John S. Sewell supervised the construction of barracks, quarters, and training facilities from 1903-1907.

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ENGINEER HISTORY

Quarters 1 – 15, completed in 1905, were built for the Majors, Captains and Lieutenants who were instructors at the school. Due to poor soil conditions down the peninsula, Sewell turned to unproven methods to support the buildings along “General’s Row.” He experimented with reinforced concrete pilings and worked out the best method after weeks of trial and error. He then built the homes atop them and won the 1906 American Society of Civil Engineers’ Norman Medal for his innovative work.

Sewell also oversaw the construction of the War College building, also known as Roosevelt Hall. President Theodore Roosevelt and Secretary of War Elihu Root envisioned the site as the General Staff School for senior Army officers, which it served until 1946. Since then it has housed the National War College for all military branches, the CIA, and the State Department.

The Engineer School remained at Washington Barracks until WWI when it closed due to the demand for Engineer officers in Europe. After the war, the school moved to what is now Fort Belvoir.

In 1948 the post was renamed for Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, Commandant of the Staff College (1939-1940) and later Commanding General, Army Ground Forces during WWII. He was killed on July 25, 1944 near Saint-Lo by an errant friendly bomb.





In addition to the Engineer School, the War College, and General's Row, Army Engineers have had a significant impact on the areas adjacent to Fort McNair. Directly across from General's Row, the Washington Channel is maintained by Baltimore District. The Channel itself was conceived by Army Engineers, who designed and built the Tidal Basin and East Potomac Park (directly across the Channel from Fort McNair) to keep the Channel free of sediment. Hains Point is named for Major General Peter C. Hains, who designed and oversaw construction of the tidal basin and East Potomac Park.

In the late 1930s, Washington District Engineer Colonel Robert S. Thomas was responsible for dredging 20 million cubic yards of fill from the Potomac for National Airport. 500 of the 729 acres were landfill. The Corps was also responsible for paving the runways and building the hangers.

(Thanks to Connie Seminote for this contribution to the Castle Gram)



Kathy Moakler
President

The Gavel



...a note from our President

Dear AESC Friends,

Fall is in full swing a little early in Northern Virginia this year. We have been blessed with cool nights and stunning days. While the Farmer's Almanac is predicting a cold, snowy winter for us this year, I'm determined to enjoy these days while I can.

I'm late getting this letter to Karen, our Castlegram editor this month. My stress level is off the chart and I have to keep reminding myself not to over commit. I know many of you can relate with your busy lives. Make sure you take time to enjoy a cup of coffee for a moment before the day hits you (in the great weather if you can). Call a friend that you haven't touched base with in a while and settle in for a chat. A little face time can be more relaxing than a little Facebook time! One thing I am enjoying about Facebook lately, though, are the recipes that keep popping up. While I have scores of cookbooks on my shelves, I've been inspired to try several of the more healthy ones that folks share on Facebook, with good results.

Our new board is settling in to (for some) their new positions and are doing a great job! Your job as a member, is to mark your calendar for our major AEMA fundraiser for the year - our Annual Cocktail Party - held at the home of LTG and Mrs. Bostick on Fort McNair. This year the date is October 26. Check the invitation found in this issue and respond ASAP. This a popular, fun event and I find that even the spouses are enthusiastic to attend!

Kudos to our new Castlegram editor, Karen Anderson, for her maiden effort last month. She was building the plane as she was flying it, so to speak, as she was learning Publisher as she compiled the newsletter.

I keep running into Engineer spouses all over the place. My husband and I attended his 40th West Point reunion in September and I let several spouses know about our club and why they should join. Jackie Caldwell, our membership chair would be proud. Make sure to share club info with your outlying Engineer friends and invite them to join.

Enjoy your fall!

Essayons!
Kathy Moakler

Upcoming Board Meeting

*AESC Board Meeting
October 2, 2013
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
At the home of
Beth Mazzanti
521 Janney's Lane
Alexandria, Virginia*

Refreshments provided by Laura and Bette

Members are welcome

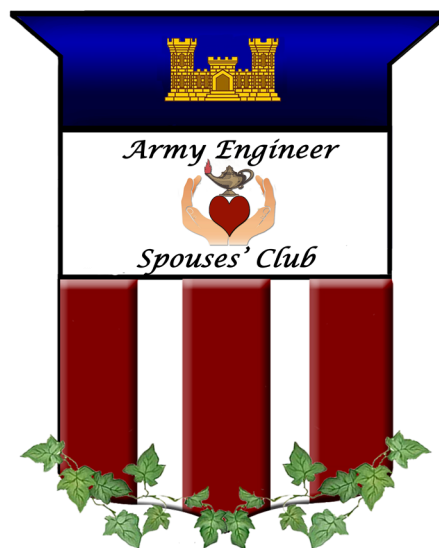


THE CAPITAL CONNECTION

We appreciate Kathy Moakler for hosting our September board meeting. Here are a few photos of your hard-working board members!



Cocktail Party Invitation



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

Welcome Cocktail Party

*Saturday, October 26, 2013
5:00 to 7:00 PM
at the home of*

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

Coat and Tie

*Please RSVP by October 21st to:
Anita Link, 301 371-8896
anitaglink@aol.com*

*Voluntary donations to Army Engineer Memorial
Award Fund will be accepted.
Suggested: \$20 per person or \$35 per Couple
(This donation is tax deductible)*

Will I Feel Welcome at the Cocktail Party?

As a military spouse, I am accustomed to learning new "rules" each time we move to a new duty station. Some of these are implied rules that everyone seems to already know. For example, on the first day of the school year, I walked my son to the bus stop. We were the first to arrive at the stop sign, which is where the school (and my neighbors) told me was the bus stop. As other people began to arrive, I noticed that they stopped two houses away. Many children and their parents were congregating under a big tree, and my son and I were standing alone at the stop sign. Finally, one father walked over to me, introduced himself, and explained that, for safety reasons, all of the children and their parents wait under the tree until the bus arrives. I was so appreciative of that father for helping me become acclimated to the bus stop "rules."

This month, the Army Engineer Spouse Club is looking forward to a Cocktail Party. This special event is important for raising scholarship funds, and it promises to be an enjoyable evening for everyone. If you have never attended this event, you might be wondering about the "rules" for the party. I asked some AESC board members to share information that will be useful for us newbies.

Of course, my first concern was the dress code. A cocktail party calls for dressy attire- you certainly cannot come straight from the gym, but you also don't need to spend loads of money on a formal floor-length gown! I assumed that my Soldier would be wearing his dress uniform, but I've learned that guests do not dress in their military uniforms for this event.

I then wondered where we would park once we drove to the party. I have been assured that there will be plenty of parking on the street or in nearby parking lots. I'll plan to wear comfortable shoes just in case we do have to walk a bit, but walking on beautiful Ft. McNair will be lovely, and it will increase our appetite for the wonderful food that we will later enjoy.

The money raised at this event is used to fund the scholarships given by AESC, so there is a suggested, tax-deductible donation. Please remember that this is only a suggested amount. Another great opportunity for contributing to the scholarship fund will be waiting for you at the party. The Castle Boutique will be on-site with lots of new items!

The Engineers are spread all over this region, and there are few opportunities for us to get together. The final piece of advice I was given is this: if you choose not to attend, you will miss out on a great evening and an opportunity for new friendships. I am hopeful that this information will guarantee that I arrive at the right "bus stop!" If you were not planning to attend, I hope that I have encouraged you. Remember to RSVP by Oct. 21, and let's make sure everyone feels welcome at the party. I'm looking forward to meeting you!

Karen Anderson

Special thanks to Joan Stockton, Pat O'Neill, and Connie Semonite for sharing this information.

COCKTAIL PARTY "RULES"



Summer Vegetable Tian (found on Facebook)

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 medium zucchini
- 1 medium yellow squash
- 1 medium potato
- 1 medium tomato
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- to taste salt & pepper
- 1 cup shredded Italian cheese

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Finely dice the onion and mince the garlic. Saute both in a skillet with olive oil until softened (about five minutes).
2. While the onion and garlic are sauteing, thinly slice the rest of the vegetables.
3. Spray the inside of an 8×8 square or round baking dish with non-stick spray. Spread the softened onion and garlic in the bottom of the dish. Place the thinly sliced vegetables in the baking dish vertically, in an alternating pattern. Sprinkle generously with salt, pepper, and thyme.
4. Cover the dish with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove the foil, top with cheese and bake for another 15-20 minutes or until the cheese is golden brown.

(After I made this, my husband suggested that eggplant might be good in this as well)
Kathy Moakler

Please submit recipes for future issues of the Castle Gram to Karen Anderson at
karensuzanne@juno.com

Update on Kaitlyn Anderson, one of the 2009 AESC Scholarship Recipients

Kaitlyn Anderson (Katy) received an AESC scholarship in May 2009. Katy is the daughter of COL (Ret.) and Mrs. Dave Anderson. She graduated from West Potomac High School in Alexandria, VA mid-June of 2009 and reported to the United States Military Academy at West Point June 28, 2009.

Katy was actively involved at West Point: she was a member of the Glee Club, Catholic choir, Student Counsel on U.S. Affairs (SCUSA), the yearbook staff, and she held many leadership positions.

Katy graduated from the Military Academy on May 25, 2013. Her father gave her the oath of office when she was commissioned that day as a Quartermaster officer. Katy is currently completing her Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) at Ft. Lee, VA. She reports to Ft. Reilly, KS in early November.

The scholarship money provided by the scholarship assisted Katy in the purchase of her cadet computer.



Congratulations, Katy! We are so proud of your accomplishments!

If you know a previous scholarship recipient, the AESC would love to include an update in a future Castle Gram. Please send update information to Karen Anderson at karensuzanne@juno.com.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Connie Semonite
Ways and Means
Chairperson

CASTLE BOUTIQUE

Castle Boutique at the Leaders Emeritus Conference

The Castle Boutique had a fantastic day at the Leaders Emeritus Conference. A very special thanks to Vicky Groninger, Jackie Caldwell and Allison Chamberlayne - these three ladies worked very hard for our organization! They never sat down, missed lunch and still represented us with charming personalities and warm & friendly smiles all day long. I know they are as proud as I am to announce that we sold \$1,607.00 in four hours! Please send along a warm thanks to them - their commitment literally funded a \$1,500.00 scholarship for our group. I was so proud to work with them!



*Birthdays.....***October**

Giner Hopkins	Oct. 5
Kris Watson	Oct. 6
Jules Bigelow	Oct. 7
Martha Kem	Oct. 9
Vickie Brown	Oct. 13
Gene Villiva	Oct. 13
Michelle Funkhouser	Oct. 17
Laura Putnam	Oct. 18
Renee Bostick	Oct. 20
Judy Castro	Oct. 21
Dee Lee	Oct. 31

November

Pat O'Neill	Nov. 18
Majorie S. Williams	Nov. 18
Carolyn Wallace	Nov. 21
Karina Hunter	Nov. 22
Jacqui Ellis	Nov. 23
Jacki Dixon	Nov. 25
Nancy Temple	Nov. 28

***Please let me know if I have missed your Birthday!**



MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

OBITUARY



LTG Elvin R. Heiberg III, USA (retired)
46th Chief of Engineers
1984—1988

LTG Elvin R. (Vald) Heiberg III, 46th Chief of Engineers passed away shortly before noon on Friday, September 27, 2013. He had recently been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and had been moved to hospice care.

Elvin R. Heiberg III was born on March 2, 1932 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He became a third-generation West Pointer when he graduated fifth in the United States Military Academy class of 1953. He later obtained three master's degrees; the first a Master of Science in civil engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, then two Master of Arts degrees from George Washington University, one in government and one in administration. He also received a degree from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Early in his military career Heiberg served as Operations Officer of the 3d Brigade, 3d Infantry Division, in Germany, and taught in the Social Sciences Department at the Military Academy. In 1968-69 he commanded the divisional 4th Engineer Battalion in Vietnam and was awarded a Silver Star. He then served as Special Assistant and Executive Assistant to the Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness, under the Executive Office of the President.

OBITUARY

Heiberg served for a year as Executive to Secretary of the Army Howard Callaway. He then headed the United States Army Corps of Engineers' New Orleans District and in 1975-78 the Ohio River Division. He served as senior engineer on the staff of U.S. Army, Europe, in 1978-79. Heiberg was the USACE Director of Civil Works in 1979-82 and then Deputy Chief of Engineers. After managing the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Program for a year, he became Chief of Engineers in 1984. Heiberg, the 46th Chief of Engineers, remains the youngest "Chief" of the Corps of Engineers since 1838, when Brig. Gen. Totten became the 11th "Chief Engineer" (then the title).

Heiberg retired as a Lieutenant General in June 1988.

As a civilian, Heiberg was chief executive officer of Rollins Field Services, Inc., under the Delaware firm Rollins Environmental Services, 1988-1990. He then moved to J.A. Jones Construction, a major engineering firm headquartered in Charlotte, NC. He headed J.A. Jones Construction Services from 1990-1993 and, in 1992 started J.A. Jones Environmental Services.

In 1993, Heiberg moved back to the Washington DC area and founded Heiberg Associates, Inc., which provides engineering and environmental consulting services to a variety of clients. LTG Heiberg worked as a senior advisor for Dawson and Associates until his death.

Heiberg was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1995, and later became a founding member of the National Academy of Construction.

We join all of the Engineer family, for whom Vald meant so very much, in keeping Kitty and the entire Heiberg family in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

As we go to press, funeral arrangements are pending. We will be sending more information by email.





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Army Engineer Spouses Club



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.

2013-2014 AESC MEMBERSHIP

This is an exciting year for AESC membership. Hooray! We now have two options for submitting our 2013-2014 membership and dues.

(1) An electronic membership form with Pay Pal on our AESC website!

<http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/online-membership-form.html>

(2) Our traditional mail-in membership form attached to this mailing.

We look forward to receiving many electronic memberships! As always, our AESC post office mailbox will be checked frequently for mailed memberships. Hope everyone had a great summer!

Jackie Caldwell,
Membership Chair



"Like" our public Facebook page!

AESC 2013-2014 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
_____The Castle Gram is sent to you via email unless you request a mailed copy .

Your Birthday (month/day only) _____

Check one: New member Returning member Rejoining member

Spouse's Name _____

Check one: Is Spouse: Active Retired DeceasedSpouse'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, 2013 until June 30, 2014. Membership information received by Oct 31st,

2013 will be included in the 2013-2014 Castle Directory. Thank you.

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

Additional Castle Directory: Each \$5 _____

Total: _____

Please make check payable to AESC and mail to:

AESC MEMBERSHIP

P.O. Box 6332

Alexandria, VA 22306-6332

Join online at www.armyengineerspouses.com

The AESC mission is to keep our Army Engineer family connected. We value membership as a way of keeping Army Engineer friendships alive through member information in the Castle Directory. We welcome your active participation. Let a board member know if you would like to:

- write regular or occasional articles for the Castle Gram,
- volunteer your computer skills,
- host an AESC-sponsored activity or fund-raising event in your area,
- provide pictures of member weddings, births, retirement, or other events of interest to the Army Engineer family.

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