



Army Engineer Spouses' Club Castle Gram

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Happy Holidays from AEMA! We hope that you all have a wonderful break, full of love and fellowship with friends and family.

Applications for the Army Engineer Memorial Awards are live on the website!

<http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/army-engineer-memorial-awards-aema.html>

Coming in January will be a more comprehensive article about applying for scholarships in general, as well as a focus on our Memorial Awards. It is a privilege for us to be able to continue to serve the Engineer community through these awards, and we are thankful for all who continue to support our efforts through their generous donations. There is a FAQ section for the Memorial Awards on the AESC website, but if after looking over the application you have more questions you may direct them to **awardsapplication@armyengineerspouses.com**.

See you in 2017!



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

From our Honorary President

The holidays are here!! I hope this finds you caught up in the delightful hustle and bustle of celebration preparations and are especially happy that you have found a moment to enjoy reading our Castle Gram.

Todd and I kicked off our Christmas season by hosting the Chief's Holiday Reception this past Sunday in our home. What a great afternoon! I saw so many of the attendees hugging and exclaiming how wonderful it was to see each other. The festive chatter was so exciting and almost a bit overwhelming – of course we helped by increasing the volume of the Christmas music every few minutes! Todd and I really enjoyed catching up with local Engineers – so many familiar and friendly faces. Prior to the event, we spent hours on the invite list trying to extend an invitation to ALL Engineers living in the area, not just those currently assigned to the Engineer Regiment or USACE. I found myself sending Facebook messages and emails through friends of friends as late as the day before. Even with the most diligent efforts, I am still fearful that we may have forgotten someone. Thank goodness for the RedBook!! I know with complete certainty that each and every local member of AESC received an invitation weeks before the big day. The RedBook remains my ONE and ONLY reliable contact reference for Engineer spouses – even with all of the benefits of social media as it is too time consuming to rely on it for the purpose of invitations, sympathy notes, or any form of written communication. AESC membership is the best tool I am aware of for networking and staying in touch with other Engineer spouses. Please check our website to ensure you are a current member and consider giving the gift of membership to a spouse who may be learning of us for the first time. I want to invite both of you to our next event!

During our search we found numerous spouses whose Engineer active duty member is deployed this holiday, but may not be on our radar because they are serving in a non-Engineer position. I was surprised at the number living in my community and yet happy to find them so our Engineer family can reach out during the challenging time of deployment. Of course, just like you and me, these spouses are getting along just fine. They are busy being Moms and Dads, maybe working outside the home, and planning their own holiday events with family and friends. However, I know from personal experience how special an email, phone call, or small plate of Christmas cookies can be. My Engineer friends touched base, but didn't invade my life when Todd was deployed - I knew they were there if I needed to call on them. Please be that friend for someone this holiday season by reaching out, warming their hearts, and letting them know they are special to you.

Todd and I wish you and your family a blessed and magical holiday where ever you celebrate this year. Thank you for being part of our lives and serving our majestic nation – through the years and across the miles.

Warmly,

Connie

AESC Castle Gram



Welfare & Service

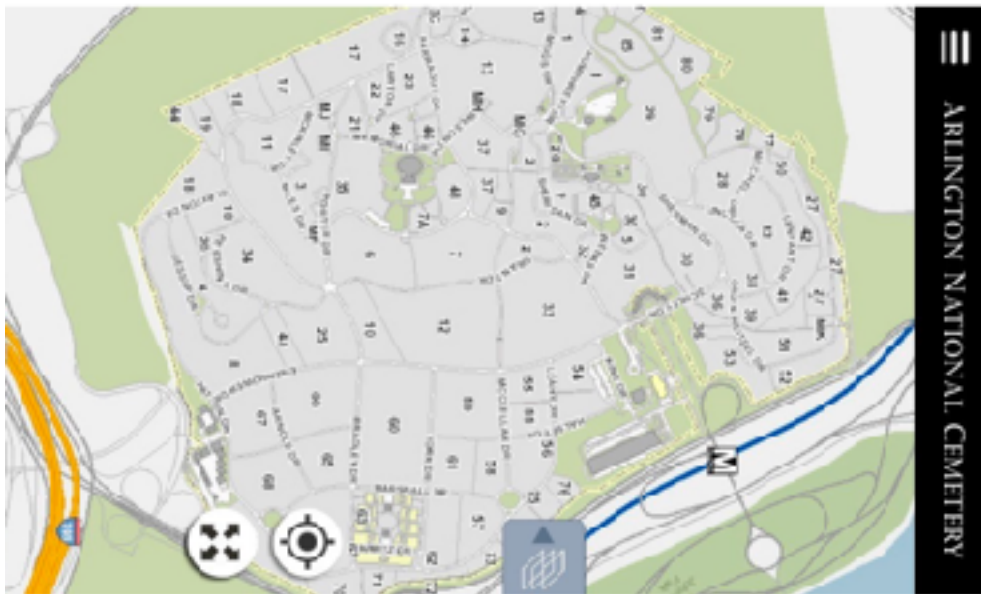
On January 24th, AESC will provide dinner for the families staying at the Fort Belvoir Fisher House. Fisher House Foundation is best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. Fisher House Foundation also operates the Hero Miles program, using donated frequent flyer miles to bring family members to the bedside of injured service members as well as the Hotels for Heroes program using donated hotel points to allow family members to stay at hotels near medical centers without charge. The Foundation also manages a grant program that supports other military charities and scholarship funds for military children, spouses and children of fallen and disabled veterans.

Look in the January Castle Gram for more details for our January 24th meal. You can see below some AESC families decorating the Fort Belvoir Fisher house for the holidays.



Wreaths Across America

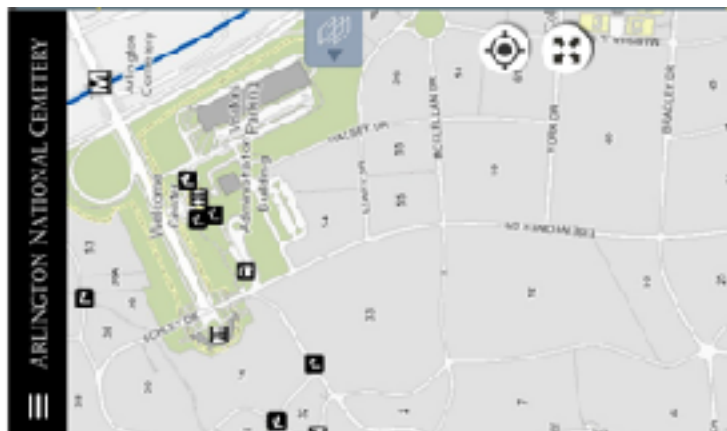
We will meet at the gravesite of CSM Buxbaum in Section 12 at 9:30am, Saturday December 17th. Section 12 is bordered by Grant Dr., McClellan Dr., and Eisenhower Dr.. If you enter through the welcome Center, you will take a left on Eisenhower Dr. to Section 12. If you enter through Ft. Myer, you will take Meigs Ave right on Wilson Ave, left on Roosevelt Dr., and right on McClellan Dr. toward Section 12. (Reference the maps below or use the ANC Explorer App for directions.) You may arrive earlier to see the entry of the wreaths. A schedule of the events is also below. in case of inclement weather, a notice will be posted on the AESC Facebook page. If you need assistance at the cemetery, you may call Vanessa Holy at 770-853-8936.



BUXBAUM, MICHEAL LEE

Section: 12
 Grave: 5241
 Branch of Service: US ARMY
 Birth Date: 12/31/1969
 Death Date: 11/09/2013
 Internment Date: 02/10/2014

Two side-by-side photographs of a tall, rectangular, light-colored gravestone. The left photo shows the stone from a slightly different angle than the right photo, both set in a grassy cemetery area.



- 7:00AM:** Metro rail opens (system-wide)
- 8:00AM:** Arlington National Cemetery Gates open (Visitor Parking Garage opens at 8am for ANC Family Pass and Handicap Pass ONLY)
- 8:15-8:30AM:** Wreaths Across America Truck Convoy arrives Arlington Cemetery Main Gate (time is approximate)
- 9:30AM:** Wreaths Across America Opening Ceremony (McClellan Gate)
- 10:00AM:** Wreath laying begins across cemetery

November Outing

In November, AESC hit the road! We made a day trip to the Plow and Hearth Catalog Outlet in Rochelle, Virginia which is located about 90 minutes from Northern Virginia. We had a wonderful time as we explored both the outlet and the country store. There were lots of home goods and yummy samples to try! We also scored some great deals on fall decorations. After a morning of shopping, we enjoyed lunch at Yoder's Country Market, an Amish grocery store, with an appetizing deli and lots of fresh items for purchase. It was a day of fun and shopping, but most importantly, spending time with our engineer friends!



Holiday Cookie Exchange

The annual AESC December board meeting and Cookie Exchange was held at the home of Connie Semonite on Wednesday December 7th. After multiple requests, Connie graciously shared her delicious recipe for Sausage & Bean Stew.

Connie's Winter Sausage and Bean Stew

3 TBSPs butter
 1 lb sausage
 3 dozen red pearl onions, peeled
 14 small red fingerling halved lengthwise
 4 medium carrots, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch rounds
 2 large leeks, white and pale-green parts only, thinly sliced crosswise, rinsed well
 1 stalk celery, trimmed and cut into 1/4-inch dice
 1/2 pound white button mushrooms, trimmed and quartered
 1 cup thawed frozen baby peas
 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
 1 1/4 cups whole milk
 4 cans Northern White beans
 2 TBSPs coarsely chopped fresh sage
 2 cups water
 Salt & Pepper to taste

Melt 1 TBSP butter in a large stockpot over medium-high heat. Add sausage. Cook, stirring, until sausage is browned, about 7 minutes. Add remaining 2 TBSPs butter, the pearl onions, potatoes, carrots, leeks, and celery. Cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables have softened, about 12 minutes. Stir in mushrooms and peas. Stir in flour, and cook 2 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium. Add milk; simmer 5 minutes. Stir in beans, sage, and 2 cups water. Add salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a simmer; cook until thick, about 30 minutes.

Serves 12

Jiffy Mexican Style Cornbread

Ingredients

- 3 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 (14 or 15 ounce) can cream style corn
- 1/2 cup frozen yellow corn (no need to thaw)
- 1/2 cup light sour cream or plain Greek yogurt
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack or pepper Jack cheese
- 1 small can diced green chiles, drained
- 2 (8-1/2 ounce) packages Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix

Instructions

1. Coat a 13" x 9" baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Beat eggs and oil with a wooden spoon until well combined. Add creamed corn, frozen corn, sour cream, cheese, and diced green chiles and mix until well combined. Add Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix and stir just till moistened. Batter will be slightly lumpy.
3. Pour mixture into the prepared baking dish and place in the oven. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.



Save the Date

Dec 14

Castle Boutique @ HQ USACE

Dec 15

Castle Boutique @ HECSA in the
Kingman Building

Dec 17

Wreaths Across America
Arlington National Cemetery

Jan 4

AESC Board Meeting
WIMS, Arlington National
Cemetery

Jan 18

Bowling Night
Ft. Belvoir

Jan 24

Meal for the Fisher House

Feb 1

AESC Board Meeting
@ The Fairfax

Feb 7

Fundraiser @ Hard Times Café



Nuts & Bolts

The AESC Board meets the first Wednesday of each month. Board meetings are open to all members.

This year, we will be trying something new! We will be altering the times of our meetings to accommodate our volunteers that work or home school during the day and find evenings a better time to meet. Our last board meeting was held at 10am at the home of Connie Semonite.



Of special note, our January board meeting will be held at the Women in Military Service for America (WIMS) at 2 Memorial Avenue, Arlington National Cemetery. Parking is available for a modest fee at the Visitor's Center at Arlington National Cemetery (just a short walk to the Memorial—about 2 city blocks). You can also come by Metro using the Blue Line—Arlington Cemetery stop.

WIMS, is the only major national memorial honoring all women who have defended America throughout history. They are proud to recognize their devoted patriotism and bravery as an integral part of our National heritage.

Up until 2010, Congress had earmarked money each year to supplement the operating cost of the Women's Memorial. When that funding ended, the WIMS Foundation began relying solely on private donations to keep the doors open. But these donations have not been enough.

Now, almost 20 years after its opening, the Women's Memorial is at risk of closing its doors due to a lack of funding. If you are interested in helping to keep their doors open, please visit <https://fundrazr.com/SaveTheWomensMemorial> to make a donation.

NOMINATIONS - The end of 2016 reminds us to start planning for 2017! We are looking for eager volunteers to serve on our board for the 2017-2018 club year. Please contact Bette Meuleners at nominations@armyengineerspouses.com if you are interested in serving. You can also reach out to any current board member to find out more information on volunteer opportunities. Go to <http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/contact-us.html> to find current contact information. Our election is in May, but we should have most of the nominations by the end of March with time for nominations from the "floor" in April. Thank you for considering a place on our board!

2016-2017 Volunteers

Parliamentarian

Roz Riley

Membership

Jackie Caldwell

Hospitality

Terri Stevens

Lynne Jackson

Historian

Lisa Stevenson

Castle-Gram

Allison Chamberlayne

Webmaster

Laura Putnam

Circulation

Kara Anderson

Castle Boutique

Sheila Kelly

Welfare & Service

Vanessa Joly

Retirement Residences

Liaison

Kay Burlin

Knollwood Bake Sale

Pricilla Noah

Nominations

Bette Meuleners

Scholarship Committee

Marguerite Theissen

Volunteer Spotlight:

AESC Hospitality Co-Chair: Terri Stevens



As Hospitality Co-Chair, Terri is responsible for our annual newcomer's luncheon held each September. She also provides name tags for our various events and assists with reservations.

Terri hails from the town of Vincennes, Indiana. She and her husband, Rick, attended high school together and have been married for 33 years. They have three children, Matt, a software engineer in the District of Columbia, Keller, a student at the University of Southern Indiana, and Aly, a Lake Braddock Secondary School sophomore.

Terri holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and began her career as a Computer Programmer Analyst. She later embraced her passion for travel and enjoyed working as a travel consultant during their three assignments in Northern Virginia. Although her favorite destination is Hawaii, she has enjoyed traveling with her family in Europe, Central America, and the Middle East.

In her free time, Terri enjoys hiking with her husband, reading, and going to the movies.

Terri has served as an encouraging mentor to military families. Her contributions range from leading Family Readiness Groups to serving on Care Teams during multiple deployments. Her previous volunteer work includes mentoring with the Adult Literacy Council and working at events that support the Special Olympics. She currently serves on the AESC Board and volunteers weekly at Burke Centre Library. She's looking forward to spending time with her family over the holidays and enjoying the holiday sights in Washington.

AESC Fundraisers



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fundraisers
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<https://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/campaigns/43596-aesc-2016-fall-fundraiser>

SALE EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 18TH AT MIDNIGHT!! Help AESC help the Knollwood and Fairfax military retirement communities and the Army Engineer Memorial Awards. All you have to do is order your holiday decorations and gifts through Lynch Creek Farms! Lynch Creek offers wreaths, garland, center pieces and trees. Our goal is to raise \$700 to give back to our community. Check out some of the wreaths ordered through our campaign so far:



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

Castle Boutique



Come and see the Castle Boutique in person and finish up your shopping list with all your favorite Castle Collectibles. The Castle Boutique will be LIVE on the following dates:

December 14th, 10am to 2pm, USACE Headquarters

December 15th, 10am to 2pm, Humphries Engineering Center, Kingman Building



Brand New and offered to Members first

Beautifully embroidered Engineer Castle Garden Flag perfect for your entryway



Don't miss out on your exclusive ONLINE 10% discount for Members. Visit our website under the MEMBERS ONLY TAB for new items and online coupon codes

The Castle Boutique will not sell or ship items after December 17th We will resume sales and shipping January 22nd. Happy Holidays!

Local Events

Now - Dec 23rd
Downtown DC Holiday
Market

Now - Jan 1
Georgetown GLOW

Now - Jan 1
ICE! Christmas at the Gaylord
National Resort

Now - Jan 2
Six Flags America, Holiday in
the Park

Jan 7-8
NBC4's Health & Fitness Expo

Jan 13 - 22
Bethesda Restaurant Week

Around Town

As the weather turns colder, we all seek to find indoor things to do! Indoor playgrounds and amusement centers give kids a great way to have fun and get some exercise during those times of the year that its uncomfortable to be outside. On cold, rainy/snowy days, kids will love to go to these indoor play places:

- Adventure Park USA - New Market, Maryland (301) 865-6800
Western theme park with Go Karts, mini-golf, bumper boats, laser tag, ropes course, rock wall, water wars, moon bounce, paintball, soft-play playground, arcade games, carousel, and tea cups.
Located about 40 miles north of Washington, DC.
- Alexandria Coliseum - Kid's Choice Sports Center, 4317 Ravensworth Rd, Annandale, VA (571) 730-0675. The indoor activity center specializes in inflatable amusements and birthday parties. Participants must be age 2 and older and at least 30 inches tall. Highlights include a soccer themed moon bounce, a 22 foot tall slide, and a two story cross-over obstacle course.
- The Animated Child - 5167 Waterway Drive Montclair, VA (703) 763-0003. The innovative center is inspired by the multiple intelligences of Gardner's theory, and engages children to highlight their unique way of learning. Open exploration times, enrichment classes, summer camps and birthday parties are available.
- Be With Me - The Children's Playseum - 7000 Wisconsin Ave. Bethesda, Maryland. The children's indoor activity center offers hands-on opportunities for ages 9 months to 14 years. Themed rooms are set up to inspire imaginative play. The Playseum UPSTAIRS provides a creative space for tweens/teens with books, billiards room, makeup beauty bar, man vs. enemy room, art studio, a live pet shop, a retro 70's room with stage, café with WIFI hookup and more.
- Central Park Fun Land - 1351 Central Park Blvd. Fredericksburg, VA. (540) 785-6700. The family fun center has indoor and outdoor amusements including more than 20 rides, laser tag, go-karts, miniature golf, batting cages, mini bowling, rock climbing and bumper cars. There's also a large arcade with over 100 video games.

Do You Know...

Neither your Castle Gram Editor nor her engineer are West Point graduates and we have never paid close attention to the annual Army Navy football game. But who could ignore the historic victory of the Black Knights over the Midshipmen this past Saturday, December 10, 2016? So in honor of this victory, please enjoy some fun facts about this historic match up.



- The rivalry kicked off 125 years ago when Cadet Dennis Mahan Michie accepted a “challenge” from the Naval Academy and the two squads faced off on The Plain at West Point on November 29, 1890 (Navy had been playing organized football since 1879, and came out on top of the newly-established Army squad).
- Even the history of the 10 times that the game was not played tells the story of Army-Navy passion. The game was canceled once (1909) when Army canceled its entire schedule after the death of Cadet Eugene Byrne in the game against Harvard, twice during World War I on orders from the War Department (1917 and 1918), and twice when the academies could not agree on player eligibility standards (1928 and 1929).
- However, the longest and perhaps most telling interruption (from 1894-1898) occurred only a few years after the rivalry’s inception. Following a reputed incident between a Rear Admiral and a Brigadier General, which nearly led to a duel after the 1893 Navy victory, President Cleveland called a Cabinet meeting in late February 1894. When the meeting ended, Secretary of the Navy Hillary A. Herbert, and Secretary of War, Daniel S. Lamont, issued general orders to their respective Academies stating that other teams would be allowed to visit Annapolis and West Point to conduct football games, but the Army and Navy football teams were “prohibited in engaging in games elsewhere.” In other words, Army and Navy were restricted to home games and, consequently, from playing each other. For the next five years, the explosive rivalry was defused.
- In 1899, Philadelphia was chosen as a neutral locale to host the Army-Navy Game and begin the rivalry anew. Franklin Field was the site of this game, and through the 20th and now 21st century, Municipal Stadium (later JFK Stadium), Veterans Stadium and Lincoln Financial Field have all staged Army-Navy in Philadelphia. As the rivalry has moved into the new millennium, Philadelphia has continued to be the primary host of the storied series and the home of the game, although this year the game was held in Baltimore, MD.
- Where else would find students swapping schools for a semester just for a football game? Only the military. That's exactly what happens between the Army and Navy. During their junior year, selected Mids and Cadets spend a semester "in enemy territory" attending the opposition's institution until game day, when they are returned to their own side during a prisoner exchange.
- At the conclusion of each Army-Navy football game, the teams meet in the center of the field. Both teams first turn to the stands containing the fans of the defeated team, and they sing that team's alma mater. Then, both teams turn to the side of the victors and return the favor to their fans. This is why #singsecond was trending on social media this Saturday. #GoArmy #BeatNavy

Engineer History

Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the 2016 Holiday Reception at the Semonite's this past weekend were treated to Quarters 7 all decked out for the holidays. LTG & Mrs. Semonite even offered guests a program with some history of their beautiful home. For those who were unable to attend, I'd like to share that here:

Beginning in 1930, US Army Engineers transformed Fort Leslie J. McNair from a decaying arsenal housing a lone artillery battalion into a vital center of military education. President Theodore Roosevelt and Secretary of War Elihu Root chose this installation, then known as Washington Barracks, as the new home of the Engineer School and the Army War College. Nearly all of Fort McNair's buildings, including Quarters 7, were designed by the internationally acclaimed architecture firm of McKim, Mead, and White, which also designed the National Museum of American History and the East and West Wings of the White House. Chief of Engineers George L. Gillespie, Jr., an architect Charles McKim agreed that dark red and black bricks would be the most economical and longest lasting material for the installation. Army Engineers completed Quarters 7, which contains 20 rooms, for \$18,000 in 1905. The first resident of Quarters 7 was Capt. Francis J. Koester of the Subsistence Department, who was assigned to the training School for Bakers and Cooks. In the years following Koester's departure, Quarters 7 became the home of the superintendents of the War College, the Chiefs of the Army materiel Command, and the Chiefs of Engineers.



Photo Gallery



Above are a few pictures from the December Board Meeting and Cookie Exchange. Check out that beautiful wreath! You still have time to order yours!



The Hains sideboard



“The Pub”



The Noahs & The Semonites



BG(ret)
Margaret
Burcham
receiving her
farewell
bookends

Protocol Points to Ponder

In a previous article, we covered the history behind the de Fleury Medal. The Engineer Regiment adopted the de Fleury Medal as an award because of the values demonstrated by the man for whom it was struck - values of special meaning to Engineer Soldiers. It is understood that the De Fleury Medal was the first Congressional Medal struck, if not the first medal authorized. But do you know how and when you are authorized to wear your de Fleury? The Army Engineer Association web site states that the medal may “be worn at official Regimental functions”. As previously understood, this meant that when attending non Engineer Regimental functions, you should not don your de Fleury. However, current guidance (9 December 2015) states:

“The de Fleury medal may be worn at any official Army, Service, or Department of Defense formal event or occasion that will not detract from the dignity of the award, or other specific event or occasion approved by the United States Army Engineer School Commandant. ...It has been determined that medals such as the de Fleury, St Joan, and St Barbara are considered to be a badge.”

If you would like more information on the wear of the de Fleury, please see AR 670-1, dated 10 April 2015, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.





Keepers of the Castle

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.



Check out the cute opportunities that were won at the KOTC meeting in November. Rumor has it, they were made by some extremely talented members of the group!



Army Engineer Spouses Group - Europe

The Engineer Spouses Group - Europe hosts a monthly coffee on the third Tuesday of each month from September to May. For more information on joining this active group, contact Michelle Tyler at mtyler1015@aol.com.

Army Engineer Spouses' Group-Europe Presents

LEGO LEAGUE!

LET'S CLICK SOME BRICKS!

22 October 1000-1130

10 December 1000-1130

21 January 1000-1130

25 February 1000-1130

25 March 1000-1130

29 April 1000-1130

20 May 1000-1130



- All AESG Lego League events will be held in the ACS Cafeteria
- All Preschool & Elementary students welcome!
- Stroller parking available next to Sign-in Table in the hallway
- No food or drinks allowed during Build Sessions

Email: LegoLeagueAESG@gmail.com

Facebook: Army Engineer Spouses' Group-Europe

In addition to the monthly Lego league, AESG-Europe also hosted their monthly coffee and participated in the USACE Children's Holiday party hosted by the Europe District Kastle Keepers. The AESG-Europe Facebook page is a treasure trove of great resources for the Wiesbaden area.

In Memoriam



Former Baltimore District Commander, James Wyatt Peck of Grasonville, MD, passed away suddenly on November 07, 2016. He was 79. Born on December 25, 1936 in Clinton, MO, the son of the late Wyatt N. and Pauline M. (Cole) Peck, Jim grew up in Clinton, learned to play golf as a boy, spent summers working as a fishing guide at his parents fishing lodge in Canada, and graduated as the valedictorian from Clinton High School. A proud graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point (Class of 1958), he served for over 25 years in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers until January of 1984, when he retired as a Colonel.

While in the Army, he served in Korea in 1960 and in Vietnam in 1965, earned a Masters degree in Civil Engineering and a Masters degree in Nuclear Engineering

from the University of Illinois, taught Civil Engineering at West Point, served as the Deputy District Engineer in Kansas City, served as the Battalion Commander of the 9th Engineer Battalion (Combat) in Aschaffenburg, Germany, and served as Commander and District Engineer in Baltimore during which he managed water resource development and environmental protection in the Susquehanna Potomac and Patuxent river basins and the Chesapeake Bay.

Jim was committed to preserving and enhancing environmental values, and after retiring from the U.S. Army he worked for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources from 1983 to 1995 as Director Water Resources Administration and then Assistant Secretary. Following that, he became the Director of Maryland Environmental Services, a non-profit public organization. From 1995 until he retired in 2003, Jim accomplished numerous innovative environmental projects that benefited many communities in Maryland.

Jim met his wife-to-be on a blind date while stationed at Fort Riley when he was 22 years old, there was nothing on the planet that made Jim happier than being married to MaryRuth. During their 53-year marriage, they raised three successful and happy children, and did almost everything together. They also love going to the annual West Point Class of '58 reunions, they enjoyed their Orioles and Ravens season tickets, and went on many cruises and other adventures. They never tired of being together.

A little over a year after MaryRuth passed away following a 5-year battle with cancer, Jim had the miraculous good fortune of meeting Susan Miller of Annapolis, MD, and falling in love for the second time in his life. James is survived by his three children, Dan (and his wife Susan and their children, Madeline and Wyatt), of Lafayette, CO; Debbie Brown (and her children Prescott, Rachel, Clara, and Spencer Brown) of Portland, ME; and Jim (and his wife Cristin and their son Graham) of Ocean City, MD, as well as many friends, most especially his second love, Susan Miller. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 53 years MaryRuth Peck, as well as his two brothers, Bob and Bill Peck of Springfield, MO

Membership

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

Questions?

Contact our
Membership Chair

Jackie Caldwell
membership@armyengineerspouses.com



AESC 2016-2017 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, 2016 until June 30, 2017.

Membership information received by Oct 31st, 2016 will be included in the 2016-2017 Castle Directory. Thank you!

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

Additional Castle Directory: Each \$5 _____

Total: _____

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