



Army Engineer Spouses' Club Castle Gram

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Happy New Year AESC!
We hope that you all had a festive holiday season filled with family, friends and laughter. The Castle Gram this month is an abbreviated version of the newsletter. Our board did not meet this January, so we will be back with you in February with full Castle Gram

As we each take the time to begin anew on many of our goals for ourselves and our families, we'd like to ask that you each consider setting aside a bit of your valuable time to join our board for the 2017-2018 club year. There is no better time than now to join in the fun, meet the wonderful engineer spouses in the D.C. area, and consider taking on one of our elected or nominated positions. Come out and bowl with us on January 19th at the Fort Belvoir Bowling Center. Meet our local members and learn more about the positions that will be available next year. (see page 3 for more information on bowling)

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!



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



The Gavel

Happy New Year! I still am having a hard time wrapping my head around 2017! I can still hear Prince singing the song “Party like it’s 1999” which he released in 1982 - and I remember thinking then ...”that’s a lifetime from now”. You can’t see me but I am shaking my head in disbelief.



January...winter...get out the warm clothes. Get the decorations put away. Start that new plan you made a resolution to do. That’s what we are doing at AESC. Getting ready for the hard work that makes this Club great. We are already taking applications for our Memorial Awards. This year applicants can apply online at <http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/army-engineer-memorial-awards>. Just click the “apply here” button and your are on your way! You can also review the past Awardee’s. Our AEMA Chairperson Erica Shaw has out done herself this year! Please share this link with your Engineer friends who have High School seniors headed to college. Every little bit helps!!!

This month we will have a member night out at the Ft Belvoir Bowling Center on Jan 19th at 7 pm. Please come out and join us. We just love when we can get together with our general membership. Feb 7th we will have a fundraiser at a local eatery, check out the flyer here in the Castle Gram, and please come out for a good meal and support our Memorial Awards fund. Don't forget to send in pictures of your Engineer Balls, Coffee's and get togethers. We love seeing you.

Start checking in the mail for your REDBOOK. They are done and going out to everyone this month. Sometime in May we will put out an electronic version with all members to include those who join from Jan - May.

May your New Year be everything you are dreaming of!

Warmly,
Launa

Save the Date

Jan 19
Bowling Night
Ft. Belvoir

Jan 24
Meal for the Fisher House

Feb 1
AESC Board Meeting
@ The Fairfax

Feb 7
Fundraiser @ Hard Times Café
Old Town, Springfield & Fairfax
Locations



January Activities



Bowling - Join the ladies of AESC for a fun night of bowling, music, food, drinks and more! We will meet on THURSDAY, January 19 at 7pm in the Fort Belvoir Bowling Alley. The cost is \$4/game, \$3.50/shoe rental. Payment will be accepted at the door. The restaurant and bar will be open, so please come hungry!

Feel free to bring a guest! If you know an engineer spouse who is not a member, please bring them! We hope to see you there.

The Fisher House - Watch your inbox for an email to sign up to contribute to a meal for the Fisher House. AESC will be providing dinner to those staying at the Fort Belvoir Fisher House on January 24th



February Fundraiser

On February 7th, three Hard Times Café locations will be welcoming AESC members to dine with them all day and a portion of there proceeds will go to the Army Engineer Spouses Club. Bring the flyer on the next page with you so we will get credit for your purchase. Thanks and Bon Appetit!

Army Engineer Spouses Club

AEMA Fundraiser Day at



When: All Day Tuesday February 7th

Where:

Alexandria - Old Town

1404 King Street

(703)837-0050

Fairfax

4069 Chain Bridge Road

(703)267-9590

Springfield

6362 Springfield Plaza

(703)913-5600

AEMA will receive 20% of ALL food and non-alcoholic purchases.

Must present a copy of this flyer - either printout or an any electronic device.

2016-2017 Volunteers

Parliamentarian

Roz Riley

Membership

Jackie Caldwell

Hospitality

Terri Stevens

Lynne Jackson

Historian

Lisa Stevenson

Castle-Gram

Allison Chamberlayne

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Kara Anderson

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Kay Burlin

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Nominations

Bette Meuleners

Scholarship Committee

Marguerite Theissen

Nuts & Bolts

Castle Boutique

A special thanks to USACE Headquarters and Humphries Engineer Center Support Activity (HECSA) for your generous support to the Army Engineer Spouses' Club



during our Castle Boutique holiday sales events. All profits go toward our AEMA fund and is awarded to deserving Engineer sons and daughters.

The RedBook

Watch your mailbox for the 2016-2017 RedBook! Coming soon!

AEMA

Applications are now open for the Army Engineer Memorial Awards. The deadline for submissions is March 17, 2017.

Welfare & Service

Even though we had inclement weather, several AESC members participated in Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Ceremony. This event takes place at cemeteries around the U.S.. Doug and Launa Brown participated in the Wreaths Across America at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Pennsylvania. It was a very cold day with lots of bad weather but they got a warm surprise when they ran into a fellow engineer spouse, Debbie Rapp and her son!



Local Events

Jan 14-15

Adventures in Travel Expo

Jan 20

Presidential Inauguration

Jan 21

Women's March on
Washington

Jan 20-22

Home & Remodeling
Show
Dulles Expo Center

Jan 27 - Feb 5

Washington Auto Show

Jan 27-29

Sugarloaf Craft Festival

Jan 27

Maryland Polar Bear
Plunge
Annapolis

Jan 30-Feb 5

Washington DC restaurant
Week

Feb 4-5

Chocolate Lovers Festival
Old Town Fairfax

Around Town

One of the most anticipated restaurant weeks in the DC area occurs in February. On February 17-26, 2017, 60 Alexandria restaurants will feature a \$35 three-course dinner for one OR a \$35 dinner for two during Alexandria Winter Restaurant Week. More than 30 restaurants will also offer lunch deals at \$10, \$15 or \$20 per person in addition to the dinner specials.

Alexandria Winter Restaurant Week showcases the inventiveness of local chefs in neighborhoods throughout the city, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and the West End. At a range of locales, from fine dining establishments to casual neighborhood favorites, guests will savor the flavors of Alexandria's distinctive collection of eateries. Here are a few you might want to try:

Cheesetique - Cheesetique is a boutique of cheese, revered for our selection, menu, and service since 2004.

Magnolia's on King - Magnolia's on King offers Southern Immersion Cuisine in the heart of Old Town Alexandria. We are proud to use sustainably raised and grown ingredients from regional farms and purveyors. Our food is cooked fresh, to order. All desserts are house-made.

The Majestic - Housed in a historic and iconic Old Town, Alexandria storefront, The Majestic offers a new and fresh dining experience under the culinary and service direction of Executive Chef/Proprietor Gaby Hakman. Our contemporary bistro-style menus offer an array of seasonal selections that are carefully composed with rustic simplicity to reveal authentic flavors and balanced plates. Our intimate dining room offers a comfortable and casually sophisticated setting with a mix of high and low furnishings that reveal something different with each visit.

Rustico - Rustico is an exuberant neighborhood restaurant driven to deliver a one-two punch of honest, robust cooking against a backdrop of amazing beer.

Burgerfi - Stylish and eco-minded, serving grass-fed beef burgers, plus hot dogs, fries, custard and wine. Craft beer with 20 taps and lots of local brews.

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: _____

Please make check payable to AESC and mail to:

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