



Army Engineer Spouses' Club Castle Gram

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The Gavel:

Dearest AESC Members,

It has been my tremendous pleasure to serve the Engineer community and work with you in the role of the Army Engineer Spouses' Club President for the past 23 months. At our most recent board meeting, I confidently handed the reigns to then Vice President, Maggie DeMello, knowing that she will do an outstanding job with the support of Co-Vice President, Dominique Wilt, and the board, for the remainder of the club year.

The passing of our gavel was just one of many events taking place during the past month. Our club had the honor of hosting a farewell tea for Renée Bostick, wife of the 53rd Chief of Engineers, as she and her husband prepare to retire from the military. Priscilla Noah set the finest example of club service by once again opening her home for the beautiful event. As you take a few moments to look at the pictures I am certain you will see many familiar faces of Engineer friends to include; Terri Stevens, AESC Hospitality and Reservations Chair, introducing our guest of honor; Roz Riley, AESC Parliamentarian, with a gift presentation; and Jackie Caldwell, AESC Advisor, sharing a few final words. What you may not see in the pictures however, are the additional board members that assisted in the planning, preparation and execution of a perfect traditional military tea. Laurel-Lee States' beautiful invitations and nametags, and Lisa Stevenson's special four-year memory book are just a few examples. Your board was truly amazing – as usual!

Just a few days later, members of the board headed to the Knollwood Military Retirement Residence for our annual bake sale. Priscilla Noah leads the effort in coordinating the event where every penny raised is donated back to Knollwood. As I have noted in the past, while the residents and staff are always happy to meet and visit with our AESC members, it's truly Priscilla's lovely face and charming personality the recognize year after year. And, your board baked, baked, baked ... and volunteered.



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

The Gavel

The week culminated with our Army Engineer Memorial Awards' Luncheon held at the Fairfax at Ft. Belvoir Woods where we paid tribute to the service of Army Engineers by recognizing the high school achievements of our younger generation. Countless number of volunteers have worked hours on end fundraising, and others have supported the endeavor with their generous donations. We were very honored to have MG Rick Stevens, Deputy Chief of Engineers and USACE Deputy Commanding General as our guest speaker. In addition, Kay Burlin, AESC Retirement Residence Chair, delighted all present by coordinating a full table of Fairfax attendees. This year our "In Memoriam" awards were presented in recognition of Kitty Heiberg, spouse of Vald Heiberg III, our 46th Chief of Engineers, and MG Sam Kem. AEMA Chair, Erica Shaw, did an outstanding job with the tasks leading up to the event and executing a special day for everyone. And, of course, your board was there early and stayed late.

In addition to the special functions we celebrated, board members continued to raise the bar on the traditional duties of their positions. Sheila Kelly, Castle Boutique Chair, sold more items at USACE HQs in a matter of hours than ever before – *in the history of the club*. A national publication has taken notice of our Welfare and Service Chair, Launa Brown, and her dedication to our organizations' representation at Honor Flights recognizing the service of our veterans. Jessica Gregis, Treasurer, the first face you see at most of our events, provides your club with amazingly detailed financial reports every month – to the penny! – and is an active duty soldier to boot. Allison Chamberlayne, Castle Gram editor, creates the professional publication that you are reading right now and exhibits extreme patience with our boards' feast or famine monthly submissions. Kara Anderson, Circulation Chair, makes sure you actually get it, as well as all of our important club news, but you probably don't realize that she has information out to our membership within hours – sometimes minutes – of a request. Bette Meuleners, Nominations, is constantly seeking, requesting, and coordinating the volunteers that make up both our executive and appointed boards. Laura Putnam is in charge of the most important communication tool for our organization – our website. Some of our members only interact with our club on-line. Laura ensures the information is relevant, correct, up-to-date, and working!.... and while most of our board resides in the Washington D.C. area, Laura does everything long distance from their current duty assignment of Fort Benning, Georgia. I have learned so much from these ladies and have been honored to work with such an elite group of volunteers.

It was such an eventful month for our club near the end of a busy very year. But we are not unique. Spouses across our Engineer community are constantly working behind the scenes - especially in the summer months; moving, changing jobs, researching schools, saying good-bye, welcoming loved ones home, joining clubs, making new friends, and a host of other typical military duties. Like many of you, our family has changes ahead. I am excited, as well as a bit apprehensive, about our future and the responsibilities it entails. I hope to meet and network with each one of you in the coming months. I assure you that no matter how full the calendar, just like AESC, I am committed to keeping our worldwide Engineer Family connected through the years and across the miles.

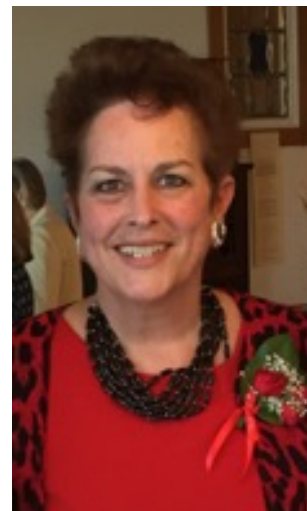
Warmly,

Connie

Farewell Tea

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.” These words of Muhammad Ali seem to sum up the feelings of many military spouses, especially our Honorary AESC President, wife of the 53rd Chief of Engineers, Renée Bostick. Members and guests gathered at the home of Priscilla Noah on the 24th of April to bid farewell (but not goodbye) to Renée and thank for for her service to our club, The Corps, The Army and our nation.

Club members brought out the silver and china and greeted guests with coffee, tea, champagne punch, sweets and savories galore on a beautiful spring day on the Potomac. Connie Semonite welcomed the group and introduced our VIP Guests: Shelley Hatch, wife of the 46th Chief of Engineers, LTG Henry J. Hatch, Tessie Ballard, wife of the 48th Chief of Engineers LTG Joe Nathan Ballard, and Bobby Buxbaum, wife of former USACE Command Sergeant Major Michael L. Buxbaum.



Terri Stevens thanked Renée for her support of AESC and Engineer spouses worldwide. Terri had collected thoughts from engineer spouses near and far. They were placed on cards throughout the house for everyone to read as well as captured on note cards for Renée to enjoy for years to come.

Roz Riley presented Renée with a special gift that not only honors her service to military families, but also to her love of reading. Renée was presented with a gift card to be used towards the purchase of a book case to be installed at the Fort Belvoir pediatric clinic, a plaque for the bookcase, and several books. Renée was truly grateful and joked that given a choice between diamond jewelry or a trip to the bookstore, she would always choose books!

Jackie Caldwell wrapped up the presentations with heartfelt thanks to Renée on behalf of the Senior Executives and all of the civilian USACE employees.

Renée thanked the group and her special guests Susan Christman and Sue Engelhardt. She spoke of service and kindness to others. The best way to capture the essence of her message would be to repeat a few of the quotes she offered the crowd.

“Gratitude is the memory of the heart” - Jean Baptiste Massieu

“The two institutions that will sustain the nation are the military and public education”
- Frances Hesselbein

“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” - Maya Angelou

Thank you Renée! You have made so many of us *feel* appreciated and supported. Please enjoy the pictures of the event on the next page.

Farewell Tea



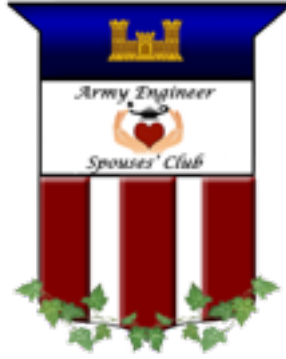
Frarewell Tea



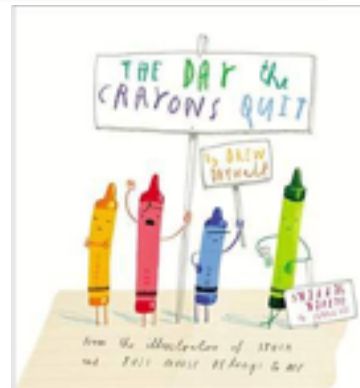
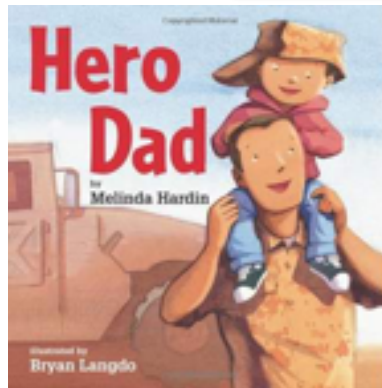
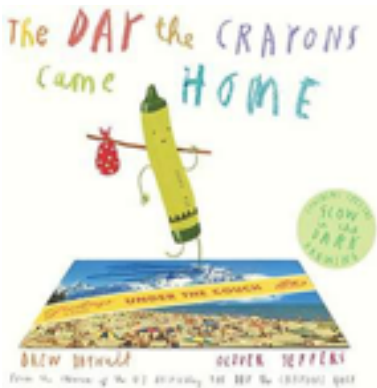
Caught ya! We were fortunate to have several engineers help out with this event. We caught one who escaped General Noah's office for a peak at the festivities! I don't think that's tea! Thanks to Jack, Doug, Todd and Max for all of your support of this event.

Farewell Tea

Here is the plaque and the book titles we assembled to start off the collection that will be located in the Pediatric Clinic at Ft. Belvoir. Consider them for the military child in your life!

With grateful appreciation for
and in honor
of
RENEE BOSTICK
Army Engineer Spouses' Club
Honorary Advisor
2012-2016



Helping the military community preserve their legacy of service to the Nation since 1997



At the Main Exchange, bldg 2321
8651 John J. Kingman Rd
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

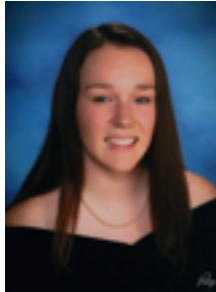
Contact us at
703-781-0155
generals_store@live.com

Thanks to The General's Store for their excellent work in making the plaque for Renée's bookcase. Check out their store at the Main PX on Ft. Belvoir!

AEMA

On Sunday, May 1, 2016, AESC had the pleasure of hosting the 2016 Army Engineer Memorial Awards Luncheon. It is our distinct honor to announce the winners of this year's awards

Top Award Winner



Emma Chamberlayne

Award Amount \$4000

Daughter of COL Edward & Allison Chamberlayne

High School: McLean High School, McLean, VA

College: University of Virginia, Systems Engineering

Geraldine K Morris Award



Lindsay Hrabovsky

Award Amount \$1000 (renewable for 4 years)

Daughter of Steven & Cheryl Hrabovsky

High School: Spanish Fort High, Sport Fort, AL

College: University of Louisiana at Monroe, Nursing



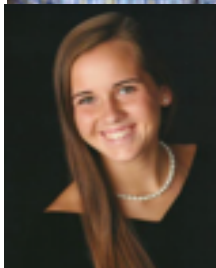
Thomas Gaines

Award Amount \$1250

Son of Roger & Adelia Gaines

High School: Gaines Academy, Goldwater, MS

College: Mississippi State University, Computer Engineering



Lindsey Williams

Award Amount \$1250

Daughter of Gregory & Peggy Williams

High School: Eugene Ashley High School, Wilmington, NC



Katherine Koprowski

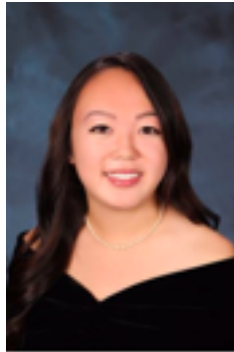
Award Amount \$1000

Daughter of COL Daniel & Jennifer Koprowski

High School: Eagan High School, Eagan, MN

College: Duke University, Biology & Global Health

A&M



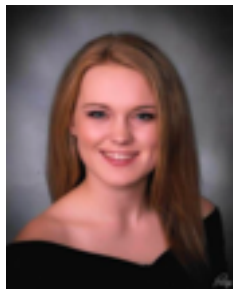
Kayla Toy

Award Amount \$750

Daughter of BG Richard & May Toy

High School: Los Alamitos High School, Los Alamitos, CA

College: University of California, Berkley, Environmental Science



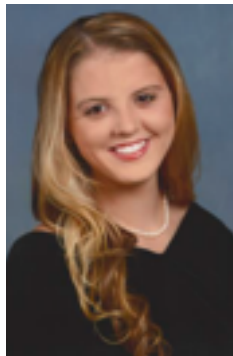
Kayla Master

Award Amount \$750

Daughter of Frank & Kelly Master

High School: Delsea Regional High School, Franklinville, NJ

College: Rutgers University, Business



Kayla Master

Award Amount \$500

Daughter of COL Jeffrey & Tish Anderson

High School: Houston High School, Germantown, TN

College: Auburn University, Computer Software



Kelsey Anderson

Award Amount \$500

Daughter of COL(R) Dave & Kara Anderson

High School: Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA

College: Washington & Lee University, Biology

A&MA



Ryan Sullivan

Award Amount \$500

Son of LTC(R) Garrett & Susan Sullivan

High School: Ronald Reagan High School, San Antonio, TX

College: Texas A&M University, Liberal Arts Cornerstone Honors Program in International Studies



Kathryn Graham

Award Amount \$500

Daughter of BG William & Janet Graham

High School: North Allegheny Senior High School, Wexford, PA

College: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Systems Engineering



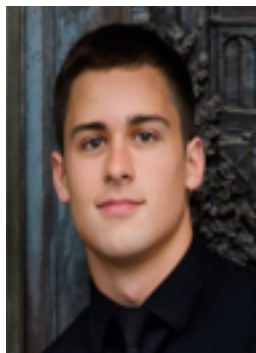
Daniel Sparks

Award Amount \$500

Son of iSG(R) Donald & Ingrid Sparks

High School: Baumholder Middle High School, Baumholder, GE

College: University of Texas, Austin, Mechanical & Electrical Engineering



Peter Finley

Award Amount \$250

Son of LTC(R) Natalie & Rex Finley

High School: Yelm High School, Yelm, WA

College: Linfield College, Athletic Training

Awards Luncheon

Each year, AEMA gives awards in honor of our members or spouses who pass away during the club year. These are one time awards intended to honor the lives lived in service to the Corps of Engineers. This year, we gave out two special awards.



Thomas Gaines was awarded \$1,250 in memory of AESC member Kitty Heiberg. Thomas is from Coldwater, Mississippi. He has combined his gift with technology with his sense of service to others and assists senior citizens and other adults to set up and maintain their computers. Presenting the award to Thomas was (from left to right) Connie Semonite (AESC President), Kay Bransford (Kitty Heiberg's daughter), MG Rick Stevens (Deputy Chief of Engineers/Deputy Commanding General) and Terri Stevens (wife of MG Stevens and AESC Hospitality Chair)

We were thrilled that Kay was able to join us at this year's luncheon. Kay is the author of the best-selling book [MemoryBanc: Your Workbook for Organizing Life](#). It's a guide to help you organize life's important documents so that friends and family can easily assist you if there is a decline in health or memory loss. To learn more, check out her website at www.memorybanc.com.

Lindsey Williams was awarded \$1,250 in memory of MG Richard S. Kem and in honor of AESC member Adelaide (Ann) Mary Kem. Lindsey is from Wilmington, North Carolina. She is a compassionate individual who genuinely cares about the well being of those around her, especially those who cannot speak up for themselves. This passion is leading her towards a career in special education.

Our luncheon was yet another event that could not have been pulled off without the help of our Engineers! Thanks to Bill States, Kelcey Shaw, Mark Gregris and Rick Stevens for helping to make the event a memorable occasion for our guests.



Nuts & Bolts



Please contact Jessica Gregris if you are willing and able to serve on our audit committee. Our books must be reviewed before the end of the club year. The job usually takes 2-3 hours. Email Jessica at treasurer@armyengineerspouses.com if you can help.



We raised \$275 at the Knollwood bake sale this year! That combined with the \$280 donation from the Lynch Creek Farms fundraiser means we will be donating over \$500 to the Knollwood Benevolent Fund.



The Castle Boutique will be open at the Pre-Command Course in June. The course is 13-17 June and we do not yet have a from date/time for the sale. If you think you might be able to help, please email Sheila Kelly at castleboutique@armyengineerspouses.com. The sale at the last Quarterly Governance Meeting raised over \$2500!



Our June Board meeting will be a joint meeting on Wednesday June 1st at 7pm in the Fairfax Community Center on Fort Belvoir. This meeting is for incoming and outgoing board members only so if you'd like to attend, please contact Launa Brown to talk about which appointed position would be suited for you individual skills. Thanks in advance for volunteering! Launa can be reached at service@armyengineerspouses.com



2015-2016 Volunteers

Parliamentarian

Roz Riley

Membership

Jackie Caldwell

Hospitality

Terri Stevens

Historian

Laurel-Lee States

Castle-Gram

Allison Chamberlayne

Webmaster

Laura Putnam

Circulation

Kara Anderson

Castle Boutique

Sheila Kelly

Welfare Services

Launa Brown

Retirement Residences

Liaison

Kay Burlin

Knollwood Bake Sale

Pricilla Noah

Nominations

Bette Meuleners

Welfare & Service

April was such a busy month for AESC that we did not get out to any of the Honor Flights at DCA. However, if you remember back to the March and April Castle

Gram, a few of our members went to greet a flight of "Original Rosie's". They were joined by Cynthia Mitchell from the Public Affairs office at the Baltimore District USACE who snapped this photo of our own Launa Brown:



The caption on their Facebook Post read:

The Army Engineer Spouses' Club welcomed a group of over 30 "Rosie the Riveters" from Michigan at Ronald Reagan International Airport in Arlington, Virginia, March 22, 2016. Now in their 80s and 90s, these American women entered the workforce in the early 1940's during World War II, as male enlistment in the war left gaping holes in the industrial labor force. The character "Rosie the Riveter" was popularized as part of the government campaign aimed at recruiting female workers for the munitions industry, and her "We Can Do It" slogan became one of the most iconic images of working women during the war. Decades later, it is still a powerful symbol for women's empowerment.

Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. They transport our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. (U.S. Army photo by Cynthia Mitchell)

The photo caught the eye of an editor of a special publication of USA Today who reached out to Cynthia and our club. Look out for a special insert in an upcoming edition of the newspaper!



Local Events

May 13-15

Mount Vernon Wine Festival &
Sunset Tour

May 14

Maryland Craft Beer Festival

May 14-15

Bethesda Fine Arts Festival

May 15

Taste of Arlington

May 20

Bike to Work Day

May 20-22

Northern Virginia Fine Arts
Festival

May 21

Gaithersburg Book Festival

May 21-22

DC Dragon Boat Festival

May 25&27

Blue Angels Air Show

May 28-29

Delaplane Strawberry Festival

Around Town

May is the month we celebrate Memorial Day. This day of remembrance is a great time to honor our veterans and famous Americans by visiting the monuments in Washington DC.

Events kick off on Sunday May 29th at 8pm for the National Memorial Day Concert. Gates open at 5pm. PBS sponsors a free concert on the West Lawn of the US Capitol. The concert features actors Joe Mantegna and Gary Sinise, and other great artists along with the national Symphony Orchestra.

The Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Rally departs the Pentagon on Sunday May 29th at 12pm. The speaker program and musical tribute is at 1:30pm at the reflecting pool across from the Lincoln Memorial. Thousands of motorcycles ride through Washington in an annual demonstration seeking to improve veteran benefits and resolve POW/MIA issues.

On Monday, May 30th beginning at 2pm, the parade of marching bands and Veterans' units from all 50 states steps off at the corner of Constitution Avenue and 7th streets, NW and proceeds along Constitution Avenue past the White House, ending at 17th Street.

Flags-In. Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) will be joined by service members from the U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard Company, U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard, U.S. Air Force Honor Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard in placing more than 250,000 grave decorating flags at Arlington National Cemetery. The flags will remain through Memorial Day

Monday, May 30, 2016, 11 a.m. A wreath-laying ceremony and concert will be held at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in honor of Memorial Day.

Monday, May 30, 2016, 4 p.m. The Women In Military Service For America Memorial, located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, will hold a ceremony that includes formal military honors, a keynote address, wreath-layings and the Memorial's signature event, the scattering of rose petals in tribute to departed comrades. Members of the public are invited to join in the personal tribute segment of the program.

AESC Ballot

To all members of the AESC:

The nominations process for positions on the Elected Executive Board for 2016-2017 is now complete. No additional nominees have been submitted from the general membership.

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

Voting will be:

- open from Sunday, 8 May to Monday to Friday, 20 May (noon PST).
- a *simple majority* vote. **Only NAY responses need reply.**
- Email *only* to Roz Riley (parliamentarian) at rileyroz@hotmail.com.
- OR you may call (listed in RedBook).
- In emails use subject line: AESC: Ballot-Voting - Executive Board 2016-2017

_____ **I vote AYE in favor of the nominees for the AESC 2016-2017 Board:**

President - Launa Klimowicz-Brown

Vice-President - Carolyn Hudson

Secretary - Laurel-Lee States

Treasurer - Jessica Gregris

AEMA Chairperson - Erica Shaw

_____ **I vote NAY in favor of the nominees for the AESC 2016-2017 Board:**

President - Launa Klimowicz-Brown

Vice-President - Carolyn Hudson

Secretary - Laurel-Lee States

Treasurer - Jessica Gregris

AEMA Chairperson - Erica Shaw

Thank you for your participation in this process.

Announcement of the voting results and complete 2016-2017 AESC Board will be sent via email and published in the next CastleGram.

Instructions for mail in ballots:

- Cast your vote on the form provided.
- Only NAY votes need to be mailed.
- Place the ballot in an envelope with your name and return address on the upper left.
- Your name must appear on the envelope to identify AESC membership.
- Mail in ballots must be postmarked by 20 May 2016. Ballots postmarked after then will not be counted.
- Mail to:

AESC Ballot
Executive Board 2016-2017
c/o 8047 Fairfax Road
Alexandria, VA 22308

Do You Know

The Army GI has approved the recommended change to DA Pam 670-1, Authorization of Enlisted Engineer Soldiers to wear Essayons Buttons. The recommended change to DA Pam 670-1 for enlisted Engineer Soldiers to be authorized to wear Essayons buttons on the service/dress and mess uniform jackets, as an OPTIONAL purchase item, was approved on April 25, 2016. The change will be incorporated into the next publication of DA Pam 670-1. The following is an article written by Dr. Larry D. Roberts in 2007. Dr Roberts was Director of Historical Programs, United States Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.



The Essayons Button is the oldest uniform element or emblem unique to the Corps of Engineers. The history of the Essayons Button can be traced to the earliest days of the Corps of Engineers. As early as the American Revolution, there was an effort to distinguish the uniforms of the engineers from those of the rest of the Army. However, during the Revolution, officers wore buttons either identifying them with their states, if they were militia, or with “USA,” if they were with the regular Continental Army.

In 1794, Congress authorized a regiment of artillerists and engineers that took station at West Point, New York. In time, the officers of this regiment wore a button with an eagle standing on a pedestal. Later, the eagle disappeared and the inscription USA&E, for U.S. artillerists and engineers, was placed on the button. In 1802, the artillery and engineers were separated, forming their own independent corps. Once again, efforts were initiated to create something that could distinguish engineer officers from those of other branches or arms.

Sometime between 1802 and 1814, the design for the Essayons Button was developed. At that time, the Corps’s primary mission was the construction of coastal fortifications. The first Commandant of the United States Military Academy, and Chief Engineer, Major Jonathan Williams, was given the freedom to develop uniform items for the Corps and the cadets at West Point. A map of the coastal fortifications at Charleston, South Carolina, drawn in 1806, shows an eagle with a scroll in its beak with the word “Essayons”—the first time that this French word, meaning “we will try,” is found on a formal document produced by the Corps. A map made of the defenses of New York Harbor the following year also had an eagle and the word “Essayons.” In addition, it had a water bastion, and rays depicting the rising sun. Therefore, by 1807, all of the elements of the Essayons Button had been adopted and used by officers of the Corps.

Do You Know

The earliest reference to the Essayons Button is found in an account written by General George D. Ramsey. Recalling his days as a cadet in 1814, he noted that "... Captain Partridge was never known to be without uniform... His was that of the Corps of Engineers, with the embroidered collar and cuffs and the Essayons Button..."¹ Clearly, Major Williams and other officers of the Corps had arrived at a design for a button to distinguish the uniform of the engineer officer. Influenced by the historic ties with French engineers, the leadership of the Corps of Engineers had not only adopted the French term "Essayons" but also had incorporated it into a button showing the principal mission of the engineers fortification.

In 1840, the War Department officially endorsed the button for the Corps of Engineers. General Orders 7, Adjutant General's Office, dated 18 February 1840, described the button as "an eagle holding in his beak a scroll with the word 'Essay- ons,' a bastion with embrasures in the distance, surrounded by water, and rising sun..."² Of interest, the same general order also authorized the turreted castle for wear by engineer officers. Coincidentally, the Commanding General of the Army at that time was Alexander Macomb, a former engineer officer.

The Essayons Button was, therefore, uniquely associated with the Corps of Engineers. When the Army adopted a standard button for its uniforms in 1902, the Corps already had almost a century of identification with the Essayons Button. Consequently, the Corps of Engineers was the only branch authorized to retain a distinctive button on the uniforms of its officers.



Protocol Points to Ponder

This spring has and will be the Army Engineer Spouse's greatest test of his/her protocol knowledge and skills! We have put our manners to the test at a formal tea and now we are going to test our ceremonial skills at a Promotion, Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony. It's a lot to cover in one article, so here are just a few highlights to help you along the way:

- Most ceremonies are open to the public, but receptions are usually by invitation only. When in doubt, ASK! Ask a senior spouse or if you have questions about the upcoming change of command, contact Headquarters at 202-761-0011.
- What to wear? The Change of Command for the Bosticks/Semonites is "Duty Uniform". For active Duty, that is the combat uniform or whatever uniform for that particular workday is. As a spouse or guest you would wear slacks or business attire (a step down from a suit, but up from "business casual") Jeans are NOT OK!
- Leave the pets and kids at home. Children may only attend if invited and well behaved, but again, generally the host does not invite children to receptions.
- Stand up to 6 paces before and after the flag passes even if not announced. Also stand when the presiding officer enters the room and is announced and when "Attention to Orders" is announced.
- For retirement ceremonies, if there is not a reception following, it is customary for the audience to line up to walk by the retiree and spouse to shake hands and offer a few words.
- Have more questions? try one of these sources:
 - Basics from the barracks - Military Etiquette and Protocol - <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/orgs/SLDR/docs/Spouses%20Edtiquette%20book.pdf>
 - A Guide to Protocol and Etiquette for Official Entertainment - http://www.apd.army.mil/pdffiles/p600_60.pdf

Photo Gallery

Please enjoy these photos of our recent events!

These are some pictures of our
May board meeting

Want to see more? check out
our web site

www.armyengineerspouses.com

Or like us on FaceBook

[www.facebook.com/
ArmyEngineerSpousesClub](http://www.facebook.com/ArmyEngineerSpousesClub)



<<Connie handed the gavel to our VP Maggie so that she can focus on the upcoming change of command and avoid any conflicts of interest in her new role as our Honorary President and wife of the 54th Chief of Engineers!

>>Connie set a beautiful table of Spring Flowers and cute garden gloves. But we quickly took over with sombreros and margaritas due to the meeting date being May 5th!



<<Our Circulation Chair, Kara Anderson, was able to join us as we held this month's meeting in the evening. Several of our volunteers work full time outside of the home and the evening meeting time allowed them to participate in the meeting.



>>These three Amigas are Sheila Kelly (Castle Boutique), Terri Steven (Hospitality) and Dominique Wilt (Co-VP)





Keepers of the Castle

Connect with the Keeper's Of the Castle on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KeepersOfTheCastle or via email FLWKeepers@gmail.com.

Keeper's of The Castle hosted an Engineer Spouse's Social as a kick off to Regimental Week. The potluck was open to all engineer spouses in all unit and all ranks. They played games and won fantastic engineer related prizes!

The Theme for Regimental Week was "Preparing the Engineer Regiment for Force 2025 and Beyond". This is what they were able to enjoy:

- AEA Industry Exhibit
- *Best Sapper Competition
- *Commandant's Address
- Fallen Sapper Wreath Laying
- * Regimental Run
- * Guest Speaker
- Chief of Engineers Address
- * Tree Dedication
- Regimental Ball and Awards Ceremony



Engineers In Europe

If you or a friend are in Europe and you are NOT part of the Army Engineer Spouses' Group... You Are Missing Out! The Engineer Spouses host a monthly Lego League, socialize together at monthly coffees, and keep each other informed through their awesome Facebook group. Contact Michelle Tyler to catch up with this dynamic group! mt Tyler1015@aol.com



<<Members enjoyed a Stella and Dot party and shopped for Mother's Day jewelry.



>>Robert Mackey, a district project manager, is recognized by Dr. Susan Hargis, the DoDEA Europe Schools Wiesbaden Middle School principal, for presenting an Earth Day lesson and activity on aquifers to WMS sixth-grade students April 22 in Wiesbaden, Germany. Approximately 75 students took part in constructing aquifers using sand, gravel and modeling clay to represent layers of the earth's surface. Then water was added to simulate ground and surface water in the aquifers. Finally students polluted the aquifers with food coloring, vegetable oil, colored paper and glow sticks to demonstrate contamination of harsh chemicals, motor oil, trash and radioactive materials. Additional rain water was added and the students saw how pollutants traveled through the levels of earth, even clay, the confining level, to reach the bottom of the aquifers. The lesson and activity demonstrated how easily ground water can become contaminated and the impact to drinking water around the world.

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Get to know our members!

This section is all about you! We'd love to see what your Engineer unit or Coffee Group is doing. Send all pictures and submissions to Allison Chamberlayne newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com.



The 4th Engineers coffee group donated a gift basket to the "Viva Las Carson" fundraising event put on by the Mountain Post Spouses club on Fort Carson. The group collected gift cards from our favorite local restaurants and packaged them using a roulette wheel to stay true to the casino theme. Artistic credit goes to Lacy Powell.



WANTED! Send in pictures of your Coffee group or FRG!

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